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GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB'S 107TH ANNUAL MEETING

Friday, June 9 – Sunday, June 11
Common Ground Center, Starksboro
Hosted by the Bread Loaf Section

If you have never attended a GMC Annual Meeting, here's the perfect opportunity!

For complete details, refer to the Spring Edition of
2017 Long Trail News,
or visit www.greenmountainclub.org or call the
Club at 802-244-7037



Trail Magic – would you like to be part of it?

The GMC has designated Saturday, August 5, as “Trail Magic” day, where various GMC Sections offer food and beverages to AT THRU-hikers. For the past two years the O-Section set up a Trail Magic table at the AT crossing on River Road in Killington, at the end of the Thundering Falls board walk. Last year we hosted about 14 THRU-hikers between 10 am and 2 pm. They were very appreciative, and most of them candidly shared their stories while enjoying the unexpected hospitality. Since the board walk and Thundering Falls is also a

popular day-use area, we set up the O-Section display board and distributed GMC and Section information to numerous visitors. We would like to continue our Trail Magic tradition this summer and need some help. If you are interested, please contact Tom Kahl (cell 207-692-7495, tomlinda.kahl@gmail.com) for further information.

Preserving the O-Section History

The German language has a term for an old bureau or writing desk with drawers: “Sekretaer”. I’ve been the O-Section Secretary since 2011. Keeping meeting minutes is part of my job, but many other things come my way, and my drawers are full of reports and communications, some of them adding to the history of our section. Sadly, during the last 12 month, I had to send you a note and obituary for two members who recently passed away - Ed Janeway and Bill MacDonald. We said a last Good-Bye at their memorial service, and will miss them on the trails. Now their names, stories about their activities, together with many digital and printed photos, as well as an almost complete set of FOOTNOTES kept since 1979 (the founding year of the O-Section), are part of the Section History.



Photos: Inge Trebitz

Case in Point - Stalked by Ben Kilham’s Bears: Bill McDonald near Smarts Mountain 1999

Preserving all this is rewarding work: Leafing through the old issues for information on Ed and Bill, I found many interesting trip reports. I was humbled to see that some of the “unusual” outings we are offering today have already been done 20 years ago. And I learnt that many segments of the 45 mile AT stretch we are proudly maintaining today have been established in a major relocation effort during the seventies and eighties by founding O-Section members, including Preston Bristow, Ken Hatch, Paul Magoon and Don Whitney.

The number of O-Section veterans is dwindling to less than a handful. With them we lose a valuable history resource. What are we doing today that will remind later members of what the “old” O-Section was?

Sure, we have the FOOTNOTES, and they are filled with busy outings schedules and pretty pictures. But we need more trip reports and articles on what we are seeing on the trail and experiencing in the great Vermont outdoors. Some of us old-timers may have more time to reflect and write for the FOOTNOTES. Many of you younger folks can tell a good trail story and should share it with the generation that will make up the O-Section after you.

Write and send to Inge Trebitz, the FOOTNOTES Editor (iht63@wavecomm.com), and Peter Hope, Section Webmaster (phope@oxfordnetworks.net). They will be delighted to hear from you.

"O" SECTION SUMMER ACTIVITIES, JUNE - AUGUST 2017

*** = 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!
 BACKCOUNTRY ETIQUETTE: NO CELL PHONE USE EXCEPT IN EMERGENCY

