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In keeping with the change in the way we date the Canister, this issue is "JANUARY - FEBRUARY 1992" rather than "AUTUMN 1991." It is also the first number in Volume XXV. As a result of the changeover, Volume XXIV contained only three issues. Volume XXV and future volumes will resume containing four issues. Please note that this issue contains December hikes, beginning with December 21. -ED.

## CLUB PRESIDENT RESPONDS TO DEC

Like the DEC, the Catskill 3500 Club is interested in preserving the wilderness.

When I first became interested in hiking the Catskills about 10 years ago, I remember reading 3500 Club literature guidelines for climbing the trailless peaks. Remarks such as: "Groups of hikers should not march in single file to prevent damage to the wilderness," and "Hikers should not mark routes with survey tape and should remove any they see."

To suggest that the 3500 Club is responsible for the current proliferation of herdpaths is not accurate. Yes, the 3500 Club does encourage hikers to explore areas off the beaten path by climbing the trailless peaks. However, it does not advocate in any way either the use of herdpaths or the illegal marking of any of these paths. The Catskills, unlike the Adirondacks, are truly trailless. The 3500 Club was instrumental in seeing that the Catskill master plan contained language that ensured the trailless peaks would remain forever trailless. This position contrasted with that of some other groups that would have trailed all the major peaks. An old DEC plan opposed by the 3500 Club among others would have extended the Devil's Path across North Dome and Sherrill. Another was to have a trail connecting Table with Cornell across Lone, Rocky, Balsam Cap and Friday!

At the June 8 executive committee meeting, at which Bill Rudge from the DEC was present, the 3500 Club made several hard decisions. It will no longer conduct joint hikes with other organizations. This by itself will reduce group size significantly. On hikes to the more sensitive peaks, such as Friday, Balsam Cap, Lone and Rocky, it may be necessary to have hikers register in advance. It is the club's intention to try to limit group size to 12 and to hold at least one "map and compass" hike annually to encourage members and aspirants to set out on their own. The club also expressed concern that other groups (perhaps hunters and fishermen) were responsible for the illegal trails and that the DEC should approach them to address the issue.

The Catskill 3500 Club wishes to help preserve the wilderness character of the Catskills. I hope that we can maintain a leadership role in this effort and set an example for others to follow.

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MEMBERS COMMENT ON TRAILLESS PEAKS

Basically, there is no such thing as being somewhat pregnant. Either you are or you are not. Any organization which requires membership to visit untrailed peaks is encouraging herdpaths, whether we limit the group size to 6 or 60.

I see that we already have more than 700 members. Even if each of them has visited an untrailed peak just the one time it takes to fulfill the membership requirement, there is going to be visible wear and tear.

I think it is completely unrealistic to believe -- in this era when birth control is not yet accepted by a huge percentage of the population, when outdoor activities are engaged in by many more people than 25 years ago -- that the woods can still be kept pristine.

I am for establishing trails on all the trailless peaks so that the traffic can be kept to one narrow path instead of wandering all over the place. It works on the Franconia Ridge, where rock borders define the paths. It will work in the CATSKILLS if routes are marked.

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I support setting a limit on hikers to the trailless peaks and find it consistent with our philosophy not to establish any new trails.

I have hiked the Adirondack high peaks and see the damage to trailless peaks from overuse of herdpaths.

For some time the Adirondack Mountain Club has discouraged groups over 10 in size, with some success. But I believe a plan must include not only a top limit for size, but also a commitment to encouraging varied routes -- a return to true bushwhacking.

The original appeal for me in the CATSKILLS was their surprisingly unspoiled nature. I had expected them to be overcrowded and overtaxed, but was pleased to find just the opposite.

We must be willing to make change in order to protect the mountains we love.

Barbara Traver (#690)  
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The subject of "herdpaths" on the trailless peaks of the CATSKILLS deserves concern.

I completed my peaks for club membership in the mid- and late 70s, and even then herdpaths were frequent. I distinctly remember an unmarked trail leading from the summit of Big Indian to Fir. This brought mixed feelings: relief at finding a little guidance out there in the wilderness, and disappointment because the path detracted from the overall solitude.

Perhaps a solution might be to establish a small group of trailless peak "caretakers," who could obliterate herdpaths with brush piles, etc. Let's face it, herdpaths are a fact of life and will become more of a problem as the CATSKILLS become more popular. It might help to ask that hikers refrain from using herdpaths on the high peaks if at all possible, but that solution is doubtful. Hikers looking for true solitude should try lesser peaks like Van Wyck mountain (west of Peekamoose) where few venture.

Bob Speiser (#307)  
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#### 1992 ANNUAL DINNER MEETING IS SCHEDULED

The 1992 Annual Dinner Meeting of the Catskill 3500 Club will take place on Saturday evening, March 28, at Nicole's Restaurant in Highland Falls, New York. Nicole's is located three miles north of the Bear Mountain Bridge on Route 9W at the Route 218 overpass exit. The dinner invitations will be mailed in February. New members and winter members since the March 1991 Annual Dinner Meeting will be presented with their certificates at this affair.

#### CATSKILL 3500 CLUB NEW MEMBERS

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776	Philip A. McDougall 1/19/91 30 Colonial Drive, Red Hook, NY 12571	914-758-1514
777	Phyllis B. Horowitz 9/2/91 P.O. Box 329, Phoenicia, NY 12464	
778	Lorraine Schwinger 9/14/91 363 Violet Avenue, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601-1041	914-454-4507

#### CLUB MEMBER REACHES NEW HEIGHTS

Congratulations to Renate Koble (#662), who completed both the Adirondack 46s and the Northeast 111s on June 29, 1991 on Santanoni Peak in the Adirondacks. All 46 of the Adirondack Four Thousand Footers were done as day hikes.

CATSKILL 3500 CLUB HIKES (Dec. 1991-Feb. 1992)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.

Nov. 18-Dec. 10 HUNTING SEASON (FIREARMS) IN THE CATSKILLS

No hikes in the CATSKILLS scheduled.

Dec. 21 BLACK DOME and THOMAS COLE

Distance: 6 mi. Ascent: 2760'

Elev.: 3990', 3945' Order: 3, 4

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

Leader: Allen C. Maser (#706), 7E Brookside Heights, Wanaque, NJ 07465

(201) 835-1533 (Call before 10:00 P.M. - NOT LATER THAN THURSDAY, DEC. 19)

Meeting Place: Maplecrest Post Office at 8:30 A.M.

Dec. 22 (Sun) DOUBLETOP

Distance: 5 mi. Ascent: 1850'

Elev.: 3870' Order: 7

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

Leader: Allen C. Maser (#706), 7E Brookside Heights, Wanaque, NJ 07465

(201) 835-1533 (Call before 10:00 P.M. - NOT LATER THAN THURSDAY, DEC. 19)

Meeting Place: Rtes. 28 and 49A in Highmont (opposite post office) at 8:30 A.M.

