The Catskill 3500 Club — Steward of the Catskills



Trail Mix:

News & Notes from the club

Dave & Carol White Honored

Our very own Dave and Carol White were honored last evening at the ADK President's Dinner that recognizes outstanding service and achievement. They received the *Eleanor F. Brown ADK Communication Award*. I can think of no other two people who have always communicated their love of the outdoors with every hiker they have met, both on and off the trail.

They have introduced countless new hikers to the joys of the outdoors through their books, but also through their genuine joy in being out there. The 3500 Club is very fortunate to have Dave and Carol White play such an important role in its operation, but also in always remembering that this is about having your boots on the ground out there and how wonderful that opportunity is! Congratulations to Dave and Carol on this wonderful achievement and honor!

Updates on Club Maintenance Activity :

Sat. October 5 – PEEKAMOOSE & TABLE TRAIL MAINTENANCE

Let's hear a few "Good Job" shout outs for the volunteers who worked on the Peekamoose/Table trail maintenance day. Marvin Freeman and Mary Helen Hughes worked with Phil Knudson on Peekamoose while George Preoteasa, Renee Gerber and Laurie and Tom Rankin worked with me, Cathy O'Neill on Table. Most of the heavy work had been done earlier by Ranger Rob Dawson, Doug Hamilton and our own Laurie Rankin. Nevertheless the above people cleaned dozens of water bars and clipped, lopped and sawed their way up and down the 10 miles of trails. They did a great job and the trails looked fabulous at the end of the day!

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Catskill 3500 #429K, Catskill 100 highest #8

Bookah passed away at the end of October, a few days before Halloween, her 9th birthday. She was a little chocolate lab whose life revolved around time in the woods with her family, Alan and Barbara Via, and the countless other friends she made during her all too brief life. For a few, she was likely 'just a dog', but her gentle nature and desire to run and climb brought pleasure to many who experienced her joy in the mountains.

Bookah was a Gandhi, never using her teeth in anger towards another dog, however pesky. But she loved looking for chipmunks, mice, porcupines



Mind meld ecstasy with Dick Hihn (photo by Joanne Hihn)

and squirrels. She had little luck with any of them except her epic encounters with 7 porkies. The photos and videos of her trying to burrow into the ends of hollow, fallen trees or rock crevices, while the little chippies scampered out the other side are hilarious, as were ones of her jumping up and diving headfirst into deep snow because she thought she heard a mouse far

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DUES NOTICE! Club DUES are DUE.

2014 Annual dues are now payable, you can save the club an extra mailing by renewing now. The new renewal form can now be downloaded from the website. Printing it out is not necessary if you supply the necessary information: what you are ordering/paying for. All checks should be made out to the Catskill 3500 Club. If you are a member (climbed all the peaks and received a number) they should be sent to David White; if not (you are an aspiring member), they should be sent to Terri Maxymillian. See their addresses on page 2.

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Views from the Top The President's Column

It's almost Winter as I write this. Snow has begun falling, mostly flurries, and discussions have started online about Winter hiking. Examples: "Can I hike xxxxx twice in 1 day once Winter starts and count it for Summer and Winter?" Yes, as long as you mean 2 completely separate hikes, starting over from the trailhead. "Can I hike xxxxx before it gets dark, so I will not have to bring a light?" REALLY?! You can't make this stuff up! My response was "If you don't have a light, don't go!".



I really enjoy Winter hiking. There are no bugs to swat, very little mud to wade through, better views, smoother trails, I could go on and on. But of course, there are challenges in Winter as

well: frigid temps, wind chills, snow drifts, icy ledges, heavier packs, limited hours of daylight, again, I could go on and on. The Winter preparedness class will be over before you read this, but I hope some people attended and benefited.

The Winter Weekend is still coming up though. We had a great time last year, so I urge you to attend, even if it's just for one day. There are lot of hikes scheduled for that weekend, and we will have a room set aside for participants to socialize.

