

THE LOCATION OF PEEKAMOOSE LODGE

Recently I encountered Mr. E. O. Anderson, an 82-year-old gentleman, as he came off the Kanape Fire Truck Trail by the Bush Kill. As he had been hunting deer since 2:00 p.m., and it was then well after dark, I was concerned for his welfare. In response to my questions, he identified himself, and said he was from Peekamoose Lodge. Further questioning revealed that he was not from the old George Singer property (Peekamoose Club), marked on the map through error as "Peekamoose Lodge." He located a property I knew well as being Peekamoose Lodge and invited us to stop by. The following evening we knocked and were welcomed warmly and invited in. As we sat and talked in the light of the fireplace and kerosene lamps of the log cabin that constitutes Peekamoose Lodge, we picked up the following tidbits.

Peekamoose Lodge is the second oldest incorporated camp in the United States. It was founded by Anderson's father in 1904; the present building was erected in 1909. The father first came to the valley of the upper Rondout when he was in his sixteenth year and he fell in love with the area. Later the elder Anderson bought the present Lodge property from Kate Aldrich, who owned a sizeable amount of land on her farm between Bear Hole Brook and Buttermilk Falls Brook. This is adjacent to and up the Gulf Road from the present summer home of Mrs. Frank Morrell. While visiting Peekamoose Lodge as a guest of the father, Teddy Roosevelt (then Vice President of the U.S.) carried young Anderson (nine years old) across the Rondout by the Flat Rock where the Long Path turns to go up Peekamoose.

Near Peekamoose Lodge, on land now owned by Mrs. Morrell, is a spot in the Rondout known as "The Blue Hole" from the color of its water. The spot is well known locally for its beauty. It was visited by such notables as John Burroughs, Ernest Thompson Seton, and Ernest Hemmingway, while guests of Judge VanEtten of New York. VanEtten's place is shown on some USGS Peekamoose Maps. All that now marks it is a large chimney across the Rondout from the Gulf Road on the west side of the valley. The place is now N. Y. S. Forest Preserve and gets much use from campers.

It was T. Roosevelt who had Peekamoose Lodge put on USGS maps. He seems to have been in the dark as to the exact location. The Lodge, barely visible from the road, is situated on the north side of the Gulf Road and about one-half mile up the valley from the Morrell property.

Membership in Peekamoose Lodge, Inc. is limited to ten. At present membership is not full. Mr. Anderson, a retired Wall St. banker, now resides in New Rochelle, N.Y. Peekamoose takes its name, now slightly changed from the Indian to fit the English tongue, from the large rock on its summit.

--Peter Fish, Wawarsing, N.Y.

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CATSKILLS COMMISSION

Many club members will be surprised to learn that a temporary state commission was quietly created by legislation signed by the Governor in June. The original bill had been introduced into the legislature by Assemblyman H. Clark Bell and Senator William M. Anderson.

Paragraph 2, the most salient part of this legislation, reads as follows: "The commission shall make a study of the CATSKILL region which shall include, but not be limited to, the conservation and development of the natural resources of the region, notably, the flora, fauna, scenic beauty and environmental purity; the strengthening of cultural resources, social organizations, economy and general well-being of the rural communities and the development of measures by which the region may draw strength from neighboring cities, but at the same time protecting itself from unplanned population growth. Also studied should be the necessity of strengthening policy regarding management, acquisition and use of public land; the development of controls for highways, public buildings and utilities; increased recreational facilities including the feasibility of greater use of water supply reservoirs; the measures to be taken by local governments to assure that the development of private lands is consistent with the long-range plans."

The nine-member commission will be appointed, three each by the governor, the temporary president of the senate, and the speaker of the assembly. At least six of these appointees will be residents of the CATSKILL region, which includes Delaware, Sullivan, Ulster, Greene, Otsego, Schoharie, Chenango, and Albany counties. The commission's first report to the legislature and the governor is due March 31, 1972.

Funding of the commission is a matter of doubt. An original form of the legislation provided \$100,000 for expenses. Since commission members will receive no compensation, this sum was intended for expenses in such categories as staffing, technical assistance, and travel. Unfortunately, the legislation as finally signed has no provision whatsoever for money.

Obviously, the entire matter is up in the air. However, the commission is now being formed. Will its membership reflect conservation or development? Will there be sufficient money available to enable meaningful goals to be reached?

When positive information is obtained concerning this commission, club members will be informed. Meanwhile, if you would like a copy of the bill, write to the undersigned at 43 So. Highland Ave., Ossining, N.Y. 10562.

--Spiro Kavarnos

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CATSKILL 3500 CLUB HIKES

Jan. 22-23 WINTER WEEKEND - Alpine Inn, Oliverea

Jan. 22 (Sat.) Starting from Alpine Inn at 9:00 a.m.

1. FIR Leader: Franklin Clark  
Distance: 4 mi. Ascent: 1900' Elev.: 3625' Ord.: 23
2. Beginner-Intermediate cross-country ski, possibly PANTHER  
Leader: Ann Clapper

A short Saturday afternoon hike and Sunday hikes will be announced at the Alpine Inn.