Dec. 23 (Mon) RUSK

Distance: 5 mi. Ascent: 1750'

Elev.: 3680' Order: 21

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

Leader: Allen C. Maser (#706), 7E Brookside Heights, Wanaque, NJ 07465

(201) 835-1533 (Call before 10:00 P.M. - NOT LATER THAN THURSDAY, DEC. 19)

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

Dec. 28 EAGLE and BIG INDIAN

Distance: 8 mi. Ascent: 2300'

Elev.: 3600', 3680' Order: 27, 20

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

Leader: Richard C. Kline (#720), P.O. Box 130, Leeds, NY 12451-0130

(518) 622-8870

Meeting Place: Call leader for details.

Dec. 29 (Sun) BALSAM

Distance: 6 mi. Ascent: 1750'

Elev.: 3600' Order: 28

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

Leader: Steve Fishman (#618), 202 Albany Avenue, Kingston, NY 12401

(914) 331-1206 (before 10:00 P.M.)

Meeting Place: Trailhead at end of McKinley Hollow Road off County Rte. 47 about 3 miles south of Big Indian at 8:30 A.M.

Jan. 4 TABLE and PEEKAMOOSE

Distance: 9 mi. Ascent: 2100'  
Elev.: 3847', 3843' Order: 10, 11

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

Leader: Richard C. Kline (#720), P.O. Box 130, Leeds, NY 12451-0130  
(518) 622-8870

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

Jan. 11 INDIAN HEAD and TWIN

Distance: 9 mi. Ascent: 2000'  
Elev.: 3573', 3640' Order: 30, 23

A moderately strenuous trail hike. 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: Prediger Road and County Rte. 16 in Platte Clove at 9:00 A.M.

Jan. 18 KAATERSKILL HIGH PEAK

Distance: 10 mi. Ascent: 1700'  
Elev.: 3655' Order: 22

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

Leader: Rosemary Walmsley (#610), 312 N. Harrison Street, Princeton, NJ 08540  
(609) 924-4679

Meeting Place: County Rte. 16 and Prediger Road south of Tannersville at 8:30 A.M.

Jan. 24-26 CATSKILL WINTER WEEKEND AT ALPINE INN

Hike leaders will be available for hikes to any of the three required winter peaks in the area: SLIDE, PANIHER, and BALSAM. Events will be posted on a bulletin board in the hotel lobby. See page 7 for directions and details on the Winter Weekend.

Feb. 1 BLACKHEAD

Distance: 5 mi. Ascent: 1900'  
Elev.: 3940' Order: 5

A moderately paced trail hike to a required winter peak. Snowshoes and full (not instep) crampons required. Heavy precipitation or bad driving conditions cancel.

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

Meeting Place: Maplecrest Post Office at 8.30 A.M.

Feb. 8 SHERRILL

Distance: 5 mi. Ascent: 1900'  
Elev.: 3540' Order: 31

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

Leader: Warren Hale (#576), 94 Draehook Road, Whitehouse Station, NJ 08889  
(201) 236-9543 (before 10:00 P.M.)

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

Feb. 15 SLIDE

Distance: 6 mi. Ascent: 1650'  
Elev.: 4180' Order: 1

A moderately strenuous beginner's trail hike to a required winter peak. Snowshoes and full (not instep) crampons required. Call leader if in doubt about equipment needed. Heavy precipitation or bad driving conditions cancel.

Leader: Paul Hoyt (#315), 43-25 Douglaston Parkway, Apt. 4F, Douglaston, NY 11363  
(718) 631-4784

Meeting Place: Sweet Sue's Bakery in Phoenicia at 8:00 A.M. for those who want breakfast; or Slide Mountain Parking Area, County Rte. 47 at 9:00 A.M.

Feb. 16 (Sun) HALCOTT

Distance: 5 mi. Ascent: 1650'  
Elev.: 3520' Order 34

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

Leader: Wilson G. Hoyt (#309), 298 Ridgewood Avenue, Hurley, NY 12443  
(914) 339-5732

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

Feb. 22 WESTKILL

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

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

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

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

Feb. 29 PANTHER

Distance: 8 mi. Ascent: 2400'  
Elev.: 3720' Order: 18

A moderately strenuous trail hike over Panther and Giant Ledge from Fox Hollow. Snowshoes and full (not instep) crampons required. Heavy precipitation or bad driving conditions cancel.

Leader: Lanny Wexler (#593), 126 Ketchams Road, Syosset, NY 11791  
(516) 938-5721

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

Feb. 29 WITTENBERG and CORNELL

Distance: 9 mi. Ascent: 3120'  
Elev.: 3780', 3865' Order: 14, 9

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

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: Sweet Sue's Bakery in Phoenicia for DEPARTURE at 8:30 A.M.

Mar. 1 (Sun) 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: 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: Municipal parking lot in Fleischmanns across from library at 9:00 A.M.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HOLDS FALL MEETING

The fall meeting of the Executive Committee took place on Saturday, October 5, at Skip Hoyt's cottage near Mt. Tremper. The committee discussed instructing the treasurer to purchase a one-year certificate of deposit to invest life membership dues. Then, annually, the treasurer would transfer from the CD to the regular dues account the amount necessary to cover the current life members' annual expenses and reinvest the remaining principal in a new CD. Outings Chairman Skip Hoyt raised the question of hike leaders' liability if hikers injure themselves. He felt some leaders feared an injured hiker might commence legal action despite the "Assumed Risk" note we publish with the hike schedule. The committee talked about ideas for the entertainment at the next Annual Dinner and perhaps something similar for the winter weekend. Finally, the group decided to postpone discussion of the audit report and by-laws until its winter weekend meeting. These items could then receive a more thorough discussion.

LAST CALL FOR T-SHIRTS

There is still time to order a Catskill 3500 Club t-shirt, available only to club members. It is fine quality, American-made 50% cotton/50% polyester in sky blue, features an enlarged version of the club emblem, and costs \$10.00, including tax and postage. Sizes are Small (34-36), Medium (38-40), Large (42-44) and Extra Large (46-48). The total order will be placed with the manufacturer on December 15, 1991, the deadline date for receipt of orders. If you would like a club t-shirt, please complete the form below and mail it, together with your check payable to the CATSKILL 3500 CLUB, to Darielle Graham, 60 Barker Street, Apt. 419, Mt. Kisco, NY 10549.

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ 3500 No. \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ County if NY State \_\_\_\_\_

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QUANTITY	SIZE	COST EACH	TOTAL

CATSKILL WINTER WEEKEND

January 24 - 26, 1992: The Alpine Inn, Oliverea, NY 12462, 4 miles on County Rte. 47, south of Rte. 28 at Big Indian, NY. Tel.: 914-254-5026.

