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Minutes of the 44th ANNUAL MEETING of the UPPER VALLEY OTTAUQUECHEE SECTION of the GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB

Note: In view of potential COVID-19 infections, the meeting was held via ZOOM.

The ZOOM conference was hosted by *A.Janeway* and *Mike DeBonis*. Thanks to *Mike* who helped switching the Zoom link during the meeting. The Agenda had been sent to the membership together with the e-mail invitation.

1. Welcome and Introduction

On **November 4, 2022** UVO-Section President *Dick Andrews* called the official meeting at 6:15 p.m., greeting 19 members (including spouses and guests). Dick Andrews then welcomed Executive Director *Mike DeBonis* and President *Howard van Benthuisen*, guests from the Green Mountain Club.

2. Approval of 2021 Ann. Mtg. Minutes: *Kathy Astrauckas'* request to correct the minutes as printed in the December 2021 FOOTNOTES was approved (one opposed) The minutes were approved unanimously pending a respective amendment. Amendment: *Delete sentence in original minutes:* "Planning for the Fall schedule was done by e-mail, a much harder job for the Outings Coordinator." Correct *preceding sentence to read:* "We met in person in July to plan the Fall Schedule, and we met again in September via Zoom to plan for winter."

3. Committee Reports (highlights only – written reports are available through the Section secretary).

Outings: The UVO Section has been back in swing with a full slate of outings for the past year. Our schedule listed over 220 activities from November 2021 through October 2022. This includes hikes, road walks (dirt and paved), bike rides, paddling, X-C skiing, snowshoeing, micro spiking, trail maintenance (those are listed as our "work days"), collaboration with Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park Rangers, planning meetings, and more.

While some of our older members had to adapt to leading shorter outings, we have, over the past 10 years, gradually acquired new members who now lead our more challenging outings. While we (like all other sections) lament that the number of active members, especially among young people, does not seem to be increasing, we are still a vibrant section, full of enthusiasm and camaraderie.

We continue to conduct our planning meetings via Zoom. Despite a desire to meet in person, the Zoom format is more efficient for the Outings Coordinator, and it actually has increased participation.

Our trip leaders are all volunteers, and our long list of outings would not be possible without them. Over the past year we had twenty-one different leaders. Leaders, we salute you! Thank you for your time and effort. We look forward to another busy and enjoyable year. Stay safe and keep moving!

KathyAstrauckas

Treasury and Membership: *Iris* presented the key figures for fiscal year 2022 (numbers in brackets are for fiscal year 2021): Membership (as of Oct.1, 2022): 351 (last year 328). Membership dues (as of August: 31, 2022): \$2,516 (2,276). Total Revenue \$ 2,516 (2,421); Expenses \$ 1,797 (2,033); Cash Balance \$5,070 (4,351).

After explanations by the Treasurer and ensuing discussions, the report was accepted as presented. It was noted (as in previous years) that revenue numbers are available only through the month of August. This makes it difficult to compare revenue with previous reports which include dues from September and October. An updated report will be prepared when the information is available.

Note: There is no payment shown for the web site bill. It is unclear whether the bill has been paid. *Iris Berezin*

Section Director This short GMC BOD report, primarily from the 9/17 BOD Mtg., was read by *Dick Andrews*. **Financials.** These seem ok. Revenue is tracking close to 2022 levels with a modest decline in membership and contributions year over year. As usual, end of calendar year fundraising will determine where revenue ends up. A busy field season program of work is reflected in increased costs to date for salaries and program expenses.

2022 Long Trail Day - Thanks to an unexpected matching gift a total of \$46 K was raised which exceeded the \$40 K goal.

Trail Work - Overall, the field season has gone well with most projects on target. Major highlights are:

*Launched major overhaul of the Burrows trail; crews have completed work on 50+ individual work sites so far this season.

*Completion of Privies at Seth Warner, Old Job, Stony Brook Shelters.