Jan. 29 BLACKHEAD A joint hike with Albany Chapter ADK to this required winter summit.

Distance: 6 mi. Ascent: 3000' Elevation: 3940' Order: 5  
Leader: W. H. Leavitt, Joslen Blvd., Hudson, 518-828-6907  
Meeting Place: Cairo Diner, Cairo, at 8:30 a.m.

Feb. 5 INDIAN HEAD & TWIN Over the head of the sleeping giant, Onteora.

Distance: 6 mi. Ascent: 2300' Elevation: 3573', 3640' Order: 29, 22  
Leader: Will Merritt, R. D. 1, Riverview Rd., Rexford, 518-371-5787  
Meeting Place: Warm's Restaurant, Tannersville, at 8:30 a.m.

Feb. 12 NORTH DOME & SHERRILL A bushwhack from Spruceton Valley.

Distance: 6 mi. Ascent: 2350' Elevation: 3610', 3540' Order: 25, 30  
Leader: Jonathan Clement, 727 Madison Ave., Albany, 518-463-8135  
Meeting Place: Village Bake Shop, Phoenicia, at 8:00 a.m.

Feb. 26 SHAWANGUNK SHAMBLE Stony Kill Falls, Fly Brook, Mud Pond, Lake Awosting, Castle Point, and out the Peters Kill. Excellent CATSKILL views. Bring sunglasses.

Distance: 10mi. Ascent: 1000'  
Leader: Peter Fish, Box 249, Wawarsing, 914-647-5781  
Meeting Place: Jct. 44-55 and 209 near Kerhonkson, at 8:30 a.m.

Mar. 4 CORNELL A combined bushwhack from Woodland Valley with the N.Y. Chapter AMC.

Distance: 7 mi. Ascent: 2400' Elevation: 3865' Order: 9  
Leader: Walter Gregory, 8 Wall Ave., Valhalla, 914-949-7567  
Meeting Place: Village Bake Shop, Phoenicia, at 9:15 a.m.

Mar. 11 BALSAM Aspiring members need this winter peak.

Distance: 5 mi. Ascent: 2000' Elevation: 3600' Order: 27  
Leader: Spiro Kavarnos, 43 S. Highland Ave., Ossining, 914-762-0559  
Meeting Place: Village Bake Shop, Phoenicia, at 9:00 a.m.

Mar. 18 ANNUAL DINNER No scheduled hike

Mar. 25 HIGH POINT & MOMBACCUS Kanape Brook Trail to High Point  
and return bushwhack along Mom-  
baccus Ridge. Joint with N.J. ADK.

Distance: 9 mi. Ascent: 3160' Elevation: 3080', 3015'  
Leader: Roy Messaros, 249 Mulberry Way, Franklin Lakes, N.J.  
201-337-5004  
Meeting Place: Jct. Rts. 28 & 28A at Boiceville, at 8:30 a.m.

Apr. 1 WITTENBERG A bushwhack over Cross Mountain.

Distance: 7 mi. Ascent: 2600' Elevation: 3780' Order: 14  
Leader: James Daley, Hibernia Rd., Salt Point, 914-266-3007  
Meeting Place: Village Bake Shop, Phoenicia, at 8:30 a.m.

Apr. 15 DRY BROOK RIDGE Our first president runs the ridge NW in  
the tenth year.

Distance: 9 mi. Ascent: 1300' Elevation: 3460'  
Leader: C. W. Spangenberg, 12 Tanglewood Rd., Woodstock, 914-679-2554  
Meeting Place: Jct. Rt. 28 & Dry Brook Rd., Arkville, at 9:00 a.m.

Apr. 22 WINDHAM HIGH PEAK Midpoint of the Northeastern Escarpment.  
An ascent by trail.

Distance: 6 mi. Ascent: 1800' Elevation: 3524' Order: 32  
Leader: Frank Oliver, 1113 Cambridge Rd., Teaneck, N.J., 201-836-5794  
Meeting Place: Five State Motel, East Windham, at 9:00 a.m.

Apr. 29 "NO NAME" & HUNTER A bushwhack from Diamond Notch.

Distance: 8 mi. Ascent: 2100' Elevation: 3740', 4040' Order: "35", 2  
Leader: Marion Greig, R. D. 1, Box 86, Red Hook, 914-758-1911



NOTE: A modest summer hike may become a test of endurance under cer-  
tain winter conditions. Inexperienced hikers or those unfamiliar with  
the CATSKILLS are advised to contact the leader in advance.

Snowshoe conditions may persist through April, depending on the  
severity of winter.

MINNEWASKA STATE PARK

A public meeting took place on the evening of February 16 in the Minnewaska Mountain House under the auspices of "Mid Hudson Patterns for Progress" to discuss the recently published master plan for the development of the Minnewaska State Park. The plan was prepared by the National Park Service, acting as a consultant to the manager of Palisades Interstate Park, Mr. Nash Castro, who, in turn, will assume responsibility for the Shawangunk area. Your reporter studied the plan from cover to cover and found it an excellent presentation of the problems encountered and the solutions proposed, ranging from most beneficial use to ecological protection of the area.

