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Annual Meeting Awards Presentation

Inge Brown, outgoing President – Long Trail Image with Clock;

Lee Eastman (third from left) – Trail Blazer Award;

Harry Temple (right) – Green Mountain Club Award.

Mike DeBonis, GMC President (second from left). Photo - Heinz Trebitz

*We wish you a
Happy New Year
with lots of
good Snow*

MINUTES OF O-SECTION ANNUAL MEETING Friday, October 30, 2015 at Damon Hall in Hartford, VT.

As in previous years, we shared the date and the facilities with our friends from the Hartland Winter Trails Association. After a lively social hour and wonderful potluck dinner, **President Inge Brown** welcomed about 50 O-Section members as well as **GMC Executive Director Michael DeBonis** and three guests from the National Park in Woodstock.

Secretary's Report: The minutes from the last Annual Meeting, printed in the December 2014 Footnotes, were accepted without change.

Treasurer: *Patty Spencer* presented her report with the following key figures for the fiscal year 2015: Income \$ 2,475; expenses \$ 3,695.-

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Treasurer's Report, contd.

Opening balance \$ 4,746; closing balance 3,526.-
The most recent count of voting members at 297 was again slightly lower than the year before. After a lengthy discussion it was decided to contribute \$ 1,000 to GMC headquarters. If possible, this money should be used to rebuild the Tucker Johnson Shelter (on the LT just north of Killington). The O-Section will again give \$250 each to four groups whose trails are frequently used by our members:

Rivendell Trails Association
Hartland Winter Trails Association
Upper Valley Trails Alliance
Upper Valley Land Trust

A suggestion was made to make the treasurer's report available before the annual meeting (i.e. at the planning meeting in October, to develop a contribution proposal reflecting the Section's financial situation - *H.T.*).

Outings Coordinator *Kathy Astrauckas* reported about 180 activities for the past year, led by two dozen dedicated volunteers. Hikes, road walks, cross-country ski trips, snowshoeing, social gatherings, paddling and bicycle trips were scheduled for all weekends and some weekdays. Some of these events were planned with the trail organizations that we support with our yearly contributions.

Section Director *Dick Ruben* reported on the activities at the GMC Board over the last two years. Highlights: The Club assumed management of two facilities in Bolton (XC ski center and the Bolton Lodge), and acquired a property and cottage (Lost Pond) in the Northeast Kingdom. The financial situation of the Club has greatly improved. Two substantial bequests have enabled the GMC to pay down the mortgage on the HQ buildings, and cover the remaining payments for the Winooski bridge. John Page, the new Club President, has initiated a study on how the GMC is managed with the goal to create a more transparent relationship between the Board and professional Club staff.

Publicity is covered by Newsletter Editor *Inge Trebitz* (no specific report), as well as through

the O-Section website www.gmc-o-section.org, which is maintained by webmaster *Peter Hope*.

Elections: Nominating Chairman Heinz Trebitz presented the proposed slate of officers, and explained the move, earlier this year, to divide the responsibility for "our" 46 miles of AT among **three coordinators** (for more details see the September 2015 FOOTNOTES and an article in this issue).

The following slate of officers was accepted unanimously:

President	<i>Dick Andrews</i>
Secretary	<i>Heinz Trebitz</i>
Treasurer/Membership	<i>Patty Spencer</i>
Outings	<i>Kathy Astrauckas</i>
Trails and Shelters Coordinators	<i>Bob Hagen</i> <i>Nick Krembs</i> <i>Heinz Trebitz</i>
Newsletter	<i>Inge Trebitz</i>
GMC Section Director	<i>Peter Hope</i>
Nominating Committee	<i>Heinz Trebitz</i>

Inge Brown, the outgoing President, was presented with a hand carved image of Vermont's Long Trail serving as a traditional clock. In turn, Inge thanked all officers and volunteers for their efforts. Special recognition was given Harry Temple and Lee Eastman for leading the O-Section's trails and shelters maintenance for many years (17 and 3, respectively).

Other Business: As has become a tradition over the last years, we were updated on developments at the main club. *Mike DeBonis* talked about two projects, the Bolton Lodge and rebuilding Tucker Johnson shelter.

Jo Anne Dolan (National Parks Service) presented the "Boots to Boats" program planned for next year's National Parks Centennial (see separate article).

The official meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.. Thereafter, members stayed on for more talking, and returning the hall to its normal business setting.

