



# the catskill canister

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## SOUTHWEST HUNTER, WHERE ARE YOU?

We know you're there because we've both been to your canister before. Rich helped put it up over two years ago, and I've been there and signed in twice. But when we try together to find your canister . . . .

Our first attempt was last spring. I promised to get Rich to the old logging railroad bed, and he promised to get me to the peak. It seemed fair enough. We hiked up the Spruceton Trail to Hunter. As we climbed, we encountered some snow, but it wasn't tough going. In fact, with the bright sun shining on the snow and the ice on the trees, it was still a winter wonderland.

We stopped at Hunter for a quick lunch, then took the Hunter Mountain Trail to the Devil's Path and the rail bed. Down the bed we hiked until Rich indicated it was time to turn uphill. A piece of cake, we thought.

On our climb, we found some footprints in the snow; someone else had reached the canister this way. But we knew better than to follow tracks. There was always the chance their owner was wrong.

Well, to make a long story short, we floundered: through balsam, snow, back and forth, around. And no, we didn't find the canister.

Not long after that attempt, there was a group hike to Southwest Hunter, and I went along. I carefully timed our trip down the railroad bed. I locked landmarks in my mind's eye as we turned and headed uphill. I etched in my brain the tree on which the canister hung. I was there, and was now ready to take Rich to the summit.

On August 19th, we tried again. This time we climbed up the Devil's Path from Notch Lake, as I had camped at Devil's Tombstone. After a short water stop at the Devil's Acre lean-to, we hiked to the railroad bed and then on toward our conquest of Southwest Hunter and its canister.

Our timing was right. There was the landmark in the rail bed. We turned uphill. There was the next landmark. We were hot. We topped the ridge and turned to our left. It should be only a few steps to the canister.

As we walked along, Rich bent down and picked up a map someone had lost. "We've got to be close," I exclaimed. "Someone else was here and obviously reached the canister."

"Or they couldn't find their way out, and we're going to find a body," Rich noted. But we both agreed we were close.

Close, but no cigar. As we walked then fought our way through the thick balsam, it began to rain. We slogged back and forth and got turned around at least once, probably several times.

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We'd taken a compass bearing before beginning our ascent, and had the presence of mind to check our bearing prior to giving up and starting down. Maybe we were blind 35ers, but not dumb ones.

As we descended, however, we came upon our landmark again. We looked at each other, and without another word, reset our compasses and started back up. We wanted that canister! Once again we searched, fighting our way through the balsam, to no avail. It was as if Southwest Hunter knew we wanted it and wasn't going to surrender without a battle.

And we lost.

After lunch at the lean-to and a bit of drying out, we began the walk down, which seemed much longer than the climb up. We were both silent until Rich said, "Allen, we're going to get that mountain. Together! And after we do, we'll lead a joint hike up there every year to remember."

But first we have to find that canister.

So someday - soon we hope - you'll see a hike to Southwest Hunter, co-led by Rich and Allen. You'll know the story behind that hike, and you can help them celebrate!

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A REMINDER FROM MOHONK

Seward Weber has asked us to remind everyone that although group hikes are permitted on the Mohonk preserve, non-members must pay a \$4.00 per day use fee. In addition, Mohonk does not permit groups of more than 30 unless the large group breaks up into permissibly sized smaller groups, each hiking to a different location. If you plan a hike on Mohonk property, please call Seward at least one week in advance to arrange how to pay the use fees for your group's non-members.

SEARCH AND RESCUE NOTICE

Richard C. Kline, search and rescue chairman, has moved, so the telephone number listed in the Autumn Canister will no longer reach him. His new telephone number is (518) 622-9077.

CENTER TARGETED FOR 1992 OPENING

[The following article is condensed from the September 16, 1990 issue of the Kingston Sunday Freeman and is provided courtesy of Warren Bloomfield (#149), R.D.3 - Box 48, Red Hook, NY 12571. - ED.]

Planners of the proposed Catskill Visitors and Interpretive Center hope to break ground by June 1992 and be open later that year, said Dale Hughes, co-chairman of the center's citizens advisory committee.

Hughes, of Woodstock, said the committee and state Department of Environmental Conservation - which is developing the center - have a \$4.5 million budget, a site along state Route 28 and architects, who must now be educated about the Catskills and what they stand for before plans are designed.

Plans released in 1988 called for a 15,000-square-foot building, with an annual budget of \$518,650, to be opened by the winter of 1989-90. Audiovisual programs, exhibits, guided tours and school programs were also to be featured.

The center would "give people an introduction to what the Catskills are all about" and include themes familiar to the Catskills, such as its reservoirs, which provide water to New York City and much of the Hudson Valley; the relationship of man and nature; logging; farming; and environmental issues.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETS AT THE WINTER WEEKEND

At the winter weekend meeting of the executive committee, president Paul Hoyt announced the resignations of first vice president Roman Hrycun and outings chairman Anthony Amaral, Jr. Paul praised the efforts of both individuals and hoped they would be able to contribute to the club in the future. Roman served as a club officer since 1984. He was both club secretary and a vice president. Tony, outings chairman since 1988, was responsible for greatly increasing the number of scheduled hikes. He also organized the recordkeeping for the new leadership patch, and he himself became the first member to qualify for the award. Behind the scenes, Tony served as a Canister advisor and proofreader.

The executive committee appointed a nominating committee to recommend a slate of officers for 1991-92 at the upcoming annual meeting. Members wishing to serve the club are invited to make their interest and availability known. The nominating committee would also welcome other recommendations or suggestions for next year's officers. The three members of the nominating committee are Larry Leslie (49 William Street, Catskill, NY 12414; 518-943-5727), Allen Maser (7E Brookside Heights, Wanaque, NJ 07465; 201-835-1533), and Jonathan Clement (RD 1 - Box 223, East Greenbush, NY 12061; 518-477-6602).

At the urging of the president, the executive committee accepted a recommendation by former president Franklin Clark that the club establish an audit committee. Now that the club is large, a periodic independent review of the organization's books and financial controls seems advisable. Doug Robins volunteered to form an interim audit committee to conduct a preliminary audit of the books and procedures and to make a more precise recommendation for functions of a permanent audit committee to be constituted later. Anyone interested in serving on the interim audit committee should contact Doug (33 Trailsend Drive, Canton, CT 06019; 203-693-0130).

CATSKILL 3500 CLUB: NEW MEMBERS

741	Robert Meissner 10/27/90 37 Primrose Hill Road, Rhinebeck, NY 12572-9621	914-876-6407
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747	Thomas de Haan 12/27/90 3 Lauren Drive, Gardiner, NY 12525	914-255-3801
748	Stephen R. Tarshis 1/6/91 510 West 110th Street, #5F, New York, NY 10025	212-222-8198
749	Vincent H. Biondo 1/19/91 36 Magnolia Avenue, Jersey City, NJ 07306	201-653-4210

LETTER: THE CATSKILLS - A HIKER'S DELIGHT

I certainly would never have imagined that a casually planned weekend trip in October of 1984 would signal the beginning of my mini-obsession with the Catskill mountains. From my first trek up Balsam (I thought I would die from lack of oxygen!) to my final winter assault on Plateau (bring on Mt. McKinley!) it's been both a challenge and a joy. How many adults receive a "merit badge" for doing something they love?