The meeting was an eye opener, and a preview of things to come. Apparently, different people relish different types of enjoyment, and the management is trying to render justice to all. We heard from hikers, skiers, hunters, conservationists, local business men, and snowmobile buffs.

Snowmobile owners presented a solid phalanx and organized their clapping extremely well. To our astonishment we were acquainted with the following facts:

1. Two of the main purposes of snowmobiling are to rescue hikers hopelessly stranded on mountain tops, and to take food to the deer.
2. Snowmobiling builds family relations. Kids become more attached to their parents because of common experience in viewing the wintry landscape at 30 MPH, and less inclined to drug addiction.
3. Registration fees paid by the operators are used for park purposes; why shouldn't they get a return on their investment?
4. Nobody hikes in the winter.
5. Noise? We never heard about it.

It is to be regretted that the people fighting for conservation did not synchronize their tactics very well. Overlapping of thoughts, contradictions, and ineffective speaking might have been avoided. Nevertheless, a valiant effort was made.

Connie Jeanotte, Mid Hudson Sierra Club chairman, easily carried first honors by the able presentation of the ecological damage of the snowmobile as contained in the Audubon report. She was supported by Adrienne Wiese of the local ADK, who presented a Board resolution of the Mid Hudson Chapter. Local residents chimed in complaining about the satanic noise and the utter disregard of laws by "wild cat" operators. Maurice Avery spoke for the Trail Conference, which is charged with trail layout and clearing. Fred Lowy was empowered by local groups to offer to the park administration help in fire fighting, litter removal, and prevention of vandalism on a "persuasive" basis, but without actual police powers. Encouraging to our side was the presence of many students from local community colleges and high schools, who were ecology oriented.

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Recommendations: For the next meeting in Ellenville, try to coordinate actions of AMC, Trail Conference, Atlantic Chapter, Sierra Club, etc. Forces trying to preserve our environment must display the same cunning as those trying to destroy it. Our potent weapon, as brought out by Maurice Avery, is the "numbers game." Atlantic Chapter, Sierra Club 14,000, ADK 6,000, AMC, New York area close to 4,000. Snowmobilers were stunned.

--Frederick C. Lowy, Rhinebeck, N.Y.

PEEKAMOOSSE RIDGE

Sing the praise of mountaineers bold!  
I know a saga I have to unfold.  
The story is of a long trek in the CATSKILL  
undertaken by three men, a boy, and a damsel.  
Stalwart, courageous, undaunted were we;  
I know, because that damsel was me.  
First we took Peekamoose--did it with flair--  
And then on to Table with hardly a care.  
Then Seymour, with map and compass in hand,  
started the bushwhack across that wild land.  
The brush tore our clothes and the gnats bit our skin,  
while the blowdowns bruised and battered our shin.  
By the time we had scrambled up Lone and up Rocky,  
our brave little band was somewhat less cocky.  
Then Pete took his turn with the compass and map,  
and onward we trudged up that old Balsam Cap.  
On top of each mountain, young Josh took the lead  
for finding the canister was his great deed.  
The newcomer, Vince, was the fifth in our party,  
but he proved in climbing to be hale and hearty.  
With five to our credit and one more to go,  
the daylight was fading--no time to be slow!  
Regrouping our forces, we shot a straight course  
and headed for Friday, that mount of remorse.  
The onslaught of Friday was tough, long, and steep;  
there was no turning back, we were in it too deep.  
So we clenched our teeth and our agonies bore;  
the end found us weary, bug-bitten, and sore.  
Now this is the memory I share with my peers  
of the Peekamoose Ridge, or "Blood, Sweat, and Tears."

--Madeline Libolt, Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

1971 big game hunters took 60 black bears in the CATSKILLS. County-wise, the tally is Ulster 26, Sullivan 22, Greene 11, and Delaware 1. Here, then, is the answer to those who have doubts about the ursine population of Onteora.

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THE PERIPATETIC PORCUPINE

Now that #105 has demonstrated her talent for hyperbole, we hope she will ascend Friday via the ridge from Maltby Hollow. The view of the summit from below the top is unsurpassed in the CATSKILLS for sheer primeval grandeur. \* \* \* \* #65 has left for his job in India. \* \* \* \* #62 has been awarded a scholarship to Cornell. \* \* \* \* #23 has whirled around the canisters again, this time doing all 34 of the peaks in one winter.

CAN THOMAS COLE BE SEEN FROM SLIDE?

Richard Lionel DeLisser, in his "Picturesque Ulster," says that Thomas Cole is visible from Slide Mountain. I have stated many times that all the peaks exceeding 3500 feet except Thomas Cole can be identified from Slide.