June 3 Sat	Hike- Nat'l Trails Day	Joe Ranger Rd to VT-14/White River (W. Hartford, VT). 3.3 mi, 300' elev. gain, 1200' down, steep down near end. Hilltop pastures w/ views, old red pine plantation, cellar holes. Moderate.	Bob Hagen 802-785-4311
June 4 Sun	Hike w/ ADK	Cathedral Rocks & Bear Run in ADK Mountain Reserve, St Huberts, NY. VIEWS of Gothics & Sawteeth. Waterfall, rock formations. 4.5 mi, ~1000' elev. gain. Moderate.	Peter Hope 603-863-6456
June 6 Tues	Hike	Ely Mine, West Fairlee, VT. 4 – 5 mi, includes short bushwhack.	Dick Ruben 802-763-7909
June 6 Tues	Planning Meeting	Planning meeting for Fall (Sept.-Nov.) outings. 7:00 p.m. at the Trebitz home. Call Kathy Astraukas (802-785-4311) before with ideas if you can't join us.	Heinz/Inge Trebitz 802-785-2129
June 8 Thurs	Hike ***	Explore Brookside Park, Grantham, NH. Trails through attractive woods & along a lovely brook. 1 – 2 mi, fairly level. Easy. ***	Peter Hope 603-863-6456
June 9 Fri	Work Day	Regular trail maintenance, Battell Trail near Lincoln Gap, in conjunction w/ GMC ann. mtg. Bring lunch, H2O, work gloves, bug repellent; tools provided. SIGN UP BY 6/7.	gmc@greenmountainclub.org
Jun 9-11 Fri-Sun	Hike/ Meeting	GMC's 107 th Annual Meeting at Common Ground Center, Starksboro, VT. Hosted by Bread Loaf Section. Work hike Fri. a.m.; meeting, hikes & dinner Sat. (entertainment both eves); Sun workshops (trail maint. & sign making). www.greenmountainclub.org	GMC Headqtrs 802-244-7037
June 11 Sun	Hike	Mt. Monadnock (3159'), Jaffrey, NH. Loop: state park, Cliff Walk, Bald Rock on (& a little off) trails to summit. VIEWS! 6.2 mi, ~1800' elev. gain. Mod-Stren. Sm pkg fee.	Peter Hope 603-863-6456
June 13 Tues	Hike	From USFS 10 in Big Branch area: Long Trail North to picturesque Little Rock Pond. Return over Green Mtn. (2509') on Green Mtn.Trail (6.6 mi, 1100' elev. gain, Moderate). Shorter option: Pond Trail (LT / A.T.) in & out (4 mi, 350' elevation gain, Easy).	Heinz/Inge Trebitz 802-785-2129
June 17 Sat	<i>A.T. Hike w/ Ranger</i>	<i>Boots to Boats: w/ Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller Nat. Hist. Park, explore A.T. & landscape history. VT-12 to Woodstock Stage Rd. 2.2 mi, 700' elev. gain (steep initial climb). Moderate. O-Section co-leader Heinz Trebitz</i>	MBRNHP Visitor Ctr 802-457-3368 ext. 222
June 18 Sun	Fly Fishing	An opportunity to fish with a veteran fisherman, or to be introduced to the sport. Some equipment may be provided.	Dick Ruben 802-763-7909
June 18 Sun	Bike Ride	Father's Day-Ticklenaked Pond, Ryegate/Groton, VT area. Views, many open fields. 21 mi (~ 9 mi on smooth dirt road). Recommend hybrid bike. Total elev. gain ~ 1000'. Moderate-strenuous.	Heinz Trebitz 802-785-2129
June 20 Tues	Hike ***	Last day of Spring (!) on The Pinnacle, Lyme, NH. Very short climb to great views from open summit. Easy. ***	Peter Hope 603-863-6456
June 24 Sat	Work Day	Give back to the trail on our section of AT, somewhere betw. Stony Brk & Cloudland Rds. Bring work gloves, tools, lunch & water. Possible reblazing; materials provided.	Heinz Trebitz 802-785-2129
June 25 Sun	Hike	Fr Nebraska Valley Rd, Stowe, VT: Lake Mansfield Trail to Taylor Lodge, loop on Clara Bow Trail (thru Nebraska Notch) & LT, return on Lake Mansfield Trail. 4 mi, 775 elevation gain & loss. Beaver meadow, rock scramble, ladder. Moderate.	Heinz/Inge Trebitz 802-785-2129
June 27 Tues	Hike	Mud Ponds (2600'), Peru Peak Wildrns, Nat. Forest near Danby VT. Tranquil remote ponds. 5.6 mi (4.4 mi on Old Job Tr, 1.2 mi bushwhack), 800' elev. gain. Moderate.	Dick Andrews 802-885-3201
July 1 Sat	<i>A.T. Hike w/ Ranger</i> ***	<i>Boots to Boats: Join w/ Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller Nat. Hist. Park to explore A.T. & history that shaped this landscape. Woodstock Stage Rd. to Pomfret Rd. 2.2 mi, 300' elev. gain. Easy. *** O-Section co-leader Dick Andrews</i>	MBRNHP Visitor Ctr 802-457-3368 ext. 222
July 1 Sat	Hike	Skookumchuck Trail, Franconia, NH. Out-and-back to Garfield Ridge Trail north of Mt. Lafayette. Views into Pemigawasset Wilderness! 8.6 mi, 3000' elev. gain. Mod/Stren.	Bob Hagen/KathyA 802-785-4311
July 2 Sun	Hike	From upper Bolton Notch Rd. on old LT to crossing with new LT, then follow it down to Winooski River bridge. 5 mi; 700' elevation gain, 1500' loss. Moderate. Car spot.	Heinz/Inge Trebitz 802-785-2129
July 4 Tues	Hike	4 th of July on another Black Mtn (1280'), Dummerston, VT. Loop: trails & woods rds, Nature Conservancy land. Views from ledges. ~4 mi, 975' elevation gain. Moderate.	Peter Hope 603-863-6456