Along the way, I've been grateful for the leadership, companionship, assistance and friendship of many wonderful fellow hikers; most especially, Bruno and Rosemary Walmsley, Tony Amaral, Bill Riemvis, Tim Watters and Roman Hrycun have shared their hiking expertise combined with friendly conversation and good humor.

I've grown stronger physically and more tranquil spiritually because of my communion with the mountains. Now I can set my sights on all those other trails and peaks in the Catskills I missed when "my eyes were on the prize." It's been a wonderful experience and happily, it's not over yet!

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ANNUAL DINNER REMINDER

This year's 3500 Club Dinner will be held on Saturday, March 23 at the Hotel Thayer, West Point, N.Y. A separate mailing will be sent in February with details.

CATSKILL 3500 CLUB HIKES (Mar. - Apr. 1991)ASSUMED RISK

Hiking involves certain inherent hazards, and persons participating do so at their own risk.

December through April, the windchill on exposed ridges may reach 50 below zero. If you do not know what type of clothing will be adequate, telephone the hike leader in advance. If you cannot buy, rent, or borrow snowshoes, avoid the mountains in winter. Unless specified otherwise, full crampons should be carried. Properly dressed and equipped, and in proper physical condition, a hiker can enjoy the CATSKILLS in what many people consider the most beautiful season of the year.

Mar 2 BEARPEN and VLY

Distance: 6 mi. Ascent: 2100'  
Elev.: 3600', 3529' Order: 29, 32

A moderate bushwhack. Snowshoes and full (not instep) crampons required. Heavy precipitation or bad driving conditions cancel.

Leader: James Shearwood (#700), 39-55 44th Street, Long Island City, NY 11104  
(718) 937-6277 (before 10:00 P.M.)

Meeting Place: Municipal parking lot in Fleischmanns across from library at 9:00 A.M.

Mar 2 LONE and ROCKY

Distance: 10 mi. Ascent: 4000'  
Elev.: 3721', 3508' Order: 17, 35

A very strenuous, fast-paced bushwhack. Snowshoes and full (not instep) crampons required. Heavy precipitation or bad driving conditions cancel.

Leader: Tim Watters (#268), 30 Wagner Avenue, Wallington, NJ 07057  
(212) 984-0373 (Weekdays: 9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.)

Meeting Place: Jct. of Rts. 28 and 28A in Boiceville at 8:00 A.M.

Mar 9 THOMAS COLE, BLACK DOME and  
BLACKHEAD

Distance: 8 mi. Ascent: 2700'  
Elev.: 3945', 3990', 3940' Order: 4,3,5

A strenuous trail hike. Snowshoes and full (not instep) crampons required. Heavy precipitation or bad driving conditions cancel.

Leader: Roman Hrycun (#314), R.D. #1, Box 419B, Rhinebeck, NY 12572  
(914) 876-2451

Meeting Place: Call leader for details AFTER MARCH 1, 1991.

Mar 16 DOUBLETOP (and possibly  
GRAHAM)

Distance: 5 mi. Ascent: 1850'  
Elev.: 3870', (3868') Order: 7, (8)

A strenuous bushwhack from Seager (with possible additional distance of 3 miles and ascent of 350'). Snowshoes and full (not instep) crampons required. Heavy precipitation or bad driving conditions cancel.

Leader: Ernest Mahlke (#72), R.D. 1, Box 178B1, Laurens, NY 13796  
(607) 432-2583

Meeting Place: Bridge over Dry Brook on Rt. 28 in Arkville at 9:00 A.M.

Mar 17 PLATEAU and SUGARLOAF

Distance: 9 mi. Ascent: 3000'  
Elev.: 3840', 3800' Order: 12, 13

A strenuous trail hike. Snowshoes and full (not instep) crampons required. Heavy precipitation or bad driving conditions cancel.

Leader: Howard Dash (#458), 5 Arden Lane, New Paltz, NY 12561  
(914) 255-3409 (before 9:00 P.M.)

Meeting Place: Sweet Sue's Bakery in Phoenicia at 9:00 A.M.

- Apr 6 HUNTER (and possibly SOUTHWEST HUNTER) Distance: 8 mi. Ascent: 2000'  
Elev.: 4040', (3740') Order: 2, (15)  
A moderate trail hike (and possible bushwhack of additional 3 miles and ascent of 300'). Snowshoes and full (not instep) crampons required. Heavy precipitation or bad driving conditions cancel.  
Leader: Larry Leslie (#208), 19 William Street, Catskill, NY 12414  
(914) 431-5861 (Days between 7:30 A.M. and 3:40 P.M.)  
Meeting Place: Call leader for details.
- Apr 13 SLIDE Distance: 6 mi. Ascent: 1650'  
Elev.: 4180' Order: 1  
A scenic, moderate trail hike. Snowshoes and full (not instep) crampons required. Heavy precipitation or bad driving conditions cancel.  
Leader: Anthony Amaral, Jr. (#612), 575 Quaker Road, Chappaqua, NY 10514  
(212) 490-7900 (Days: 9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.)  
Meeting Place: State parking area on County Road 47 approx. 1 mile south of Lake Winsook at 9:30 A.M.
- Apr 20 TABLE and PEEKAMOOSE Distance: 9 mi. Ascent: 3000'  
Elev.: 3847', 3843' Order: 10, 11  
A strenuous trail hike. Heavy precipitation or bad driving conditions cancel. If in doubt about equipment required, please call leader.  
Leader: Wanda Davenport (#523), 169 Pershing Avenue, Ridgewood, NJ 07450  
(201) 670-8383 (APRIL 19 ONLY 7:30 - 9:00 P.M.)  
Meeting Place: Jct. of Rts. 28 and 28A in Boiceville at 8:30 A.M.
- Apr 27 KAATERSKILL HIGH PEAK Distance: 10 mi. Ascent: 1700'  
Elev.: 3655' Order: 22  
A moderately strenuous trail hike. Heavy precipitation or bad driving conditions cancel. If in doubt about equipment required, please call leader.  
Leader: Allen C. Maser (#706), 7E Brookside Heights, Wanaque, NJ 07465  
(201) 835-1533 (before 10:00 P.M.)  
Meeting Place: Sweet Sue's Bakery in Phoenicia at 8:30 A.M.
- Apr 27 BIG INDIAN Distance: 9 mi. Ascent: 2,000'  
Elev.: 3680' Order: 20  
A moderately strenuous trail hike and short bushwhack. Heavy precipitation or bad driving conditions cancel. If in doubt about equipment required, please call leader.  
Leader: Warren Hale (#576), 94 Draehook Road, Whitehouse Station, NJ 08889  
(201) 236-9543 (before 10:00 P.M.)  
Meeting Place: State parking area on County Road 47 approx. 13 miles south of Big Indian and 1 mile north of Frost Valley at 9:30 A.M.

ADVANCE NOTICE

May 18, 1991 Devil's Path, end-to-end (26 miles, 8,000 ft.)

June 8, 1991 Escarpment Trail, end-to-end (23 miles, 5,000 ft.)

