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**Upcoming meeting: September 10, 2001. See last page for details.**

## *KTA Trail Crew on the MST*

Tom Kelliher — The KTA Trail Crew worked on the MST from June 20 to 24, building a relocation above Ramsey on Pine Creek. This relocation eliminated most of a dangerous road walk along PA 44. A total of 18 people put in a day or more of work. This hard working crew did a tremendous job on the trail and was quite ably led by Tom Thwaites. On day one, Tom had the original route de-blazed, committing us to the work ahead. In four days the group cut nearly 3 KM of sidehill! One work group installed check steps on the embankment just above PA 44 on day one. On the second day, one group worked in from the top through a big laurel patch, having to orienteer their way through with brush cutter, chain saw, and loppers to the flagging on the other side. They hit their mark dead-on! Base camp was at Little Pine Creek State Park in a bit of a draw. A hard rain greeted us on Saturday. At 5:30 am, gravity overcame a rather large tree opposite the camp. That event seemed to hurry everyone out of their tents into the rainy morning. At the end of the day someone was heard to remark "Well, there weren't any insects around today." Sunday, most of the crew polished up its work. One group built steps through a quite scenic area with a small waterfall as its focal point.



Ron Burge and Betty Clark building check steps on day one.

The original route, which has some nice overlooks, has been re-blazed blue. The new and old trail would make a nice circuit hike, if one is very careful on PA 44.



Everyone loves sidehill construction. Dave Walp leading the charge.

Crew roster: Tom Thwaites, Carl Lorence, Ron Burge, Fred Krapf, Tom Kelliher, Sandy Slonaker, Dave Walp, Barb Wiemann, Joseph Clark, Betty Clark, Bob Best, Dennis Morris, Paul Brach, John Stein, Joe Healey, Lorraine Healey, Dave McMillan, Peter Fleszar, and Bob Staver.

## *June Meeting Minutes*

Jean Aron — Report of Mid State Trail Association Meeting, Monday June 11, 2001.

The quarterly meeting of MSTA was held at Rusty's Restaurant in Lewisburg and was attended by about 17 people.

The pricing of the new Maps & Guide Set was discussed, and set at \$20 retail. Jean Aron showed the Set, which includes: the 10th Edition guidebook, 2001 (which describes the entire 400+ km hiking trail, from Tioga County in the north to the Maryland border in the south) and 18 maps on nine double-sided sheets. The set comes packed in a zip-lock plastic bag. Items in the Set can also be purchased separately through MSTA. The guidebook retails at \$6 and the double-sided maps are \$2 each. Free copies of the new 10th edition of the guidebook were given to everyone attending the meeting.

Recent conflicts between MST and the Bureau of Forestry, particularly in Tiadaghton State Forest, were presented by Richard Lange, and discussed at some length. Problems include sections of MST which have



Scenic waterfall area.

been given over to “multi-use” (especially a horse path), and another trail section which is on a former logging haul road (30 years old) which the foresters now want to use again for a logging operation.

A report on legal alternatives was given by Tom Yannaccone. It was not clear whether any law has been broken. Mid State Trail is one of 18 officially designated “State Forest Hiking Trails”. The regulations state that it should be for foot travel only, and a 200 ft. no-cut buffer zone is to be maintained along the trail. However, later interpretations have created a lot of gray areas in these rules. MSTA has invested a lot of time, labor and money in the MST. For 30 years the Bureau of Forestry has worked hand in hand with the MSTA to create and maintain this gem of a Trail. We don't like to lose that cooperative effort. Several MSTA representatives are working towards a resolution.

Keystone Trails Association, acting as an umbrella organization for hiking groups such as MSTA, has been drawing up a “Memorandum of Agreement” (MOA) between PA Bureau of Forestry and Keystone Trails Association. This MOA is modeled on a similar agreement in 1995 between Appalachian Trail Conference and all PA agencies. Ralph Seeley is head of this ad hoc committee, but was unable to attend the MSTA meeting. It is hoped that this document can clarify our objectives and obligations, and reinforce our mutual efforts.

Tom Thwaites suggested changing the name of the Trail to “Seven Mountains Trail”. The idea was quickly voted down, as being too costly, and too late. The Mid State Trail is 30 years old already.

