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OTTAUQUECHEE SECTION  
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GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB

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## MUD SEASON SOCIAL *POT LUCK and PICTURES*

WHEN: Friday, April 17 5:30 pm

WHERE: Tall Timbers Clubhouse  
Rt.4 – Quechee, VT

BRING: Potluck dish, drinks and utensils  
Outdoor gear to sell or give away

DIRECTIONS: I 89 to exit #1 (Quechee)  
Take Rt.4 west for 2 miles to Hathaway Rd.,  
(across from antique mall). Follow it and  
turn right onto Tall Timbers Drive,  
to clubhouse and parking lot on left.

### NO MICRO SPIKES NEEDED!

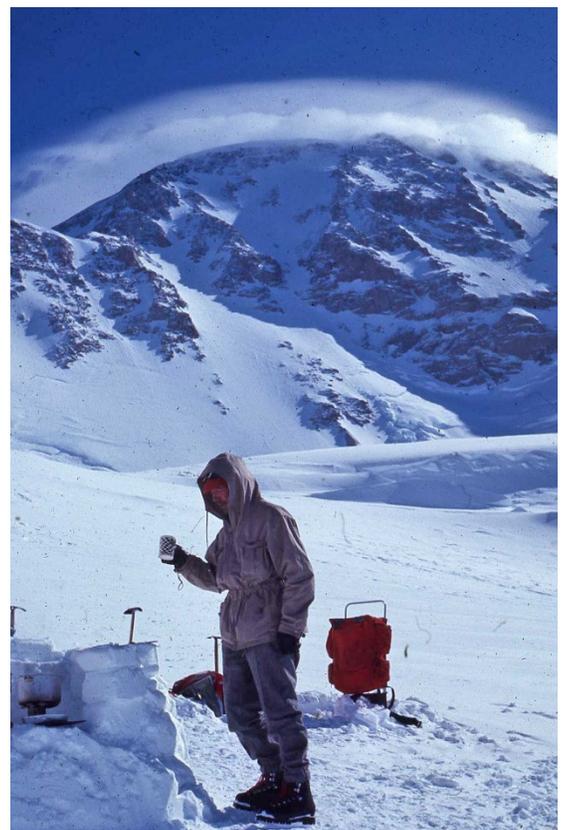


Photos: *Heinz Trebitz*

## TAYLOR SERIES PRESENTATION *Thursday, April 23, 6:30 pm* Montshire Museum, Norwich VT

### "Climbing Denali, now and a half century ago"

Presentation by Mike Debonis, GMC  
Executive Director, and Heinz Trebitz,  
UVO member.



## *Snowshoes or Creepers ? That is the Question!*

Dec.22, Army Corps of Engineers Union Village Dam area in Thetford.

“Mode of travel depends on conditions”.

*Of course we will bring micro spikes, as always.*

Icy trails won't be a problem. But sheer ice? The West Branch of the Ompompanoosuc had flooded part of the trail up to the bordering woods and turned it into a brittle sheet of unstable ice. Bushwhacking through the underbrush, sliding on knees, gingerly stepping from grassy knob to earthy hump – we tried it all - and nobody fell! *Inge Trebitz* Photo left: *Annie Janeway*