LEADERSHIP PATCH AWARDED

Wanda Davenport (#523) completed the requirements for the leadership patch on December 30, 1990. The club awards the leadership patch to members who have led six hikes scheduled in the Canister. At least one hike must be to a trailless peak, and at least one other must take place in the winter.

DUES AND SUBSCRIPTION NOTICE

Annual dues for members and subscription fees for aspirants are now payable for 1991. Please note that dues include a subscription to The Catskill Canister. Since delinquent payments make extra work for the volunteers who have to send out reminders and also cost extra postage, please send your money now. There is a space for those wishing to make a contribution to the treasury.

On April 1, 1989, the club approved the category of life membership. Life membership, conferred upon any member who makes a one time dues payment of \$100, will eliminate the need to renew membership annually. Members wishing to take advantage of this convenience may do so this year. There are presently 21 life members.

Due to the February 3rd postage hike and increased expenses of printing Catskill Canisters as well as annual dinner invitations, it now costs more than \$3.00 per person per year to mail these items. As a result, the executive committee reluctantly voted to increase annual membership dues and aspirant subscription fees to \$5.00. It has been six years since it was last necessary to raise dues and fees.

As indicated below, all membership and subscription renewals should go to Cy Whitney.

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Annual Dues, Life Membership Dues, or Subscription Fees - Please make check payable to The Catskill 3500 Club, Inc. and mail to Cyrus B. Whitney, 41 Morley Drive, Wyckoff, N.J. 07481. Members should sign and retain the enclosed membership card.

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Address \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security Number  
\_\_\_\_\_ (Optional\*)  
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for Member # \_\_\_\_\_ . . . . . \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
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for Member # \_\_\_\_\_ . . . . . \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Subscription Fee (\$5.00)  
for Aspirants . . . . . \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
CONTRIBUTION \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
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\* Members of the club "involved with operation, maintenance and development of trails on New York State Parkland" are eligible for the protection of Workers' Compensation coverage in the event of injury incurred while working on any trail maintained by the club. Your name and social security number must be on file with the State. If you wish to be eligible, include your social security number above.



These happy people successfully reached the summit of Balsam Cap on a Catskill 3500 Club hike last November 3rd. Anthony Amaral, Jr. led the hike. (Photo courtesy of Patricia Hubbard, #675)





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## CLIMBING MT. RAINIER

On my flight from Spokane to Seattle, the views of Mt. Rainier made me think again about the description of the mountain in the national park brochure:

Mount Rainier, a towering, ice-clad dormant volcano, dominates this national park. A few miles west of the Cascade Range crest, it rises 14,410 feet, the most superb landmark of the Pacific Northwest. A gleaming mantle of placid ice on the upper slopes conceals all but its most rugged peaks and ridges. In delightful contrast to this bold landscape are flower filled alpine meadows and deep forests of the lower slopes.

I had just been at a summer Boy Scout Jamboree in Idaho. Now, with Catskill 3500 Club friends I was starting a different adventure. Since the previous fall, I had been trying to stir up enthusiasm for climbing Rainier. In January Ray Donahue had said he was most interested. Then at the March annual dinner meeting, Fred and Toshi d'Elia had told me they too were planning a trip to Rainier for the next summer. That was great! We four decided we would enjoy Rainier together and immediately sent in reservations to the park's Paradise Inn and snow climbing school.

I met Ray at the Seattle airport. He had just come from climbing in the Tetons. Since Fred and Toshi were driving cross-country and camping out, they planned to meet us later at Paradise Inn. Ray and I had been corresponding with Ted Wolfrum, a 3500 Club member who had moved to Seattle. He offered to provide us transportation and invited to take us on a "shake down" climb on Mt. Baker - a good conditioner for the "big one."

Ted picked us up at the airport and drove us to Mt. Baker, where we camped overnight. The next morning was warm and clear. As we climbed from our campsite toward the mountain, we rounded a hill that had been obscuring our view. Suddenly there was the mountain, white and beautiful. Its glaciers glistened brightly in the sun. This was my initial hike onto a glacier with its cracks and crevasses, and it gave me a chance to try my new ice axe and crampons. Ted instructed and cautioned us about ice climbing. Before turning back, we ascended the glacier to about 8,000 feet, giving us a day to get used to high altitude.

On Mt. Baker, there was one unusual occurrence. Ray was wearing a red shirt and carrying an orange pack. Tiny humming birds, excited by the color, continually dive-bombed him. Ray had to keep ducking those little attackers until we were well below the glacier. It seemed odd to find hummingbirds so high, reacting so violently to bright colors.

From Mt. Baker, Ted drove us to Paradise Inn on the south slope of Mt. Rainier. Upon arrival at the inn, we met Fred and Toshi. The next morning we presented all our required climbing gear to have it inspected by the instructors at the snow climbing

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school. Crisis! My boots had no vibram or lug soles. Although they were insulated, rugged with heavy soles, and had my crampons fitted to them, the guides still said I could not use them. I had no other boots. I could not go. Needless to say, I stewed for a while until Fred offered to let me borrow his extra pair. Fine, except the boots were too big for my crampons. Fred told me to cut the soles to fit, so with much reluctance I cut slots in the edges. Would he ever be able to use them again?

The next day we spent at snow climbing school. Focusing on the proper use of the ice axe, we learned the correct way to carry it to prepare for emergencies. We also climbed steep pitches, practiced knots used in roping teams, and studied crevasse rescue technique by being lowered over a twenty-foot snow shelf and helped to climb back up. Roping up, five to a rope, we traversed a knife edge. When the instructors pushed a man off, we learned how to halt the fall and get the entire group back to climbing on the edge.

The test which determined our graduation was to demonstrate "self arrest." This necessary safety measure must be learned because it could save a climber from a nasty or disastrous slide down steep ice or hardpacked snow. If a person falls, he must immediately hold the axe firmly across his body and drive the point into the ground with his body weight.

On a steep, rutted, 250 foot slope, the instructors tested our self-arrest technique for four different positions. If the student could not dig in with the ice axe quickly, there was a long bumpy slide to the bottom. Particularly difficult was to self-arrest while sliding head first on one's back. Most people had trouble with this. When it was my turn to take this test, I decided to roll over immediately and dig in. I had not slid more than five feet. "OK?" I asked the instructor. "But what did you do?" he countered. "Why I turned over and dug in as I was supposed to." "Well, OK, I guess," he allowed. I passed the test.

The next morning we left Paradise Inn to climb up to Base Camp Muir at 10,000 feet. Over snow and glaciers most of the way, it was a leisurely trip with more instruction and a long lunch break. At 3:00 P.M. we arrived at Muir and by 5:00 were in the sack, where we managed to get some sleep. Up at 11:00, we had supper, put on our crampons, and roped up. There were five ropes, each with one guide and four climbers spaced about twenty feet apart.

At 12:30 A.M. we left for the summit. We needed no flashlights for we had a beautiful full moon. But it was cold. We had been told to put on just enough clothing to keep from shivering violently. We soon warmed up though and just before dawn stopped for some hot liquid.

It is the guides' policy to give special assistance to anyone not climbing well. And so it happened - I guess it was really by design - that being the oldest I was on the first rope with the head guide. Right in front of me, however, was a young lady from Atlanta who had never climbed before. I must say we first two climbers

moved along with no complaints or delays. Progress, however, was slow and the grade steep in places. At one point, there was even a fixed line.