After making some geodetic computations I am not sure. Using the New York East Zone grid of the State System of Plane Coordinates the grid bearing ( $12\frac{1}{4}$  degrees clockwise from magnetic) from Slide to Thomas Cole is north 34 degrees 16 minutes 20 seconds east and distant 120,143 feet. The bearing from Slide to Hunter is north 33 degrees 10 minutes 40 seconds east and distant 77,660 feet. The vertical angle from Slide to Thomas Cole is 6 minutes and 40 seconds. The vertical angle from Slide to Hunter is 6 minutes and 10 seconds. This makes Hunter rise 10.6 feet above a direct line of sight between Slide and Thomas Cole.

Let us look again at the bearings. Thomas Cole is 1 degree 5 minutes 40 seconds to the right of Hunter, making the line of sight from Slide to Thomas Cole passing 1484 feet to the southeast of Hunter Mountain fire tower, at a point where the elevation on Hunter is 50 or 60 feet lower than the top. With 10.6 feet we had by the difference in vertical angles and a 40-foot fall away due to curvature of the earth, we can see that it is nip and tuck. I have examined some photographs taken from Slide and believe I discern a tiny hump of Thomas Cole over the southeasterly shoulder of Hunter Mountain.

If some of the members (or aspirants) of the 3500 Club want to join in an exercise, I propose that we settle this point once and for all. It should be done at night using a theodolite and lights. This will get away from refraction, paralax, etc. It will, of course, involve overnight parties (one on Slide and one on Thomas Cole). Do we have any volunteers?

--Edward G. West, Shandaken, N.Y.

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 Distance: 8 mi. Ascent: 2100' Elevation: 3740', 4040' Order: "35", 2  
 Leader: Marion Greig (#62), R. D. 1, Box 86, Red Hook, 914-758-1911  
 Meeting Place: Jct. Rt. 42 & Spruceton Rd., Westkill, at 9:00 a.m.
- May 6      WITTENBERG CLEANUP      A heavily traveled summit that should yield vast treasures again this year.  
 Distance: 7 mi. Ascent: 2600' Elevation: 3780' Order: 14  
 Leader: Elinore Leavitt (#2), Joslen Blvd., Hudson, 518-828-6907  
 Meeting Place: Village Bake Shop, Phoenicia, at 9:00 a.m.
- May 20      SUGARLOAF      A segment of the Devil's Path from Platte Clove Road.  
 Distance: 4 mi. Ascent: 1700' Elevation: 3800' Order: 13  
 Leader: John Mitchell (#66), 226 Main St., Fishkill, 914-896-6526  
 Meeting Place: Warm's Restaurant, Tannersville, at 9:00 a.m.
- May 27      BLACK ROCK FOREST      Stillman Trail, Mountainville to Cornwall, including Black Rock, Mt. Misery, & Storm King Mt.  
 Distance: 10 mi. Ascent: 1500'  
 Leader: Kenneth Shuker, (#56), 20 Cedar Lane, Cornwall, 914-534-8758  
 Meeting Place: South of Newbergh on Rt. 9W. Turn east one block on Rt. 307 to Grand Union parking lot, at 9:00 a.m.
- June 3      JUG END TO PLANTAIN POND      Another Taconic adventure including Mts. Everett & Race on the AT.  
 Distance: 7 mi. Ascent: 2200'  
 Leader: Allan Wirth (#55), Knickerbocker Ave., Hudson, 518-828-1907  
 Meeting Place: Diner at jct. Rts. 22 & 23, Hillsdale, at 9:00 a.m.
- June 10      DOUBLETOP & BIG INDIAN      A strenuous bushwhack, looping from Seager across the connecting ridge.  
 Distance: 7 mi. Ascent: 2500' Elevation: 3870', 3680' Order: 7, 19  
 Leader: Norman Greist (#85), North Haven, Conn., 203-248-2528  
 Meeting Place: Jct. Rt. 28 & Dry Brook Road, Arkville, at 8:00 a.m.



CATSKILL ADVENTURES

As I finished reading A. T. Shorey's tale of his CATSKILL expedition in the January-February ADIRONDAC, I thought, "What a whale of a difference a few years make!" Or was it a few miles? Or just A. T. himself? In 1912, you will remember, he made a circle tour across the southern CATSKILLS, slept in feather beds, and lived on milk, honey, and party food. Ten years later I went across about ten miles north, slept on a hard bed, or no bed, and lived on bacon and eggs.

The story starts early in the summer of 1922 when, with a small shoulder bag containing a few clothes, I hiked from Palenville through Kaaterskill Clove and Stony Clove to Phoenicia, stopping along the way at hotels or boarding houses. The food was good, the country beautiful and life seemed worth living. My enjoyment was heightened by finding at Woodland Valley, below Phoenicia, an old friend and geology professor. Together we studied the topographic maps and decided to follow a lumber road to Winisook Lodge and take the trail up Slide Mountain. Today a good trail connects Woodland with Winisook and undoubtedly the surveyers found a road here in 1903, but the jungle had taken over before 1922 and we battled our way through dense brush, in places sighting our course by the diameter of the trees. We arrived at Winisook well "after lunch," ate some chocolate and raisins in a sudden down-pour and headed back the way we came. It was one of those days you never forget.