* Restoration of Kid Gore Shelter

*Full caretaker staffing, except for Stratton Mountain.

Conservation Planning - GMC staff and Working Group continue to work on the Strategic Conservation Plan to envision the next phase of the Long Trail Protection Campaign.

Strategic Planning - Staff is compiling membership and BOD input and expects to have a draft strategic planning document for the next Board meeting.

DEI Workshop - In the afternoon of 9/17 there was a Diversity Equity Inclusion workshop for the BOD. Presentation slides are available on request.

Tom Kahl, UVO Director at GMC BOD

Trails and Shelters:

Representative of the support we received from GMC staff this year, Volunteer and Education Coordinator *Lorne Currier* led an 8 person group of volunteers to the Thistle Hill privy to shift the "throne" (a.k.a toilet) to a new "crib" (waste bin).

Lorne also modeled and supervised work on a failed stone staircase at a brook crossing. On another section of trail, *Lorne* and the crew used side-hilling to create a more stable trail out of the uphill bank.

Water bars were cleared, and *Lorne* had some suggestions about how to protect the sills on the shelter from the weather.

In the Happy Hill shelter area, the official water source goes dry in the summer. The adopter discovered a nearby surface well that flows year round and is within the AT corridor. He led a bushwhacking trip to further explore it. The section has requested GMC to determine whether we could further develop the spring as an alternative water source to the one at Happy Hill shelter.

On the Tucker Trail a plank bridge was constructed over a chronically wet section thanks to the efforts of the Norwich Conservation Committee and members of the UVO section.

UPCOMING:

- We have a work day on November 19.
- We need an adopter for the Kent Pond to Deer Leap segment of trail
- GMC has asked the Forest Service to approve a relocation of the trail just south of the Thistle Hill shelter. The staircase has failed, and we want to replace it with a series of switchbacks.

It was an exceptionally busy season for trail maintenance. Usually we're able to clear most blowdowns in the spring, but this year the adopters and our three sawyers and friends were kept busy all season long and well into fall. Sawyers *Tom Kahl*, *Nick Krembs* and *John Detwiler* went through a rigorous certification program this spring just in time to do some heavy work on the trail. To the best of my knowledge the trail is open.

A hearty thanks to the approximately 30 adopters of trails and shelters and individual UVO section members who worked on the AT this year. It's not all chainsaw work. I was especially impressed with the amount of brush clearing done in the open areas. Hikers showed their appreciation in many positive comments. Thanks for all the work you do. Happy trails and shelters!

Bob Hagen, Trails and Shelters Chair

Newsletter Editor and Webmaster:

CONTENT: The Outings Schedule, reports about Section issues and items of general interest, and pictures from recent outings make up the space provided in the 6 pages of the FOOTNOTES. We need more stories from our readers!

MAILING: 180 UVO members (including families) like to receive their newsletter in hard copy. About 50 members receive their copy in electronic format. Sending out the FOOTNOTES via snail mail is labor intensive and costly. Newsletters have to be printed, folded, sealed, labeled and stamped. Labels have to be printed from an up-to-date list. This work needs to be done four times a year.

COST: The **main expense is for stamps** (presently 60 cents for regular mail) which means \$ 108. - per mailing. Bulk mail is not an option for the O-Section, since our membership is spread out over many different area codes and post offices.

The **cost for printing** comes to approximately \$ 100 every three months.

The email newsletters get sent out from the Trebitz personal account, so no cost involved.

Inge Trebitz

Website, Communication:

UVO communication includes our Newsletter (FOOTNOTES), an e-mail list used for on-the-spot information (e.g. on schedule changes), and the Section web site. Web Masters are Peter Hope and Heinz Trebitz but additional help is always needed. An alternate Web Master would assure the continuation of our public communication platform. Also, an alternate person would be helpful in entering our Outings Schedule into the GMC Google Calendar. Can we find a volunteer with web site knowledge to get involved?