A routing problem at US 30 was discussed. The printing of Map 215 has been delayed because of one landowner. Since no alternative route was feasible, it was decided that the map should reflect the description already written in the 10th Edition guide. The new

Maps and Guide Sets are sold with a “certificate” entitling the bearer to free updated maps as soon as they become available later this year.

The next meeting was set for Monday, September 10, tentatively at R.B. Winter State Park in the Nature Center. A potluck will start at 6 PM with the meeting to follow.

### *State of the Budget*

Tom Kelliher — The MSTA's budget stands at \$18,659.62 as of the end of the second quarter of 2001. There was a net loss in the second quarter of \$4,260.24 due to the printing expenses of the 10th edition (printing expenses totalled \$5,318.65). But, sales of the 10th edition are proceeding briskly and we have a healthy bottom line. We'll easily be able to cover map printing costs once the maps are ready to go.

### *Retail Outlets for MST Guide*

We're looking for stores in which to place copies of the MST guide & maps for sale. Let us know if you know of stores which would be interested in this wildest of Pennsylvania's countless trails!

### *Road Walks and Private Lands on SMT (formerly MST?)*

Tom Thwaites — The order of these entries reflects some priorities.

1) *Karns Trail* in southern Bedford County from PA 326 to Buchanan State Forest. We currently enjoy the permission of Mark Farmer to use 400 meters of the Karns Trail that cross his land in southern Bedford County. Mr. Farmer is an absentee landlord who lives in Alexandria, VA. We are not permitted to sign the turn at PA 326 but would like to build a stile over the barbed wire fence along the highway. Loss of this 400 meter section would be a disaster of the first magnitude. It is all but impossible to reroute the trail and the southern extension would probably just have to end at Martins Hill Fire Tower. Every step from there to the Mason-Dixon line would have to be abandoned.

2) *Southern Bedford County*. There is an 8 kilometer stretch of road walking from PA 326 at the Karns Trail through Warrior Ridge, downtown Hewitt with its covered bridge, and over Polish Mountain to the junction of the Stuckey and Elbinsville roads. I tried repeatedly to talk with a Mrs Johnson who owns a farm on the top of Polish Mountain but she would not come to the door. I could hear the TV inside so I think she was home. Later I sent her a self-addressed post card which she returned with out comment. Permission to cross her land would save about 1.6 kilometers of road walking. There is undeveloped private land along this route east of Town Creek on the west flank of Polish

Mountain and over Warrior Ridge, but without the Karns Trail being secure these routes are pointless to pursue.

3) *Critical sections at Everett.* With his permission we would like to cross 200 meters of Mr. Oravec's land on the old township road but the entire route of the Huntingdon and Broad Top RR grade from US 30 to Mr Oravec's road is required. We currently enjoy the landowner's permission to use the Huntingdon and Broad Top grade through the gap in Tussey Ridge. Both these sections are essential even to get to the 10 kilometers of road walking described in paragraph 4. The RR grade is also essential to get to the ultimate route of the trail along the crest of Tussey Ridge.

*Bad news: on June 30th Tom received e-mail from Carol Witzeman informing us that Mr. Oravec "never wants to hear from us again. He is not interested in any trail crossing his property and that is the end of the matter according to him. See next article for alternatives.*

4) The longest stretch of road walking (10 kilometers!) anywhere on the trail is *Snake Spring Valley* in Bedford County. The ironic feature of this protracted road walk which is not even relieved by a covered bridge is an isolated piece of SGL 73, paralleling it on Tussey Ridge to the east. About 6.5 kilometers of trail could follow the game land boundary if it could only be reached. To the south one would have to cross at least 3 tracts of private land one of which is the main part of Mr. Oravec's hunting land to get from the Huntingdon and Broad Top grade to SGL 73. The route would be along the brink of the cliff that falls to the east probably fairly scenic. To the north there is only one private landowner between the pieces of SGL 73 but it appears to be a private hunting camp. Getting the trail off Snake Spring Valley Road appears to be a long term project.