Colette Trail

Photo above: *Duncan Love*



On Parcel 5 in Norwich

Photo: *Tom Kahl*



AT in Norwich

Photo: *Annie Janeway*

## "O" SECTION SPRING ACTIVITIES, MARCH - MAY 2020

\*\*\* = 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**

Start Date	Subject	Description	Location
3/1/2020 Sun.	<b>Back-country Ski</b>	Ski in to Ravine Lodge, then backcountry Al Merrill Ski Loop on the shoulder of Mt. Moosilauke. Total ~ 8.5 miles, 1500' elevation gain. Climbing skins required. Moderate-strenuous. <b>Leaders:</b> Kathy Astrauckas & Bob Hagen 802-785-4311	Warren, NH
3/3/2020 Tues.	<b>Hike***, Ski, or Snowshoe</b>	Quinn Trail. 2 miles max. Easy, ***easy on the knees.. 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 am Meet at trailhead. <b>Leader:</b> Inge Brown, 802-280-8017	Hanover, NH
3/7/2020 Sat.	<b>Snowshoe, etc.</b>	Winter Trails Day at GMC headquarters. There will be multiple hikes and workshops, refreshments. <b>For details:</b> go to the GMC website: <a href="http://www.greenmountainclub.org">www.greenmountainclub.org</a>	Waterbury Center, VT
3/8/2020 Sun.	<b>Hike (snowshoe or spikes)</b>	Begin Daylight Saving Time with afternoon hike to century-old Norcross Quarry on side of Mt. Ascutney. Some old machinery survives. Nice view. 2.2 mi, 670' elevation gain. Brief steep section at start, otherwise easy. <b>Leader:</b> Dick Andrews, 802-885-3201	West Windsor, VT
3/10/2020 Tues.	<b>Planning Meeting</b>	Planning Meeting for Summer (June - Aug) 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). <b>Host:</b> Inge Brown, 802-280-8017	Wilder, VT
3/14/2020 Sat.	<b>Snowshoe</b>	Dothan Brook Trails. Meander on intersecting, multiple loop trails in hills and woods behind Dothan Brook School. Nice view from atop the hill. 3 - 4 mi, rolling trails. Easy-Moderate. <b>Leader:</b> Angie Emerson, 802-299-5866	Wilder, VT
3/15/2020 Sun.	<b>Snowshoe or Spike</b>	Loop connecting Parcel 5 and Brookmeade Conservation Area to Ballard Trail. Lovely part along Charles Brown Brook. 7 mi, 1200' elevation gain (many short ups and downs). Moderate. <b>Leader:</b> Nick Krembs 802-649-1048	Norwich, VT
3/17/2020 Tues.	<b>Hike ***</b>	St. Patrick's Day: Hike first, then lunch at the Inn at Long Trail's Irish pub. *** Easy on the knees. <b>Leader:</b> Inge Brown, 802-280-8017	Killington, VT
3/21/2020 Sat.	<b>Hike</b>	Celebrate 3rd day of Spring on USFS 55. Distance/route to be determined by group and conditions. Can wander many miles! Spikes? Sleds? A fun day! <b>Leader:</b> Susan Ogden, <a href="mailto:susanstarchild58@gmail.com">susanstarchild58@gmail.com</a> ; Cell for texts: 802-356-0428; work: Mon-Thurs 7:30-4, 603-442-6770	Granville, VT
3/22/2020 Sun.	<b>Hike</b>	Afternoon at Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park. The Pogue (a scenic pond), Mt. Tom. 4.8 mi, 270' elevation gain. Easy. <b>Leader:</b> Dick Andrews, 802-885-3201	Woodstock, VT
3/24/2020 Tues.	<b>Hike</b>	Mink Brook Preserve: A quiet slow paced meander starting at Upper Valley Land Trust. Wheelock Trail, then out and back on Trout Brook and Sachem Connector Trails to NH-10. Short road walk to Quinn Trail and back to UVLT. 3 - 4 miles. Easy. <b>Leader:</b> Angie Emerson, 802-299-5866	Hanover, NH
3/28/2020 Sat.	<b>Hike</b>	A.T. from Kent Pond to Thundering Falls Boardwalk. ~ 3 mi. A bit of a steep descent to falls. Easy. Car spot. <b>Leader:</b> Duncan Love <a href="mailto:duncanlove4024@yahoo.com">duncanlove4024@yahoo.com</a> 802-226-7697	Killington, VT
3/29/2020 Sun.	<b>Snowshoe, Spike or Hike</b>	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. <b>Leaders:</b> Kathy Astrauckas & Bob Hagen, 802-785-4311	Wentworth, NH
3/31/2020 Tues.	<b>Hike ***</b>	Rail Trail from EMS, mostly paved. *** Easy on the knees. <b>Leader:</b> Inge Brown, 802-280-8017	Lebanon, NH
4/4/2020 Sat.	<b>WORK DAY</b>	Give back to the trail on our section of A.T., probably between Cloudland Road and CT River (Norwich, Hartford, Pomfret, VT area). Clear water bars and blowdowns. Tools provided, or bring your own favorites. Bring work gloves, lunch, water. <b>Co-ordinator:</b> Bob Hagen, 802-785-4311	Norwich/ Hartford/ Pomfret, VT
4/5/2020 Sun.	<b>Hike ***</b>	Afternoon hike on Butternut Pond Trail. Attractive woods, passing two old farm sites, mainly on former town and farm rds, to flat ledges above attractive back country pond. 2 - 3 mi, minor ups and downs. *** Easy on the knees. <b>Leader:</b> Peter Hope, 603-863-6456	Lebanon, NH