July 4 Tues	Hike ***	4 th of July: No fireworks here, but Thundering Falls in Killington, VT. 2 – 3 miles. Easy. ***	Inge Brown 802-280-8017
Fri July 7- Sun 7/16	VACATION!!	Join Marcia at her cottage in St. John, New Brunswick, Canada at 1 st Loch Lomond Lake, for any / all of the dates. No rental fee; shared meals. Capacity of 8. Hiking, swimming, canoeing, fishing, or bring your own bicycles. Call for more details.	Marcia Dunning 802-333-4340
July 8 Sat	Work Day	On A.T. between Sherburne Pass & Stony Brook Rd. Meet 8:30 a.m. in Woodstock at Billings Farm overflow parking at corner of River Rd. & Rte 12. Bring lunch, water, work gloves; hand tools (loppers, small saw) if you have them.	nick.krems@gmail.com 802-649-1048
July 9 Sun	Hike	Deer Leap Mtn going up back side fr LT/A.T. pkg, overlook rock, down to Sherburne Pass. 3.5 mi, 1000' elev. gain. Refresh at Inn at Long Trail after. Mod. Short car spot.	nick.krems@gmail.com 802-649-1048
July 11 Tues	Hike ***	Mt. Mansfield the easy way: drive up auto road (small fee), walk ridge to highest point in VT on Chin (4393'). Views!!! 3 mi. Easy but rocky; all above tree line.	Inge Brown 802-280-8017
July 13 Thurs	Hike	Smith Pond, Enfield, NH. To lovely Smith Pond from Smith Pond Rd, then down to NH-4A. 3 – 4 mi, little elevation gain, but ~ 1000' descent. Easy – Moderate.	Peter Hope 603-863-6456
July 15 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. Pomfret Rd. to Cloudland Rd. 1.8 mi, 700' elev. gain. Steady climb, views at top! Easy to Moderate. O-Section co-leader Tom Kahl 207-692-7495.	MBRNHP Visitor Ctr 802-457-3368 ext. 222
July 15 Sat	Bike Ride	Loop from Sharon to Beaver Meadow Rd in Norwich. ~ 30 miles. Mostly paved, with some (~ 3 – 4 mi) hard-packed dirt. Strenuous.	Dick Ruben 802-763-7909
July 16 Sun	Hike, LT	Bromley traverse from Mad Tom Notch to VT-11. Views. 5.5 miles. 800' up, 1200' down. Moderate. Car spot.	Peter Hope 603-863-6456
July 18 Tues	Hike (& swim)	Bridal Veil Falls, Franconia, NH. Coppermine Trail, Coppermine Shelter, Bette Davis history. Gorgeous falls & pool. 5 mi, 1200' elevation gain. Moderate.	Kathy A/Bob Hagen 802-785-4311
July 22 Sat	Hike	Mt. Abe (4006') via LT north from Lincoln Gap Rd. Part of Monroe Skyline. Rare alpine zone plants, great views. 5.2 mi, 1,500 ft elevation gain. Moderate/Strenuous.	Tom Kahl 207-692-7495