According to a perennially published prognosticator, the long range forecast for this Winter in the North East is colder and drier than normal, but with above average snowfall. Huh? Well, I guess this proves the point that you should be ready for anything in Winter. Speaking of prepared, the Catskill trail heads do not always get plowed out right away, so if you drive up, make sure you bring a shovel, and make sure you have a "Plan B". I remember a member telling me that they had to shovel 3 times in one day, once at their lodgings, and twice at the trailhead! Another reason Winter hiking is tougher!

So Camus will have to forgive me but "In the depths of Summer, I finally learned that there lay within me an invincible Winter"

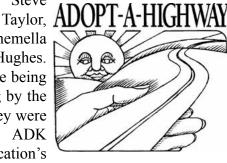
Tom Rankin - President 🕯



Sat. October 26 – ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY CLEAN-UP

The Catskill 3500 Club's two-mile section of Route 214 is clean, thanks to David and Carol White,

Manuel Peraza, Steve Emanuel, Rick Taylor, Mike Dwyer, Ted Shemella and Mary Helen Hughes. David and Carol were being honored that evening by the ADK at a dinner. They were recognized by the ADK with the Communication's Award for their significant



accomplishments in that area. Dave and Carol came and helped us while on their way! Each volunteer was on his or her way somewhere and each spent the morning working for the Club. The generosity of club volunteers continues to amaze me. Please thank these folks whenever you have the opportunity (and I send a special thank you to Donna Wamsley for getting the DOT bags and saving me two hours of extra driving)!



Conservation Corner A Note from our Conservation Chair, Carol White

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report, released in October, definitively describes how human activity is the major cause of temperature increase. Sea levels could rise by over 3 feet by century's end, endangering New York, seacoasts, and other world cities. The journal Geophysical Research Letters predicts temperatures hotter than many models do. An ominous feedback loop could become irreversible, where melting permafrost and warming soils decompose faster, liberating more greenhouse gases, and less snow-cover deflects less of the sun's rays, causing more warming. Melting permafrost liberates methane, a more potent greenhouse gas than carbon dioxide (fracking inevitably results in methane release, also). In addition to decreasing our energy use through conservation, we should know that the global digital economy uses one-tenth of the world's energy—as much energy as it took to illuminate the entire planet in 1985! A smartphone consumes more energy than a refrigerator does, because it is smart thanks to the entire infrastructure that supplies it. Bottom-line, we must learn causes of greenhouse gas emissions, how our choices make a difference, and become as smart as our phones.

Bookah: continued...

below.

She savored long, off leash walks, but especially hikes, often refusing to go out in the yard early in the morning after her breakfast for fear she might be left behind. On the trail, she'd run back and forth between members of the party to keep Alan or Barbara in sight. Boo was careful with her companions, always waiting for a wide spot in the trail to get by without her bumping them and in her glory on bushwhacks. She was usually out in front, anticipating the route, depending on the direction of those behind her. Alan would often remark that whacking through steep ledges was 'cheating', with Bookah finding the route and reappearing at the top, looking down as if to say "do I need to wait here all day for you"?

While never far from Alan's side, she often wore a dog bell so he could keep track of her on 'whacks. A loud 'Hup' would get her attention and signal a change in direction as she'd glance back and get on the new course. Her bell signaled to mother bears and hunters that she was near.

Because of her presence in *The Catskill* 67 hiking guide, online trip reports, book signings and slide shows, and articles in newspapers and magazines, Alan would sometimes laugh that she was recognized everywhere in the mountains. Bookah would run ahead to a popular viewpoint or summit and he'd often hear "Isn't that Bookah?", usually followed by "you must be Alan?".

Bookah was a Lab that didn't like to chase balls or sticks, but might deign a couple of 'courtesy' water retrieves after a hike to keep Alan happy. She loved water but wasn't thrilled to swim unless she had to. It was into her second year when she learned the secret of staying cool in warm weather by lying down in any kind of water, from deep mud puddles, rancid swamps, or clear pools. She was impervious to cold, often wading into streams and then back out into snow.