Heinz Trebitz

4. Recognitions: Special mention went to *Kathy Astrauckas* for keeping up the UVO outings program under the adverse conditions of the past three years.

Thanks to *Tom Kahl* for setting up and hosting most UVO ZOOM meetings during the last year.

5. Election of Officers: *Annie Janeway*, Nominating Chair, presented the following slate of officers, which was accepted unanimously.

President	<i>Dick Andrews</i>
Secretary	<i>Judith Danna</i>
Treasurer/Membership	<i>Iris Berezin</i>
Outings	<i>Kathy Astrauckas</i>
Trails and Shelters	<i>Bob Hagen, Chair</i>
Newsletter	<i>Inge Trebitz</i>
GMC Section Director	<i>Tom Kahl</i>
Nominating Committee	<i>Annie Janeway</i>

6. Comments from Visitors: *Mike DeBonis* commented on the success of the GMC fundraising campaign (\$ 4 Mill.) and stressed the importance of revenues from dues as well as regular member donations.

Howard van Benthuysen talked about the upcoming GMC Board Meeting with discussions on naming issues (historical sensitivities), and DEI (diversity, equity, inclusion).

Questions and Answers: *Bob Hagen* asked about the Club's plans regarding training and certification of chain saw operators: Answer: the Club is fully committed to continue the program.

7. Old Business/Comments during the meeting: *Colin Osborne* suggested changing the FOOTNOTES distribution to all e-mail. *Annie Janeway* introduced *Judy Danna* (new Secretary – not present at mtg.) to the membership.

8. New Business: Members approved the following donations: \$ 500 to offset expenses for chainsaw instruction courses; \$ 200 each to Hartland Winter Trails, Upper Valley Trails Alliance and Upper Valley Land Trust, all fellow organizations in the Upper Valley. A donation to the Rivendell Trails organization was discussed. It was noted that members have frequent hikes on sections of their trail. Two UVO member couples are adopters on Rivendell's trail segments. Members suggested to contact the organization for further information on its present status, and authorized the Executive Committee to decide on a donation of up to \$ 200.- at the next planning meeting.

9. Adjournment: The business meeting closed at 8 p.m. A slide show (*Heinz* – approx. ½ h) followed.

Respectfully submitted 11/10/2022

Heinz Trebitz
UVO Secretary (outgoing)