Finally we reached a gentle slope where we stopped for something to eat and drink. The other "ropers" arrived but kept their distance strung out down the slope. It was quite a scene. The sun was now up, and it was warm. After twenty minutes, our guide said "Let's go." Just as the last climber on our rope left our "lunch" spot, it caved in fifteen or twenty feet. A close one!

The guide said that when we saw a rock outcrop it would be the 14,410 foot summit. Before long there it was, and at 7:30 A.M. we arrived at the top. It felt good to unrope. We were tired but could sit and rest for a while. Keeping warm was a problem. I managed a few photographs but my automatic camera did not work well in cold temperatures.

By 9:30 the guides told us we had to go, as the warming sun would cause movement in the glaciers. So once more we roped up and started down. By 1:00 we reached Muir, and at 3:30 were back at Paradise Inn, where we received certificates for completing the climb.

Summer comes quickly to Rainier and by August all the area below the snow line is covered with alpine flowers. It is absolutely beautiful - a multicolored carpet with the white glaciers of the mountain behind and the clear blue sky above. It was too bad to leave this place. Between the pre-Rainier activities and the actual time at Paradise Inn, I had one grand vacation. And the people with whom these events took place added to the pleasures enjoyed.

I do not see Fred very often these days. He is into running now. But when we meet, he never forgets to kid me about ruining his boots. Wonder if that's why he hikes so seldom?

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#### "UFO NOISE" FIGHTS JET NOISE POLLUTION

Low flying, noisy, commercial jet air traffic is compromising the recreational enjoyment of the CATSKILLS. Both the growth of the Hudson Valley and the rapidly expanding Stewart International Airport are creating more and more air traffic in our area.

Due to congestion near our metropolitan airports, the Federal Aviation Administration has been scattering traffic over Catskill airways without regard for what lies beneath. This visual and noisy intrusion is degrading our wilderness forest areas. (When one can see a plane's cabin windows and paint markings from the ground, that's an intrusion!) Keep in mind: The occasional overflight a hiker may witness during a weekend outing is not a "stray." The plane is on an FAA airway, and more aircraft will surely follow.

Fortunately a group is fighting. "Ulsterites Fight Overflight Noise" ("UFO Noise") is suggesting higher altitude minimums, confinement of airways to already noisy travel corridors, newer jets with quieter engines, and involvement of the Environmental Protection Agency in creating a national aircraft noise policy. (The FAA's proposed noise policy omits any EPA participation.)

"UFO Noise" needs help and encouragement. If you care about the jet noise issue, please contact "UFO Noise" c/o Susan Staples, RDL, Box 337A3, Stone Ridge, NY 12484. Her phone number is (914) 687-9719.

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#### NEW OUTINGS CHAIRMAN APPOINTED

Wilson "Skip" Hoyt (#309) replaces Anthony Amaral (#612) as the new outings chairman. Anyone wishing to lead a hike should submit details to Skip at 298 Ridgewood Avenue, Hurley, NY 12443; (914) 339-5732.

#### HIGHLIGHTS OF THE ANNUAL DINNER

The 26th annual dinner meeting of the Catskill 3500 Club took place at the Hotel Thayer, West Point, NY, on March 23, 1991. During the evening, Walter Gregory (#18) shared some remembrances of Elinore Leavitt, the club's membership chairman who died on August 23, 1990; Howard Dash (#458), new club President, talked about his vision of the club's role in conservation and preserving access to the mountains; Gerry Gervais (#687), new Trails Chairman, appealed for more participation in the club's trail maintenance efforts; and outgoing President Paul Hoyt (#315) handed certificates to new members and formally recognized and thanked Wayne Foote (#590), Lenny Bernstein (#342), Wanda Davenport (#523), Roman Hrycun (#314) and Howard Dash (#458) for having completed the requirements for leadership. Guest speaker Lee McAllister concluded the evening with a slide show on the Catskills in the four seasons.

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Trails	Gerald Gervais	914-342-5701
Winter Weekend	Cyrus Whitney	201-447-2653

CATSKILL 3500 CLUB HIKES (May - June 1991)ASSUMED RISK

Hiking involves certain inherent hazards, and persons participating do so at their own risk.

May 4 SUGARLOAF (and possibly PLATEAU) Distance: 5 mi. (10 mi.) Ascent: 1700' (2550')  
Elev.: 3800', (3840') Order: 13, (12)

A strenuous trail hike. Heavy rain cancels.

Leader: Marge Velasquez (#677), R.D.#1, Box 392, Pine Bush, NY 12566  
(914) 361-4351

Meeting Place: Sweet Sue's Bakery in Phoenicia at 9:00 A.M.

May 11 PEEKAMOSE and TABLE Distance: 9 mi. Ascent: 3100'  
Elev.: 3843', 3847' Order: 11, 10

A strenuous trail clearing hike on a portion of the Long Path the club is responsible for clearing. Bring your bow saws, hedgeclippers, etc., if you have them. If not, they'll be furnished.

Leader: Gerald A. Gervais (#687), 31 Blossom Lane, Newburgh, NY 12550  
(914) 342-5701 (days until 3:00 P.M.)

Meeting Place: Jct. of Rts. 28 and 28A in Boiceville at 8:30 A.M.

May 11 WESTKILL and SOUTH WEST HUNTER Distance: 11 mi. Ascent: 3200'  
Elev.: 3880', 3740' Order: 6, 15

A very strenuous, difficult trail hike and bushwhack jointly with AMC.

Leader: Marty Cohen (#728), Box 682, Hewitt, NJ 07421  
(201) 853-4198 (between 8-9:00 P.M.)

Meeting Place: Jct. of Rte. 42 and County Road 6 at flagpole in Westkill at 9:30 A.M.

May 18 Devil's Path End-To-End INDIAN HEAD, TWIN, SUGAR-LOAF, PLATEAU and WESTKILL Distance: 26 mi. Ascent: 8000'  
Elev.: 3573', 3640', 3800', 3840', 3880'  
Order: 30, 23, 13, 12, 6

An extremely difficult, fast-paced trail hike with very early start.

Leader: Bruce Ross (#589), 270 Jay Street, Apt. 14K, Brooklyn, NY 11201  
(718) 522-5768 (before 9:30 P.M.)

Meeting Place: Call leader for details on THURSDAY BEFORE HIKE (MAY 16).

May 18 WINDHAM HIGH PEAK Distance: 7 mi. Ascent: 1825'  
Elev.: 3524' Order: 33

A moderate easy-paced trail hike. Heavy rain cancels.

Leader: Joe Gardner (#572), 68 Carson Road, Delmar, NY 12054  
(518) 439-1074

Meeting Place: Rte. 23 state parking area at trailhead 3 mi. west of East Windham at 9:00 A.M.

May 25 PANTHER and Giant Ledge Distance: 9 mi. Ascent: 1800'  
Elev.: 3720' Order: 18

A moderately strenuous trail hike.

Leader: Howard Dash (#458), 5 Arden Lane, New Paltz, NY 12561  
(914) 255-3409 (before 9:30 P.M.)