4/7/2020 Tues.	<b>Hike (snowshoes or spikes)</b>	Avoid mud on paved Mt. Ascutney (3150') road. No cars, views. Possible summit if trail dry. 7.4 mi, 2250' elevation gain. Summit adds 1.4 mi and 400' elevation gain. Moderate. <b>Leader:</b> Dick Andrews, 802-885-3201	West Windsor, VT
4/11/2020 Sat.	<b>Hike</b>	Spruce Mtn (3037'). Lookouts with views, observation tower at summit. 4.5 mi, 1200' elevation gain (steady climb). Moderate. <b>Leader:</b> Susan Ogden susanstarchild58@gmail.com; Cell phone for texts: 802-356-0428; work: Mon-Thurs 7:30-4, 603-442-6770	Plainfield, VT
4/12/2020 Sun.	<b>Hike</b>	Easter: Loop on unpaved (maybe muddy) trails in Union Village Dam area, some gentle uphill. 4-5 mi, moderate. <b>Leader:</b> Inge Trebitz, 802-785-2129; ingetrebitz@gmail.com	Thetford, VT
4/14/2020 Tues.	<b>Walk ***</b>	Dirt & paved roads. Starting at Norwich Park & Ride, up Hawk Pine Road. Loop of about 2 – 3 mi. 10 – 11:30 a.m. Easy, with initial short, steep uphill. *** Easy on the knees. <b>Leader:</b> Inge Brown, 802-280-8017	Norwich, VT
4/17/2020 Fri.	<b>Mud Season Social</b>	No micro spikes, skis or snowshoes - just walk in to enjoy a great pot luck, good company and some pictures from last year's activities. 5:30 pm at Tall Timbers Clubhouse, Quechee, VT.(directions: see front page) <b>Organizer:</b> Inge Trebitz, 802-785-2129	Quechee, VT
4/18/2020 Sat.	<b>Hike</b>	Bald Top (1776') Traverse. Cross-Rivendell Trail from Blood Brook Rd to Lake Morey. 5.2 mi, ~ 1300' elevation gain. Views (to Franconia Ridge, if clear). Car spot. Moderate. <b>Leader:</b> Tom McCleary, 802-295-7592	Fairlee, VT
4/19/2020 Sun.	<b>Hike</b>	Sawyer Mountain in Fairlee. Nice views over Connecticut River valley. 3.2 mi., 500' elevation gain. <b>Leader:</b> Heinz Trebitz, 802-785-2129	Fairlee, VT
4/21/2020 Tues.	<b>Hike</b>	Loop: Tucker Trail, Appalachian Trail, Heyl Trail, short road walk back to cars. Gently rolling hills. ~ 5 mi. Moderate. <b>Leader:</b> Angie Emerson, 802-299-5866	Norwich, VT
4/23/2020 Thurs.	<b>Taylor Series Lecture</b>	6:30 pm, Montshire Museum, Norwich, VT. <b>"Climbing Denali, now and a half century ago"</b> Presentation by Mike Debonis, GMC Executive Director, and Heinz Trebitz, UVO member. <b>For info:</b> Heinz/Inge Trebitz 802-785-2129 ingetrebitz@gmail.com	Norwich, VT
