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O-SECTION ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the O-Section will be held on **Friday, November 11, 2016** at **Damon Hall in Hartland, Vt.**

Directions: Take I 91 to exit #9. Go north On Rt. 5 to Hartland Five Corners. Damon Hall is the brick building right across from the intersection of Rts. 5 and 12.

Schedule: We will begin the evening with Social hour at 5:30 pm. A pot-luck dinner at 6:30 will be shared with members of the Hartland Winter Trails Association.

POT-LUCK DINNER

Please bring dishes according to the alphabet, and Provide your own plates, silverware and glasses.

- A – G Salad
- H – M Appetizers or Dessert
- N – Z Main course

ELECTIONS

After dinner, the meeting will start with the yearly reports of the chairpersons, followed by the election to our section positions.

PRESENT OFFICE HOLDERS:

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

If you are interested in a section position or would like to suggest someone else, please call Heinz Trebitz at 802-785-2129 or e-mail him at ih63@wavecomm.com.

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Making room for ...

Photo: Mollie Flanigan

Fall Trips on the Appalachian Trail

- 9/3 Hike with ranger from Tigertown Road to Newton Lane, by Happy Hill Shelter
- 9/5 Lookout Farm Road to Rt.12 (Pomfret)
- 9/10 Going north from Tigertown Road
- 9/11 Workday on AT, north of Stony Brook
- 9/13 Elm St. / Norwich area
- 9/17 Hike w. ranger Newton Lane to Elm St.
- 10/1 Hike w. ranger Stage Rd. to Pomfret Rd.
- 10/23 Prospect Rock / Spruce Peak to VT 30
- 11/6 Mad Tom Notch / Bromley to VT 30



July 30, 2016: TRAIL MAGIC FOR THROUGH-HIKERS AT THUNDERING FALLS / RIVER ROAD
 Provided by Inge Brown and Tom Kahl

Trip report for July 19, East Pond Trail, Waterville Valley area.

I went back to this trail for the third time, because I would like to see more O-Section trips in the White Mountains, beyond the Upper Valley. After a stormy night and sprinkles early, the skies calmed in time for our hike. I was joined by Dick Andrews and Kathy Astraukas. We started at the Kancamagus Hwy trailhead, since this way you have the harder climbing on the way in. The second half of the trip to the finish on Tripoli Road is an easy down grade. The trail was as wet as I have ever seen it. I had some trouble on the first water crossing, because I was rushing it. I got wet but I was ok. We had lunch at the pond while enjoying the view. Something about East Pond gives you a sense of tranquility that is hard to explain. You have to go there to experience it for yourself!

Duncan Love



Pre-trip Report, July 2016

When scouting my Mt. Moosilauke hike I ran into the trail obstruction in the attached photo. I arrived on the Carriage Trail, traveling from north to south peak. Some hikers said they had been there for an hour waiting for the moose to move. I convinced them to back up with me. Then we went off trail to the side, and the moose moosied north on the AT, away from the 8-10 northbound hikers waiting to the south of the critter. I'm not sure if the moose was a day- or a thru-hiker, but suspect the former. A young man asked me about "proper protocol" when you meet a moose. After all, there are rules and procedures for everything, so there must be something in a GMC publication?
 P.S. The moose was seen again on later trips. It may not be a healthy animal, since they usually spend their summers in the valleys.



Tom Kahl

"O" SECTION FALL ACTIVITIES, SEPTEMBER - NOVEMBER 2016

Hunting Season	VT: 10/1 - 28 Bow & Arrow Deer 11/5 - 6 Youth Deer Weekend 11/12 - 27 Deer Rifle Season	NH: 9/15 - 12/15 10/22 - 23 10/29 - 11/8	Deer Archery 11/9 - 12/4 Youth Deer Weekend Deer Muzzleloader	Deer Reg. Firearms
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*** Easy on the knees BACK-COUNTRY ETIQUETTE: NO CELL PHONE USE EXCEPT IN EMERGENCY