"O" SECTION WINTER ACTIVITIES, DECEMBER 2022 – FEBRUARY 2023

Hunting Season	VT: 12/3 – 11 Muzzleloader	NH: 9/15 - 12/15 Archery, Deer & Turkey 11/9 - 12/4 Deer Reg. Firearms	
*** Easy on the knees	BACK-COUNTRY ETIQUETTE: NO CELL PHONE USE EXCEPT IN EMERGENCY		
Week of Dec 4	X-C Ski	At a touring center in VT or NH, or possibly on National Forest trails in either state. Contact leader for specific date and location. Intermediate (or greater) ability required. americanmountaingallery@gmail.com	Bob Tucker 802-457-2152
Dec 5 Mon	Microspike/ (snowshoe?)	Long Trail north from US-4 to Rolston Rest Shelter & return. Also passes by "new" Tucker Johnson Shelter. 10 miles, but only 1700' climb, nothing steep. Moderate. (If snowshoes/unbroken trail, we'll shorten trip considerably.)	Kathy Astrauckas/ Bob Hagen 802-785-4311
Dec 6 Tues	Hike ***	Hurricane Forest & Wildlife Refuge, Hartford, VT. 1 – 2 miles, up and mostly down. Slow pace. Easy, easy on the knees. *** Car spot.	Inge Brown 802-280-8017
Dec 9 Fri	Snowshoe or Spike	Ore Hill section of A.T., Wentworth/Warren, NH. Pretty section of trail from NH 25C to 25A. 5 mi, 700' elev. gain. Moderate. Car spot. (If car spot not feasible, we'll modify.)	Kathy Astrauckas/ Bob Hagen 802-785-4311
Dec 10 Sat	Snowshoe	Snow Mtn, Enfield, NH. Two ponds to explore; wildlife habitat. In 400-acre tract conserved by Upper Valley Land Trust. Out-&-back. 3 mi, 500'+ elev. gain. Moderate. mcclearytom54@gmail.com	Tom McCleary 802-295-7592 cell 802 356 0890
Dec 11 Sun	Dirt Road/ Trail Walk	Lyme, NH loop from Lyme Green. Market St, Shoestrap Rd, Maple St, River Rd, Lower Grant Brook Trail. 5.9 miles. Moderate.	Inge/Heinz Trebitz 802-785-2129
Dec 12 Mon	Snowshoe	Section 5 loop in Quechee, VT. Different tree types, a stream, foundation, stonewalls, ledges. Interpretive signs: info on geology, area's early inhabitants, remnants of settlements. 3 hours. Moderate.	Iris Berezin 802-295-2294
Dec 13 Tues	Hike ***	Hartford, VT Town Forest. Loop of 1 – 2 miles, through the woods. Slow pace. Easy, easy on the knees. ***	Inge Brown 802-280-8017
Dec 17 Sat	Hike/Spikes	Loop hike on trails of Thetford (VT) Academy & adjoining state park land. Trails both wide & narrow, up & down. 3 - 4 mi. Moderate.	Inge/Heinz Trebitz 802-785-2129
Week of Dec 18	X-C Ski	At a touring center in VT or NH, or possibly on National Forest trails in either state. Contact leader for specific date and location. Intermediate (or greater) ability required. americanmountaingallery@gmail.com	Bob Tucker 802-457-2152
Dec 19 Mon	Snowshoe/ Microspike	Long Trail south from Brandon Gap, backcountry uphill track to Goshen Mtn (3292'); views! Descend & continue south on LT to site of new (relocated) Sunrise Shelter; return on LT. 6.5 - 7 mi, 1600' climb. Moderate with some steep parts up Goshen Mtn.	Kathy Astrauckas/ Bob Hagen 802-785-4311
Dec 20 Tues	Hike ***	Ottaquechee River Trail loop, Woodstock, VT. Less than 2 miles, flat. Slow pace. Easy, easy on the knees. ***	Inge Brown 802-280-8017
Dec 27 Tues	Hike ***	Thetford Academy trails. 1 – 2 miles. Little ups and downs. Slow pace. Easy, easy on the knees. ***	Inge Brown 802-280-8017
Dec 30 Fri	Microspike	Paradise Park, Windsor, VT. Field, gazebo, Lake Runnemede, ridge trail, brooks, loop around Juniper Hill solar field w/ great views of Mt. Ascutney. Some short steep sections. ~ 4.5 mi. Easy – Moderate. kpmhoneill@gmail.com	Patrick O'Neill 802-291-3208
Dec 31 Sat	New Yr's Eve Party ### ***	New Year's Eve Party. Pot Luck Dinner at 7 p.m., road walk (***), return for dessert & to see the New Year in. RSVP. ### (UVO members & their guests only.)	Inge Brown 802-280-8017
Jan 1 Sun	Snowshoe/ Microspike	New Year's Day on A.T. Loop with Cossingham Road, Norwich, VT, to Happy Hill Shelter. Lovely woods, lots of short ups & downs. ~ 4 mi., 800' elev. gain. Moderate.	Kathy Astrauckas/Bob Hagen 802-785-4311
Week of Jan 1	X-C Ski	At a touring center in VT or NH, or possibly on National Forest trails in either state. Contact leader for specific date and location. Intermediate (or greater) ability required. americanmountaingallery@gmail.com	Bob Tucker 802-457-2152
Jan 3 Tues	X-C Ski ***	Around Lake Pinneo, Quechee, VT. ~ 1 mile, flat. You can do repeat loops if you want, or venture into gently rolling terrain. Slow pace. Easy, easy on the knees. *** (If no/poor snow, call for alternative outing.)	Inge Brown 802-280-8017
Jan 3 Tues	Planning Meeting	Planning mtg for Spring (Mar - May) outings. 7:00 p.m. via Zoom, because it works so well. Call or email Kathy Astrauckas ahead w/ ideas if you can't join us. kabh@myfairpoint.net	Kathy Astrauckas 802-785-4311
Jan 7 Sat	Hike/Spike/ Snowshoe	Mimi's Trail, Thetford, VT. Designed by Thetford's John Morton, former Olympic biathlete. Nice views from summit. ~ 5 mi. Moderate.	Annie Janeway 413-374-0988 ajaneway@gmail.com