Members and aspirants are invited to our annual winter weekend in the heart of the CATSKILLS. We will schedule hikes and provide leaders for aspirants who might need any of the required winter peaks in the area: SLIDE, PANTHER, or BALSAM. You don't have to hike or stay overnight at the Inn, but if you're in the area drop by for the Happy Hour and dinner (reservations required for dinner). If you have any questions, contact Cy Whitney, 41 Morley Drive, Wyckoff, NJ 07481, Tel.: 908-447-2653.

Reservations: \$40.00 per person must arrive by January 2. Make check payable to "The Alpine Inn" and mail to The Alpine Inn.

All rooms have two twin or double beds and private bath. Rates are based on double occupancy. Please specify preference of roommate, if any. Room assignments will be in the order of receipt of reservations. Saturday night only accommodations can be arranged, if available. Extra dinner Friday night and Sunday afternoon - \$17.75, plus tax and gratuity, available by reservation only. Extra dinner Saturday night - \$20.00, plus tax and gratuity. \$4.00 will be added for the Saturday P.M. "Happy Hour." Saturday dinner is available by reservation only. Trail lunch - \$6.25 (sandwich, fried chicken, fruit and cake) plus tax.

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2 nights = 2 lodgings, 2 breakfasts, 1 dinner (tax and gratuity included)

Deluxe accommodations have 2 double beds, standard have 2 twin beds.

Deluxe: des Alps \_\_\_\_\_ \$125.00 Edelweiss \_\_\_\_\_ \$125.00

Standard: Ski Hut \_\_\_\_\_ \$112.00 Edelweiss \_\_\_\_\_ \$112.00

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ deposit enclosed for \_\_\_\_\_ persons. Roommate \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Friday evening dinner. \_\_\_\_\_ Sunday afternoon dinner.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

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## GOOD TURNOUT MAKES TRAIL CLEARING HIKE A SUCCESS

On November 9, 1991, the Catskill 3500 Club held a trail clearing hike on Table and Peekamoose mountains. I was very pleased by the turnout, a total of twenty people. Nine volunteers ascended from the Denning trailhead. The others, including nine boy scouts from Troop 135 in Locust Valley, New York, climbed from the Peekamoose parking area. We cleared all the blowdowns on the 7.5 miles of trail for which the club is responsible. We also cleaned all the waterbars (including the three new ones built just this year) on the trail above Peekamoose Road. We clipped back growth intruding on the trail, and we widened the trail through a portion of the evergreens on top of Peekamoose.

I would like to thank everyone who helped that day. The Catskill 3500 Club, the New York/New Jersey Trail Conference, the Department of Environmental Conservation, all the hikers who use these trails, as well as I myself much appreciate their efforts.

I would like to encourage anyone who would like to help maintain our stretch of trail to attend the next trail-clearing hike in the spring. A day spent working on the trail can be hard but leaves one with a real sense of accomplishment. If there are any other scout or youth organization leaders who are looking for projects for young adults, they should contact me. I will be happy to arrange a day to put youthful enthusiasm to work on the trail.

It was good to see many people who had not before participated attend this last trail-clearing hike. Those who have been doing this work for many years feel good knowing there are others who realize the necessity of volunteer trail maintenance. Hopefully, their spirit will continue to grow. There is plenty of work yet to do.

Gerald A. Gervais (#687)  
Trails Chairman  
218 Old Post Road  
Marlboro, NY 12542-6211

## CLUB MEMBER TRIUMPHS OVER HEALTH PROBLEM

November 16th was a crisp day with patches of snow among the leaves and rocks as Bill Tucker and I climbed into the cloud cover of North Dome. We had circled more than I had remembered to reach the canister; and if it were not for the compass, I would have headed us in the opposite direction from the saddle to Sherrill, our next destination. After a brief lunch amid some mossy, icicled boulders that protected us from the northwest wind, we ascended to the summit of Sherrill. A half hour later we signed in and took another break to drink from our canteens.



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Reaching the top of Sherrill was not just my 165th climb of a Catskill 3500 foot peak, but my 56th climb since a quadruple bypass heart operation in October, 1983. (See "A Heart Attack in the CATSKILLS," Vol. XVII, No. 4.) Getting to this particular summit marked the point where I have climbed all the Catskill 3500 peaks since the operation. Who knows, maybe it's a first? Is there a Catskill 3500 patch with a little red heart on it?

As we all know, good health is a precious thing. We should work at it in the amount of exercise we get and, most of all, in what we eat.

As we left Sherrill's summit, Bill and I got a break when the sun came out. On the way down, I thought of my personal triumph and thanksgiving, and wanted to share the joy of my accomplishment with all my fellow climbers.

Bleecker Staats (#272)  
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Red Hook, NY 12571

CELLULAR PHONES RECOMMENDED FOR SAFE HIKING

After three hours of strenuous hiking and climbing, our group of seven Appalachian Mountain Club hikers finally reached the lean-to atop West Mountain in Bear Mountain State Park on a cold and windy December 21. Three backpackers had already arrived there and, with large plastic sheets, had succeeded in partially blocking the large front opening of the lean-to from the terrible gusts of wind. They also had a howling fire going in the built-in fireplace. While we were lunching, one of the backpackers suddenly opened a small package containing a cellular phone and nonchalantly proceeded to call a friend in Florida, over 1,000 miles away!

I thought: What a safety device these phones might be -- especially when we hike solo! Think of world-famous Miriam Underhill who became lost in the Maine woods after bagging Elephant Mountain some years ago, or the tragic death on the Northville-Lake Placid Trail last year (where survivors are suing New York State), or the Australian who died on Mt. Marcy in the Adirondacks last April. The list of accidents is large and growing. The need to communicate could happen to me or to you.

AT&T now sells its Transmobile Cellular Phone complete with carrying case for \$299. It measures approximately 10-1/2" x 7-1/2" x 3-1/8" and weighs 3-1/2 lbs. (Call 1-800-232-5179 for further information.) A cellular phone might make an ideal gift for any hiker or backpacker.

Alton Dieffenbach (#244)  
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Morristown, NJ 06960

SOLO REQUIREMENT SUGGESTED FOR TRAILLESS PEAKS

Here is a suggestion which might help solve the overuse problem on trailless peaks. Let's have as a club membership requirement that a person climb each trailless peak solo or at least with no more than one or two other people. This would cut down on the large crowds now traipsing through the woods on club hikes. It might also, of course, eliminate many scheduled hikes to trailless peaks. The AMC 4000 Footer Clubs, however, seem to keep going without sponsoring hikes at all.