Not long after I was back in the CATSKILLS again, this time stopping off with the Becker Family at the base of Hunter Mountain. This I climbed the next day and went on down into the West Kill Valley and on to Shandaken and Phoenicia. In this area there were plenty of the "black spots on the map" that A. T. Shorey referred to. There was no shortage of good beds or good food, so there was no need to carry either on your back. You just walked as far as you liked then asked some friendly person for advice on lodging. Thus encouraged I spread out the maps and looked for new fields. It was obvious that having twice gone in from the north, the next approach should be from the south.

The idea was easily sold to my brother, so off we started on Labor Day week end. We left the Ulster and Delaware Railroad at what the conductor called "Ash-O-kan", walked around the north end of the reservoir and down to West Shokan. Then we followed the road west through Watson Hollow. Late in the afternoon we inquired about lodgings. The driver of a farm wagon directed us to "an old fellow who lives alone up the road. Lost his wife." It was evident that he had tried successfully to drown his sorrow for he was not in condition to receive company. His was almost the last spot on the map for some distance, but after a while we came to a not-too-prosperous-looking farm. The elderly woman who answered the door said we should sit on the steps until her husband came in from the field. They had a conference and decided to take us in, since there was no other house for some miles and it was getting dark. They were people of few words, and as he did

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not hear well, conversation was difficult. Supper consisted of bacon and eggs, fried potatoes and coffee. Eight-thirty was apparently bedtime and the farmer showed us up a very steep flight of stairs to the attic room, which was just big enough for a double bed and one chair. We struggled to open the single window but found it had been nailed shut---very likely when the house was built. As it was evident that the old couple were not too comfortable in their unfamiliar role as hosts, we settled down on a cornjusk mattress for a stuffy night. Breakfast consisted of bacon and eggs, fried potatoes and coffee.

The road was very beautiful as it climbed over the divide to Peekamoose and down the Rondout. By afternoon we were at Sundown Post Office--where we crossed A. T. Shorey's route. Instead of turning toward Claryville, we headed up the East Branch of the Neversink from Ladleton to Denning. The first several houses were abandoned. The next did not take guests; the second did not and was not sure who did, but at the third and last the man broke down and told us that they had all sold out to "a rod and gun club." They could stay on for another year but could not give lodging to anyone. Apparently the legal agreement was so impressively worded that they were all afraid to do anything.

After considerable discussion of our predicament--no blankets, no food and no store within miles--he offered the information that there was a State leanto a mile above where we could sleep out. And, if we would agree not to tell anyone, he would sell us some food. Faced with no alternative but a long trek back to Claryville we quickly made up our minds. The food proved to be bacon and eggs and a half loaf of bread. The problem of cooking utensils was solved by getting an old tin pan from him. Coffee, butter and fixings were for a later day.

Darkness was closing in when we reached the leanto. It proved to be a lovely spot on the bank of the East Branch at a point where the water gurgled pleasantly over the rocks. With the aid of a flash we gathered twigs and brush, got a fire going, and enjoyed bacon and eggs and dry toast, washed down with cold water from the brook. This done we realized more keenly than before that a September evening in the mountains can be chilly--especially with no blankets. During the process of dragging in wood I stumbled on an old axe back of the leanto. That promised a supply of real firewood but a second look showed no edge. Dull as it was, I swung it lustily in the flickering firelight until suddenly a piece of wood hit me in the eye. My most unforgettable moment was when, after bathing the eye for several minutes at the brook, I pulled the lids apart and found that I could see just one star, and that was in the sky. (Later the doctor said a capillary had been ruptured.) We settled down, I with a cold compress and my brother feeding the fire, to half-sleep, half-freeze the night through.

At dawn we had another go at food--bacon and eggs, dry toast and water. It did not take too long to reach the old Curtis trail to Slide Mountain. Returning from the top we branched off on the trail to Winisook Lodge and down the road from there into Big Indian Valley. Just where the road levelled off we found a boarding house with hot baths, good food and real beds. With such comforts it was easy to relax and talk about the grand experience just finished.

Ten years later I had the notion to drive over the same road from West Shokan to Sundocan. I was assured in the general store it was "open and all right" and, being a trusting soul, headed west with my wife and her mother as passengers. For some distance it was the same dirt road but it continued to worsen. My standing with the ladies went down steadily and finally hit bottom when, at a narrow spot up in the divide, we were suddenly confronted with no road. It had slid down the hillside leaving only bare rock sloping at an angle of about thirty degrees. Some fifty feet ahead the road was undisturbed. I could not turn. I did not fancy backing several miles on that road, so after reconnoitering, I drove ahead across the sloping rock face, and the ladies walked. From there on we proceeded with nothing more than the normal chuck holes, "thank-you-mams" and rocks. The old leanto on the East Branch had become the large Denning Open Camp--best reached from Liberty.

Someday I'll go through Watson Hollow again, and I hope it won't be on a concrete road. I believe I will also try A. T.'s route from Round Pond to Beaver Kill, but you'll find me with a sleeping bag, a good axe and some food on my back. It's beautiful country, well worth visiting, but don't expect to find milk, honey and party food everywhere. That is reserved for the chosen few who were born under the right star!