July 22 Sat	Paddle + w/ UVLT	Special opportunity to paddle on Smith Pond, Enfield, NH, & help clean up historic cabin site. Boats will be provided. Cookout afterwards. BYO PFD. More details at http://www.uvlt.org/calendar/ . Registration with UVLT required. Rain date Sun. 7/23.	603-643-6626 contactus@uvlt.org
July 23 Sun	Hike w/ ADK	Loop climb of Roostercomb (2788') & Snow Mtn (2360'), from Keene Valley, NY. Good views from both peaks. 5.9 mi, ~2300' elevation gain. Moderate - Strenuous.	Peter Hope 603-863-6456
July 25 Tues	Hike ***	Plymouth State Forest along Shrewsbury Road (off Route 100). 3 miles. Easy. ***	Inge Brown 802-280-8017
July 26 Wed	Hike	Mt. Kearsarge (2937'), Sutton, NH. Up Lincoln Tr (part is Sect. 11 of Sunapee-Ragged-Kearsarge Greenway). Short rock scramble near top, 360° views! Down Barlow Tr. 5.8 mi, 2100' up, 1100' down. Mod-Stren. Car spot. duncanlove4024@yahoo.com	Duncan Love 802-226-7697
July 29 Sat	<i>A.T. Hike w/ Ranger</i>	<i>Boots to Boats:</i> w/ Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller Nat. Hist. Park, local history. Cloudland Rd. to Joe Ranger Rd; Thistle Hill Shelter. 3.8 mi, 600' elev. gain. Field w/ view at end. Moderate. O-Section co-leader Bob Hagen 802-785-4311.	MBRNHP Visitor Ctr 802-457-3368 ext. 222
July 30 Sun	Hike	Afternoon hike at Cook Preserve, New London, NH. Attractive woods, views, interesting rock formations. 3 – 4 miles, a few hundred feet elevation gain. Moderate.	Peter Hope 603-863-6456
Aug 1 Tues	Paddle & Walk ***	2 for 1: Paddle on CT River (2 miles), then walk (1 mile loop) & swim in Norwich, VT. Then paddle back (2 more miles). Lunch at the dock. 3 - 4 hours. Easy. ***	Inge Brown 802-280-8017
Aug 4-11 Fri - Fri	Hikes, ATC Conference	A week w/ over 240 hikes, numerous workshops & excursions to local areas of interest. Adventure presentations & entertainment in evenings. Appalachian Trail Conservancy Conference, Colby College, Waterville, Maine. Info/Registration: www.atc2017.org	Kathy Astrauckas 802-785-4311
Aug 5 Sat	Hike	From Brandon Gap: up (south on) Long Trail, down Chittenden Brook Trail to Rt. 73. 6 mi, 750' elevation gain, 1500' loss. Moderate. Car spot.	Heinz/Inge Trebitz 802-785-2129
Aug 5 Sat	Mtn Bike/ Hike + w/UVLT	Mountain bike/hike & restore habitat at West Windsor Town Forest, w/ UVLT & Ascutney Outdoors. Details at http://www.uvlt.org/calendar/ Please register. Rain date Sun. 8/6.	603-643-6626 contactus@uvlt.org