I admit I did not solo all the peaks, but I got immensely more satisfaction from finding my own way on the ones I climbed alone than from following in the footsteps of twenty or thirty others. Soloing brought back the challenge peak bagging had many years ago. Then the accomplishment had real meaning. Now anyone in fair to good condition can collect a patch without knowing the first thing about route finding. Bushwhacking has become merely the art of keeping your eyes on the pack of the person in front of you.

Perhaps if the club would just discontinue sponsoring hikes on trailless peaks, there would be no need to change membership rules, and the overuse problem would resolve itself.

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799	Roy R. Schweiker 10/20/91 12 Chapel Street, Concord, NH 03301	603-224-0598
800	W.C. Kilduff 1/8/92 R.D. 1, Box 133A, Kerhonkson, NY 12446	

FINAL PLANS MADE FOR 1992 ANNUAL DINNER

The 1992 Annual Dinner will take place on Saturday, March 28th at Nicole's Restaurant in Highland Falls, New York. Nicole's is located on Route 9W three miles north of Bear Mountain Bridge. The menu will be prime ribs of beef. Guest speaker Richard Henry, Senior Wildlife Biologist for the Department of Environmental Conservation in New Paltz, will talk about bear management. Invitations to members and aspirants will be mailed shortly.

T-SHIRT UPDATE

Thanks to all members who ordered 3500 Club t-shirts and helped make the project worthwhile. At the time of writing, it is anticipated that the shirts will be mailed out during the first week or two of February and that they should arrive in plenty of time for a Spring airing.

CATSKILL 3500 CLUB HIKES (Mar. 1992-Apr. 1992)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. 1 BEARPEN and VLY Distance: 6 mi. Ascent: 2100'  
(Sunday) Elev.: 3600', 3529' Order: 29, 32  
A moderate bushwhack. Snowshoes and full (not instep) crampons required. Heavy precipitation or bad driving conditions cancel.  
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: Municipal parking lot in Fleischmanns across from library at 9:00 A.M.

Mar. 7 NORTH DOME and SHERRILL Distance: 8 mi. Ascent: 2600'  
Elev.: 3610', 3540' Order: 26, 31  
A strenuous bushwhack. 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: Jct. of Rtes. 28 and 42 in Shandaken at 9:00 A.M.

Mar. 7 FRIDAY and BALSAM CAP Distance: 8 mi. Ascent: 3300'  
Elev. 3694', 3623' Order: 19, 25  
A very strenuous and difficult bushwhack from Moonhaw Road. 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 Rtes. 28 and 28A in Boiceville at 8:00 A.M.

Mar. 14 LONE and ROCKY Distance: 12 mi. Ascent: 2000'  
Elev.: 3721', 3508' Order: 17, 35  
A strenuous bushwhack. 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 (7:30 A.M. - 3:40 P.M. Mon. - Thurs.)  
Meeting Place: Denning trailhead at 8:30 A.M. Call leader for details.

Mar. 21 SUGARLOAF and PLATEAU Distance: 9 mi. Ascent: 3000'  
Elev.: 3800', 3840' Order: 13, 12  
A strenuous trail hike. Snowshoes and full (not instep) crampons required. This is an all-weather hike.  
Leader: Joan Dean (#360), 12 Crowell Place, Maplewood, NJ 07040  
(201) 762-0396  
Co-Leader: David Mack (#267): (914) 634-3624  
Meeting Place: Warm's Restaurant in Tannersville for departure at 9:00 A.M.

- Apr. 4 BALSAM LAKE and GRAHAM Distance: 8 mi. Ascent: 1900'  
Elev.: 3725', 3868' Order: 16, 8  
A moderately strenuous trail hike. 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 Rte. 28 in Arkville at 9:00 A.M.
- Apr. 11 WINDHAM HIGH PEAK Distance: 7 mi. Ascent: 1825'  
Elev. 3524' Order: 33  
A moderate trail hike, part of which may be bushwhack. Snowshoes and full (not instep) crampons required. Heavy precipitation or bad driving conditions cancel.  
Leader: Richard C. Kline (#720), P.O. Box 130, Leeds, NY 12451-0130  
(518) 622-8870 before 9:30 P.M.  
Meeting Place: Call leader for details NOT LATER THAN APRIL 9.
- Apr. 12 HUNTER Distance: 7 mi. Ascent: 2000'  
(Sunday) Elev.: 4040' Order: 2  
A moderate trail hike. Snowshoes and full (not instep) crampons required. Heavy precipitation or bad driving conditions cancel.  
Leader: Wilson G. Hoyt (#309), 298 Ridgewood Avenue, Hurley, NY 12443  
(914) 339-5732  
Meeting Place: Jct. of Rt. 42 and County Road 6 at flagpole in Westkill at 9:00 A.M.
- Apr. 18 Tremper Distance: 7-8 mi. Ascent 1900'  
Elev.: 2720'  
Long Path from Phoenicia over Mt. Tremper to Willow. Snowshoes and full (not instep) crampons required. Heavy precipitation or bad driving conditions cancel.  
Leader: Angie Mahdavian (#372), R.D.4, Box 218C, Kingston, NY 12401  
(914) 338-6263  
Meeting Place: Parking lot behind drug store in Phoenicia (near Sweet Sue's) at 9:00 A.M.
- Apr. 25 Farwestern Catskills (Cabot, Middle, and Mary Smith) Distance: 10 mi. Ascent 2250'  
Elev.: 2970', 2975', 2767'  
A moderately strenuous trail hike in a section of the CATSKILLS rarely visited by the club. Rain cancels. Rain date Sunday, April 26.  
Leader: Lanny Wexler (#593), 126 Ketchams Road, Syosset, NY 11791  
(516) 938-5721 (7:00-10:00 P.M.)  
Meeting Place: The Roscoe Diner, Exit 94, off State Route 17 (Quickway) at State Route 206 at 9:00 A.M.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS MAILED SEPARATELY THIS YEAR

In the past, the membership renewal notice has appeared in this issue of the Canister. A number of people, however, have complained that they did not see the notice and overlooked sending in their renewals. Hence the membership chairman, with the concurrence of the executive committee, has mailed membership renewal notices under separate cover. The forty-three life members, who have prepaid their dues, will simply receive their new membership cards without the renewal notice.

PRESIDENT SELECTS NOMINATING COMMITTEE  
CANDIDATE FOR TREASURER NEEDED

President Howard Dash has asked Cy Whitney, Gerry Gervais, and Warren Hale to serve as a nominating committee and to recommend a slate of officers for next year to the membership at the annual meeting. Members can also make nominations from the floor at the meeting.

Jonathan Clement, club treasurer for the past two years, has announced that he does not wish to run for re-election. Consequently, the nominating committee will be looking for a new candidate to fill this important post.

Members interested in serving the club or in recommending others should contact the nominating committee.