Meeting Place: Sweet Sue's Bakery in Phoenicia at 9:00 A.M.

- June 1 SOUTHWEST HUNTER (and possibly HUNTER) Distance: 8 mi. (11 mi.) Ascent: 1700' (550')  
Elev.: 3740', (4040') Order: 15, (2)  
A strenuous bushwhack and trail hike. Heavy rain cancels.  
Leader: Allen C. Maser (#706), 7E Brookside Heights, Wanaque, NJ 07465  
(201) 835-1533 (before 10:00 P.M.)  
Co-Leader: Richard C. Kline (#720), (518) 622-9077  
Meeting Place: Jct. of Rte. 42 and County Road 6 at flagpole in Westkill at 9:00 A.M.
- June 2 NORTH DOME and SHERRILL Distance: 8 mi. Ascent: 2600'  
(Sun) Elev.: 3610', 3540' Order: 26, 31  
A strenuous bushwhack joint with Long Island Chapter of ADK. Bring compass and map.  
Heavy rain cancels. MUST CALL TO REGISTER BY WEDNESDAY, MAY 29. LIMITED TO 8.  
Leader: Arlene Scholer (#441), 17 Willow Road, New Hyde Park, NY 11040  
(516) 354-0231 (7-7:30 A.M. or before 9:30 P.M.)  
Meeting Place: Call leader for details.
- June 8 DOUBLETOP Distance: 5 mi. Ascent: 1850'  
Elev.: 3870' Order: 7  
A strenuous bushwhack. Heavy rain cancels.  
Leader: Allen C. Maser (#706), 7E Brookside Heights, Wanaque, NJ 07465  
(201) 835-1533 (before 10:00 P.M.)  
Meeting Place: Junction of Rte. 28 and County Rte. 49A, Highmount, NY at 9:00 A.M.
- June 8 Escarpment Trail End-To-End Distance: 23 mi. Ascent: 5000'  
North Mt., Stoppel Pt., Elev.: 3940', 3524' Order: 5, 33  
BLACKHEAD, Acra Pt., and  
WINDHAM HIGH PEAK  
An extremely difficult trail hike at a very fast pace.  
Leader: Bruce Ross (#589), 270 Jay Street, Apt. 14K, Brooklyn, NY 11201  
(718) 522-5768 (before 9:30 P.M.)  
Meeting Place: Call leader for details on THURSDAY BEFORE HIKE (JUNE 6).
- June 9 LONE and ROCKY Distance: 12 mi. Ascent: 2000'  
(Sun) Elev.: 3721', 3508' Order: 17, 35  
A strenuous bushwhack. Heavy rain cancels.  
Leader: Allen C. Maser (#706), 7E Brookside Heights, Wanaque, NJ 07465  
(201) 835-1533 (before 10:00 P.M.)  
Meeting Place: Denning trailhead at 8:30 A.M.
- June 15 FIR and BIG INDIAN Distance: 9 mi. Ascent: 2150'  
Elev.: 3625', 3680' Order: 24, 20  
A strenuous bushwhack and trail hike.  
Leader: Ernest Mahlke (#72), R.D. 1, Box 178B1, Laurens, NY 13796  
(607) 432-2583  
Meeting Place: State parking area on County Rd. 47, 13 mi. south of Big Indian,  
1 mi. north of Frost Valley, at 9:00 A.M.
- June 23 WITTENBERG and CORNELL Distance: 9 mi. Ascent: 3120'  
(Sun) Elev.: 3780', 3865' Order: 14, 9  
Wanda's and Bob's Annual Forty-Something Almost Birthday Hike. A strenuous trail hike  
joint with AMC. Bring two (2) quarts of water. Heavy/steady rain cancels.  
Leader: Wanda Davenport (#523), 169 Pershing Avenue, Ridgewood, NJ 07450  
(201) 670-8383 (NO CALLS SATURDAY OF HIKE)  
Co-Birthday Person: Bob Brumberg  
Meeting Place: Phoenicia Diner, Rte. 28, at 9:00 A.M. (Small trailhead parking fee)

June 29 RUSK

Distance: 5 mi. Ascent: 1750'  
Elev.: 3680' Order: 21

A moderately strenuous bushwhack.

Leader: Wilson G. Hoyt (#309), 298 Ridgewood Avenue, Kingston, NY 12401  
(914) 339-5732 (Fri.-Sun.); (516) 775-2059 (Mon.-Wed. evenings)

Meeting Place: State parking lot near end of Spruceton Road (County Rte. 6 eastward from Rte. 42 in Westkill) at 9:00 A.M.

### TRAILS CHAIRMAN REQUESTS VOLUNTEERS

Trail maintenance is a different way to enjoy hiking. It is an opportunity to learn how trails are built and kept in repair, returning to the trail what it has lost from many footsteps over the course of time.

In April, 1990, the New York-New Jersey Trail Conference and the Department of Environmental Conservation signed a memorandum of understanding, the goal of which is "to correct existing trail problems and to prevent erosion and other difficulties from developing, to keep the footway clear and the trail marked to ensure the Catskill trails are safe and pleasurable to walk."

The Catskill 3500 Club is responsible for the section of the Long Path from Peekamoose Road to its junction with the Phoenicia-East Branch Trail. Our club has trail maintenance hikes there several times a year. For this work, we own some tools such as two man saws and small bow saws. Trail volunteers, however, should also plan to bring along their own hand tools. Work gloves, small cutters, loppers, brush clubs, hoes, and trash bags are all useful.

There are several regulations we must follow. The DEC prohibits power saws. Volunteers must not cut live trees greater than three inches in diameter at chest height. Creating new viewpoints and clearing old vistas are strictly DEC functions.

I would like to thank past volunteers who have helped the club keep our stretch of trail. Their hard work and willingness to educate newcomers has provided for the future. I would encourage everyone to volunteer and attend our upcoming trail clearing hikes.

Gerald Gervais (#687), Trails Chairman  
31 Blossom Lane  
Newburgh, NY 12550

### DEC PLANS FOR BIG INDIAN - BEAVERKILL WILDERNESS

The Department of Environmental Conservation is seeking public comments on a unit management plan for the Big Indian - Beaverkill Range Wilderness Area. This wilderness encompasses approximately 34,500 acres bounded on the north by the Belleayre Ski Center, on the east by Ulster County Route 47, on the south by the Willowemoc - Long Pond Wild Forest, and on the west by the Balsam Lake Mountain Wild Forest. It includes Doubletop, Big Indian, Fir, Eagle, and Balsam mountains.

Anyone having comments, concerns, issues, suggestions, or other information for the plan should contact William Rudge by May 1st at the DEC Region 3 Office, 21 South Putt Corners Road, New Paltz, NY 12561. One may also wish to consult Ray Donahue, who represents the Catskill 3500 Club on conservation issues; his address is St. Mary's Church, Downsville, NY 13755. The DEC will distribute a draft plan, hold public meetings, and solicit additional input before completing the final unit management plan.