4/25/2020 Sat.	<b>Hike</b>	Moosalamoo National Recreation Area. Falls of Lana, Silver Lake, Leicester Hollow Trail, ending on Minnie Baker Trail, to car spot. 7 mi, 1200' elevation gain. Moderate. Early wildflowers. <b>Leader:</b> Duncan Love, duncanlove4024@yahoo.com 802-226-7697	Brandon, VT
4/26/2020 Sun.	<b>Hike ***</b>	Afternoon loop on Greensboro Ridge. Interesting rock formations, attractive woods. 3 - 4 miles. *** Easy on the knees. <b>Leader:</b> Peter Hope, 603-863-6456	Hanover, NH
4/28/2020 Tues.	<b>Dirt Road Walk ***</b>	Upper Turnpike Road & Needham Road. Scenic, bucolic 2.2-mile dirt road loop. *** Easy on the knees. <b>Leader:</b> Inge Brown, 802-280-8017	Norwich, VT
5/2/2020 Sat.	<b>WORK DAY</b>	On A.T. stretch from Killington to Stony Brook Rd. to clear blowdowns, open ditches, clip brush. Meet 9:30am at place to be determined. Bring work gloves, tools, lunch and water. <b>Contact</b> Nick Krembs ahead, 802-649-1048	Killington, VT
5/3/2020 Sun.	<b>Hike</b>	Sucker Brook, USFS 67 (near Breadloaf Campus). Widow's Clearing to Sucker Brook Shelter on LT, conditions and group's wishes permitting. ~ 7 mi. Moderate. <b>Leader:</b> Susan Ogden, Cell phone for texts: 802-356-0428; work: Mon-Thurs 7:30-4, 603-442-6770; susanstarchild58@gmail.com	Ripton, VT
5/3/2020 Sun.	<b>Hike</b>	Afternoon climb of Lyme Pinnacle. Old roads to open summit with old chimney and great views. 2 - 3 mi, a few hundred feet elevation gain. Easy <b>Leader:</b> Peter Hope, 603-863-6456	Lyme, NH
5/5/2020 Tues.	<b>Hike</b>	Wright's Mtn. Loop climb, much of it on newer trails. Devil's Den; views, newer trails. ~ 5 mi, 1300' elevation gain. Moderate. <b>Leaders:</b> Kathy Astraukas & Bob Hagen, 802-785-4311	Bradford, VT
5/9/2020 Sat.	<b>Hike</b>	Sugar River Rail Trail, Claremont to Newport, NH. Short in-town section, then to Rt 11 crossing, finishing in Newport. River views. ATVs are permitted, but never had problem with them. ~ 6 miles. Terrain flat & easy. 2 car spots. <b>Leader:</b> Duncan Love, duncanlove4024@yahoo.com; 802-226-7697	Claremont, NH