Sept 3 Sat	<i>A.T. Hike w/ Ranger</i>	<i>Boots to Boats:</i> w/ Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller Nat. Hist. Park, explore A.T. & landscape history. Tigertown/Podunk Rd south to Newton Lane. Happy Hill Shelter. 5 mi, 700' elev. gain, 1400' descent. Mod. Limit 12; reserve during business hrs. O-Section co-leader Cathie Redpath.	MBRNHP Visitor Ctr 802-457-3368 ext. 222
Sept 4 Sun	Hike w/ ADK	Loop climb of 2 small ADK peaks from Keene Valley, NY. Exc. views of the Great Range, Roostercomb & Snow Mtns. 6.7 mi, 2200' elev. gain. Moderate – Strenuous.	Peter Hope 603-863-6456
Sept 5 Mon	<i>A.T. Sect. Hike</i>	Labor Day in Woodstock / Pomfret area: Lookout Farm Road to Rte. 12. 5.7 mi.: 0.3 mi uphill to the A.T., then 5.4 mi. gently up & down to Rte 12. Moderate.	Heinz/Inge Trebitz 802-785-2129
Sept 6 Tues	Hike	Mt. Tom South Peak, Woodstock, VT, via Precipice Trail from mansion. Great views. 3 – 4 mi, 550' elevation gain, steep in parts. Moderate – Strenuous.	Peter Hope 603-863-6456
Sept 10 Sat	Hike	A.T. exploration, West Hartford, VT. Hike from Tigertown north. No more than 5 mi. Minimal off-trail. May walk back on Podunk Rd. Easy pace for most of the day.	Dave Hardy 802-343-9017
Sept 11 Sun	Work Day	Reshape water bars, renew blazes, clear obstructions. Tools available; bring if you have them. Bring lunch, water, (work gloves). 2 meeting spots: Thundering Falls & Stony Brk Rd at Rt.107.	nick.krembs@gmail.com 802-649-1048
Sept 13 Tues	Hike	Heyl Trail and A.T., Norwich, VT. Between Elm St. and Bragg Hill. About 5 miles. Moderate. Car spot.	Angie Emerson 802-299-5866
Sept 13 Tues	Planning Meeting	Planning mtg for Winter (Dec-Feb) outings. 7 p.m. at home of Patty Spencer. Contact Kathy A. ahead with ideas if you can't come: 802-785-4311 kabh@myfairpoint.net	Patty Spencer 802-333-3571
Sept 15 Thurs	Hike	Spruce Mtn (3037'), Plainfield, VT. Several lookouts with views, plus observation tower at summit. 4.5 mi, 1200' elevation gain (steady climb). Moderate.	David Newbury 802-785-3136
Sept 17 Sat	<i>A.T. Hike w/ Ranger</i>	<i>Boots to Boats:</i> w/ Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller Nat. Hist. Park, explore A.T. & landscape history. Newton Lane to Elm St, Norwich. 2.1 mi, 200' elev. gain. Mostly gentle, with steeper down at end. Easy – Mod. Limit 12; reserve during business hrs. O-Section co-leader Dick Andrews.	MBRNHP Visitor Ctr 802-457-3368 ext. 222
Sept 17 Sat	Bike Ride	Groton State Forest, VT. On rail trail from Owl's Head view point to Mills Memorial Field parking on Rt.302 (car spotting). 18 miles; hybrid or mountain bike needed.	Heinz/Inge Trebitz 802-785-2129
Sept 18 Sun	Hike	Mt. Cube (2909'), Orfordville, NH. A.T. fr Quintown Rd; Cross-Rivendell Tr to Baker Rd. Views from Eastman Ledges, South and North Peaks. 5.2 mi, 2000' elev. gain. Moderate. Car spot.	Tom Kahl 207-692-7495
Sept 20 Tues	Hike	Hurricane Hill, Hartford, VT. 6-mile loop beginning at the now-drained pond. Moderate.	Angie Emerson 802-299-5866
Sept 24 Sat	Volunteer Apprec. Picnic	GMC volunteers (in any and all capacities), come celebrate GMCers' hard work and dedication. Afternoon, GMC Headquarters, Waterbury Ctr, VT. RSVP for food planning. lcrisostomo@greenmountainclub.org	Lenny Crisostomo 802-241-8324
Sept 24 Sat	Hike or Trail Run	Rivendell Ramble, W Fairlee, VT. Hike 3.6-mi over Sunday Mtn, or trail run 3 mi. or 6.6 mi. Rivendell Tr. fund raiser (sugg. \$15/person or \$30/family). Free meal after. Support local trails with O-Section team. More info: www.crossrivendelltrail.org	Marcia Dunning 802-333-4340
Sept 25 Sun	<i>Long Trail Sect. Hike</i>	Up Frank Post Tr, past Tillotson Camp, N. on LT over Haystack Mtn (3224'), views, to Hazen's Notch. 6.6 mi, ~ 2400' elev. gain. Moderate – Strenuous. Car-spot.	Peter Hope 603-863-6456
Sept 27 Tues	Hike ***	Tipping Rock, Lebanon, NH. 2 – 3 miles. Easy, ***	Inge Brown 802-280-8017
Oct 1 Sat	<i>A.T. Hike w/ Ranger ***</i>	<i>Boots to Boats:</i> with Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park ranger, explore A.T. & landscape history. Woodstock Stage Rd. to Pomfret Rd. 2.2 mi, 300' elevation gain. Easy. *** Limit 12; call during business hrs. to reserve. O-Sect co-leader Dick Andrews.	MBRNHP Visitor Ctr 802-457-3368 ext. 222
Oct 2 Sun	Hike w/ ADK	Roaring Brook Falls / Giant's Washbowl Loop, St. Hubert's, NY. Attractive falls, small mtn pond; return over Giant's Nubble. 4.7 mi, ~ 2000' elev. gain. Mod-Stren.	Peter Hope 603-863-6456

