



FOOTNOTES



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OTTAUQUECHEE SECTION

NUMBER 1

GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB

MUD SEASON SOCIAL



SLIDE SHOW & POT LUCK

- WHEN?** FRIDAY, APRIL 4, 5:30 PM
- WHERE?** TALL TIMBERS CLUBHOUSE,
RT.4 - QUECHEE, VT
- BRING?** POT LUCK DISH,
BEVERAGE,
EATING UTENSILS,
TRAVEL PICTURES,
(call Heinz Trebitz
at 802-785-2129 to coordinate)
- OUTDOOR GEAR
to sell or swap

COME TO THE TAYLOR SERIES


FRIDAY, APRIL 25, 6:30 PM

MONTSHIRE MUSEUM, NORWICH

GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB / OTTAUQUECHEE SECTION
TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL JAMES P. TAYLOR WINTER SERIES—2014

119 Days
Without Sunset
on a Frozen Island

Alex Ambros
*The life & adventures of a cook
at McMurdo Station, Antarctica*



Refreshments Friday—April 25—6:30pm Admission: **FREE**

For further information call 802-785-2129 Montshire Museum Norwich, VT



Happy New Year!

We started 2014 with a special bonfire at Happy Hill Cabin.

Dick Andrews and Heinz Trebitz had built the pile from dry logs, getting smaller in size from bottom to top. The fire was started with small twigs from the top. As it burnt slowly downwards, it preheated and dried the next log layer in the process.

O-Section Outings 2013:

The following pictures include popular and classic winter activities, some of them repeated for many years.



Harry Temple has led the Herb Schlosser Memorial ski trip since 2000, the year after Herb died on a bike trip. The 6 mile tour ends at Suicide Six ski lodge with a chat over a beer and a helping of nuts and chips.

Left: Kathy Astrauckas always comes up with interesting hikes on and off the AT. The outhouse shown is close to the Moose Mountain shelter. It offers open space and lots of views, but is not recommended in subzero and windy weather conditions.

"O" SECTION SPRING ACTIVITIES, MARCH - MAY 2014

*** = Easy on the knees.

Don't forget, if conditions don't seem good for scheduled outing, call leader for "Plan B": change in venue, mode of travel, or both!