Bookah's life was cut short by years while doing what she loved. On a pair of obscure bushwhack peaks she got into something that her vet believes was poisoned coyote bait. Bookah had a handful of hikes to wrap up the winter 35 and would have completed the Catskill 200 highest next year. She'll get to those peaks with him, but not in the way Alan imagined as he'll scatter her fur and ashes on the remaining summits. Bookah has not just left behind her bereaved family, but also the huge number of friends she's made during her lifetime. A friend remarked:

Rambles and Brambles: Hike Schedule January-March 2014

Assumed Risk: Hiking involves certain inherent risks and persons participating do so at their own risk. In cold weather hike participants should avoid cotton clothing, as it retains dampness and the resulting chill can result in hypothermia, *which can lead to death*. Instead, wear (and have available in your pack) garments of wool or fleece. Silk or polypropylene make the best base layers, as they tend to wick moisture away from the body. Hats, gloves and a headlamp must be part of the standard winter kit. Ice and snow can come early and unexpectedly to these peaks. *Each hiker must bring snowshoes and full crampons to the trailhead;* the leader may advise that these do not have to be taken on the hike, but be aware that while there may be bare ground at the trailhead, there is often very significant ice and snow as the elevation increases, which could result in those improperly prepared being sent back. Anyone not properly equipped may be refused permission to participate, at the leader's absolute discretion. *Winter in the Catskills is not to be treated lightly.*

Rating System: Please be advised that the hikes listed herein would most likely be rated more difficult by clubs who hike in non-mountainous terrains

Private Property: All Catskill 3500 Club hikes respect "No Trespassing" signs and the owners' wishes in such regards; leaders shall obtain permission to cross private property when so required.

Volunteer to Lead: If you are a member of the Club please consider becoming a hike leader. Just contact Manuel Peraza [outings@catskill-3500-club.org; 718-698-4422 (7 p.m.-9 p.m.)], and he will arrange to add you to the low-volume private Yahoo list through which hikes are coordinated. You will be contacted via this means when hikes are needed.

Group Size: All Club bushwhacks are limited to 12 participants including the leaders. The DEC limits group size to 12 in the Wilderness Areas. Accordingly, all Club hikes allow no more than 12 participants. If in doubt, please contact the leader.

Wed., Jan. 1 - SLIDE MT. SUNRISE HIKE <u>Distance:</u> 6.8 mi. Ascent: 1800' Elev: 4180' Greet the New Year on the summit of the Catskill's highest peak.

Moderately paced but strenuous trail hike.

<u>Registration Period:</u> Please contact leader to register. <u>Leader:</u> Connie Duquette, <u>cdx7006@catskill.net</u>

Sat., Jan. 4 – NORTH DOME & SHERRILL

Distance: 9 mi. Ascent: 2400' Elevation: 3610', 3600' Strenuous paced bushwhack. Snowshoes and Crampons required.

Registration ends: 1/2. Email to register. **Leader:** Timothy Watters #268; <u>twatters@</u> wattersfinancial.com

Sat. Jan 4 – LONE & ROCKY

Distance: 11 mi. Ascent: 2000' Elev: 3721', 3508' Very strenuous and long bushwhack to two remote peaks.

<u>Registration Period:</u> Dec 30 – Jan 3 <u>Leader:</u> Bill Winterbottom #1904; <u>billw@usdsoftware.</u> com

Sun., Jan. 5 – WINDHAM H.P. <u>Distance:</u> 6.4 mi. Ascent 1,524' Elev: 3524' Leisurely paced trail hike to Windham HP. <u>Registration Period:</u> 12/21 - 1/4 <u>Leader:</u> Eric Hazard #2132; ehazard@yahoo.com

Sat. Jan. 11 - HALCOTT

Distance: 3.5 mi. Ascent: 1800' Elev: 3537' Short but steep bushwhack from Route 42 parking area. **Registration Period:** 1/4 - 1/10 **Leader:** Al Davis, <u>ad322@freeelectron.net</u>, 518-947-6407