--Henry L. Young, Ridgewood, N.J., ADIRONDAC, July 1950

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CATSKILL 3500 CLUB HIKES

Sept. 9 SLIDE via Denning and the Curtis Trail. A joint hike with N.J. ADK to help Henry celebrate his 50th anniversary climb of Slide.  
 Distance: 8 mi. Ascent: 2100' Elevation: 4180' Order: 1  
 Leader: Henry L. Young (#59), 194 Spencer Pl., Ridgewood, N.J. 07450  
 201-445-6745  
 Meeting Place: Jct. Rts. 28 & 28A in Boiceville, at 8:30 a.m. or Claryville parking area at 9:00 a.m.

Sept. 16-17 SLIDE OR THOMAS COLE Two parties will ascend with rotating mirrors and signal lights and attempt to sight each other over intervening Hunter Mt. (see Spring '72 Canister) MUST contact Ed West. Sherpas are needed.  
 Distance: 7 mi. (each) Ascent: 1600', 2000' Elev.: 4180', 3945'  
 Order: 1, 4  
 Leader: Edward G. West (#45), Shandaken, N.Y. 12480, 914-688-5488  
 Franklin Clark (#33), 10 S. Washington St., Athens, N.Y. 518-945-1413  
 Meeting Place: Village Bake Shop, Phoenicia, 10:00 a.m. (Slide)  
 Maplecrest, 10:00 a.m. (Thomas Cole)

Sept. 23 BALSAM LAKE MT. from Millbrook Ridge. A new look at an old mountain.  
 Distance: 6 mi. Ascent: 2000' Elev.: 3725' Order: 15  
 Leader: James E. Daley (#51), Hibernia Rd., Salt Point, N.Y. 12578  
 914-266-3007  
 Meeting Place: Jct. Rt. 28 & Dry Brook Rd., Arkville, at 9:00 a.m.

Sept. 30 LONG PATH Trail maintenance on Peekamoose & Table. Buttermilk Falls to Denning leanto. Depending on trail condition a second day may be needed. Consider car camping Sat. night.  
 Distance: 6 mi. Ascent: 2700' Elev.: 3843', 3847' Order: 11, 10  
 Leader: C. Peter Fish (#12), Box 249, Wawarsing, N.Y. 12489  
 914-647-5781  
 Meeting Place: Jct. Rts. 28 & 28A, Boiceville, at 9:00 a.m.

Oct. 14 RUSK & EVERGREEN Along the trailless ridge W from Rusk to a seldom-visited peak.  
 Distance: 5 mi. Ascent: 1800' Elev.: 3680' Order: 20  
 Leader: Barney Kinahan (#111), 61 Saratoga Ave., Yonkers, N.Y. 10705  
 914-965-9745  
 Meeting Place: Village Bake Shop, Phoenicia, at 8:30 a.m.

Oct. 21 HALCOTT One of our 3500' bushwhacks  
 Distance: 3 mi. Ascent: 1800' Elev. 3520' Order: 33  
 Leader: Vincent Griska (#114), 45 S. Clinton St., Poughkeepsie 12601  
 914-452-0128  
 Meeting Place: Village Bake Shop, Phoenicia, at 9:00 a.m.

HOT MACKERAL, COLD MACKERAL

Now, there is a time and place for everything, so they say. Uppermost in my mind for months was mackerel sizzling in a pan over a Primus stove. In addition to this passion for fried mackerel en plein air, the object this particular time was to provide protein energy for the assault of Doubletop in the CATSKILLS with two buddies.

On Saturday morning, inside the tent, I fried two batches of Scandinavian mackerel, the first for breakfast, the second for lunch. Now what does any conscientious person do when he thinks he has a good meal? He offers his friends a portion. Response from my fellow hikers was not only indifferent, it was negative, a complete let-down for a hot piscine entree. "We don't like fish," they said, "especially in the morning."

The second batch was carried to the summit of Doubletop in the frying pan and in the pack. Hoping that my friends had changed their eating habits in the interim, I again offered a portion while reclining for lunch against a blowdown on Doubletop. Negative this time too. "We have our tuna sandwiches." I hinted this unusual behavior had to be corrected. "To what piscatorial family do you think the tuna belongs---the one usually used for sandwiches," I asked. Before they could give a perfunctory answer in their defense, I said, "Both belonged to the mackerel group of fishes, which also includes the albacore and the wahoo." Under these circumstances Scandinavian mackerel, either hot or cold, deserved to be savored.

The hikes up Doubletop and Halcott were otherwise accomplished without mishap. A week later tent and knapsack still had a fishy odor!

--J. A. Danielsen, Flushing, N.Y.

THE CATSKILL MOUNTAINS BOOKSHELF

Walton Van Loan of Catskill chose an auspicious year for the appearance of the first guide devoted entirely to the Catskill Mountains CATSKILL MOUNTAIN GUIDE, WITH MAPS, SHOWING WHERE TO WALK AND WHERE TO RIDE, 1876. Only two copies of this work are known, one at the Haines Falls Library, the other at the Cornell University Library. The Bookshop has a zerox copy.