Cy Whitney	Gerry Gervais	Warren Hale
41 Morley Drive	218 Old Post Road	94 Draehook Road
Wyckoff, NJ 07481	Marlboro, NY 12542-6211	Whitehouse Station, NJ 08889

FORTY ATTEND WINTER WEEKEND

Approximately forty members and aspirants attended the 1992 Winter Weekend at the Alpine Inn in Oliveria. During the two days, there were hikes to all four required winter peaks. Parties also climbed Fir, Big Indian, Eagle, North Dome, Sherrill, and Southwest Hunter. Snow squalls provided several inches of new snow to the otherwise bare slopes. Temperatures were cold, but invigorating.

The executive committee voted to return next year to the Alpine Inn on the weekend after the Martin Luther King holiday, provided suitable arrangements can be made.

FOR PEAK BAGGERS, THE ULTIMATE LIST

Being an inveterate peak bagger as well as a compulsive list maker, I recently decided to compile what I believe is the ultimate list of mountains. It comprises the high points of each nation of the world. I got the idea as I was reading the High Points Club publication Apex to Zenith, which listed all European national and Canadian provincial high points. But much was missing. A list of all high points from each nation of the world was clearly in order. Using the 1984 Hammond World Atlas, I made two lists: first a list of all 160 national high points ranked in descending order, and second, a list sorted by continents.

Just imagine doing all 160 high points from each nation on this planet! This peak bagger will experience every climate, from tropical jungles to polar wastes. He will hear many languages, see colorful flora and fauna, and eat all sorts of foods. His passport will carry stamps of exotic names such as Mbabane, Katmandu, Asuncion, Reykjavik, and Vanuatu.

In time he will learn the names of mountains all over the world. Some of them may not be so easy to remember as Balsam Cap, Friday, or Lone. But before long, he will know of Ireland's Carrantuoill or Surinam's Julianatop. Some, like western Samoa's Sili Sili, Vietnam's Fan Si Pan, or Antigua's Buggy Peak, should be easy to remember. But what about Hvannadalshnukur, the highest point of Iceland? Say it ten times fast. It just rolls off the tongue, right?

Some nations are rather modest about their high points. According to the atlas, at least nine nations have not bothered to name them, including the 9,281 unnamed summit of the Cape Verde Islands. Imagine having a mountain that size in New York State! Other nations with inconsequential high points have given them impressive sounding names. There is San Marino's Monte Titan at 2,425 feet and Monaco's Tete de Chien at 535 feet. Two-hundred and six-foot Mount Alvernia is in the Bahamas. The Maldives' twenty-foot high point and Tuvalu's fifteen feet are better off unnamed. The next typhoon may wash these peaks into the sea. Bring a life preserver when climbing them.

The challenge here is to climb all 160 world national high points. It is the opportunity of a lifetime (and I do say a lifetime as it will take a life's commitment to achieve the goal). Let's go for the gold!

Lanny Wexler (#593)  
126 Ketchams Road  
Syosset, NY 11791

(Lanny includes his two lists with his article. Printing them all at once would be formidable. Meanwhile, since Lanny compiled his lists last summer, the dissolution of the Soviet Union and Yugoslavia has led to many new European and Asian high points. Below is the North American list for anyone wishing to start bagging. The Canister will publish lists for the other continents when space permits. - ED)

#### NORTH AMERICAN HIGHPOINTS

United States	McKinley	20,320	Dominica	Morne Diablotin	4,747
Canada	Logan	19,850	St. Christopher-		
Mexico	Citlalteptl	18,855	Nevis	Mt. Misery	4,314
Guatemala	Tajumulco	13,845	St. Vincent and		
Costa Rica	Chirripo Grande	12,530	Grenedines	Soufriere	4,000
Panama	Vol. Bausi	11,401	Saint Lucia	Gimie	3,117
Dominican			Trinidad and		
Republic	Pico Duarte	10,417	Tobago	Aripo	3,084
Honduras	Las Minas	9,347	Grenada	St. Catherine	2,757
Haiti	Pic La Selle	8,793	Antigua and		
El Salvador	Santa Anna	7,825	Barbuda	Buggy Peak	1,319
Jamaica	Blue Mountain	7,402	Barbados	Hillaby	1,104
Nicaragua	Cerro Mocoton	6,913	Bahamas	Alvernia	206
Cuba	Pico Turquino	6,561			

#### LETTER QUESTIONS EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Reading Bleecker Staats' account in the September-December 1991 issue of the Canister of the rescue of a hiker with a broken leg on Big Indian -- it seems to have taken 16 hours or more to get her down in the dark -- makes me wonder if there is not some way hike leaders could be prepared for such emergencies. Are there collapsible splints and ways of carrying injured persons down a mountain before it gets dark without having to wait for a special rescue team? I would like to learn what anyone in the club knows about this question.

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## IN MEMORIAM: WILSON "SKIP" HOYT

1923 - 1992

Wilson "Skip" Hoyt, club outings chairman, died February 8, 1992. Shortly after starting on a club hike up Mt. Sherrill, Skip collapsed from a heart attack. Attempts at emergency resuscitation were unsuccessful. The circumstances of Skip's death fulfilled his own prophetic wish that he "die like an old indian chief and just lie down in the mountains."

Skip was born September 5, 1923, in Mt. Pleasant. There his mother owned the general store, and he grew up on the family farm. His first career, driving a truck for the Hercules Powder Company, was interrupted by World War II. Skip entered the navy and served on a destroyer escort. After the war, he returned to school and became a real estate and insurance salesman in Brooklyn. Later he studied law and became a lawyer in 1969. Skip was an Eagle Boy Scout and a member of the Lions Club.

Skip's first Catskill climb was in 1937 up Wittenberg, where his initials remain where he carved them in a cave. In 1974, he became acquainted with the Catskill 3500 Club when he met Franklin Clark (#33 and former Canister editor) while hiking near the Devil's Tombstone. On April 9, 1979, he became club member #309; he was also winter member #110.

Although he lived most of his life in New York City, Skip and his family maintained a vacation home in Mt. Tremper on the bank of Beaver Kill. Shortly before his death, however, Skip moved his permanent residence from Garden City back to Hurley.

Skip leaves a wife Theodora, sons William and Paul (#315 and past president), daughters Theresa and Ann, and three grandchildren.

## READER QUESTIONS SOLO HIKING

I am impelled to respond to Norman Sill's letter in the March/April issue, in which he proposed solo hiking as an option for the ecological preservation of trailless peaks.

While I cannot fault Mr. Sill's motive, I am sure many hikers can identify with my thirty-odd years' experience of participating in search and rescue operations, or simply carrying out injured and ill hikers. I average nearly 100 days in the woods per year. I estimate I assist in an evacuation every other month, and one search for a solo lost hiker yearly. Solo hiking is not simply the prerogative of the climber who may claim it is his own safety on the line. He exposes others to inconvenience, expense, and risk, as numerous reports from the ADK, AMC, and civil authorities have documented.