Sun., Jan. 12 – No Scheduled Club Hikes

Sat., Jan. 18 – INDIAN HEAD & TWIN <u>Distance:</u> 7 mi. Ascent: 2200' Elev: 3575', 3640'. Moderately paced trail hike. <u>Registration Period:</u> 1/9 to 1/16 Leador: Paul Pilmanis #2002 W837: ppilmanis@yah

Leader: Paul Pilmanis #2002 <u>W837; ppilmanis@yahoo.</u> com; 973 979 5044

Sun., Jan. 19 – No Scheduled Club Hikes

Sat., Jan. 25 – WITTENBERG, CORNELL & SLIDE (WW)

Distance: 10mi. Ascent 2230' Elev: 3780', 3860', 4180'. A strenuous hike across the entire Burroughs Range – not for beginners (car shuttle required).

<u>Registration Period</u>: Contact leader to register before Jan. 23.

Leaders: Tom and Laurie Rankin #1503, #1337 laurierankin@hvc.rr.com (preferred) 845-926-2182.

In case of bad weather or dangerous conditions, hikes may be canceled; if in doubt contact the leader.

January—March 2014 The Catskill Sat., Jan. 25 - TABLE & PEEKAMOOSE (WW)	Canister Page 5 Sun., Jan. 26 – ORIENTEERING. (To be decided at
Distance: 10 miles. Ascent: 3000' Elev: 3843', 3847' Moderately paced but long trail hike. Leaving early	Winter Dinner). Map and Compass lesson. Could be CHH or 3500 peak.
from Denning Road parking area. Registration Period: 1/16 to 1/24.	A hike for those who can not get on another Winter Weekend hike.
Leaders: Cathy O'Neill and Phil Knudson #s 1852, 2014, contact: <u>cathyon1@gmail.com</u> (preferred). Cell: 914-737-4990; home: 914-772-7423 cell.	Registration: At winter weekend dinner. Leader: Jim Bouton, Jbouton@catskill.net
Sat., Jan. 25—DOUBLETOP (WW)	Sun. Jan. 26 – PANTHER (WW) Distance: 6 mi. Ascent: 1900', Elev: 3720 '
<u>Distance:</u> 6-7 miles, Ascent 2000' depending on route. Elev: 3862'	Moderately paced trail hike. Well behaved dogs welcome.
From Frost Valley WMCA. Map and compass lesson. Hike must be done by 3:00 PM for meeting. Not fast,	<u>Registration Period</u> : Feb. 12- Jan 23rd <u>Leaders</u> : Doug Garrity, #1757, Suzanne Provenzano
but not slow. Registration Period: Contact leader after 1/15/2014.	#1968, <u>suzanne273@gmail.com</u> Sun. Jan. 26 – BALSAM (WW)
Leader: Jim Bouton, jbouton@catskill.net	Distance: 5 mi. Ascent: 1700' Elev: 3600'
Sat. Jan. 25 – LONE & ROCKY (WW) Distance: 11 mi. Ascent: 2000' Elev: 3721', 3508'	A moderately paced trail hike to a required winter peak, suitable for beginners.
Very strenuous and long winter bushwhack to two remote peaks.	<u>Registration Period</u> : Contact leader to register before Jan. 23.
<u>Registration Period:</u> Contact leader to register before Jan. 24.	Leaders: Tom and Laurie Rankin #1503, #1337 laurierankin@hvc.rr.com (preferred) 845-926-2182.
Leader: Joe Bogardus #1399; joe.adks@gmail.com;	Sun. Jan. 26 – BLACKHEAD (WW)
518-576-9739.	Distance: 5.6 mile RT or 5.3 mile loop. Ascent: ~1750' Elev: 3940'
Sat., Jan. 25 – FIR (WW) Distance: 6 mi. Ascent: 2400 ', Elev: 3629 '	Moderately paced trail hike. Snowshoes and crampons
Moderately paced trail hike and bushwhack. Well	required
behaved dogs welcome.	<u>Registration Period</u> : Contact leader to register before Jan. 23.
<u>Registration Period</u> : Feb. 11- Jan 23rd <u>Leaders</u> : Doug Garrity, #1757, Suzanne Provenzano	Leader: Jay Hui #1546; cycleslug@gmail.com
#1968 <u>suzanne273@gmail.com</u> .	Sunday Jan. 26 – SLIDE (WW)
Sat., Jan. 25 – FRIDAY & BALSAM CAP (WW)	Distance: 7 mi. Ascent:1780' Elev: 4180'
Distance: 6 mi. Ascent: 2700' Elev: 3694', 3623' Strenuous bushwhack to two remote peaks. Full winter	Leisurely paced trail hike with views to the highest Catskill peak.
gear required.	Registration Period: by 1/16 Leader: Ira Orenstein #415 W777 and Karen Bloom
<u>Registration Period</u> : Contact leader by Jan. 23. <u>Leader</u> : Ralph Ryndak # 1186, 451W; <u>lostclove@</u>	#1733 W776
gmail.com; no calls after 7:30 PM.	<u>ksbiho@aol.com</u> (914) 262 5816
Sat., Jan. 25th – PANTHER (WW) Distance: 6.8 mi. Ascent: 1545' Elev: 3720'	Sun., Jan. 26th – BEARPEN & VLY (WW) <u>Distance:</u> 8 mi. Ascent: 2035' Elev: 3600', 3529' Moderately paced bushwhack.
Moderately paced trail hike. Registration period: By Jan. 23 or at Winter Weekend	Registration period: By Jan. 23 or Winter Weekend
Leader: David White #859 W311, ccswhite@juno.com 315 853-1070	Leader: David White #859 W311, ccswhite@juno.com 315 853-1070
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Sat., Feb. 1 – RUSK & EAST RUSK Distance: 6 mi. Ascent: 1800', Elev: 3660', 3640' Moderately paced trail hike and bushwhack. Well behaved dogs welcome.