5) *Williamsburg and the Lower Trail.* There is another 8 kilometers of road walking from the top of Tussey Ridge to Williamsburg. This is the section that was blacked out by a jerk on a riding lawnmower. He was seen and questioned by hikers. The opportunity to relocate the trail in SGL 118 along the bench is currently blocked by four tracts of private land on the west side of Tussey Ridge. One of these tracts is a private hunting camp known to be difficult. But if the trail climbed to the top of Tussey Ridge, where these tracts are encountered they might be bypassed by getting permission from the Alexandria Water Company which owns the east side of Tussey. This relocation would avoid the 8 kilometers of road walking south of Williamsport as well as the entire Lower Trail. The ideal route would be to keep the trail on the bench and then hook up with one of the quarry levels in the



The waterfall crew in front of their work: Carl Lorence, Dennis Morris, and Bob Best.

northern portion of SGL 118. The trail would then descend the corner of Tussey to the 22 Diner and cross the Frankstown Branch on the sidewalk on the US 22 bridge.

6) *Woolrich North.* In addition to Woolrich and Chatham Run Water Co. lands the trail also crosses 3 other tracts of private land north of Woolrich. The owner of one (possibly two) of these tracts has probably died since granting his permission. We haven't been told to get off so the trail remains in place. One tract was logged and I mean truly clear cut. Even the slash was sold to a power plant. However a band of trees was left along the trail! I don't dare ask the owner(s) why. They may believe they have The Appalachian Trail on their land. Not all trails in the Appalachians are The Appalachian Trail. Loss of any of these permissions would put the trail onto a paved road followed by a detour up the Big Spring Forestry Road.

7) *Hall Trail north of US 22.* Trail crosses about 400 meters of private land that was logged a couple of years ago. Trail has been reestablished but is hard to keep open due to the intense growth of at least 3 kinds of briars. This section shut every year. It would be nice to have a permanent solution for this portion but trail can always be rerouted on the Quarry Road as it was during the logging.

8) There is another section which may or may not be private land. This section is *along Pine Creek across the bridge from Blackwell.* The property maps in Wellsboro show it to be private land but I found the boundary markers of Tioga State Forest included this section. Later when the new bridge was built Penn Dot concluded it was private land and this time I was able to find at least one of the owners who granted permission to use the land. But the boundary of Tioga Forest has been repainted and still includes the

disputed section. If permission were withdrawn one could still follow PA 414 and then turn up West Rim Road to wherever the forest boundary really is. Some old grades lead in to the trail but clearing and blazing them would let in vehicles of various stripes.

### *Oravec Property Crossing Alternatives*

Tom Thwaites — First, the Lutzville bridge is only one lane wide with no sidewalk but two way traffic, much of it heavy trucks from New Enterprise Stone and Lime (Ashcom Quarry). Lutzville is the first and only bridge over Raystown Branch between Everett and US 30 bridge at junction with PA 326 east of Bedford. Routes to reach Lutzville bridge are circuitous on BOTH sides of the river. Ashcom quarry is expanding and bridge over PA turnpike on SR 2023 has been removed. SR 2023 terminates about 200 meters north of where the Gamelands road enters at the north end of SGL 97. The northern part of Juliett Lane has also been closed and or destroyed between Cove Creek and SR 2023. The point being that one would have to hike SOUTH on SR 2023 rather than north, and go through Ottown to reach Lutzville Road, SR 2019. [Closing of SR 2023 to through traffic appears to have increased traffic on Lutzville road.]

SR 2023 passes under the turnpike and continues past downtown Lutzville to the bridge. North of the bridge the road is next to the river and passes an old mill and a small park with large Sycamores, the only pleasant part of this route. Crossing of US 30, currently only two lanes, is at grade. However US 30 is being expanded to four lanes and a PennDOT survey crew was at work just north of the current route. There is a fragment of a still older version of US 30 to the east but it is not connected and appears to have reverted to private ownership like Oravec's old township road. Consequently one has to turn west on Hospital Road rather than east. Turning north on Forest Lane and continuing on SR 1003, Hoover and Detweiler Roads one eventually reaches Snake Spring Valley Road at the crossroads of Valley Mill. Total distance is about 16 kilometers (10 miles) but there is another 8 kilometers of road walking just to the north on SR 1003.

I think the Lutzville alternative must be rejected due to its excessive length, poor quality of the bridge itself and exposure to heavy traffic. This leaves US 30 itself just east of the Mt Dallas Road (T455). There is heavy 18 wheeler traffic on US 30 avoiding turnpike tolls between Breezewood and Bedford. There is virtually no verge on US 30 east of T455. I explored this alternative on foot. With the leaves out the RR bridge abutment can't be seen from the side of US 30. The lower part of the bank is nearly vertical and will require steps to be cut in the bank, but the entire route is mercifully short.

