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Minutes of the 47th ANNUAL MEETING of the UPPER Valley OTTAUQUECHEE SECTION of the GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB

Welcome and Introduction

After a wonderful potluck dinner, former UVO-Section President *Dick Andrews* welcomed 21 attendees and asked for personal introductions.

Announcements

Kathy Astrauckas shared personal updates on several well-known members of the Section. *Lynne Miller* thanked *Dick Andrews* for filling in as tonight's meeting facilitator, and all the current Section officers for their volunteerism.

Approval of 2024 Annual Meeting Minutes: The minutes as printed in the December 2024 FOOTNOTES were approved unanimously.

President's Message and Review of GMC Section

Presidents Meeting: *Debbie Marcus* (presented by *Dick Andrews*) - At the time of this writing, there is no indication that federally funded contracts for Club projects will be retracted.

Review of the Club Governance is ongoing.

Two spring chainsaw recertification sessions are being offered by the Club for free.

Members are reminded to report any mechanized vehicle Long Trail encroachment.

First Aid and CPR certification is being offered by the Londonderry Rescue Squad.

The Bennington Section can offer Section help with the use of Meet Up.

Committee Reports (highlights only – written reports are available through the Section Secretary)

Outings: *Kathy Astrauckas* – It's less than six months since the last Annual Meeting report, but during that interval, the UVO Section has continued to offer an

average of more than three outings per week, led by about twenty volunteer members. Thank you to all the leaders who have been flexible as weather and ground conditions have been increasingly changeable.

Treasury and Membership: *Iris Berezin* – For the period October 2024 through February 2025, our membership numbers are strong, but we are still trying to recover financially from the expense (\$1,537) of the chainsaw certification training.



Winter still on Mousilauke

Photo: Mark Harvey

Section Director: *Tom Kahl* – GMC is expected to show a \$9K surplus at the end of this fiscal year on April 30, 2025.

The new Visitor Center in Waterbury Center is complete and open for visitors.

Thanks to a \$250K anonymous foundation grant, a Land Stewardship Coordinator has been hired to facilitate most of the annual land stewardship work.

In December 2024 the Board approved \$50K for upgrading GMC's website; the plan is to hire a web consultant this summer with changes implemented next winter.

The Governance retreat took place in March.

Trails and Shelters: *Bob Hagen* - Of note were the following trail construction projects last year on our forty-five miles of trail: the relocation of a 500-foot portion of trail south of Thistle Hill Shelter, replacement and repair of puncheon south of the Quechee-West Hartford Road (with wood donated by Morton Trails), a major rehabilitation of the Quimby Mountain segment of the trail by the Vermont Youth Conservation Corps, and replacement of the old pit privy at Winturri Shelter with a moldering privy.

Once again the Upper Valley Trails Alliance will lend us tools for trail work this season.

Spring work days are scheduled. Here are the dates and contacts: April 26 *Debbie Marcus*, May 3 *Bob Hagen*, May 17 *Nick Krembs*. Thank you for all of your work.

Publicity: *Inge Trebitz* (presented by *Heinz Trebitz*) - For the spring FOOTNOTES edition, 200 addresses received a printed copy and 60 addresses received an e-version. The quarterly publication currently costs \$1.27 total per mailed copy (printing, and postage stamps at 73 cents each).

Heinz reported that the UVO website is now being edited by the new webmaster *Lynn Fisher*. Please continue to send trip reports and other contributions to *Heinz*.

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

President	<i>Debbie Marcus</i>
Treasurer/Membership	<i>Iris Berezin</i>
Outings	<i>Kathy Astrauckas</i>
Trails and Shelters	<i>Bob Hagen</i>
Newsletter	<i>Inge Trebitz</i>
GMC Section Director	<i>Mark Harvey</i>
Webmaster	<i>Lynn Fisher</i>
Secretary	<i>Judy Danna</i>
Nominating Committee	<i>Annie Janeway</i>

Trail Management Committee: *Kathy Astrauckas* – A mountain bike route the length of Vermont is being proposed by an outside group called the Velomont. The Trail Management Committee wants to ensure that there would be no adverse impacts with bikers riding near the Griffith Lake area of the Long Trail.

The Club has received a three-year grant from the Waterman Fund to add volunteer stewards at additional locations replicating the successful program at Barnes Camp in Smugglers Notch.