BACK-COUNTRY ETIQUETTE: NO CELL PHONE USE EXCEPT IN EMERGENCY

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| Mar 1 Sat | Snowshoe | Cross-Rivendell Trail from Parker Road to West Fairlee. 5.8 mi. Moderate. | Eleanor Zue 802-685-3182 |
| Mar 2 Sun | X-C Ski | Strafford Nordic Ctr., VT. Groomed trails: open fields & some woods with elevation. Hillside vistas. Length and difficulty based on participants' wishes. Trail fee. | Dick Ruben 802-333-3707 |
| Mar 4 Tues | X-C Ski | Backcountry ski, Orfordville, NH. Quintown loop: bridge is repaired but trail needs clearing; if not ready, we'll do in & out to Pickerel Ponds. 6 - 8 mi, hilly, moderate. | Marcia Dunning 802-333-4340 |
| Mar 8 Sat | Snowshoe w/ ATA | Joint outing with Ascutney Trails Association. Snowshoe up Bicentennial Trail. 5 mi, Moderate. | Barbara Rhoad 802-674-2326 |
| Mar 11 Tues | X-C Ski | Annual Herb Schlosser Memorial ski trip on back country trails in Barnard, VT, ending at Suicide Six ski area. About 6 miles. Intermediate. | Juergen Ewert 802-457-4345 |
| Mar 14 Fri | Moonlight Snowshoe or Walk | Mt. Tom, Woodstock, VT. Mode of travel depends on conditions; Bring a snack to share; we discourage flashlight use, but bring one if no moon/emergency. Moderate. | Heinz/Inge Trebitz 802-785-2129 |
| Mar 15 Sat | X-C Ski | Backcountry ski trip in varied terrain; some uphill stretches. Vershire / Strafford / Podunk Pond area. 6-8 miles. Moderate to difficult. Car shuttle needed. | Heinz/Inge Trebitz 802-785-2129 |
| Mar 16 Sun | Snowshoe or Hike | A.T. north from NH-25C. Over Mt. Mist (2220'), lunch & turn around at lovely view overlooking Wachipauka Pond. 5.2 miles, 1200' elevation gain. Moderate. | Kathy Astrauckas 802-785-4311 |
| Mar 17 Mon | X-C Ski | Ski in to Ravine Lodge, then do backcountry Merrill Ski Loop on the shoulder of Mt. Moosilauke. Total about 8.5 miles, 1500' elevation gain. Moderate - strenuous. | Heinz/Inge Trebitz 802-785-2129 |
| Mar 18 Tues | Road Walk + Swim *** | Neal Road in Hartford, VT. Out-and-back, approx. 4 miles (half paved, half dirt). Easy. Swim afterwards at Upper Valley Aquatic Center. *** | Inge Brown 802-296-5777 |
| Mar 22 Sat | X-C Ski | An O-Section backcountry tradition: Tunbridge to Strafford, VT, with option to South Strafford. 6 or 8 miles. Hilly but beautiful. Moderate. | Heinz/Inge Trebitz 802-785-2129 |
| Mar 23 Sun | Road Walk | Norwich or Strafford, VT. Location depends on road conditions. 3 - 4 miles. Easy, but some hills. | Lynne Miller 802-785-4410 |
| Mar 25 Tues | Road Walk *** | Wilder, VT to Wilder Dam. Road walk, or snowshoe, if there's still snow! 2 - 3 miles. Flat. Easy. *** | Inge Brown 802-296-5777 |
| Mar 29 Sat | X-C Ski | Ski at a cross-country ski touring center, leader's choice depending on conditions. Trail fee. | Heinz/Inge Trebitz 802-785-2129 |
| Mar 30 Sun | Hike | Hartford Town Forest. Figure-8 loop on multi-use trails in pleasant woods. 6 mi, 1200' elevation gain. Moderate. | Angie Emerson 802-299-5866 |
| Apr 1 Tues | Hike | Don't be an April Fool! Hike to Lily Pond, Grantham, NH. Old woods roads to pretty pond near old settlement & cemetery. 3 mi, a few hundred feet elevation gain. Easy. | Peter Hope 603-863-6456 |
| Apr 1 Tues | Planning Meeting | Planning meeting for Summer (June - Aug.) outings. 7:00 pm at the home of Lynne Miller. Call Kathy Astrauckas ahead with ideas if you can't join us (802-785-4311) | Lynne Miller 802-785-4410 |
| Apr 4 Fri | Pot Luck & Slide show | Mud Season Social at Tall Timbers Clubhouse, Quechee, VT. 5:30 p.m. Bring pot-luck dish, beverage, eating utensils, travel slides, and outdoor gear to sell or swap. | Inge Brown 802-296-5777 |
| Apr 5 Sat | X-C Ski | Late season cross-country ski outing, wherever there's snow! Call leader for details. | Dick Ruben 802-333-3707 |
| Apr 6 Sun | Hike / Meeting | Afternoon hike in Lake Morey area (poss. Eagle Rock, w/ views), ending at Rivendell Trails Assn. Annual Meeting. Dinner & Auction, 4 p.m. Hulbert Outdoor Center. | Heinz/Inge Trebitz 802-785-2129 |
| Apr 8 Tues | Hike / Walk | Dirt trails in the Union Village Dam Recreation Area, Thetford, VT. About 4 miles. Moderate. | Heinz/Inge Trebitz 802-785-2129 |
| Apr 12 Sat | Road Walk | Lyme, NH. 3 - 4 miles. Route depends on weather and road conditions. Moderate or easy, depending on the route chosen. Call leader for details. | Patty Spencer 802-333-3571 |