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Peak bagging is a commendable activity, providing an outlet for personal initiative, social cohesiveness, and even, as Mr. Sill proposes, a certain solitude and sense of achievement. But it is not the only way to experience the mountains. A minority of us would prefer to climb the same beloved trail many times rather than do it once and wear a patch. For environmental and safety reasons, the club may question whether trailless peaks should qualify in badge recognition at all.

While peak bagging as such should not be discouraged, it is time to emphasize the advantages of alternatives.

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HOW I SUCCUMBED TO PEAK BAGGER'S DISEASE

Once upon a time I regarded peak bagging with indifference verging on disdain. Peak baggers bored the boots off me. Their talk consisted of the peaks they had climbed and the peaks they had left. They crowed over marathon days that began and ended by flashlight, with barely enough time for dinner and sleep, before the next day's peak bagging resumed.

The obsession with peak bagging was foreign to me. I'd hiked in both the Adirondacks and Catskills, but had never kept a tally of my climbs, and never needed more than the enjoyment of being outdoors in pristine surroundings to keep returning.

But I had not reckoned with my ego. When a couple of my fellow female hikers decided to climb the Catskill 3500 peaks in winter, I felt confronted with my own ability and willingness to hike in a season in which snow and cold temperatures ordinarily sent me scurrying to an exercise class or to the warmth of my office. Having a goal helped. In my case it was a dual goal: going for the winter patch and overcoming my dislike of winter hiking.

Winter barely settled in before I was plodding through foot deep snow to the summit of North Dome. I followed in the footsteps of my husband, a winter 35er twice over and going for his third. From North Dome, Sherrill beckoned. Like the sun which glazed the trees with gold, I was not yet ready to go home.

Next day we bushwhacked to Big Indian and Fir. The trail to Eagle was nicely packed and the prospect of collecting a third peak lent wings to my legs and sent me flying to the top.

Two weeks later, my husband and I signed in at the same motel and climbed five more mountains. Within the week, peak bagging fever struck again. They say you're supposed to starve a fever, but I fed mine with snow-covered peaks. A ritual soon developed of driving up Friday evening, returning home Sunday and in between bagging

at least four peaks. To get a head start, I called in the occasional "sick" day. If we had a social commitment in the city, we drove to and from the Catskills the same day. I felt like a fighter pilot: no sooner had I claimed one set of victories, than on I flew to the next.

A few times, I asked my husband if my compulsive behavior was wearing him down. (True, he'd lost ten pounds but I attributed that to vegetarian dinners twice a week.) He smiled and said he remembered being as zealous with his Adirondack peaks; then he admitted winter was his favorite season and was delighted I wanted to hike every weekend.

As the number of peaks required for the patch diminished, my fever intensified. In the process, I learned to deal with brutal cold, to trust my crampons on ice. The sleet and slush encountered on Balsam Lake and Graham proved no deterrent. Sliding down steep, frozen trails on my backside could be fun. I came to appreciate the usefulness of my husband's ice axe on the slick ledges of Wittenberg and Cornell.

Some nights I lay awake dividing the peaks I had left into the number of remaining winter weekends. My husband produced equations more ambitious than mine, that left me questioning my ability, yet wanting the challenge.

It came Saturday, February 29, 1992. Starting at 7:30 a.m. from Denning, we hiked up Table and from there bushwhacked to Lone, followed by Rocky. By then we were on a roll, so we continued to Balsam Cap, taking almost two hours to bash through a mile of densely packed spruce. Despite the bitter cold and the strenuous bushwhacking, our entry in each canister ended with a "Yahoo." As far as challenges went, I knew this would be a day to remember -- a long day at that, as we didn't get back to our car till 6:30 p.m. Sunday, March 1, I wrote my last entry in the canister on Doubletop and checked off the last space on my tally sheet.

This experience has made me more tolerant of other peak baggers. Now when they recount their efforts, I listen with interest, because for a time I too talked of nothing else, and realize how easy it is to become compulsive. But along the way, I remember the contrast of naked trees against the snow; the tinkle of crystal spruce boughs; the sun setting the snow on fire.

My husband summed up the end of my peak bagging fever by asking: "Does this mean we can stop living in the Catskills?"

Darielle Graham (#654)  
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Mt. Kisco, NY 10549

#### NEW MEMBER REACHES GREATER HEIGHTS

On March 4, 1992, I climbed Windham High Peak by the Escarpment Trail, to finish the Catskill 3500-footers in winter. After delaying two winters trying to arrange a group celebration, I ended up doing it as a solo overnight (like most of my other Catskill climbs). Taking advantage of wintertime camping rules, I camped on the summit plateau near the west lookout. There was only a patchy inch of snow on the ground, and the weather was incredibly warm and sunny, my first taste of spring in the mountains.

It was a sharp contrast to the previous weekend, when I camped atop 4080 foot Cannon mountain and finished New Hampshire's 4000-footers at midnight. I don't believe any-one has done them all at midnight before. I have also finished climbing the 14,000-footers of Colorado, plus Rainier, Hood, Adams, St. Helens, and a few

California 14ers. I am currently working on the remaining California 14ers, as well as the Colorado 13,800 footers.

Mike Bromberg (#479)  
120 Old County Road (Mason)  
Brookline, NH 03033-2317

#### NEW TREASURER APPOINTED

Jack Driller (#483) replaces Jonathan Clement (#68) as the club's new treasurer. Prior to his election, Jack was the treasurer of the New York Chapter of the Appalachian Mountain Club, a position he held for two years, and before that he was the chairman, also for two years.

#### HIGHLIGHTS OF THE ANNUAL DINNER

The 27th annual dinner meeting of the Catskill 3500 Club took place at Nicole's Restaurant in Highland Falls, New York on March 28, 1992. Nicole's elegant surroundings offered members an intimate atmosphere as well as high quality service that included waitresses circulating with a variety of appetizing hors d'oeuvres.

During the evening, Howard Dash (#458), the club president, requested a moment of silence for Wilson "Skip" Hoyt (#309), the club's outings chairman, who died suddenly on February 8, 1992. Howard next thanked the Department of Environmental Conservation, of which rangers Pat and Bill Rudge were present, for its prompt efforts in rescuing a club member, Marlene Alexander, who broke her leg on a hike. He encouraged all to write to their elected officials to support the DEC Assistant Ranger Program. New business included a suggestion for July/August hikes, and Howard stated that this would be discussed at the club's executive committee meeting in June. Cy Whitney (#266) membership chairman, announced that this year was a record for the number of new members -- 52 regular members and 24 winter members. Guest speaker Richard J. Henry, Sr., Wildlife Biologist with the NYS DEC, concluded the evening with an interesting slide program on bear management in the Catskills.