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<u>Registration Period:</u> Jan. 25- Jan 30th <u>Leaders:</u> Doug Garrity, #1757, Suzanne Provenzano #1968, <u>suzanne273@gmail.com</u>

Sun., Feb. 2 – EAGLE & BALSAM Distance: 7 mi. Ascent: 2600 ', Elev: 3600', 3600' Moderately paced trail hike and bushwhack. Well behaved dogs welcome.

Registration Period: Jan. 26- Jan 30th Leaders: Doug Garrity, #1757, Suzanne Provenzano #1968, <u>suzanne273@gmail.com</u>

Sun., Feb. 2 - PEEKAMOOSE & TABLE <u>Distance:</u> 9 mi. Ascent: 2950' Elev: 3843', 3847' Super Bowl XLVIII Snowshoe. Wear your team colors. Moderately paced trail hike, well behaved dogs welcome.

<u>Registration Period:</u> Please contact leader to register. <u>Leader:</u> Connie Duquette, <u>cdx7006@catskill.net</u>

Sat., Feb. 8 – WESTKILL MT.

Distance: 6.4 mi. Ascent: 1,800' Elev: 3,880' Moderately paced trail hike. Possibility of difficult stream crossing depending on weather.

Registration: 1/20 - 2/6

Leader: Ryan Sloan, ryan.sloan@bbh.com, 201-956-0371

Sat., Feb. 8 – KAATERSKILL HP

Distance: 9 mi. Ascent 1900' Elev: 3655' A moderately paced trail hike with a short bushwhack **Registration Period:** Contact leader to register before Feb. 7.

Leaders: Tom and Laurie Rankin #1503, #1337 laurierankin@hvc.rr.com (preferred) 845-926-2182.

Sun., Feb. 9 – GIANT LEDGE KIDS HIKE. (a possibility of Panther)

Distance: 3 mi (7mi) Ascent: 1200' (1830') Elev: 3200', 3720'

Young and old alike are welcome to join us for fabulous views off Giant ledge. Possible continuation to Panther. **<u>Registration Period</u>**: Contact leader to register before Jan. 24.

Leaders: Tom and Laurie Rankin #1503, #1337 laurierankin@hvc.rr.com (preferred) 845-926-2182.