CATSKILL 3500 CLUB: NEW MEMBERS

750	Dorothy D. Consadine 1/26/91 36 Lincoln Drive, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601	914-297-9116
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752	Edwin LaPerche 1/26/91 23 Wasson Drive, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603	914-297-9688
753	Stephanie Paradise 2/21/91 New Age Health Spa, Route 55, Neversink, NY 12765	
754	Harold Weisberg 2/21/91 P.O. Box 525, Neversink, NY 12765	914-985-7509
755	Peter C. Ford 2/21/91 R.D. 1, Box 507, Napanoch, NY 12458	914-647-3664
756	Arnold Projansky 2/9/91 2 Cicero Avenue, New Paltz, NY 12561	914-255-7157
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763	Jill M. Patterson 3/17/91 170 Milton Avenue, #1, Ballston Spa, NY 12020	518-885-3346

NEW WINTER MEMBERS

244	Joseph C. Gardner, Jr.	2/2/91	251	Linda M. Edwards	3/2/91
245	Ariel Fishman	2/3/91	252	Geoffrey L. Meissner	3/11/91
246	Ernest C. Laug	2/8/91	253	Stephen Dunderf	3/9/91
247	Curtis Height	2/9/91	254	Fred W. Doneit	3/16/91
248	Leif Savery	2/10/91	255	Christopher K. Lavoie	3/17/91
249	Allen C. Maser	2/23/91	256	Jill M. Patterson	3/17/91
250	Henry Edmonds	2/23/91			





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The masthead has been changed to reflect the hike schedule dates. Instead of "SUMMER 1991," this Canister shows "SEPTEMBER - DECEMBER 1991." The next issue, published at the regular time in November, will be "JANUARY - FEBRUARY 1992" rather than "AUTUMN 1991." There are no plans to change our current Canister publication and mailing schedules. To keep the volume numbers and years synchronous, this issue will be the third and last in Volume XXIV. The next issue will be Volume XXV, Number 1. Volume XXV and future volumes will resume containing four issues. -ED.

## BREAK ON BIG INDIAN

The phone rang; it was Marlene. The beautiful April morning had changed her mind and she decided to join us on the hike.

On the way to Red Hook School, my son Piet and I heard the radio announcer predict temperatures in the 80s. Waiting at the parking lot along with Marlene were Alice, Shawn, John, Janet, Catherine, Loraine, Mary, and my niece Paula, and at Kingston HoJo's, we picked up Gordon and Bill. My suggestion to proceed directly to the trailhead was met with mutiny. Not only did I lose out to Sweet Sue's Bakery, but I joined in eating various kinds of delicious pancakes. Filled as we were, it surprised me any of us would be able to hike.

At the trailhead, the temperature was already in the upper 60s. In no time at all we reached the Biscuit Brook leanto, where we stopped to for a snack before starting the bushwhack up Fir mountain. By now the 70-degree temperature made the uphill climb a hot one. We signed in at Fir's canister and over lunch recalled the last time we climbed here - in August 1983, with "Uncle Ben." It was Ben who had labelled us "Blecker's Creepers" because of the pace we hike.

After lunch, on our way to Big Indian, we crossed a large patch of snow and an impromptu snowball fight broke out. I cannot recall ever having this kind of fun in the snow, while wearing shorts in near summer weather. Negotiating the hobble and spruce was a challenge, but soon Big Indian's leafless summit loomed ahead. We were at 3,440 feet, a half mile from our goal.

Then it happened! Marlene slipped on leaf-covered frozen ground and exclaimed her leg was broken. The lump above her left ankle seemed to confirm this. Janet, an x-ray technician, knew the best placement of the injury to reduce the pain, and a space blanket and extra clothing were placed under Marlene to make her as comfortable as possible. It was decided that five fast hikers would go for help while the rest stayed. It was 3:15 p.m.; logistics alone meant help might not come for hours.

Piet, John, Shawn, Catherine, and Bill started back down to the cars. Piet drove to the nearest house where the occupant telephoned the State Troopers and the

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Department of Environmental Conservation. Soon Claryville and Grahamsville Fire Department volunteers arrived, joined by Frost Valley employees, and DEC rangers - all ready to begin the rescue.

Back on the shoulder of Big Indian, we slid a plastic tarp under Marlene, piled on more clothes, and took turns supporting her leg. When it began to rain, we covered her with more plastic and started a fire. Marlene was as cheerful as she could be under the circumstances and expressed concern for our uninformed families and for the risk to our safety in staying with her. Not one of us, of course, would have considered leaving.

About 11 p.m., Bill came out of the night with the advance five-person rescue team of rangers and paramedics. They wasted no time putting a splint on Marlene's leg and sliding her into a sleeping bag and tent. After beefing up the fire, they tied space blankets together to keep out the wind and gave us fresh water and food. The rescue team then radioed our condition back to the Frost Valley command post, and from there it was relayed to our families. Janet got a little sleep with Marlene in the tent. The rest of us spent the windy, 48-degree night warming ourselves in front of the fire. I can recall looking across the fire and seeing a row of nodding figures seated on a log against a backdrop of space blankets, tree trunks, and a starlit sky.

About 4 a.m. a message crackled on Ranger Rudge's radio: the main rescue team was on its way up. They arrived three hours later, carrying a litter, food and thermoses of hot drinks. They blanketed Marlene and strapped her into the litter. This was then attached to a backpack adaptation which allowed the rescuers to carry Marlene with her weight suspended from the centers of four pack frames. It took two and a half hours to negotiate the half-mile, 200-foot descent to the blue trail, where another group of rangers and volunteers waited with a wide-wheeled platform to attach to the bottom of the litter.

More Frost Valley volunteers drove in as far as the leanto and provided us with sandwiches, fruit and juice. Meanwhile, an ambulance was awaiting the arrival of Marlene's litter.

On our way home, Alice and I stopped at Kingston Hospital. Both bones in Marlene's lower left leg were broken, and the doctors recommended a cast for six to eight weeks.

All of us will remember with gratitude the kind help of those volunteers who gave up their weekend to rescue us. Although I was not the one carried down that day, I witnessed enough caring in those volunteers, rangers, and my fellow hikers to carry me through the rest of my life.

Bleecker Staats (#272)  
RD#3, Box 192  
Red Hook, NY 12571

### SPRING MEETING UPDATE

The Spring meeting of the Executive Committee was held on Saturday, June 8, at the Nelson Schultis compound in West Shokan, New York. Included in the committee's discussion were a report by Ray Donahue on the State Land Master Plan concerning such issues as the impact of leantos between 2700 and 3500 feet on the environment, and the erosion caused by mountain bikes; a letter from the DEC's recommending restriction of group size on trailless peaks (see below); a proposal for a club t-shirt; and the choice of Nicole's Restaurant near West Point for the next 3500 Club annual dinner.

### LETTER FROM DEC

The Catskill 3500 Club recently received the following letter from Frederick J. Gerty, Jr. of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation which seeks to preserve the wilderness areas of the CATSKILLS by re-examining the club's approach to peak bagging and restricting group size. Readers' comments are invited.

The Department is preparing a Unit Management Plan for the Big Indian Wilderness area. This portion of the Catskill Forest Preserve contains two trailless peaks over 3500 feet, Fir and Doubletop. As we begin this process, one issue of importance to the club should be considered both here and elsewhere.