There is a small shelter on the way up Mt Abraham from Lincoln Gap. There is a proposal to restore it and build a small shelter close to it with a shared common area. There will be a trail relocation near the Prospect Rock (north of route 15 in Johnson) to avoid a peregrine falcon nesting site. The Long Trail itself in that area is subject to closure March to August each year.

GMC is working to be able to certify sawyers in-house.

New Business:

Heinz Trebitz moved that the Section donate \$200 each to Hartland Winter Trails, the Rivendell Trails Association, the Upper Valley Trails Alliance and the Upper Valley Land Trust, each of which maintains trails the Section enjoys; and to return \$500 to the main Green Mountain Club treasury.

Kathy Astrauckas moved to amend the motion to remove the return of \$500 to the main Club from the motion. After considerable discussion both the amendment and the amended motion passed. Discussion noted that our treasury has not yet recovered from the \$1,537 cost of recent chainsaw training; that the section is now more often expected to pay for materials used in trail maintenance; and that the tradition of returning unneeded funds to the main Club treasury originated when the Section had a robustly growing balance in our bank account. Some concern was voiced that abruptly ending the tradition of returning funds might be felt at headquarters as uncomradely.

Adjournment: The meeting was closed at 8:25pm. Respectfully submitted by *Judy Danna*. 4/6/25



Grafton Pond

Photo: *Dave Newbury*

"UVO" SECTION SUMMER ACTIVITIES, JUNE – AUGUST 2025

*** = 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

Jun 3 Tues	Hike	Exploratory hike in Lyme, NH Town Forest. Let's see where this trail goes! Bring lunch. Up to 5 mi. Ups and downs.	Lynne Miller 603-643-6194
June 3 Tues	Walk ***	Short walk in the local Upper Valley area of Vermont. Slow pace, less than an hour. Easy, easy on the knees. *** Please call Inge Brown for location and time.	Inge Brown 802-280-8017
Jun 6 Fri	Hike	Welch (2605') & Dickey (2734') Loop Trail, Waterville Valley, NH. Open summits & ledges, great views. 4.4 miles, 1800' climb. Some steep parts & wide, steeply sloping ledges. Moderate-Strenuous.	Kathy Astraukas/ Bob Hagen 802-785-4311
Jun 7 Sat	Hike	Sunapee-Ragged-Kearsarge Greenway (SRKG), Andover, NH. Proctor Academy to Winslow State Park. See remains of early settlement, cellar holes, chimneys, cemetery; views of White Mtns, Mt. Sunapee, Mt. Ascutney. 6 Mi, 1300' climb. Moderate. Mcclearytom54@gmail.com	Tom McCleary 802-295-7592 cell 802 356 0890
Jun 9 Mon	Hike	Wright's Mtn (1882'), Bradford, VT. Network of trails, many named for the people involved in developing the area. Cabin/lookout at summit w/ views of VT; return w/ view of NH. Side trip to Devil's Den possible if group wants. 5+ mi. Moderate; hilly.	Iris Berezin 802-295-2294
Jun 10 Tues	Hike	Bromley Mtn (3,281'), Peru, VT. Out & back on Long / Appalachian Trail northbound from VT-11 & 30. Visit Bromley shelter en route to summit with new observation tower. 6 mi, 1460' climb. Moderate. kpmhoneill@gmail.com	Patrick O'Neill 802-291-3208