Sun., Feb. 9 – DOUBLETOP <u>Distance:</u> 6 mi. Ascent: 1,900' Elev: 3,860' Moderately paced trail hike and bushwhack <u>Registration:</u> 1/20 - 2/6

Leader: Ryan Sloan, ryan.sloan@bbh.com, 201-956-0371

Sat., Feb 15 – No Scheduled Club Hikes Sun., Feb. 16 – No Scheduled Club Hikes.

Sat., Feb. 22 – BEARPEN & VLY Distance: 8 mi. Ascent: 2035' Elev: 3600', 3529' Moderately paced hike and bushwhack.

Registration Period: 2/8 - 2/21

Leader: Al Davis, ad322@freeelectron.net, 518-947-6407

Sat., Feb. 23 – No Scheduled Club Hikes Sat., Mar. 1 – No Scheduled Club Hikes Sun., Mar. 2 – No Scheduled Club Hikes

Sat., Mar. 8 – HUNTER & SW HUNTER Distance: 10 mi. Ascent: 2225' Elev: 4040', 3740' Moderately paced trail hike and bushwhack. Full winter gear.

<u>Registration Period</u>: Jan.30- March 6th. Please contact leader to register.

Leader: Jerry Licht: jlicht61@aol.com or call +516-477-8602 before 9:00 PM.

Sun., Mar. 9 – BALSAM CAP & FRIDAY Distance: 7 mi. Ascent: 2200' Elev: 3694', 3623'

Very strenuous bushwhack to two remote peaks. Snowshoes required.

<u>Registration Period:</u> 2/22 – 3/7 <u>Leader:</u> Eric Hazard #2132; <u>ehazard@yahoo.com</u>

Sat., Mar.15 – THOMAS COLE

Distance: Approx. 6 mi. Ascent: 1900' Elev: 3940' Moderate to slower paced, but strenuous trail hike. **Leaders:** Bob and Patrick Krisak, <u>rivalbob@gmail.com</u> 609-587-6174 (No calls after 8 PM).

Sun. Mar. 16 - FIR & BIG INDIAN <u>Distance:</u> 9 mi. Ascent: 2400', Elev: 3629', 3700' Moderately paced trail hike and bushwhack. <u>Registration Period:</u> 3/8 - 3/14

Leader: Al Davis, ad322@freeelectron.net, 518-947-6407.

Sat., Mar. 22 – No Scheduled Club Hikes





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Sun. Mar. 23 - BALSAM LAKE AND GRA	AHAM Bookah, continued from page 3	-
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Registration: Call leader to between March March21st.	they get the one in their lifetimes;	5
Leader: Suzanne Knabe#1326; <u>suzkna@msr</u> 435-3092 after 7:00 PM	For Barbara, Alan, and so many	5
Sat., Mar. 29 – No Scheduled Club Hikes Sun., Mar.30 – No Scheduled Club Hikes	lives she touched, Bookah was 'i in mind a phrase from Dr Seuss: ' over, smile because it happened'.	
Come join us for the 3500	Club Some words from an essay that A hold dear:	Alan and Barbara now

Winter Weekend

January 24-26, 2014!

It's that time of the year for club members and

aspirants! As last year, all 4 required winter peaks will

be led by experienced hike leaders so you can pack in

two fun-filled days in the outdoors and spend a great

weekend in the beautiful Catskills. There will be

beginner trips and more challenging excursions giving

options for everyone. We will be offering bushwhacks

in the area for those who already have their required

peaks and are working on their winter round, or, if you

We will once again be at the Frost Valley YMCA -

a great setting not only for hiking, but also for cross-

country skiing. There are three housing options

available: the Friendship House which is inn like

housing, rooms with twin beds and private baths, the

Castle which has private rooms but shared baths, and

Biscuit Brook Lodge, a large cabin with bunks. It has

a central meeting space with a fireplace (perfect after a

Costs are \$290 per room for the Friendship House

and \$250 per room for the Castle, which includes both nights and is priced based on the room, double or single occupancy. Biscuit Brook is \$38 for a bunk for the weekend and has configurations of 4 or 6 bunks to a room. In addition to the housing costs, everyone pays \$87 for meals (Friday night light snack through Sunday lunch). Once registered, meal expenses will be refunded up to one week before the event, but housing

costs will be returned only if there is a waitlist.