August 2017 Outings Schedule - continued from page - 4 - (insert))

Aug 5 Sat	Trail Magic	The O-Section will set up a Trail Magic station at Thundering Falls (Killington) to provide information, company and edible encouragement to thru- and day hikers.	Tom Kahl 207-692-7495
Aug 6 Sun	Hike	Climb Mt. Antone (2610') in Merck Forest, Rupert, VT. Excellent views. 5 miles, 820' elevation gain. Moderate.	Peter Hope 603-863-6456
Aug 8 Tues	Hike	From Smugglers Notch Rd, Stowe, VT. Sterling Pond Tr to pond, then south on winding LT (Elephant's Head Trail) to parking area. 4.5 mi, 750' up, 1400' down. Mod-Stren. Car spot.	Heinz/Inge Trebitz 802-785-2129
Aug 12 Sat	<i>A.T. Hike w/ Ranger</i>	<i>Boots to Boats:</i> w/ NPS ranger; local history. Joe Ranger Rd to VT-14/White River (W. Hartford, VT). 3.3 mi, 300' elev. gain, 1200' down, steep at end. Hilltop pastures w/ views, old red pine plantation, cellar holes. Moderate. O-Section co-leader Dick Ruben 802-763-7909.	MBRNHP Visitor Ctr 802-457-3368 ext. 222
Aug 13 Sun	Bike Ride	Loop in Plainfield, NH area: Fr RT.12A along paved River Rd & unpaved Old River Rd; Platt Rd back to Rt.12 A; return on River Rd. Hybrid bike needed. ~ 18 miles; some hills. Moderate.	Heinz/Inge Trebitz 802-785-2129
Aug 15 Tues	Hike	Taftsville, VT Trails. Explore this 5K network of graded multi-purpose trails, designed by John Morton. 3.1 mi, hilly. Moderate.	Peter Hope 603-863-6456
Aug 19 Sat	Hike	Pico Peak (3957'). "Loop" up Sherburne Pass Trail, down Long Trail. Views, lovely forest, Churchill Scott Shelter. 7.7 mi, 2000' elevation gain. Strenuous. Very short car spot. After-hike meal / beverage at Inn at Long Trail for those interested.	Tom Kahl 207-692-7495
Aug 20 Sun	<i>Hike, LT Sect/Side- to-Side</i>	Woodford, VT. Gated Little Pond Rd, Little Pond Tr, LT south over Porcupine Lookout to VT-9. Views, pretty pond. ~8 mi, ~800' up, ~1800' down. Mod/Stren. Car spot.	Peter Hope 603-863-6456
Aug 22 Tues	Hike ***	Hike around Bretton Woods Resort area, NH. ~ 3 – 4 mi, followed by lunch at the fabled resort. Fun, enjoyable and different. Easy. ***	Inge Brown 802-280-8017
Aug 24 Thurs	Hike	Explore less traveled southwestern part of Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park on loop from Prosper Road. 4 – 5 mi, ~ 800' elev. gain. Moderate.	Peter Hope 603-863-6456
Aug 26 Sat	Hike	Lost Pond Bog (2720'), Big Branch Wilderness near Danby VT. Floating bog mat, pitcher plants etc. 7.5 mi: 6 mi Long Tr., 1.5 mi bushwhack. 1300' ascent. Moderate.	Dick Andrews 802-885-3201
Aug 27 Sun	Hike	Snake Mt. (1287'), Addison VT. Loop climb including interesting Red Rock Pond. Good views from ledges. 4.1 miles, 900' elevation gain. Moderate.	Peter Hope 603-863-6456
Aug 29 Tues	Paddle	Grafton Pond, Grafton, NH. Very scenic; no power boats above 5 mph. Miles of nooks/crannies. Paddle, picnic, swim. Bring lunch. 4-6 mi, Easy-Mod. PFD required.	Heinz/Inge Trebitz 802-785-2129



O-SECTION INTERNAL E-MAIL LIST:

We often send out notices for changes in schedule or special events through our internal e-mail list. If you would like to have your address included or removed, please let Heinz Trebitz know at iht63@wavecomm.com.

MOOSALAMOO - a "hollow" trip

At the end of April we had a nice hike at Moosalamoo National Recreation Area (Forest Dale, VT) with a couple of newcomers and some members. Hey newcomers, I don't mean to single you out, but you were new to us! Hope to see you on other ventures! It was cloudy and almost rainy, with moisture in the air and some sprinkles.

We hiked up the road to Silver Lake, then followed the Leicester Hollow Trail through a deep long valley. As we walked the longest leg of the trail with bare trees on the steep slopes on both sides, I really felt the experience of what a hollow is. We found the jaw bone of a deer that Inge took home for the collection at the Montshire Museum. We observed many early spring wild flowers. It was a learning experience for me, and I was impressed with the knowledge of everyone about the plant life.

Duncan Love

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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. Kristin McLane. 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