Jan 9 Mon	Snowshoe	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
Jan 10 Tues	Snowshoe	Little Rock Pond, Wallingford, VT. Via Homer Stone Brook trail; loop around pond on Little Rock Pond Loop Tr. 5 mi, 1200' climb. Moderate, w/ 1 potentially challenging stream crossing. wajacks@hotmail.com	Wendy Jackson 203-297-5144
Jan 10 Tues	X-C Ski ***	Huntley Meadows, Norwich, VT. ~ 1 mile loop in field. Flat. You can do repeat loops if you want. Slow pace. Easy, easy on the knees. *** (If no/poor snow, call for alternative outing.)	Inge Brown 802-280-8017
Jan 14 Sat	Hike	Bald Top (1776'), Fairlee, VT. Brushwood Rd (class IV) from intersection of Blood Brook Rd. & Brushwood Rd, Wetlands Trail to summit; down Cross-Rivendell Trail (CRT) to car spot on Blood Brook Rd. 4.5 mi, 1400' climb. Moderate w/ steep section to summit. mcclearytom54@gmail.com	Tom McCleary 802-295-7592 cell 802 356 0890
Week of Jan 15	X-C Ski	At a touring center in VT or NH, or possibly on National Forest trails in either state. Contact leader for specific date and location. Intermediate (or greater) ability required. americanmountaingallery@gmail.com	Bob Tucker 802-457-2152
Jan 16 Mon	Mystery A.T. Snowshoe or Spike	Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Town of Killington/ Thundering Falls area. ~ 2 – 3 mi. Easy to Moderate. Fully vaccinated participants only. duncanlove4024@yahoo.com (Email contact preferred)	Duncan Love 802-226-7697
Jan 17 Tues	X-C Ski ***	Around Lake Pinneo, Quechee, VT. ~ 1 mile, flat. You can do repeat loops if you want, or venture into gently rolling terrain. Slow pace. Easy, easy on the knees. *** (If no/poor snow, call for alternative outing.)	Inge Brown 802-280-8017
Jan 20 Fri	Snowshoe	Brookmead Conservation Area, Norwich, VT. Lovely woods loop of 3+ miles, ~ 1000' climb. Moderate.	Iris Berezin 802-295-2294
Jan 21 Sat	Snowshoe/ Microspike	Whitcomb Hill, Strafford VT. Loop: Furnace Flats Tr to Whitcomb Hill, down Cross Town Tr to Rt 132, on Rt 132 for 3/4 mile to cars. Great views fr Whitcomb Hill. 5 mi, 1,000' elev. gain. Moderate.	Tom Kahl 207-692-7495
Jan 23 Mon	X-C Ski	X-C ski on Thetford (VT) Academy Trails. Some wide, groomed, & tracked, some narrow but easy to follow. Hilly. 3 miles. Moderate.	Inge/Heinz Trebitz 802-785-2129
Jan 24 Tues	Snowshoe	Baker Peak, Mt. Tabor, VT. Lake Tr, Baker Peak Tr, Long Tr. Views of Dorset Peak & Mt Equinox; 2 stream crossings. Partly in Big Branch Wilderness. 5.8 mi, 2200' climb. Strenuous. Pkg limited, carpool required. LIMITED TO 8 (Wilderness restrictions). Details in GMC Winter Hiking Guide to VT p.214. wajacks@hotmail.com	Wendy Jackson 203-297-5144