Jun 10 Tues	Walk ***	Short walk in the local Upper Valley area of Vermont. Slow pace, less than an hour. Easy, easy on the knees. *** Please call Inge Brown for location and time.	Inge Brown 802-280-8017
Jun 11 Wed	Hike	Bill Ballard Trail, Norwich, VT. About 4 miles one way (car spot). Includes lovely section along Charles Brown Brook & "Grand Canyon of Norwich". Easy - Moderate.	Inge/Heinz Trebitz 802-785-2129
Jun 14 Sat	GMC Annual Meeting	Green Mountain Club's 115 th Annual Meeting at Club Headquarters in Waterbury Ctr, VT. Hear about GMC's progress over the last year & plans for the upcoming hiking season. Take a hike! Always fun. Sponsored by the Northeast Kingdom (NEK) Section. Info & registration: https://www.greenmountainclub.org/members/annual-meeting/	GMC HQ 802-244-7037
Jun 16 Mon	Hike	Killington Peak (4235'), Killington, VT. Bucklin Tr from Brewers Corner, out & back. Great view from summit! Historic CCC-era Cooper Lodge. 7.5 mi, 2450' climb. Mod – Strenuous, esp. for final steep scramble (0.2 mi) to summit. Will descend more gently from summit via a loop to top of gondola & across top of ski trails (more views!). pmrobertson50@gmail.com	Phil Robertson 802-457-7357
Jun 17 Tues	Hike	Cloudland Rd. to Joe Ranger Rd; Thistle Hill Shelter. Lovely stretch of woods, hopefully wildflowers. Field with view at end. 3.8 mi, 900' up, 950' down. Moderate.	Kathy Astraukas/ Bob Hagen 802-785-4311
Jun 17 Tues	Walk ***	Short walk in the local Upper Valley area of Vermont. Slow pace, less than an hour. Easy, easy on the knees. *** Please call Inge Brown for location and time.	Inge Brown 802-280-8017
Jun 17 Tues	UVO Planning Meeting	UVO Quarterly Business & Planning mtg for Fall (Sept. – Nov.) outings. 7:00 p.m. via Zoom, because it works so well. Call or email Kathy Astraukas ahead w/ ideas if you can't join us. kabh@myfairpoint.net	Kathy Astraukas 802-785-4311
Jun 21 Sat	Hike	2 nd day of summer at Mt Cardigan (3155') State Park, Orange NH. Various trails to summit: Cardigan, Firescrew, South Peak, Rimrock, & Orange Mtn. Excellent views. Very rocky terrain, some steep sections. 7 mi, 2,200' climb. Strenuous. russcann@yahoo.com	Russ Cannizzaro 919-576-6109
Jun 23 Mon	Hike	Mount Pisgah (2751'), West Burke VT. Explore VT's Northeast Kingdom with dramatic views of Lake Willoughby. Up and down South Trail with side trip to North Trail vistas. 5 mi, 1,450 ft. Moderate. Possible swim in glacial Lake Willoughby.	Tom Kahl 207-692-7495
Jun 24 Tues	Walk ***	Short walk in the local Upper Valley area of Vermont. Slow pace, less than an hour. Easy, easy on the knees. *** Please call Inge Brown for location and time.	Inge Brown 802-280-8017
Jun 27 Fri	Hike + Swim	Homer Stone Brook Trail / Little Rock Pond Loop, Wallingford, VT. Steady grades up; lovely pond loop. 1 major stream crossing, challenging if high water. 5.3 mi total, 1400' climb. Cell phone (call or text msg; NO voicemail): 802-356-0428	Susan Ogden susanstarchild58@gmail.com
Jun 28 Sat	Hike	Camels Hump (4083'). From Huntington, VT: Out-&-back on refurbished Burrows Trail; Long Trail to summit. Beautiful views from bare alpine summit. 4.8 mi, 2600' climb. Strenuous. debbie.marcus57@gmail.com	Debbie Marcus 978-578-4198
Jun 30 Mon	Hike	Section 5 loop, 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