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| Apr 13 Sun | Road Walk | Pomfret, VT, near Suicide Six Ski Area. Up Bartlett Brook Road, down Totman Hill Road. About 6 miles, 900' elevation gain. Moderate. ajaneway@gmail.com | Annie Janeway 413-374-0988 |
| Apr 15 Tues | Road Walk *** | Walk out your Tax Day worries! Hawk Pine dirt road loop, Norwich, VT. 3 miles. Easy. *** | Inge Brown 802-296-5777 |
| Apr 19 Sat | Hike | Cross-town Trail, Strafford, VT. From Alger Brook Rd. over Whitcomb Hill (1859') to Route 132. 3.2 mi, 300' elevation gain, 1000' down. Great views from summit! | Inge Trebitz 802-785-2129 |
| Apr 22 Tues | Hike | Celebrate Earth Day at Mountain Brook, Andover, NH. Follow attractive brook to spectacular waterfall. 2 - 3 mi, level except for a short steep stretch below falls. Easy. | Peter Hope 603-863-6456 |
| Apr 25 Fri | TAYLOR SERIES | "119 Days Without Sunset on a Frozen Island": <i>Alex Ambros</i> talks about the life and adventures of a cook at McMurdo Station, Antarctica. 6:30 pm at the Montshire Museum in Norwich, VT. Free (See front page of Footnotes) | Heinz/Inge Trebitz 802-785-2129 |
| Apr 26 Sat | Walk | Pike Hill Copper Mine, Corinth, NH. Walk on hilly woods roads. 6 miles. Easy, with moderate hills. | Marcia Dunning 802-333-4340 |
| Apr 27 Sun | Bike Ride | Somewhere in the Connecticut River Valley. Approx. 25 miles. Moderate. | Heinz Trebitz 802-785-2129 |
| Apr 29 Tues | Road Walk *** | Upper Turnpike Road and Needham Road, Norwich, VT. 3-mile dirt road loop. Easy. *** | Inge Brown 802-296-5777 |
| May 3 Sat | Hike w/ RTA | Mt. Cube (2909') loop: A.T., Cross Rivendell Trail, Quintown Rd, old woods roads. Joint hike with Rivendell Trail Association. 7.5 mi, 2100' elevation gain. Moderate. | Andy Boyce 603-353-2170 x209 |
| May 4 Sun | Road Walk/ Hike | Escape mud on paved Mt. Ascutney (3150') road, no cars, nice views; cont. to summit if still snowy. 7.4 mi., 2,190' elev. gain, moderate. Summit adds 1.4 mi. & 400' elev. | Dick Andrews 802-885-3201 |
| May 5 Mon | Bike Ride | Scenic Cornish-Plainfield, NH loop. About 20 miles. Easy - Moderate. | Patty Spencer 802-333-3571 |
| May 6 Tues | Bird Walk | Early morning bird walk in the Union Village Dam area of Thetford, VT. Observe spring migrants. 3-4 miles. Easy. *** | George Clark 802-649-2305 |
| May 6 Tues | Hike | Kilbourn Loop, Pisgah State Park, Chesterfield, NH. Attractive low elevation woods path past Kilbourn Pond. 6.3 mi, only 300' elevation gain. Easy - Moderate. | Peter Hope 603-863-6456 |
| May 10 Sat | Hike | Wright's Mtn (1822'), Bradford, VT. Loop including Devil's Den and viewpoint. 4 - 5 mi, a few hundred feet elevation gain. Easy - Moderate. | Nick Krembs 802-649-1048 |
| May 11 Sun | Hike | Mother's Day hike on Cross-Rivendell Trail section in Fairlee, VT. Trail from Middlebrook to Bloodbrook Roads. 3.8 mi. Moderate. | Jane & Skip Brown 802-333-4541 |
| May 12 Mon | Bike Ride | Quechee - W. Hartford - N. Pomfret - Woodstock - Quechee, VT loop. About 25 mi, hilly. Moderate. | Patty Spencer 802-333-3571 |
| May 13 Tues | Hike *** | Mink Brook Nature Preserve, Hanover, NH. 3 - mile loop. Easy. *** | Inge Brown 802-296-5777 |
| May 17 Sat | Spring Walk-thru | Goal: cover as much of our 48 miles of A.T. as poss. in 1 day. Choose your favorite section or we'll help you choose, as few or many miles as you want. Call for details. | Lee Eastman 802-484-9726 |
| May 18 Sun | Bike Ride | Wilder - West Hartford, VT. 12-mile loop. Easy. *** | Inge Brown 802-296-5777 |
| May 20 Tues | Hike | A.T. in Bridgewater, VT w/ GMC Dir. of Trail Programs. Lookout Farm Rd. to Perkins Rd. View at the Lookout; stop at Winturri Shelter. ~ 5 mi, ~ 600' elev. gain. Moderate. | Dave Hardy 802-343-9017 |
| May 24 Sat | Hike & Picnic | Join Ascutney Trails Assn. for their annual picnic atop Mt. Ascutney (3150'). About 7 miles. Moderate - Strenuous. Call leader for details. | Inge Trebitz 802-785-2129 |
| May 25 Sun | Bike Ride | South Royalton to Chelsea, out and back. Beautifully scenic. Lunch in Chelsea. Downhill all the way back! 26 miles round trip. Moderate. | Dick Ruben 803-333-3707 |