It is only 95 meters from T455 to the bridge abutment. The bank is heavily overgrown. One can get around to the left (going up) of the abutment and I cut back the brush at that point. At the top it is only 100 meters or so to the regular part of H & BT RR grade (part used by vehicles on occasion). I think alternative should be blue blazed.

### *Forest Fires on the Mid State Trail*

Tom Thwaites — May was very dry this year and three forest fires impacted the trail, two in Rothrock State Foest and one in Tiadaghton. The Rothrock fires occurred on or about 7 May. One was near Pine Swamp Road and burned clear up the side of Tussey Mtn., crossing the Jackson Trail at the top of the ridge. It burned over the Mid State for several hundred meters, killing mountain laurel and other brush and also red maple. The other fire was on Fourth Mountain extending from Fleet Foot Trail to the trail register. It killed laurel, brush and also red maple.

Both these fires were started by campfires that got away! The camper responsible for the Pine Swamp fire has come forward and will pay for the cost of fighting that fire. The other one got away. These fires are things that simply must not happen. They were in the NO FIRE period in the state forests. How many years have we been telling people to use backpacking stoves as they represent a much reduced fire danger?

The fire in Tiadaghton next to Camp Kline burned the entire mountain. It appears to have been worse than the Rothrock fires and many holes can be seen in the forest from PA 44 near Ramsey. Arson is suspected as the cause of this fire.

In all three fire zones the Mid State remains open.

Please observe the NO FIRE periods in the State Forests: 1 March to 25 May and 1 October to 1 December. These are the times when the leaves are down and there is unlikely to be snow cover.

### *Game Commission Open Houses*

HARRISBURG — Details about the first five open houses to be hosted by the Pennsylvania Game Commission around the state to gather public input on the agency's Ad Hoc Advisory Committee's State Game Lands use recommendations were announced today. The first five meetings, in a series of nine, will be held in Clearfield, Westmoreland, Crawford, Luzerne and Lancaster counties.

Formed in January, the committee is charged with reviewing current State Game Lands regulations, identifying areas of concern and developing recommendations on how the agency may better protect these wild places from misuse and degradation.

“The Game Commission is committed to being a good neighbor and a responsive public agency,” said Clay VanBuskirk, Commission Game Land Planning and Development Division chief and ex-officio member of the advisory committee. “We are striving to ensure non-traditional users have continued access to State Game Lands while, at the same time, remaining true to our mandated mission. That mission is: to protect, conserve and manage the diversity of wild birds and mammals and their habitats; provide wildlife-related education, services and recreational opportunities for both the consumptive and non-consumptive users of wildlife; and maintain and promote the state’s rich hunting and trapping heritage.

“Therefore, it is our intention to accommodate where we can, and regulate where we have to, while always being mindful of competing public interests and our duty to the wildlife resource.”

As a follow-up to input already received from numerous potentially affected users of State Game Lands, the Game Commission is scheduling a series of open houses around the state to gather comments from the general public. Following are the details on the upcoming five open houses:

Clearfield County: Aug. 23, 4-9 p.m.; Aug. 24, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.; and Aug. 25, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. The open house will be held in the West Branch Area High School cafeteria, Morrisdale. Directions: From Interstate 80, take Exit 21 and proceed south on Route 53 for 1.2 miles. At a “Y” in the road, bear right onto the Allport/Bigler cut-off and proceed one-half mile. The school is on the right.

Westmoreland County: Aug. 30, 4 - 9 p.m.; Aug. 31, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.; and Sept. 1, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. The open house will be held in the National Guard Armory in Ligonier, 358 West Main St.

Crawford County: Sept. 6, 4 - 9 p.m.; Sept. 7, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.; and Sept. 8, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. The open house will be held in the Pymatuning Wildlife Management Area Administration Building, 9552 Linesville-Hartstown Rd. Directions: From Conneaut Lake take Route 285 west for seven miles to the blinking light at the intersection of the Linesville-Hartstown Road, turn left. The administration building is on the left side 1.4 miles from the intersection.