3500-club.org or 917-881-9272. 🕯

For further information and to make a reservation, please contact Maria Bedo at winterweekend@catskill-

just want to get away, you can join in too!

day of playing in the snow!).

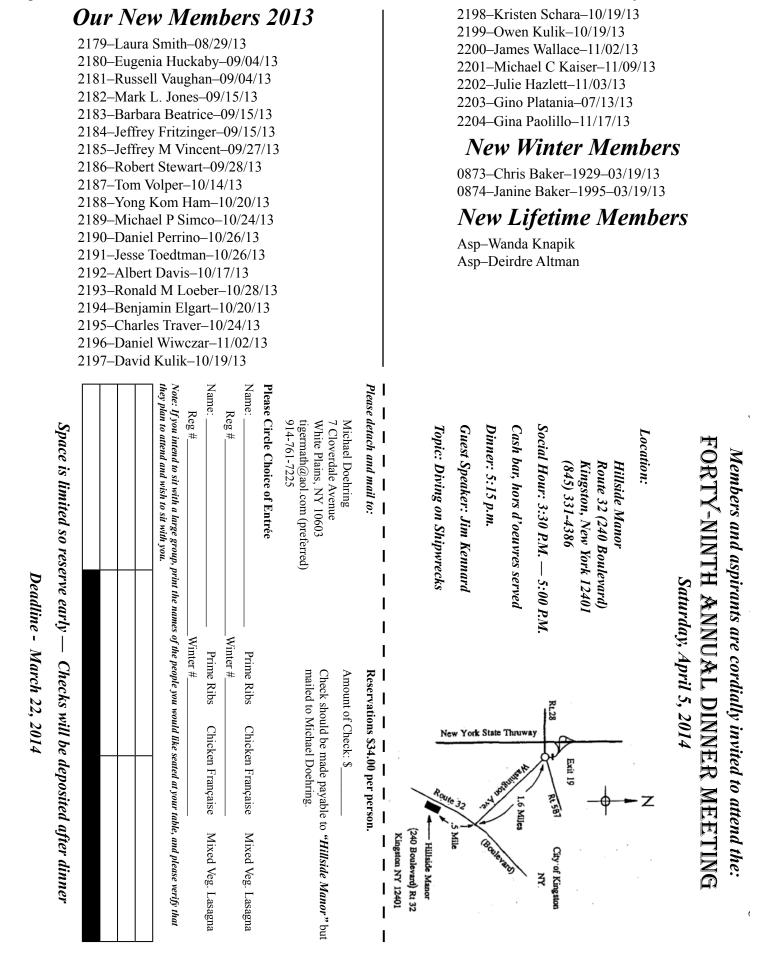
For if the dog be well remembered, if sometimes she leaps through your dreams actual as in life, eyes kindling, questing, asking, laughing, begging, it matters not at all where that dog sleeps and at last. On a hill where the wind is unrebuked, and the trees are roaring, or beside a stream she knew in puppyhood, or somewhere in the flatness of a pasture land, where most exhilarating cattle graze. It is all one to the dog, and all one to you, and nothing is gained, and nothing is lost - if memory lives. But there is one best place to bury a dog. One place that is best of all.

If you bury her in this spot, she will come to you when you call - come to you over the grim, dim frontier of death, and down the well-remembered path, and to your side again. And though you call a dozen living dogs to heel, they shall not growl at her, nor resent her coming, for she belongs there. People may scoff at you, who see no lightest blade of grass bent by her footfall, who hear no whimper, people who may never really have had a dog.