Heinz Trebitz, O-Section Secretary

"O" SECTION WINTER ACTIVITIES, DECEMBER 2015- FEBRUARY 2016

Hunting Season continues in NH until 12/6 (Deer Reg. Firearms); archery till 12/15 ***** Easy on the knees** **### GMC members only**
in VT 12/5-13 (Muzzleloader & Archery)

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

Dec 1 Tues	Walk ***	Walk in Hanover, NH on paved roads in Occom Pond area. Approx. 2 miles. Easy. ***	Inge Brown 802-280-8017
Dec 5 Sat	Snowshoe or Walk	Union Village Dam Recreation Area, Thetford, VT. Winding trails, lots of short ups and downs. 4 – 5 miles.	Heinz/Inge Trebitz 802-785-2129
Dec 6 Sun	Snowshoe or Hike	A.T. loop with Cossingham Road, Norwich, VT. To Happy Hill Shelter. Lovely woods, lots of short ups and downs. Approx. 4 mi., 500' elevation gain. Moderate.	Kathy Astrauckas 802-785-4311
Dec 8 Tues	Snowshoe or Hike ***	Nature Trails above Alice Peck Day Hospital, Lebanon, NH. Graded multi-use trail network through attractive woods with gentle grades. 2 – 3 mi. Easy. ***	Peter Hope 603-863-6456
Dec 12 Sat	Snowshoe or Hike	Boston Lot, Lebanon, NH. Lovely and local. 2 – 3 hours. Pond, view at top. Moderate (some easy; a couple of steep sections).	Iris Berezin 802-295-2294
Dec 13 Sun	Snowshoe or Hike	Paradise Park, Windsor, VT. Approx. 4 miles. Easy – Moderate. ajaneway@gmail.com	Annie Janeway 413-374-0988
Dec 15 Tues	Hike ***	Hazen Trail from Wilder to outlook and back. About 3 miles. Easy. ***	Inge Brown 802-280-8017
Dec 19 Sat	Snowshoe or Hike w/UVLT	Lyme Hill Conservation Area, Lyme, NH. Led by Upper Valley Land Trust staff. Poss. campfire at end of trip. 4 mi, 1,000' elev. gain. Moderate. Rain/snow date 12/20.	Doug Brown douglas.brown@uvlt.org
Dec 20 Sun	Ski, Hike or Snowshoe	Backcountry loop in Thetford, VT. 4-5 miles; moderate.	Heinz/Inge Trebitz 802-785-2129
Dec 22 Tues	Snowshoe or Hike ***	Celebrate the First Day of Winter on Quinn Trail, Hanover, NH. 2 miles. Easy. ***	Inge Brown 802-280-8017
Dec 26 Sat	Ski or Snowshoe	Podunk Pond Wildlife Management Area of South Strafford, VT. Back-country ski (6 mi) or snowshoe (4 mi), depending on conditions. Moderate.	Heinz/Inge Trebitz 802-785-2129
Dec 27 Sun	Snowshoe or Hike	Parcel 5, Norwich, VT. Multi-use loop trail designed by John Morton of Thetford. 5k course (3 miles), hilly, twisty, winding. Short but strenuous.	Iris Berezin 802-295-2294
Dec 29 Tues	Snowshoe	Bridal Veil Falls, Franconia, NH. Coppermine Trail, Coppermine Shelter. Gorgeous ice formations on falls. 5 mi, 1200' elevation gain. Moderate.	Kathy Astrauckas & Bob Hagen 802-785-4311
Dec 31 Thurs	Party ###	New Year's Eve party. Pot Luck 7 pm, x-c ski or 2 mi. road walk depending on weather (bring headlamp), bonfire, dancing. Come prepared to be outdoors. RSVP ###	Marcia Dunning & Bob Metzler 802-333-4340
Jan 2 Sat	Snowshoe or Hike	A.T. over Moose Mtn. (2300'), from Goose Pond Rd. to Three Mile Rd. Etna & Lyme, NH area. 5.8 mi, 2000' elev. gain. Car spot. Moderate - Strenuous.	Kathy Astrauckas & Bob Hagen 802-785-4311
Jan 3 Sun	Snowshoe	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.	Heinz/Inge Trebitz 802-785-2129
Jan 5 Tues	Planning Meeting	Planning Meeting for Spring (Mar. - May) outings at 7:00 p.m. at Inge Brown's home. Call Kathy Astrauckas ahead with ideas if you can't join us (802-785-4311).	Inge Brown 802-280-8017
Jan 9 Sat	Snowshoe or Hike	Owl's Head in Benton Range, Glenciff, NH (near Blueberry Mtn. & Moosilauke). Easy in-and out trip with nice views. About 4 mi. Moderate.	Heinz/Inge Trebitz 802-785-2129
Jan 10 Sun	X-C ski or Snowshoe	Explore Stone House Farm trails in Lyme, NH. Length and mode of travel depending on conditions.	Dick Ruben 802-333-3707
Jan 12 Tues	X-C Ski or Snowshoe	Mystery trip in Vershire, VT. Back-country ski or snowshoe, depending on conditions.	Heinz/Inge Trebitz 802-785-2129
Jan 16 Sat	Snowshoe	The Lookout, Bridgewater/Barnard, VT area. 4 – 5 mi, 400' elev. gain. Good views. Poss. bushwhack to Lakota Lake. Snowshoe or microspikes, depend on cond. Moderate.	Dave Hardy 802-343-9017