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5/10/2020 Sun.	<b>Mother's Day Hike</b>	Honoring our mothers with a hike on Deer Leap. View!! Starting at "Inn at Long Trail" up to Deer Leap, then southbound on LT/A.T. to US-4 parking lot. 3.3 mi, 800' elevation gain. Moderate. Short car spot. <b>Leader:</b> Annie Janeway ajaneway@gmail.com 413-374-0988	Killington, VT
5/12/2020 Tues.	<b>Dirt Road Walk ***</b>	Canaan Turnpike, out and back from Dartmouth Skiway. 2 miles. ***Easy on the knees. <b>Leader:</b> Inge Brown, 802-280-8017	Lyme Center, NH
5/16/2020 Sat.	<b>WORK DAY</b>	Work on our section of A.T., somewhere between CT River and Killington (wherever is most needed!) Possible re-painting of blazes (paint, brushes, etc. supplied). Bring work gloves, tools, lunch & water. <b>Co-ordinator:</b> Bob Hagen, 802-785-4311	Woodstock, VT
5/17/2020 Sun.	<b>Hike</b>	Afternoon loop on private multipurpose trail network laid out by John Morton. Hilly and winding. 3.1 mi, a few hundred feet elevation gain. Easy - Moderate. <b>Leader:</b> Peter Hope, 603-863-6456	Taftsville, VT
5/17/2020 Sun.	<b>Hike</b>	Bucklin Trail to Cooper Lodge and Killington Peak (4235') if weather permits. 6.7 mi. (summit adds 0.5 mi.) 2200'-2500' elevation gain. Mod. to Strenuous. <b>Leader:</b> Susan Ogden, susanstarchild58@gmail.com Cell: 802-356-0428 work: Mon-Thurs 7:30-4, 603-442-6770	Killington, VT
5/19/2020 Tues.	<b>Bike Ride</b>	From Jesse's restaurant on NH-120 in Hanover, NH via back roads to Goose Pond Rd, then NH-10 north to Lyme, NH. Nice break on Lyme Green/Lyme General Store before heading back to Jesse's. ~ 20 miles. Moderate. <b>Leader:</b> Angie Emerson, 802-299-5866	Hanover, NH
5/23/2020 Sat.	<b>Hike</b>	Woods, dirt and paved roads, fields, trails. Approx. 4 miles. Easy to Moderate due to uneven footing on woods road. <b>Leader:</b> Lynne Miller, 802-785-4410	Thetford, VT
5/24/2020 Sun.	<b>Bike Ride</b>	Cornish loop; start and finish close to Windsor-Cornish Covered Bridge, the longest in N. America. ~20 miles; some moderate hills. <b>Leader:</b> Inge Trebitz, 802-785-2129; ingetrebitz@gmail.com	Cornish, NH
5/25/2020 Mon.	<b>Hike</b>	Memorial Day on Butternut and Lost Mine Trails. Old mine site, views of Mts. Ascutney and Sunapee. About 4 miles, a few steep spots. Moderate. <b>Leader:</b> Duncan Love duncanlove4024@yahoo.com 802-226-7697	Chester, VT
5/26/2020 Tues.	<b>Hike ***</b>	Northern Rail Trail from Ice House Road to Enfield, NH. 4 miles. ***Easy on the knees. Car spot. <b>Leader:</b> Inge Brown, 802-280-8017	Enfield, NH
5/30/2020 Sat.	<b>Hike</b>	Smith Pond Shaker Forest. Upper Valley Land Trust trails. Remnants of Shaker's old dam and canal system, Big and Little Dog Falls, Smith Pond. 6.5 mi. loop, ~ 1000' elevation gain. Moderate with some steep areas. <b>Leader:</b> Tom Kahl, 207-692-7495	Enfield, NH
5/31/2020 Sun.	<b>Hike</b>	Afternoon loop from Kendall Riverfront Park past eskers and south along CT River, up past Kendall, down attractive meadow to Storrs Pond; then out to NH-10 through Rinker-Steele Natural Area. 4 mi; moderate <b>Leader:</b> Peter Hope, 603-863-6456	Hanover, NH

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*From the editor:* **Parting Company**

Last month I had to replace my car (the one with the "HAIKU" license plate, familiar to many of you). I loved driving it, but it was showing its age. With some expensive repairs I could have extended its life and taken it to future outings – but, it would still have been an old car. My license plate is now on a different vehicle, and I need time to get used to its features and the way it drives.

Which made me think of the new set-up for our O-Section schedule: I loved the old one. Its columns looked clean and informative and easy to read. I resisted change to a new format with a different arrangement – but, the old one could not easily be transferred to the GMC Google calendar, where many people seem to obtain their outings information. So this newsletter displays the spring schedule in a new format, and, hopefully, we'll get used to it!

*Inge Trebitz*

You can access the GMC Google Calendar and the UVO website by clicking on [www.greenmountainclub.org](http://www.greenmountainclub.org), or going directly to [www.gmc-o-section.org](http://www.gmc-o-section.org).

## OTTAUQUECHEE FOOTNOTES

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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 Vermont mountains play a larger part 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 Upper Valley 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 Upper Valley 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 Iris Berezin at 802-295-2294.

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.

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### ***APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP***

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

A check for \$\_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_

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