Luzerne County: Sept. 13, 4 - 9 p.m.; Sept. 14, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.; and Sept. 15, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. The open house will be held at Luzerne County Community College Educational Conference Center, 1333 S. Prospect St., Nanticoke. Directions: From Interstate 81, take Exit 164 (Nanticoke Exit, old Exit Number 44) to State Road 29 (commonly called the South Cross Valley Expressway). At Exit 2, the Alden Exit, make a left turn onto Middle Road and proceed south. Take Middle

Road to Prospect Street where signs clearly indicate the entrance to the LCCC Educational Conference Center.

Lancaster County: Sept. 27, 4 - 9 p.m.; Sept. 28, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.; and Sept. 29, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. The open house will be held in the Middle Creek Wildlife Management Area Visitors Center, which is two miles south of Klinefeltersville (Lebanon County) along Hopeland Road. The Visitor Center is in Lancaster County, just south of the Lebanon/Lancaster county line.

The Game Commission will announce future open houses as details are finalized. A complete copy of the ad hoc advisory committee’s eleven recommendations is available on the Game Commission’s website ([www.pgc.state.pa.us](http://www.pgc.state.pa.us)). The website also includes the open house schedule and copies of all the previously issued news releases related to the public process involving the State Game Lands use recommendations.

Similar to the process used to gather public input for the elk hunt, these open houses will feature several display boards presenting the challenges facing the Game Commission and the various recommendations suggested by the ad hoc advisory committee to address each situation. The public will be able to record its comments at each of the displays or at tables at the exits of the open house.

Once all the public comments have been received, the ad hoc advisory committee will reconvene to consider the public input. The ad hoc advisory committee then will present a report to Game Commission Executive Director Vern Ross. After his review, a final report will be presented to the Board of Game Commissioners for consideration.

### *New District Forester for Rothrock*

HARRISBURG — On behalf of Gov. Tom Ridge, Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) Executive Deputy Secretary John Plonski today announced the appointment of a new district forester for Rothrock Forest District, based in Huntingdon County.

Gary Rutherford, a native of McVeytown, Mifflin County, will oversee Bureau of Forestry operations at the district located in Huntingdon, Centre and Mifflin counties. He replaces former District Forester Richard Torsell, who retired.

“Gary has been with our department since the start of his career,” Plonski said. “Given his years of experience and expertise in forestry, the bureau is confident that he will be an excellent district forester for Rothrock.”

Rutherford will administer operations throughout the Rothrock Forest District, including forest-growth management; personnel coordination; infrastructure

maintenance; and fire prevention and suppression. Rutherford also will cooperate with local private landowners within the district to assist them in maintaining healthy woodlands. Rutherford graduated with a bachelor's degree in forestry from Penn State University in 1971 and later obtained his master's degree from the university in 1973. He began his forestry career in 1968 working part time with the former Department of Forests and Waters. Rutherford has served as a forester in the Tuscarora Forest District in Blain, Perry County; program specialist in the Bureau of Forestry's timber section; and assistant district forester of Rothrock Forest District. In his most recent position, as acting chief of silviculture in the Bureau of Forestry, Rutherford handled forest-regeneration activities; contract administration for timber-sales and timber-management issues on state forest lands; and silviculture research, planning and computer modeling. "There are many ongoing programs and services being provided by this forest district for the local economy, private landowners and visitors to the state forest," Rutherford said. Rutherford, 51, resides with his wife, Darlene, near McVeytown. They have two grown children.

### ***New ATV Law***

HARRISBURG (July 6) – On behalf of Gov. Tom Ridge, Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) Secretary John C. Oliver today reminded Pennsylvanians that a new law soon will require all ATVs to be registered with DCNR except for ATVs used solely for farming or business. ATVs used solely on the owner's land now will be provided a free, one-time registration with no expiration, and a license plate to be affixed to the ATV.

"These changes accomplish two main objectives – crack down on illegal ATV riding and provide additional riding opportunities on private lands," DCNR Secretary John C. Oliver said. "With the increased popularity of ATVs, we've seen more instances of people riding where they shouldn't be on our state forest land and have received many complaints about illegal riding on private lands.

"Although we have 188 designated trail miles for ATVs, we probably have ten times that number in illegally cut trails going across sensitive areas of our forests and through our streams. This is unacceptable. These changes give us the tools to curtail this unlawful use."