Many thanks to Roy Messaros for putting together a fine evening.

#### REMINDER

Membership dues and subscription fees for aspirants are now past due. Please send \$5.00 to Cy Whitney, 41 Morley Drive, Wyckoff, NJ 07481-3322.

#### LAST CHANCE FOR T-SHIRTS

There are still a few Catskill 3500 Club t-shirts left for those who would like to purchase one. The shirts will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis and the price of \$12.00 includes sales tax and mailing cost. Sizes are limited. To check for availability please call Darielle Graham, (212) 373-2356 (10:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.).

#### WATCH FOUND

A watch was found at the Seager parking area on January 26, 1992. Contact Ed Walsh (914) 429-8550.

CATSKILL 3500 CLUB HIKES (May - June 1992)ASSUMED RISK

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

- May 2 WINDHAM HIGH PEAK, Burnt Knob, Acra Point, BLACKHEAD, BLACK DOME and THOMAS COLE Distance: 15 mi. Ascent: 4000'  
Elev.: 3524', 3940', 3990', 3945'  
Order: 33, 4, 3, 5  
A very strenuous, fast-paced trail hike.  
Leader: John B. Graham (#478), 60 Barker Street, Mt. Kisco, NY 10549  
(914) 240-2241 (before 10:00 P.M.)  
Meeting Place: Call leader for details NOT LATER THAN THURSDAY, APRIL 30.
- May 3 NORTH DOME and SHERRILL (Sun) Distance: 8 mi. Ascent: 2600'  
Elev.: 3610', 3540' Order: 26, 31  
A strenuous, fast-paced bushwhack.  
Leader: John B. Graham (#478), 60 Barker Street, Mt. Kisco, NY 10549  
(914) 240-2241 (before 10:00 P.M.)  
Meeting Place: Call leader for details NOT LATER THAN THURSDAY, APRIL 30.
- May 9 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 Rtes. 28 and 42 in Shandaken at 9:00 A.M.
- May 10 INDIAN HEAD and TWIN (Sun) Distance: 8 mi. Ascent: 2000'  
Elev.: 3573', 3640' Order: 30, 23  
A strenuous trail hike. Heavy rain cancels  
Leader: Brian Sullivan (#681), R.D.2, Box 199, Pine Bush Road, Stone Ridge, NY 12484  
(914) 687-7750 (7:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M. ONLY)  
Meeting Place: Warm's Restaurant in Tannersville at 8:30 A.M.
- May 16 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 bow saws, hedgeclippers, etc., if you have them. If not, the club will furnish them - BUT, COME.  
Leader: Gerald A. Gervais (#687), 218 Old Post Road, Marlboro, NY 12542-6211  
(914) 341-5515 (days); (914) 236-4208 (evenings before 10:00 P.M.)  
Meeting Place: Denning Trailhead at 8:30 A.M.
- May 17 FIR, BIG INDIAN and EAGLE (Sun) Distance: 8 mi. Ascent: 3000'  
Elev.: 3625', 3680', 3605' Order: 24, 20, 27  
A strenuous bushwhack and trail hike. Heavy rain cancels.  
Leader: Steve Fishman (#618), 202 Albany Avenue, Kingston, NY 12401  
(914) 331-1206 (before 10:00 P.M.)  
Meeting Place: Trailhead at end of McKinley Hollow Road (approx. 3 mi. south of Rte. 28) off County Rte. 47 at 8:00 A.M.

- May 23 VLY and BEARPEN Distance: 6 mi. Ascent: 2100'  
Elev.: 3529', 3600' Order: 32, 29  
A moderate bushwhack. Heavy rain cancels.  
Leader: Howard Dash (#458), 5 Arden Lane, New Paltz, NY 12561  
(914) 255-3409 before 9:00 P.M.  
Meeting Place: Municipal parking lot in Fleischmanns across from library at 9:00 A.M.
- May 30 WITTENBERG, CORNELL, FRIDAY  
and BALSAM CAP Distance: 9 mi. Ascent: 3600'  
Elev.: 3780', 3865', 3694', 3623  
Order: 14, 9, 19, 25  
A very strenuous, fast-paced trail hike and bushwhack from Moon Haw Road. All weather hike; however, inclement or very hot weather may necessitate changes in route and pace.  
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 Rtes. 28 and 28A in Boiceville at 8:00 A.M.
- May 31 KAATERSKILL HIGH PEAK and  
(Sun) Huckleberry Point Distance: 11 mi. Ascent: 2000'  
Elev.: 3655' Order: 22  
A scenic, moderately strenuous bushwhack and trail hike. All weather hike; however, Huckleberry Point segment will be cancelled in the event of inclement weather.  
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 Clove Road (County Rte. 16) and Prediger Road, just south of Tannersville, at 9:00 A.M.
- June 6 SOUTHWEST HUNTER (and  
possibly HUNTER) Distance: 8 (11) mi. Ascent: 1700' (2250')  
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: Flagpole at Jct. of Rte. 42 and County Road 6 (Spruceton Road) in Westkill at 9:00 A.M.
- June 7 WINDHAM HIGH PEAK, Burnt  
(Sun) Knob and Acra Point Distance: 10 mi. Ascent: 2400'  
Elev.: 3524' Order: 33  
A very scenic trail hike along the section of the Long Path between Rte. 23 and the Batavia Kill Trail. 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.
- June 13 WESTKILL Distance: 9 mi. Ascent: 2100'  
Elev.: 3880' Order: 6  
A moderately strenuous trail hike. Heavy rain cancels.  
Leader: Warren Hale (#576), 94 Draehook Road, Whitehouse Station, NJ 08889  
(908) 236-9543  
Meeting Place: Flagpole at Jct. of Rte. 42 and County Road 6 (Spruceton Road) in Westkill at 9:00 A.M.
- June 14 SUGARLOAF and TWIN  
(Sun) Distance: 9 mi. Ascent: 2600'  
Elev.: 3800', 3640' Order: 13, 23  
A strenuous all-weather bushwhack and trail hike. (The number of participants will be limited.)  
Leader: Joan Dean (#360), 12 Crowell Place, Maplewood, NJ 07040  
(201) 762-0396 (before 10:00 P.M.)  
Meeting Place: Call leader for details on THURSDAY BEFORE HIKE (JUNE 11).