Oct 4 Tues	Hike	Greeley Ponds Trail; 2 groups starting on Kancamagus Hwy (E of Lincoln, NH), and Livermore Trail. Limited to 8 participants because of key swap. 5.1 mi. Moderate.	Heinz/Inge Trebitz 802-785-2129
Oct 4 Tues	Hike ***	Balch Hill, Hanover, NH. 2 – 3 mi, great views! Easy. ***	Inge Brown 802-280-8017
Oct 8 Sat	Hike w/ UVLT	Wright's Mountain with Upper Valley Land Trust. Grand opening of newly constructed Wilderness Trail! View. About 3 mi. Moderate.	contactus@uvlt.org 603-643-6626
Oct 9 Sun	Hike & Paddle	Peak to Pond: Hike up (and down) Piermont Mountain (2,717') in Piermont, NH. 1,350' elevation gain, followed by optional paddle on Lake Armington or Tarleton.	Heinz/Inge Trebitz 802-785-2129
Oct 10 Mon	Columbus Day Hike	2 hikes in Nash Stream Forest, northern NH. 0.5 mi level walk to lovely Pond Brook Falls & Trailblazer Bridge, then climb North Percy Peak (3430'), views! 4.4 mi, 2200' up. Mod-Stren.	Peter Hope 603-863-6456
Oct 11 Tues	Hike ***	Gile Mountain, Norwich, VT from Turnpike Rd. About 1.5 mi. Observation tower with 360° views!	Inge Brown 802-280-8017
Oct 15 Sat	Hike	Climb Peaked Mtn. in Piermont, NH. Steep, rough, unmarked trail to viewpoint. 2 - 3 mi. roundtrip.	Heinz/Inge Trebitz 802-785-2129
Oct 16 Sun	Bike Ride	Loop from Lyme, NH to Goose Pond and back. Return same way or on Turnpike Road/Dartmouth Skiway. 18 miles. Hybrid or mountain bike needed.	Heinz/Inge Trebitz 802-785-2129
Oct 18 Tues	Hike	Mt. Peg (1080'), Woodstock, VT. Good views. 1 mile, 320' elevation gain. Easy - Moderate.	Peter Hope 603-863-6456
Oct 22 Sat	Hike	Lyme Hill Conservation Area, conserved by Upper Valley Land Trust. 4 – 5 miles. Good trails with a view at the top. Moderate.	Dick Ruben 802-333-3707
Oct 23 Sun	<i>Long Trail Sect. Hike</i>	Up Old Rootville Rd to Prospect Rock (views), then north on LT over Spruce Peak to VT-30. 6.7 mi, ~1300' elevation gain. Moderate, but steep at first. Car-spot.	Peter Hope 603-863-6456
Oct 25 Tues	Road Walk ***	Quimby Mountain / Tigertown Road in West Hartford, VT. Mainly downhill. 2 – 3 miles. ***	Inge Brown 802-280-8017
Oct 26 Wed	Hike ***	Day trip to Lincoln, NH. 3.1 mi. walk on East Side Trail and Pine Island Trail. Inter-active exhibits at Visitor's Center. Ice cream stop after. Easy. *** No dogs.	Lynne Miller 802-785-4410
Oct 29 Sat	Hike	Windmill Ridge, Athens, VT. To Paul's Ledges and other viewpoints. ~ 5 mi. Moderate with some steep sections.	Angie Emerson 802-299-5866
Oct 30 Sun	Hike	No apples, no cider pressing! But a hike anyway. Five-mile almost loop from Thetford Hill to Union Village Dam on trails, then back on Buzzell Bridge road. (Car spotting)	Heinz/Inge Trebitz 802-785-2129
Nov 1 Tues	2 Short Hikes	1)Butterfield Pond, E.Springfield, NH. Idyllic pond, 1 mi. 2)Esther Currier Wildlife Management area at Low Plain, Elkins, NH. Beaver dam, bird watching blinds & active wildlife viewing from several vantage points. Easy. No dogs.	Duncan Love 802-226-7697
Nov 5 Sat	Hike	Black Mtn (2830'), East Haverhill, NH. Chippewa Trail. Steep, with many incredible views, esp. summit view toward Moosilauke. 3.6 mi, 1550' elev. gain. Mod-Stren.	Tom Kahl 207-692-7495
Nov 5 Sat	Hike w/ UVLT	Trout Pond, Lyme, NH. Undeveloped & pristine; conserved forest. Views of Smarts! 1.5 mi, mostly gentle to moderate terrain. May explore off-trail, too. Call @ office hrs.	contactus@uvlt.org 603-643-6626
Nov 6 Sun	<i>Long Trail Sect. Hike</i>	Mourn the end of Daylight Saving Time. Hike fr Mad Tom Notch south over Bromley Mtn, down to VT-30. Some views. 5.5 mi, 700' elevation gain. Moderate. Car-spot.	Peter Hope 603-863-6456
Nov 8 Tues	Hike ***	Election Day on Storrs Pond Ring Trail, Hanover, NH. 2 – 3 miles. Easy. ***	Inge Brown 802-280-8017
Nov 11 Fri	ANNUAL MEETING	Annual Ottauquechee Section (members and guests) Meeting & Potluck Dinner. Damon Hall, Hartland, VT. 5:30 social hour, 6:30 dinner. See details, front page..	Dick Andrews 802-885-3201
Nov 13 Sun	Dirt Road/ Trail Walk	Lyme, NH loop from Lyme Green. Market St, Washburn Hill Rd., Preston Rd., Shoestrap Rd., River Rd., Lower Grant Brook Trail. 6.5 miles, moderate.	Heinz/Inge Trebitz 802-785-2129