Beginning Oct. 23, virtually all new and existing ATVs used for recreation in Pennsylvania will need to be registered and all new or transferred snowmobiles be titled with the DCNR, the state agency charged with administering the ATV/Snowmobile law and providing

riding opportunities on state forest lands.

The registration fee for all operators remains at \$20 every two years.

The changes were part of House Bill 154, sponsored by Rep. Merle H. Phillips (R-Northumberland County), and signed by Gov. Ridge on June 25.

The new law amends Pennsylvania's all-terrain vehicle (ATV) and snowmobile law and is designed to reduce riding in unauthorized areas by increasing fines, facilitating identification of vehicles by requiring license plates on the ATVs, and providing incentives for enforcement by local authorities.

Oliver said the changes also allow expansion of ATV riding opportunities by enabling DCNR to award grants to municipalities and profit and nonprofit organizations for trail development and facilities on private lands.

"We believe that providing opportunities for ATV riding should not solely rest on the shoulders of the state," Oliver said. "Providing financial assistance to help others create trails will take the pressure off forest lands, which seek to balance all other recreational uses as well."

### ***Bureau of Land Management: ATVs #1 Problem***

*The following are excerpts from "The Big Open: Going Public with the Public Lands" in the August 2001 issue of National Geographic.*

"One measure of how rapidly the Old West is turning into the New is a consensus that managing cattle on the public lands is no longer the bureau's number one problem. That dubious honor has shifted to a more powerful harbinger of ecological woe — the off-road vehicle, alias the SUV, the dune buggy, the dirt bike, and the ATV, the all-terrain vehicle that goes where even cattle cannot. 'The dramatic increase and subsequent environmental impacts from these popular recreational vehicles was not anticipated,' a red-faced bureau confessed in a report to Congress early last year. And it went on to cite those impacts: a proliferation of unauthorized trails, habitat fragmentation, a reduction in air and water quality, and conflicts between motorized and non-motorized vehicles.

"... From the air, parts of Behind-the-Rocks, a wilderness study area west of (Moab, UT), look as if they had been flayed by a cat-o'-nine-tails. Here and elsewhere the BLM protests that it has neither the budget nor the staff to control the problem."

*Sound familiar? Speaking to a clerk at the Walasi-Yi Center atop Neels Gap, GA, recently, I learned that a dirt bike had been spotted atop Blood Mountain, the highest point along the Georgia section of the AT. Hikers could not reach the biker in time to stop him. Ed.*

### *Send in Your Stories and Photos!*

Anything you'd like to appear in the next newsletter can be e-mailed to [kelliher@goucher.edu](mailto:kelliher@goucher.edu) or snail-mailed to Tom Kelliher, 6 Turnmill Ct., Baltimore, MD 21236. Submissions for the next newsletter are due Jan. 2, 2002.

### *Brushwacker on the Web*

Beginning with this issue, The BRUSHWACKER is available in Adobe Acrobat format on the web. Just visit <http://phoenix.goucher.edu/MSTA>. Also available at this location are high resolution color photographs of the KTA Trail Crew on the MST.

## *September Meeting*

The next MSTTA meeting will be on Sept. 10 at the Halfway Run Environmental Center at R. B. Winter State Park. Lots to discuss!!! A potluck dinner will begin at 6:00 pm, followed by the meeting. The park phone number is (717) 966-1455.

THE MID STATE TRAIL ASSOCIATION WAS FOUNDED IN 1982. OUR BYLAWS STATE:

*The purpose of this organization shall be the completion and preservation of the Mid State Hiking Trail System. To this end the MSTTA will:*

- *Supervise, coordinate, and carry out trail work.*
- *Ensure that maps and guides are available for the hiking public.*
- *Enter into agreements with private landowners and public land managers to provide for the trail.*
- *Take such other actions as may be appropriate to further the purpose of the organization.*

Adopted September 30, 1984

Elections are held every other year at the fall meeting. Current officers, elected for two year term until fall 2002: Tom Thwaites, President; Lynne Whelden, Vice President; Jean Aron, Secretary/Treasurer; Tom Kelliher, Newsletter Editor.

Meetings are held two or three times per year, usually in winter, spring, and fall.  
Next meeting: September 10, 2001 at R. B. Winter State Park.



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