July 1 Tues	Hike	Mt. Ascutney (3150') via Brownsville Trail. Old quarry, observation tower with 360° views. 6.4 mi, 2400' climb. Strenuous. kpmhoneill@gmail.com	Patrick O'Neill 802-291-3208
July 1 Tues	Walk ***	Short walk in the local Upper Valley area of Vermont. Slow pace, less than an hour. Easy, easy on the knees. *** Please call Inge Brown for location and time.	Inge Brown 802-280-8017
July 6 Sun	Hike	Strafford, VT. Downer Forest walk- through on old woods road. Long, gradual uphill at beginning. View point. 4 miles. The easier end of Moderate. Car spot.	Lynne Miller 603-643-6194
July 8 Tues	Walk ***	Short walk in the local Upper Valley area of Vermont. Slow pace, less than an hour. Easy, easy on the knees. *** Please call Inge Brown for location and time.	Inge Brown 802-280-8017
July 11 Fri	Hike	French's Ledges, Plainfield, NH. Start at Plainfield Elem School. 2 - 3 hour meander through woods; short scramble to top of ledges & beautiful view. Moderate.	Iris Berezin 802-295-2294
July 12 Sat	Hike	A.T., Lyme NH. Out & back from Dartmouth Skiway to Goose Pond Rd. Excellent views from Holts Ledge & overlooks along ridge. 7.4 mi, 2 major climbs with total 2,600' climb. Strenuous. russcann@yahoo.com	Russ Cannizzaro 919-576-6109
July 14 Mon	Hike + Swim	Bridal Veil Falls, Franconia, NH. Coppermine Trail, Coppermine Shelter. Bette Davis history, gorgeous falls, pool for taking a dip! 5 mi, 1200' climb. Gradual, steady elev. gain. Footing can be rough, but there's nothing steep. Moderate.	Kathy Astraukas/Bob Hagen 802-785-4311
July 15 Tues	Hike	Mt. Abraham (4006') & Mt. Lincoln, Lincoln, VT. Long Trail north from Lincoln Gap Rd. Part of Monroe Skyline. Rare alpine zone plants, great views, old plane crash site, lookout platform on Mt. Abe. 6.8 mi, 1700' climb. Moderate – Strenuous. pmrobertson50@gmail.com	Phil Robertson 802-457-7357
July 15 Tues	Walk ***	Short walk in the local Upper Valley area of Vermont. Slow pace, less than an hour. Easy, easy on the knees. *** Please call Inge Brown for location and time.	Inge Brown 802-280-8017
July 18 Fri	Hike	West Hartford & Norwich, VT. Ramble over hill & dale on the A.T. & in & around the A.T. corridor. Explore formerly inhabited lands, now seemingly "in the middle of nowhere" with remains of an old shop, cemetery with 22 headstones; who knows what else we'll discover! Happy Hill Shelter for lunch. ~ 5+ hours. Moderate. Possible short car spot.	Laurelae Oehler 802-233-3706 laurelae@yahoo.com
July 21 Mon	Paddle	Canoe or kayak on Grafton Pond, Grafton, NH. Very scenic, no power boats above 5 mph. Shoreline w/ miles of nooks & crannies. Paddle, picnic, swim. Bring lunch. PDF required.	Heinz/Inge Trebitz 802-785-2129
July 22 Tues	Hike	Worcester Range, Stowe/Worcester, VT area. Mount Hunger (3,553'), Stowe Pinnacle, Mt. Hunger. Many stunning views! Stowe Pinnacle Tr, Ridge Tr, Skyline Tr to Mt. Hunger; descend via Waterbury Trail. 8.2 mi, 3093' climb. Strenuous. Car spot. kpmhoneill@gmail.com	Patrick O'Neill 802-291-3208
July 22 Tues	Walk ***	Short walk in the local Upper Valley area of Vermont. Slow pace, less than an hour. Easy, easy on the knees. *** Please call Inge Brown for location and time.	Inge Brown 802-280-8017
July 25 Fri	Hike	Mt. Eisenhower (4763'), in the Southern Presidentials, near Twin Mountain, NH. Out-& back on Edmands Path. Stunning views! 6.6 mi, 2750' climb. Strenuous. Cell phone (call or text msg; NO voicemail): 802-356-0428	Susan Ogden susanstarchild58@gmail.com
July 28 Mon	Hike	Appalachian Trail from River Rd., Town of Killington, VT (parking for Thundering Brook Falls) to Stony Brook Rd. Check out newly rerouted section of trail built by VT Youth Conserv. Corps. 5.1 mi, 1900' climb. Long, steep uphill to start, then lots of ups and downs. Moderate – Strenuous. Car spot. Mcclearytom54@gmail.com	Tom McCleary 802-295-7592 cell 802 356 0890
July 29 Tues	Hike	Mt. Tremont (3371'), Bartlett, NH. On NH "52 with a View" list. Brook, cascades; some steep & rough sections w/ many switchbacks to ridge top. View @ ledgy summit. 5.6 mi, 2550' climb. Moderate – Strenuous.	Kathy Astraukas/Bob Hagen 802-785-4311
July 29 Tues	Walk ***	Short walk in the local Upper Valley area of Vermont. Slow pace, less than an hour. Easy, easy on the knees. *** Please call Inge Brown for location and time.	Inge Brown 802-280-8017
Aug 2 Sat	Hike	Windmill Ridge, Athens, VT. To Paul's Ledges & other viewpoints via Bemis Hill Rd., Sugar Grove Tr, Hemlock Tr, Old County Rd. 4.6 mi, some hills. Moderate. Mcclearytom54@gmail.com	Tom McCleary 802-295-7592 cell 802 356 0890
Aug 4 Mon	Hike	Camels Hump (4083'). East Loop from Duxbury, VT: Monroe Tr, Dean Tr, LT North; return on Monroe Tr. Fabulous views; exposed alpine zone. 7.4 mi, 2700' climb. Some rock scrambling. Strenuous. pmrobertson50@gmail.com	Phil Robertson 802-457-7357
Aug 5 Tues	Hike	Exploratory hike in Trout Pond area, Lyme, NH. What will we discover? Up to 5 miles. Come prepared for adventure! Distance, route, & footing to be discovered. Moderate.	Lynne Miller 603-643-6194
Aug 5 Tues	Walk ***	Short walk in the local Upper Valley area of Vermont. Slow pace, less than an hour. Easy, easy on the knees. *** Please call Inge Brown for location and time.	Inge Brown 802-280-8017