Jan 24 Tues	X-C Ski ***	Huntley Meadows, Norwich, VT. ~ 1 mile loop in field. Flat. You can do repeat loops if you want. Slow pace. Easy, easy on the knees. *** (If no/poor snow, call for alternative outing.)	Inge Brown 802-280-8017
Jan 27 Fri	Snowshoes/ Microspikes	Bridal Veil Falls, Franconia, NH. Coppermine Trail, Coppermine Shelter. Gorgeous ice formations on falls. 5 mi, 1200' elev. gain. Moderate.	Kathy Astraukas/ Bob Hagen 802-785-4311
Jan 28 Sat	X-C Ski	The Greens, Lyme/Dorchester, NH. Various loops for a few hours on groomed terrain. Moderate/Intermediate skiing ability.	Annie Janeway 413-374-0988 ajaneway@gmail.com
Jan 30 Mon	X-C Ski	In Army Corps of Engineers Union Village Dam Rec. Area, Thetford, VT. On Buzzell Bridge Rd, from parking lot to the dam & back. Partly groomed by snowmobiles, partly just follow others' tracks. 5 – 6 mi. Moderate.	Inge/Heinz Trebitz 802-785-2129
Jan 31 Tues	Snowshoe/ Microspike	Norwich, VT loop connecting Parcel 5, Brookmead Conservation Area, Ballard Trail. Lovely section along Charles Brown Brook. 7 mi, 1200' elev gain (many short up/dns). Moderate.	Nick Krembs 802-649-1048
Jan 31 Tues	X-C Ski ***	Around Lake Pinneo, Quechee, VT. ~ 1 mile, flat. You can do repeat loops if you want, or venture into gently rolling terrain. Slow pace. Easy, easy on the knees. *** (If no/poor snow, call for alternative outing.)	Inge Brown 802-280-8017
Feb 3 Fri	Snowshoe	Mt Ascutney Road, Windsor VT, to picnic pavilion. Nice views, mostly northwestward: Windsor, Moosilauke, Presidentials if lucky. 4.0 mi round trip, 1200' climb. Trailbreaking unlikely. Moderate.	Dick Andrews 803-885-3201
Feb 4 Sat	Snowshoe	Mt. Ascutney (3150'), West Windsor, VT via Windsor Trail. 5.4 mi., 2,520' elev. gain. Observation tower with views, if we make it. Strenuous. kpmhoneill@gmail.com	Patrick O'Neill 802-291-3208
Week of Feb 5	X-C Ski	At a touring center in VT or NH, or possibly on National Forest trails in either state. Contact leader for specific date and location. Intermediate (or greater) ability required. americanmountaingallery@gmail.com	Bob Tucker 802-457-2152
Feb 6 Mon	Snowshoe	The Long Tr. in winter. Clarendon Gorge to Minerva Hinchey Shelter & return. Beautiful gorge, views of Adirondacks from Airport Lookout. 5.4 mi., 1000' elev. gain. Moderate.	Kathy Astraukas/ Bob Hagen 802-785-4311