Jan 17 Sun	X-C Ski or Snowshoe	Millstone Trails Assn. E. Barre, VT. Historic granite quarries, towering grout piles, scenic vistas. Not steep, long or difficult. Trail fee. Info: www.millstonetrails.com	Heinz/Inge Trebitz 802-785-2129
Jan 18 Mon	Snowshoe ***	Martin Luther King Day on graded, multi-use trails in Taftsville, VT. 3 – 4 mi; a few hundred feet elevation gain. Moderate. ***	Peter Hope 603-863-6456
Jan 19 Tues	Snowshoe or Hike ***	Hanover, NH golf course. Approx. 2 miles. Easy. ***	Inge Brown 802-280-8017
Jan 23 Sat	Snowshoe w/ UVLT	Leavitt Hill, Grantham, NH. Woods roads & bushwhack to beautiful wetlands. 4 – 5 mi, 1200' elev. gain. Moderate. Rain/snow date 1/24. With Upper Valley Land Trust.	Doug Brown douglas.brown@uvlt.org
Jan 24 Sun	X-C Ski	Hartland (VT) Winter Trails. Beautiful varied terrain over fields, through woods. Views. About 7 miles, moderate to difficult. Trail info: www.hartlandwintertrails.org .	Heinz/Inge Trebitz 802-785-2129
Jan 26 Tues	Snowshoe ***	Explore Hurricane Forest, a hidden gem just outside White River Junction, VT. About 2 miles. Easy. ***	Inge Brown 802-280-8017
Jan 30 Sat	Snowshoe w/ UVLT	Explore wooded trails on a beautiful conserved property in Sharon. Views. Near Downer State Forest. Approx 3-4 miles. Easy to Moderate. ajaneway@gmail.com	Annie Janeway 413-374-0988
Jan 31 Sun	X-C Ski	Union Village Dam loop, Thetford, VT. Backcountry ski partly on snowmobile trails. Approx. 6 miles. Moderate to difficult (steep) in parts, with some easier sections.	Heinz/Inge Trebitz 802-785-2129
Feb 2 Tues	Snowshoe	Groundhog Day to South Peak of Moose Mountain, Etna, NH. View at summit. 3.6 mi. round trip on A.T, 800' elevation gain. tomlinda.kahl@gmail.com	Tom/Linda Kahl 207-692-7495
Feb 2 Tues	X-C Ski ***	Marshland Farms, Quechee, VT. Groomed X-C trails. Trail fee. Easy. ***	Inge Brown 802-280-8017
Feb 6 Sat	Snowshoe	Smarts Mtn. (3240'), Orford, NH. Lambert Ridge Tr. (A.T.) & Ranger Tr. Lovely views from ledges. ~ 7 mi, 2800' elev. gain. Strenuous. tomlinda.kahl@gmail.com	Tom Kahl 207-692-7495
Feb 6 Sat	GMC Winter Fest	GMC's 20th Annual Winter Fest , Waterbury, VT. Guided hikes on trails in the area. Free! More info: www.greenmountainclub.org	GMC Hdqtrs 802-244-7037
Feb 7 Sun	Snowshoe & Campfire	Amiti Pond Nat. Area, Pomfret, VT. Fields, woods, town roads. Hot lunch by leader at shelter. Bring bowl/cup/utensils. 3 mi, moderate w/ a steady climb. 978-578-4198 cell	Debbie Marcus 802-457-9047
Feb 9 Tues	X-C Ski	Mardi Gras at Morse Farm, East Montpelier, VT. Groomed trails at a lovely ski touring center. Fee charged; discount for Catamount Trail Assn. & seniors.	Dick Ruben 802-333-3707
Feb 13 Sat	X-C Ski or snowshoe	5-8 pm. Tiki Torch Trek on 3 km of lighted Hartland Winter Trails. Food provided by volunteers & local restaurants. Bonfire, music. Adm. fee; free shuttle from pkg. area.	Heinz/Inge Trebitz 802-785-2129
Feb 14 Sun	X-C Ski	Groomed trails of various length and difficulty at Strafford Nordic Center in Strafford, VT Trail fee.	Heinz/Inge Trebitz 802-785-2129
Feb 15 Mon	Snowshoe	Presidents Day in Boston Lot area, Lebanon, NH. Route to be determined. 3 – 4 mi, a few hundred feet elevation gain. Moderate.	Peter Hope 603-863-6456
Feb 16 Tues	X-C Ski	Glenciff, NH, to Long Pond and back. Approx. 10 miles. Moderate.	Heinz/Inge Trebitz 802-785-2129
Feb 20 Sat	Snowshoe	VerShare Snowshoe-a-thon community fundraiser. (\$15 - \$20 suggested donation). Through woods & fields from Vershire Ctr, VT. Great food stop on way up to free lunch at The Mountain School. Great fun! 2 mi. uphill, go at your own pace. Moderate.	Marcia Dunning 802-333-4340
Feb 21 Sun	X-C Ski	Lovely backcountry skiing in Moose Mountain area, Etna, NH. Out-and-back on Harris Trail at base of mountain. About 3 hours. Moderate.	Iris Berezin 802-295-2294
Feb 23 Tues	X-C Ski ***	Craftsbury Outdoor Center. X-C skiing for all levels, all distances. Trail fee; discount for Catamount Trail Association. ***	Inge Brown 802-280-8017
Feb 27 Sat	Snowshoe w/UVLT	Upper Valley Land Trust annual Bear Pond hike: Snowshoe hike/bushwhack at Bear Pond Nat. Area, Canaan, NH. 5 – 6 mi, 600' elev. gain. Moderate. Rain/snow date 2/28.	Doug Brown douglas.brown@uvlt.org
Feb 28 Sun	Snowshoe	Lake Constance & Eagle Cliff, Piermont, NH. 3.0 mi, ~450' elevation gain. Easy to moderately steep on unmarked trails. overmtn@charter.net	Kevin Williamson 802-222-5951