2025 Summer Activities - continued from Insert (Page 3 and 4)

Aug 9 Sat	Hike	Black Mtn (2830'), East Haverhill, NH. Chippewa Trail. Steep, with many incredible views, esp. summit view toward Moosilauke. Tipping Rock. Side trip to historic lime kilns. 3.8 mi, 1550' climb. Some very steep sections. Moderate - Strenuous.	Iris Berezin 802-295-2294
Aug 12 Tues	Hike	Gore Mountain (3,332'), Norton, VT. Out-&-back on Gore Mountain Trail. 8.2 mi, 2,032' climb. Strenuous. kpmhoneill@gmail.com	Patrick O'Neill 802-291-3208
Aug 12 Tues	Walk ***	Short walk in the local Upper Valley area of Vermont. Slow pace, less than an hour. Easy, easy on the knees. *** Please call Inge Brown for location and time.	Inge Brown 802-280-8017
Aug 13 Wed	Bike Ride	Lamoille Valley Rail Trail. Meet & start at Joe's Pond, West Danville, VT, off Rt.2; end in St. Johnsbury off Rt.5 near I-91 Exit 20. 17 beautiful miles, not paved but smooth. Hybrid bikes recommended. Moderate. Car spot required.	Inge/ Heinz Trebitz 802-785-2129
Aug 15 Fri	Hike	Blueberry Mtn (2662'), Glenclyff, NH. Out and back. 5.2 mi round trip, 1300' climb. Fabulous views from ledges. Moderate.	Iris Berezin 802-295-2294
Aug 16 Sat	Hike	Gettysburg Quarry & Owl's Head, Dorset, VT. Pass by a marble quarry dump, to base of Gettysburg Quarry, thru a temperate calcareous outcropping natural community; up southern VT's Owl's Head to Gilbert Lookout. 5.1 mi, 1550' climb. Moderate. g568hiker@outlook.com	Gerard Gagnon 603-540-2809
Aug 19 Tues	Walk ***	Short walk in the local Upper Valley area of Vermont. Slow pace, less than an hour. Easy, easy on the knees. *** Please call Inge Brown for location and time.	Inge Brown 802-280-8017
Aug 22 Fri	Hike	Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park, Woodstock, VT. The narrower, steeper "hiking" trails in the park. From Billings Farm pkg, Upper Meadow Trail behind the Mansion, Precipice Trail to South Peak (to avoid steep portion of Precipice Trail can take Billings Trail to Mt Tom Rd to South Peak). Return to cars via Faulkner Trail. 4 miles. Moderate.	Iris Berezin 802-295-2294
Aug 24 Sun	Paddle + Swim	Lake Tarleton, Piermont, NH. 334-acre clear lake, will circumnavigate the lake. Swimming possible. Public boat launch. ajaneway@gmail.com	Annie Janeway 413-374-0988
Aug 26 Tues	Walk ***	Short walk in the local Upper Valley area of Vermont. Slow pace, less than an hour. Easy, easy on the knees. *** Please call Inge Brown for location *****	Inge Brown 802-280-8017

Worthy Trail Grunts:

Thanks for your work, but also your trust that I could orchestrate a work-day with many moving parts. There were no easy assignments: wrestling messy collections of hardwood blow-downs or dueling sturdy blackberry canes is not for the faint of heart. Reports tell me that all the assignments were completed, and one thru-hiker from Mississippi told me that our section of trail is in the best condition of all sections he's hiked since leaving Harpers Ferry. There's no way the trail could exist without your dedication. Happy Trails! *Bob Hagen*

2025 May Workday: *Bob* and his crew of more than a dozen volunteers.



Photo: *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 Vermont mountains play 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 the 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, attRick Dugan/Membership. 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