Founded in 1962, the Club encourages aspirants to climb the Catskill mountain summits over 3500 feet, the trailless peaks being the real trophies. It is generally recommended, at least initially, that "peak baggers" participate in organized outings, such as those scheduled in The Catskill Canister. While this is commendable, the fact that there is no upper limit on group size is a cause for concern. My staff has observed groups of as many as 25 hikers in a "trailless" wilderness area that should indeed be truly trailless.

However, as you know, there are informal herdpaths leading to the summits of many of the 3500 foot peaks presumed trailless. It's not surprising that when 15 or 20, let alone 25, people hike single file through an otherwise untrampled and often fragile area, a path, however innocuous, is inadvertently established and invites further use. In some instances, paths have been blazed and cleared to create a more definitive route. These are illegally maintained trails, subject to erosion and the cause of a great deal of controversy and public criticism.

Other organizations, like the U.S. Forest Service, the National Park Service, National Outdoor Leadership School, and Outward Bound have conducted intensive studies, the results of which support minimizing group size when bushwhacking to 6 or less in wilderness or otherwise sensitive areas. An excellent recent book, Soft Paths, by D. Cole and B. Hampton contains recommendations.

As a regulating agency, the DEC is charged with the care, custody and control of lands within its jurisdiction. One objective is to accommodate appropriate backcountry recreational use without jeopardizing the wilderness character of the area. Perhaps it would be appropriate for the Catskill 3500 Club to adopt a similar goal.

Keeping trailless peaks "trailless" and dealing with heavy use are issues which must be addressed. I urge your group to participate in the

planning process and help the DEC devise a way to maintain and restore the wilderness values in the area.

Frederick J. Gerty, Jr.  
Regional Forestry Manager  
Region 3

### NEW HIKING POLICY

The DEC's concern about the creation of herdpaths on the trailless peaks and lookout points and their suggestion that such hikes be limited to six hikers underwent extensive discussion at the June Executive Committee meeting, at which Ranger Bill Rudge from the DEC was also present. As a partial solution, the club has decided to discontinue the practice of joint hikes with other clubs.

### CATSKILL 3500 CLUB HIKES (Sept. - Nov. 1991)

#### ASSUMED RISK

Hiking involves certain inherent hazards, and persons participating do so at their own risk.

Sept. 7 HALCOTT

Distance: 5 mi. Ascent: 1600'  
Elev.: 3520' Order: 34

A moderate bushwhack. Heavy rain cancels.

Leader: Allen C. Maser (#706), 7E Brookside Heights, Wanaque, NJ 07465  
(201) 835-1533 (before 10:00 P.M.)

Meeting Place: Jct. of Rts. 28 and 42 in Shandaken at 9:00 A.M.

Sept. 14 SOUTHWEST HUNTER (and possibly HUNTER)

Distance: 8 mi. (11 mi.) Ascent: 1700' (550')  
Elev.: 3740', (4040') Order: 15, (2)

A strenuous bushwhack and trail hike. Heavy rain cancels.

Leader: Allen C. Maser (#706), 7E Brookside Heights, Wanaque, NJ 07465  
(201) 835-1533 (before 10:00 P.M.)

Meeting Place: Jct. of Rte. 42 and County Road 6 at flagpole in Westkill at 9:00 A.M.

Sept. 15 WITTENBERG, CORNELL and SLIDE

Distance: 14 mi. Ascent: 4200'  
Elev.: 3780', 3865', 4180' Order: 14, 9, 1

A difficult, strenuous trail hike around the loop from Woodland Valley Campsite to Slide Mountain parking area and back via yellow (jeep) trail.

Leader: Sue Eilers (#337), 307 Anita Lane, Mamaroneck, NY 10543  
(914) 698-7219

Meeting Place: Sweet Sue's Bakery in Phoenicia at 8:30 A.M.

Sept. 21 Ashokan High Point

Distance: 6 mi. Ascent: 1980'  
Elev.: 3082'

A scenic, moderate trail hike via the Knape.

Leader: Angie Mahdavian (#372), R.D.4, Box 218C, Kingston, NY 12401  
(914) 338-6263

Meeting Place: Jct. of Rts. 28 and 28A in Boiceville at 9:00 A.M.

- Sept. 22 INDIAN HEAD, TWIN and Distance: 11 mi. Ascent: 3300'  
(Sun) SUGARLOAF Elev.: 3573', 3640', 3800' Order: 30, 23, 13  
A strenuous trail hike.  
Leader: Wanda Davenport (#523), 169 Pershing Avenue, Ridgewood, NJ 07450  
(201) 670-8383 (FRIDAY, SEPT. 20, 8:00-9:30 P.M. ONLY)  
Meeting Place: Sweet Sue's Bakery in Phoenicia sharp at 9:00 A.M.
- Sept. 28 BALSAM, Haynes and EAGLE Distance: 9 mi. Ascent: 2500'  
Elev.: 3600', 3420', 3605' Order: 28, 27  
A moderate trail hike from McKinley Hollow.  
Leader: Warren Hale (#576), 94 Draehook Road, Whitehouse Station, NJ 08889  
(201) 236-9543  
Meeting Place: Sweet Sue's Bakery in Phoenicia at 9:00 A.M.
- Oct. 5 Overlook, INDIAN HEAD, Distance: 16 mi. Ascent: 4350' (71')  
TWIN AND SUGARLOAF Elev.: 3573', 3640', 3800' Order: 30, 23, 13  
"Roam with a view." A strenuous trail hike with superb views. Bad weather cancels.  
Leader: Steve Fishman (#618), 202 Albany Avenue, Kingston, NY 12401  
(914) 331-1206 (before 10:00 P.M.)  
Meeting Place: Call leader for details.
- Oct. 6 BEARPEN and VLY Distance: 6 mi. Ascent: 2100'  
(Sun) Elev.: 3600', 3529' Order: 29, 32  
A moderate bushwhack.  
Leader: Howard Dash (#458), 5 Arden Lane, New Paltz, NY 12561  
(914) 255-3409  
Meeting Place: Municipal parking lot in Fleischmanns across from library at 9:00 A.M.
- Oct. 12 BLACKHEAD, BLACKDOME and Distance: 7 mi. Ascent: 2700'  
THOMAS COLE Elev.: 3940', 3990', 3945' Order: 5, 3, 4  
A scenic, strenuous trail hike. Heavy rain cancels.  
Leader: James Shearwood (#700), 39-55 44th Street, Long Island City, NY 11104  
(718) 937-6277  
Meeting Place: Maplecrest Post Office at 9:30 A.M.
- Oct. 19 BALSAM CAP and FRIDAY Distance: 8 mi. Ascent: 3300'  
Elev.: 3623', 3694' Order: 25, 19  
A very strenuous and difficult bushwhack from Moon Haw Road.  
Leader: Bruno Walmsley (#610), 312 N. Harrison Street, Princeton, NJ 08540  
(609) 924-4679  
Meeting Place: Jct. of Rts. 28 and 28A in Boiceville at 8:30 A.M.
- Oct. 20 WINDHAM HIGH PEAK Distance: 7 mi. Ascent: 1825'  
(Sun) Elev.: 3524' Order: 33  
A moderate trail hike.  
Leader: Rosemary Walmsley (#611), 312 N. Harrison Street, Princeton, NJ 08540  
(609) 924-4679  
Meeting Place: State parking area on Rte. 23 (3 mi. west of East Windham) at  
9:00 A.M.
- Oct. 26 Dry Brook Ridge Distance: 10 mi. Ascent: 1200'  
A scenic, moderately strenuous trail hike from Mill Brook Road to Margaretville.  
Leader: Ernest Mahlke (#72), R.D.1, Box 178B1, Laurens, NY 13796  
(607) 432-2583  
Meeting Place: Bridge over Dry Brook on Rt. 28 in Arkville at 9:00 A.M.