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Feb 7 Tues	X-C Ski ***	Woodstock Country Club. 1 – 2 mile loop (or longer on your own). Fee. Plus half-price entry to swimming pool, spa and sauna. Slow pace. Easy, easy on the knees. ***	Inge Brown 802-280-8017
Feb 10 Fri	Snowshoe	Blueberry Mtn (2662'), Glenclyff, NH. Out and back. 5.2 mi round trip, 1300' elev. gain. Fabulous views from ledges. Moderate.	Iris Berezin 802-295-2294
Feb 11 Sat	Snowshoe/ Hike	Tucker Mountain Town Forest, Newbury, VT. Loop from east entrance. Spectacular view!!! ~ 3.2 mi. Moderate; one short, steep, smooth hill climb to view.	Annie Janeway 413-374-0988 ajaneway@gmail.com
Feb 14 Tues	Walk/ *** Snowshoe	Valentine's Day outing on Route 5 bicycle path, Wilder, VT. Out-and-back, flat, no traffic. Slow pace. Easy, easy on the knees. ***	Inge Brown 802-280-8017
Feb 17 Fri	Snowshoe	Heron rookery, Springfield VT. An old beaver pond with nine heron nests on two dead pine trees, a pleasant walk in the woods mostly on former logging roads. 3.6 mi., 720' climb. Moderate.	Dick Andrews 803-885-3201
Feb 18 Sat	Snowshoe	Root Beer Ridge (lollipop loop) in Gr. Mtn. Nat. Forest near Weston, VT. Unplowed Moses Rd./snowmobile tr, Beaver Meadows Tr, Root Beer Ridge Tr, Catamount Ski Tr/snowmobile tr. 7.1 mi, 900' climbing. Moderate to Difficult, depending on snow conditions; will turn around early if conditions too challenging. (Full description in GMC Winter Hiking Guide to Vermont, p. 213).	Tom McCleary 802-295-7592 cell 802 356 0890 mcclearytom54@gmail.com
Feb 19 Sun	X-C Ski	Groomed ski trails at French's Ledges, Plainfield, NH, a new adventure for UV-O. Most trails are easy, but a few venture up hill near the famous "Ledges" which cannot be navigated on skis. Bring spikes or snowshoes if you would like to see the view from the top. 2 - 3 hours.	Iris Berezin 802-295-2294
Week of Feb 19	X-C Ski	At a touring center in VT or NH, or possibly on National Forest trails in either state. Contact leader for specific date and location. Intermediate (or greater) ability required. americanmountaingallery@gmail.com	Bob Tucker 802-457-2152
Feb 21 Tues	Hike/ *** Snowshoe	Quinn Trail, Hanover, NH. Out-and-back, 1 – 2 miles along Mink Brook. Slow pace. Easy, easy on the knees. ***	Inge Brown 802-280-8017
Feb 24 Fri	Snowshoe or Spike	Paradise Park, Windsor VT. Spend several hours exploring trails in this wooded gem Windsor began preserving 80 years ago. Pond, secluded ravines and streams. Hilly but not vertiginous. The easier side of Moderate, w/ some steep spots.	Dick Andrews 803-885-3201
Feb 25 Sat	Snowshoe or Microspike	Mt. Cardigan (3121'). Unplowed road to parking lot, West Ridge Tr to summit. 360° views. 5 mi, 1,400' climb. Moderate.	Tom Kahl 207-692-7495
Feb 27 Mon	Snowshoe	Mt. Cube (2909') from NH-25A to North & South Peaks. Pretty, varied trail with views of Smarts, Ascutney, Moosilauke. 7 mi, 2100' climb. Moderate-Strenuous.	Kathy Astrauckas/ Bob Hagen 802-785-4311
Feb 28 Tues	Road Walk ***	Norwich, VT loop: Main St, Beaver Meadow Rd, Hopson Rd, Elm St. ~ 1.5 mi. Slow pace. Easy, easy on the knees. ***	Inge Brown 802-280-8017



Patrick O'Neill's Hike on Little Ascutney

Photo: Annie Janeway

Saturday, November 5, eleven GMC UVO members got to explore the Little Ascutney Wildlife Management Area. Patrick O'Neill led the group on this warm sunny day to a beautiful ledge lookout with spectacular views of the farms below and the mountains around. We gazed upon Mount Ascutney through the trees on the descent. We all loved the unique view and camaraderie of checking out a lesser known wilderness area.

Annie Janeway

*Happy
Holidays!*

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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 "UVO" 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 "UVO" 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. Rick Dugan/Membership. Please enclose a check, payable to the Green Mountain Club.

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 #: _____

_____ E-mail: _____

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