"O" Section 2016 Fall Outings - (contd. from Page - 4 -)

Nov 15 Tues	Road Walk ***	Hawk Pine Road loop, Norwich, VT. 3 miles. Easy. ***	Inge Brown 802-280-8017
Nov 19 Sat	Road Walk	Lovely, bucolic Dogford Road from cemetery in Etna to Hanover Center, NH. 4.7 mi, all paved, some hills. Moderate. Short car spot.	Kathy Astrauckas 802-785-4311
Nov 20 Sun	Hike	Mt.Kersarge, NH, 2,937'. Leader's choice of trails depending on conditions.	Duncan Love 802-226-7697
Nov 22 Tues	Hike ***	Neal Road, Hartford, VT. Great views. 2 – 3 miles. Easy. ***	Inge Brown 802-280-8017
Nov 26 Sat	Road Walk	Quechee & Pomfret, VT. Gravel and woods roads from leader's home to Cloudland Road and back.(5 mi) Participants can turn around at any time. Mostly flat with a couple of moderately hilly sections. Refreshments and fire in the fire pit after.	Debbie.marcus57@gmail.com 978-578-4198
Nov 27 Sun	Road Walk	Thetford, VT. Campbell Flats loop: Ompompanoosuc River and Union Village Dam. About 6 mi, mostly dirt roads. Moderate with several steep sections.	Kathy Astrauckas 802-785-4311
Nov 28 Mon	Hike	Hike our traditional O-Section backcountry ski route: Tunbridge to Strafford, VT. 6 miles. Hilly but beautiful. Moderate.	Dick Ruben 802-333-3707
Nov 29 Tues	Hike ***	Mink Brook, south of the brook, Hanover, NH. 2 – 3 miles. Easy. ***	Inge Brown 802-280-8017

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**Trip Report: June 4, 2016
Welch and Dickey Loop Trail
(Waterville Valley, NH)**

NATIONAL TRAILS DAY – and good weather, so the parking lot was full of eager hikers. But since most people follow the loop trail in the same direction, even a large crowd peters out along the way.

A heavy downpour the night before had carved leaf-filled channels along the woody section of the trail. By morning, a volunteer group from Waterville Valley was already working to repair the damage. Once

we reached the first flat plateau and great view towards the Sandwich Range, the pebbly granite was dry and not slippery. We moved up the steep ledges slowly, pausing often to enjoy the unfolding scenery below. A bit of rock-scrambling, and we got to Welch just at lunchtime. The mountain top feels like a small amphitheater, with plenty of room for a large group of people to spread out their packs.

To get to Dickey, you have to clamber downhill to a huge stone cairn, then up again through woods and rocks. Yet the summit and its view is not quite as impressive as the first one. The reward comes further down on the trail, when the yellow markers follow the back of a gigantic stone elephant – a striking landmark to be seen from way down on the highway. The last part of the hiking loop, winding down through the forest, feels like bringing you back to earth.

Inge Trebitz

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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. Jenny Montagne. 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