Oct. 27 RUSK, HUNTER (and possibly SOUTHWEST HUNTER) Distance: 9 mi. Ascent: 2600' (2900')  
 (Sun) Elev.: 3680', 4040', (3740') Order: 21, 2, (15)  
 A very strenuous bushwhack and trail hike. Heavy rain cancels.  
 Leader: Richard C. Kline (#720), P.O. Box 130, Leeds, NY 12451-0130  
 (518) 622-9077

Meeting Place: Jct. of Rt. 42 and County Road 6 at flagpole in Westkill at 8:30 A.M.

Nov. 2 LONE and ROCKY Distance: 12 mi. Ascent: 2000'  
 Elev.: 3721', 3508' Order: 17, 35

A strenuous, fast-paced bushwhack.

Leader: Anthony Amaral, Jr. (#612), 420 Lexington Avenue, New York, NY 10170  
 (212) 490-7900 (Days: 9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.)

Meeting Place: Denning trailhead at 8:30 A.M.

Nov. 3 KAATERSKILL HIGH PEAK Distance: 11 mi. Ascent: 2000'  
 (Sun) and Huckleberry Point Elev.: 3655' Order: 22

A scenic, moderately strenuous bushwhack and trail hike.

Leader: Anthony Amaral, Jr. (#612), 420 Lexington Avenue, New York, NY 10170  
 (212) 490-7900 (Days: 9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.)

Meeting Place: Jct. of Platte Cove Road (County Route 16) and Prediger Road, just south of Tannersville, at 9:00 A.M.

Nov. 9 TABLE and PEEKAMOOSE Distance: 9 mi. Ascent: 3100'  
 Elev.: 3847', 3843' Order: 10, 11

A strenuous trail clearing hike on a portion of the Long Path that the club is responsible for clearing. Bring your bow saws, hedgeclippers, etc., if you have them. If not, the club will furnish them - BUT, COME.

Leader: Gerald A. Gervais (#687), 31 Blossom Lane, Newburgh, NY 12550  
 (914) 342-5701 (days until 3:00 P.M.)

Meeting Place: Denning Trailhead at 8:30 A.M.

Nov. 16 WESTKILL Distance: 9 mi. Ascent: 2100'  
 Elev.: 3880' Order: 6

A moderately strenuous trail hike.

Leader: Wilson G. Hoyt (#309), 298 Ridgewood Avenue, Hurley, NY 12443  
 (914) 339-5732 (Fri.-Sun.); (516) 775-2059 (Mon.-Wed. evenings)

Meeting Place: Flagpole at Jct. of Rt. 42 and County Road 6 (Spruceton Road) in Westkill at 9:00 A.M.

Nov. 18-Dec. 10 HUNTING SEASON (FIREARMS) IN THE CATSKILLS. NO HIKE SCHEDULED.

#### LEADERSHIP PATCHES

Congratulations to Allen C. Maser (#706), the latest club member to become eligible for the leadership patch. Leaders who have completed the requirements for leadership can now obtain patches by forwarding their tally sheets to the Outings Chairman, Wilson G. Hoyt, 298 Ridgewood Avenue, Hurley, NY 12443.

#### SOME MEMBERSHIP VITAL STATISTICS

Forty hikers became members of the club during the year ending March 31, 1991. Of these, ten were women. Ages ranged from 14 to 56 for the men, and 22 to 53 for the women. For all new members, the average age was 38 years six months.

Time taken to complete the 39 ascents averaged six years two months, the longest span being 20 years seven months and the shortest eleven months. Slide was the most

popular first peak - thirteen new members began there. Balsam Cap and Southwest Hunter were the most frequently climbed peaks for finishing the requirements.

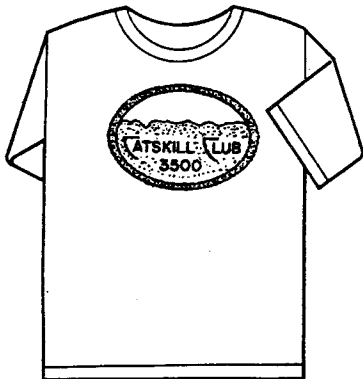
Cyrus B. Whitney (#266)  
 Membership Chairman  
 41 Morley Drive  
 Wyckoff, NJ 07481-3322

3500 CLUB WINTER WEEKEND

The Alpine Inn has been reserved for January 24-26, the weekend following Martin Luther King's birthday, for the club's annual winter weekend. Details will appear in the next issue of the Canister.

T-SHIRT FOR THE CATSKILL 3500 CLUB

At the Executive Committee Meeting on June 8, 1991, it was decided to introduce a Catskill 3500 t-shirt for club members. The shirt will be made from fine quality, American-made 50% cotton/50% polyester in sky blue and feature an enlarged version of the club emblem in the center of the shirt. The price of the shirt will be \$10.00, including tax and postage. We will place our total order with the manufacturer on the day of the deadline for receipt of orders. If you would like a Catskill 3500 Club t-shirt, please complete the order form below and mail it, together with your check made payable to the CATSKILL 3500 CLUB, to Darielle Graham, 60 Barker Street, Apt. 419, Mt. Kisco, NY 10549. Deadline for receipt of orders is December 15, 1991.



Use symbols for size,  
 as given below:

- S - Small (34-36)
- M - Medium (38-40)
- L - Large (42-44)
- XL - Extra Large (46-48)

QUANTITY	SIZE	PRICE EACH	TOTAL PRICE

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR COUNTY IF N.Y. STATE \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

3500 CLUB NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

CATSKILL 3500 CLUB: NEW MEMBERS

764	Margaret T. Lipscomb 3/31/91 26 Bari Manor, Croton-on-Hudson, NY 10520-2310	914-271-6136
765	Richard N. Schaffer 4/14/90 33 Willow Avenue, #3, N. Plainfield, NJ 07060	908-757-9154
766	Elizabeth A. Saks 4/20/91 R.D. 4, Lucas Avenue, Cottekill, NY 12419	914-687-4337
767	Linda A. Brandt 4/20/91 11 Stahmann Place, Kingston, NY 12401	914-339-5376
768	John Bowen 4/27/91 1087 Valley Road, Warminster, PA 18974	215-343-0749
769	Lindsey Leiser 5/18/91 9 Allen Street, #1, Binghamton, NY 13901-2216	607-724-6514
770	Adrian Sadowski 6/9/91 40 Skunks Misery Road, Locust Valley, NY 11560	516-671-8592
771	Stephen E.A. Sadowski 6/9/91 40 Skunks Misery Road, Locust Valley, NY 11560	516-671-8592
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