Smile at them, for you shall know something that is hidden from them, and which is well worth the knowing. The one best place to bury a good dog is in the heart of her master.-Ben Lampman



Photo by member Joanne Hihn



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Featured Leaders:

Doug Garrity #1757

and Suzanne Provenzano #1968

Certifications:

Doug – Wilderness First Aid certified, Hike Leader of the year in 2010 and 2011.

Suzanne - Registered Nurse, Wilderness First Aid and CPR certified.

Experience:

Doug – Has been leading hikes in the Catskills since 2009. He has completed his Catskill 35 regular and winter lists, the Adirondack 46 and the Catskill 100 highest. He has also traveled the country and hiked in many other amazing places along the way.

Suzanne - Joined Doug as a leader in 2011 and can be found in the back doing sweep and carrying the Band-Aids! Suzanne grew up in the Catskills and had the luxury of taking the long route, but has finished her Catskill 35 regular and winter lists.

<u>Pursuits:</u>

Doug – Is currently working on his Adirondack winter peaks, which he hopes to finish this season. He is also working on the Catskill Mountain grid and should reach 300 climbs by the end of the year.

Suzanne – Is currently working on her Adirondack 46.

Outdoor Interests:

Doug and Suzanne - Often they combine camping, backpacking, canoeing and a warm fire. Doug also likes to fly fish when they are outdoors.

Parting Thoughts:

Doug and Suzanne - They love to enjoy the woods and meet new people so leading hikes is the perfect way for them to be an active part of the club. They believe in staying safe and having a lot of fun! Their hikes have been so popular; they've had to ask for support from other hike leaders - who have stepped in to help many times. Many thanks to all of them!



Editor's Note:

Due to space constraints limiting the print version of the 3500 Club Catskill Canister to 8 pages the hike profile above, and the following 5 pages of absolutely fantastic photographs contributed by members are solely a feature of this digital version you are currently reading.

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—Thank you, Kevin Morgan, #2032, Editor

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Lichen on Rock near Woodpecker Ridge by Ian Marchant

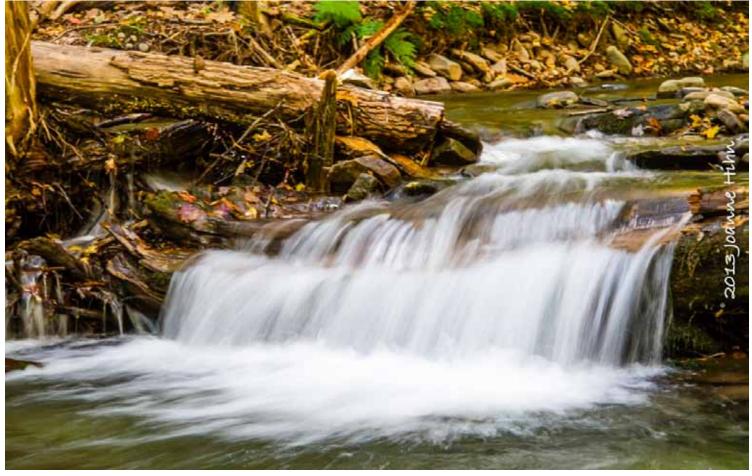


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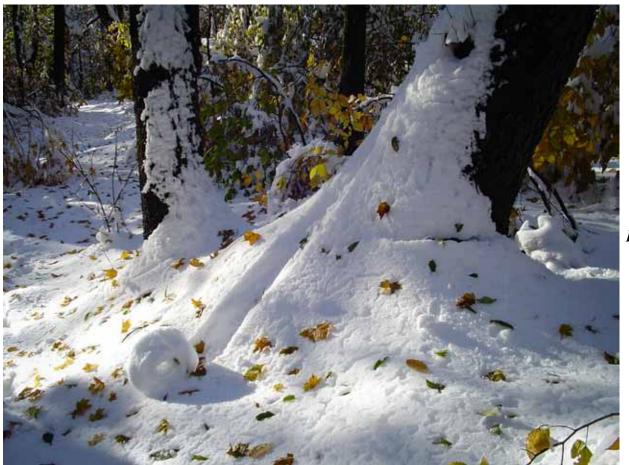


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