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| May 26 Mon | Mem'l Day Road Walk | Pomfret, VT area, in memory of Vic McGee. 3/4 loop: up from Stage Road on Lime Pond & Webster Hill Roads, down Wild Apple Road. Great views! 6.5 mi; Very hilly dirt roads. | Heinz/Inge Trebitz 802-785-2129 |
| May 27 Tues | Bike Ride *** | Northern Rail Trail, Lebanon, NH to Mascoma High School. 14 miles round trip. Easy. *** | Inge Brown 802-296-5777 |
| May 27 Tues | Hike | Lucia's Lookout, Newbury, NH. Andrew Brook Tr, Lake Solitude, Monadnock-Sunapee Grnway. Views! 10.2 mi, or ~7 mi if off'trail shortcut down; ~1500' elev gain. Mod-stren | Peter Hope 603-863-6456 |
| May 31 Sat | Hike (true Mem'l Day) | 6th Annual Claude Janeway Memorial Hike. Deer Leap by the Long Trail Inn. 3+ miles through Maine Junction on LT/AT. Moderate. ajaneway@gmail.com | Annie Janeway 413-374-0988 |

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WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS:

Jason Berard – Karen Coombs – Thomas Kahl – Michael Kornfeld – Chloe Ritter



Six miles XC, almost all downhill, past lovely Podunk Pond in Strafford



Above: We have done the Merrill Loop, east of Ravine Lodge and Mt. Moosilauke, for the last four years. This is really back country skiing, and skins are required for the long climb. But the down hill is easy.

Right: Six miles snow shoeing, ending with a crossing of Miller Pond in Strafford.

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AN INVITATION TO JOIN THE GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB

Who are we? Founded in 1910, the Green Mountain Club was established "to make the mountains of Vermont play larger roles in the lives of people". To meet that goal, the club constructed the 272-mile Long Trail (LT). The GMC is responsible for developing policies and programs aimed at preservation, maintenance, and proper use of hiking trails for the benefit of the people of Vermont.

What is the Ottauquechee Section? Our section, one of 14 chapters of the GMC, is located in and around the Upper Valley. We schedule activities all year round for those who enjoy the outdoors, including hikes, bike trips, canoe outings, cross country skiing and snow shoe hikes. The "O" Section is responsible for the maintenance of 46 miles of Appalachian Trail (AT) between Maine Junction at Willard Pass near Killington and the Connecticut River at Norwich, VT, including four trail shelters.

We invite you to join! If you wish to participate in our activities, meet friendly, outdoors loving people and contribute to the maintenance and quality of Vermont's hiking trail system, the Ottauquechee Section welcomes you. Through the quarterly GMC Long Trail News and the "O"Section Footnotes you will get information about section and main club activities and issues of interest. For more information, call Patty Spencer at 802-333-3571.

For membership, fill out the application below and send to Green Mountain Club, 4711 Waterbury-Stowe Road, Waterbury Center, VT 05677, att. Joe Sikowitz. Please enclose a check, payable to the Green Mountain Club.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

I (we)wish to join the Ottauquechee Section of the Green Mountain Club.

A check for \$_____ is enclosed.

Name(s)_____Date_____

Address_____

Telephone #: _____ E-mail: _____

Dues per year are \$ 45.- for adults and \$ 60.- for families