**WELCOME TO OUR NEW
2015 MEMBERS**

Joanna Bligh *Lee Carvalho*
Thomas McCleary *Nathan Crain*
Clarissa Holmes *Lee Forsythe*
Gaylynn Huyghebaert *Rick Jurgens*
Patricia Nowlan *Sidney Seaton*
Louise Nunan Taylor *Dale Wentz*
Mary and Thomas O'Quinn
David McCullough & Catherine Richmond
Randy and Susi Richardson
Sean Sweeney and Caitlin D'Amario
Joshua Warach and Allegría Azoulay

“BOOTS TO BOATS” – CONNECT THE DOTS
During the past two summers the O-Section has co-led several short hikes on the AT in Woodstock with a ranger from the Marsh Billings National Historical Park. Since both parties were quite pleased with the outcome, we decided to continue working together in the future. At our October annual meeting, Park Ranger and O-Section member Marie Hanson introduced us two of her co-workers: *Jo Anne Dolan*, park volunteer and special events coordinator, and SAC intern *Amie Schiller*.

Jo Anne reported about working on ways to celebrate next year's 100 th anniversary for the National Park Service in the US. She emphasized that we in the Upper Valley are not only close to Marsh Billings Historical Park in VT and Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site in NH, but that the whole length of the Appalachian Trail is part of the National Park Service. So the idea was floated to offer people an opportunity to connect the three, maybe over a weekend, maybe on separate days. It could be achieved by



*Sixth Graders
hiking
one of our
AT sections*

walking from Woodstock to the AT, then hiking down to Norwich. From a boat landing on the Connecticut River participants could paddle south to the Windsor boat access, then hike a trail up to Saint-Gaudens.

Jo Anne is hoping that the O-Section will help her in making this “Boots to Boat” adventure possible by offering and leading hikes or even paddle trips. Some of us will meet with her in the near future to talk about these plans in more detail.

Inge Trebitz



Removing Hazard Trees at Stony Brook Shelter

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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