The Hudson River guide books also aided the traveller in the Catskill Mountains. Their appearance was roughly during the last half of the 19th century and the first decade of the 20th. Notable guide-books were authored by Wallace Bruce and Ernest Ingersoll.

The years after 1920 are barren of guide books other than Arthur C. Mack's ENJOYING THE CATSKILLS, A PRACTICAL GUIDE, 1950, and Eric Posselt's THE RIP VAN WINKLE TRAIL, A GUIDE TO THE CATSKILLS, 1952.

The charm of the Catskill Mountains before the advent of paved roads and the automobile is seen in Richard Lionel DeLisser's PICTURESQUE CATSKILLS, GREENE COUNTY, WITH OVER 800 ILLUSTRATIONS, now available in a reprinting. The author, an artist, travelled through the

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Catskills in the summer and fall of 1893 taking the pictures. Other available reprintings are the HISTORY OF GREENE COUNTY, NEW YORK, 1884; THE CATSKILLS, 1918, by T. Morris Longstreth; and OLD TIMES IN WINDHAM, 1869, by the Rev. Henry H. Prout. The last narrates the settling of the Mountain Top after the Revolution largely by pioneers from New England.

1972 has seen a major addition to the Catskill Mountains bookshelf. The long-awaited and definitive work THE CATSKILLS, by Alf Evers, was published by Doubleday and Co. in October. This year will also see the appearance of Gerald M. Best's book on the Ulster and Delaware Railroad.

If these paragraphs have stimulated interest in the Catskill Mountains bookshelf, a visit is suggested to the well-stocked shelves of the Hope Farm Bookshop, Strong Road, Cornwallville 12418.

#### LETTERS

The winter hiking season will soon be with us, and along with its pleasures we can expect to be annoyed by snowmobiles. The use of snowmobiles within the forest preserve is prohibited except on marked snowmobile trails or on frozen lakes or ponds when the latter can be reached by snowmobile trails or public highways (Rules & Regulations, State of New York, Vol. 6, #306.2). We can aid the Department of Environmental Conservation in enforcing this rule by noting the license numbers of violators and sending them, along with a description of the violation, to Commissioner Henry L. Diamond at the Department, Albany, N.Y. 12201.

--William B. Lawson, Delmar, N.Y.

There are many emotions tied in with this application for membership in the 3500 Club--among them, pride, a new awareness of the beauties of the CATSKILLS, and gratitude to the people who organized this club--along with intermingling memories of the awe experienced at the lookouts in the fall, the deep feeling of serenity in the untracked snow of winter, the chagrin at falling in a creek, and the childish bubbling joy in sliding down an icy mountain on my 48th birthday!

Vince Griska shares these feelings with me--and we both want to take this opportunity to thank those people responsible for setting up this organization. We realize, too, that there must be lots of dedicated volunteer work going on in the background to make it so well-functioning. We feel that, without the motivation and guidelines set up by the 3500 Club, we could not have had this unbelievably rich experience, and we just wanted you to know we're grateful.

--Pauline Mateyak, Port Jervis, N.Y.

FOUND: a man's watch on Friday Mountain.

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THE PERIPATETIC PORCUPINE

Champagne and cake were served by the friends of #59 on Slide Mountain to celebrate the 50th anniversary of his first ascent of that peak. Participants included #'s 1, 2, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18, 23, 31, 45, 56, 78, 89, 90, 91, 97, 113, 117, 128, 129, and their guests. \* \* \* \* #58 surprised #33 by joining him for several hikes in Switzerland. #58 has been spending a retirement year in the mountains of Europe. \* \* \* \* #65 has returned from India and now lives at Lenox, Mass. \* \* \* \* #32 is Assistant Professor at the Hartwick College School of Nursing's outpost in Binghamton. \* \* \* \* We had seen #36 and Stephanie Raha on the Wittenberg, and we congratulate him on their marriage last June. \* \* \* \* #19 has been carrying a kiddie pack since May 10. Her Alaskan papoose wears the patch "Tonya May." \* \* \* \* The Plateau and Mink Hollow leantos and trails were vastly improved by the clean-up led by #29 last November. #'s 1, 2, 5, 13, 51, 60, 71, 92, and 5 aspirants removed 570 pounds of junk. Since the hunters bring in most of the heavy items, we suggest post-hunting rather than pre-hunting cosmetology. \* \* \* \* The spring housecleaning of Wittenberg was organized by #2 and yielded 800 pounds of debris. \* \* \* \* Our Columbia County cousin reports that members-and-family outnumbered aspirants-and-family two to one at the annual dinner. 5 guests brought the total to 155. \* \* \* \* #30 sent greetings from Colorado, where he took time off from school to climb Mt. Evans, 14,268 feet and a 7100-foot ascent. \* \* \* \* #51 and #60 have been representing the Club at meetings of the Catskill Center for Conservation and Development, and have opposed PASNY Project 2685. \* \* \* \* Our Vermont cousin reports that #71 is still fretting about the creeps attracted to ski resorts. We suggest that she stay with the cross-country and snowshoe crowd, who walk up the hills.

- Nov. 4      TWIN & SUGARLOAF      An interesting hike from Hutch Hill  
 Distance: 7 mi. Ascent: 3200' Elev.: 3640', 3800' Order: 22, 13  
 Meeting Place: Grand Union parking lot, Woodstock, at 8:30 a.m.  
 Leader: C. W. Spangenberg (#3), 12 Tanglewood Rd., Woodstock 12498  
 Phone: 914-679-2554
- Nov. 18      BALSAM      A trailed 3500' peak  
 Distance: 5 mi. Ascent: 2000' Elev.: 3600' Order: 27  
 Meeting Place: Village Bake Shop, Phoenicia, at 8:30 a.m.  
 Leader: Frederick Lowy (#99), R. D. 2, Box 77, Rhinebeck, N.Y. 12572  
 Phone: 914-876-6968
- Dec. 3      HUNTER      A traverse on the Becker & Spruceton trails  
 (Deer hunting season)  
 Distance: 6 mi. Ascent: 1957' Elev.: 4040' Order: 2  
 Meeting Place: Warm's Restaurant, Tannersville, at 9:00 a.m.  
 Leader: John Davison (#75), 4B Swiss Village, Woodbury, Conn. 06798  
 Phone: 203-263-3960
- Dec. 16      BALSAM GAP & ROCKY      A rather lengthy bushwhack from  
 Denning  
 Distance: 11 mi. Ascent: 1780' Elev.: 3623', 3508' Order: 24, 34  
 Meeting Place: Jct. Rts. 28 & 28A in Boiceville, at 8:00 a.m.  
 Leader: Jonathan Clement (#68), 727 Madison Ave., Albany, N.Y. 12204  
 Phone: 518-463-8135
- Jan. 6      NORTH DOME & SHERILL      A trailless climb looping from the  
 valley of the West Kill  
 Distance: 6 mi. Ascent: 2350' Elev.: 3610', 3540' Order: 25, 30  
 Meeting Place: Village Bake Shop, Phoenicia, at 8:45 a.m.  
 Leader: Vincent Williams (#74), 6 Franklin Blvd., Somerset, N.J. 08873  
 Phone: 201-249-1473
- Jan. 13      KAATERSKILL HIGH PEAK      Roundtop may be included in this  
 trip from the Devil's Kitchen area  
 Distance: 8 mi. Ascent: 2000' Elev.: 3655' Order: 21  
 Meeting Place: Warm's Restaurant, Tannersville, at 8:00 a.m.  
 Leader: William Lawson (#78), 58 Meadowland St., Delmar, N.Y. 12054  
 Phone: 518-439-7736
- Jan. 27      FIR      From Winnisook Lake via Hemlock & Spruce  
 Distance: 7 mi. Ascent: 1500' Elev.: 3625' Order: 23  
 Meeting Place: Alpine Inn, Olivera, N.Y., at 9:00 a.m.  
 Leader: Spiro Kavarnos (#60), 43 S. Highland Ave., Ossining 10562  
 Phone: 914-762-0559

New hikers should contact leaders in advance, especially for winter trips, when snowshoes and warm clothing are needed. Arrival at the meeting place unannounced and unprepared causes serious problems for our leaders, endangers the hiker's safety, and may lead to an aborted trip. Our leaders have the option of refusing attendance by ill-prepared persons.



CATSKILL WINTER WEEKEND

WHEN: January 26, 27, 28, 1973

WHERE: Alpine Inn, Oliverrea, N.Y.  
(4 mi. south of Big Indian turn right on Association Rd. Cross bridge and turn left on Alpine Rd.)

WHO: CATSKILL 3500 CLUB & aspirants & Westchester Trails Assoc.

FEATURE: Hikes on Saturday & Sunday

RATES: Per person - plus 10% gratuity

<u>Building</u>	<u>Capacity</u>	<u>1 Night</u>	<u>2 Nights</u>
Alps (Private bath)	16	20.00	30.00
Ski Hut (Private bath)	4	18.00	27.00
Edelweiss (Private bath)	8	16.50	25.00
(Semi-private)	16	16.00	23.00

All are double occupancy rooms with twin beds. One night includes dinner, breakfast, and Sunday noon dinner. Two nights includes 2 breakfasts, 2 dinners, and 1 lunch.

RESERVATIONS: By January 19, directly to Alpine Inn, Oliverrea, N.Y. 12462, with \$5.00 deposit per person. Reserve early for desired accomodations. Phone: 914-254-9806

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Please reserve the following for CATSKILL 3500 CLUB weekend, January 26, 27, 28, 1973:

Alps  
Ski Hut for 1 night for \_\_\_\_\_ persons  
Edelweiss (private) 2 nights  
(semi-private)

Deposit enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Arrival time \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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