- June 20 SLIDE Distance: 6 mi. Ascent: 1650'  
Elev.: 4180' Order: 1  
A moderate trail hike. Heavy rain cancels.  
Leader: Marge Velasquez (#677), RD#1, Box 392, Pine Bush, NY 12566  
(914) 361-4351 (before 10:00 P.M.)  
Meeting Place: Sweet Sue's Bakery in Phoenicia for DEPARTURE at 9:00 A.M.
- June 21 LONE and ROCKY Distance: 12 mi. Ascent: 2000'  
(Sun) Elev.: 3721', 3508' Order: 17, 35  
A strenuous, fast-paced bushwhack. Heavy rain cancels.  
Leader: Sue Eilers (#337), 307 Anita Lane, Mamaroneck, NY 10543  
(914) 698-7219 (before 10:00 P.M.)  
Meeting Place: Denning trailhead at 8:30 A.M.
- June 27 DOUBLETOP and GRAHAM Distance: 8 mi. Ascent: 2200'  
Elev.: 3870', 3868' Order: 7, 8  
A strenuous bushwhack from Seager.  
Leader: Bruno Walmsley (#610), 6 Willow Street, Princeton, NJ 08542  
(609) 924-4679  
Meeting Place: Bridge over Dry Brook on Rte. 28 in Arkville at 9:00 A.M.
- June 28 Giant Ledge and PANTHER Distance: 9 mi. Ascent: 2100'  
(Sun) Elev.: 3720' Order: 18  
A scenic, moderately strenuous trail hike.  
Leader: Rosemary Walmsley (#611), 6 Willow Street, Princeton, NJ 08542  
(609) 924-4679  
Meeting Place: State trailhead parking area at hairpin turn on County Road 47  
(approx. 8 mi. south of Big Indian) at 9:00 A.M.

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262	Darielle Graham	3/ 1/92	274	Dennis Crispo	3/15/92
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266	Richard Niegocki	3/ 5/92	278	Edward G. Coombs	3/21/92
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268	Marjorie Raffaldi	3/ 3/92	280	Lindsey Leiser	3/21/92



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## SPRING MEETING UPDATE

The spring meeting of the Executive Committee took place on Saturday, June 20 at president Howard Dash's home in New Paltz, New York. Topics of discussion included: a statement by Howard that the 3500 Club is interested in public acquisition of Bearpen and Vly and is currently working with other non-profit organizations to find a way of raising the money; a report by Sue Eilers and Bruno Walmsley on their progress on amending the certificate of incorporation and the by-laws; a decision to extend the 1993 summer hiking schedule to include the months of July and August; and an announcement that the Hillside Manor in Kingston would be the venue for next year's Annual Dinner.

## CATSKILL CLUB EXTENDS SUMMER HIKING SEASON

Starting next year, for the first time since its inception, the Catskill 3500 Club will extend its summer hiking season to include the months of July and August. Previously, no hikes were scheduled between the end of June and the beginning of September. With this new policy in place, members and aspirants will be able to enjoy the Catskills year round.

## NEW OUTINGS CHAIRMAN APPOINTED

John B. Graham (#478) succeeds Wilson "Skip" Hoyt (#309) as the new outings chairman. Anyone wishing to lead a hike should submit details to John at 60 Barker Street, Apt. 419, Mount Kisco, NY 10549, or call him at 914-241-2240.

## LEADERSHIP PATCH AWARDED

Congratulations to Warren Hale (#576) who has become eligible for the leadership patch. The club awards the leadership patch to members who have led six separate hikes scheduled in the Canister. At least one hike must be to a trailless peak, and at least one other must be led during the winter.

## RECOMMENDATION FOR FIRST AID PREPAREDNESS

Emergencies vary in severity. Obviously, an injured arm or wrist is different from an injured leg or ankle. Ill-prepared well-wishers trying to help injured people out of the mountains can easily compound simple injuries into serious situations. Instead, being able to diagnose injuries and administer first aid is the best preparedness a leader can possess. Since all persons in the mountains are away from immediate medical assistance, they all should have this essential knowledge. The American Red Cross offers basic first aid courses at many high schools and community colleges.



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In any emergency, hikers should contact the local Department of Environmental Conservation ranger or the state police. Ranger contacts are posted at trail heads. Hikers should leave rescue operations to the DEC. Bleecker Staat's party (see Vol. XXIV, No. 3 - Ed.) did the right thing.

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CATSKILL 3500 CLUB HIKES (Sept.-Dec. 1992)ASSUMED RISK

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

Saturday, Sept. 5 BALSAM, Haynes, and EAGLE Distance: 9 mi. Ascent: 2750'  
Elev.: 3600', 3605' Order: 28, 27

A moderate trail hike.

Leader: Larry Armstrong (#827), P.O. Box 166, Gilbertsville, NY 13776  
(607) 783-2730

Meeting Place: Trailhead at end of McKinley Hollow Road in Oliverea at 9:00 A.M.

Sunday, Sept. 6 THOMAS COLE, BLACK DOME, Distance: 15 mi. Ascent: 4000'  
BLACKHEAD, Acra Pt., Burnt Elev.: 3945', 3990', 3940', 3524'  
Knob, and WINDHAM HIGH PEAK Order: 4, 3, 5, 33

A very strenuous trail hike. Heavy rain cancels.

Leader: Ann Hunt (#832), 1409 Albermarle Road, #1H, Brooklyn, NY 11226  
(718) 282-6585

Meeting Place: Maplecrest Post Office at 9:00 A.M.

Saturday, Sept. 12 SLIDE Distance: 6 mi. Ascent: 1650'  
Elev.: 4180' Order: 1

An easy trail hike. Steady rain cancels.

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

Meeting Place: Slide mountain parking area, County Rte. 47, at 9:00 A.M.

Sunday, Sept. 13 HALCOTT Distance: 5 mi. Ascent: 1600'  
Elev.: 3520' Order: 34

A moderate bushwhack. Rain cancels.

Leader: Brian Sullivan (#681), R.D.2, Box 199, Pine Bush Road, Stone Ridge, NY 12484  
(914) 687-7750 (7:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M. ONLY)

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

Saturday, Sept. 19 PLATEAU and HUNTER Distance: 11+ mi. Ascent: 3800'  
Elev.: 3840', 4040' Order: 12, 2

A strenuous trail hike via Mink Hollow, Devil's Path, Hunter and Becker trails.  
Forecast of steady rain cancels.

Leader: Richard E. Barr (#604), 205 W. 86th Street, New York, NY 10024  
(212) 877-2694 (NYC area hikers may call re: carpooling)

Meeting Place: A&P parking lot in Tannersville (near Tannersville Yacht Club) at 9:00 A.M.

Sunday, Sept. 20 BEARPEN and VLY Distance: 6 mi. Ascent: 2100'  
Elev.: 3600', 3529' Order: 29, 32

A moderate bushwhack.

Leader: John B. Graham (#478), 60 Barker Street, Apt. 419, Mt. Kisco, NY 10549  
(914) 241-2240 (before 10:00 P.M.)

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

- Saturday, Sept. 26 RUSK Distance: 5 mi. Ascent: 1750'  
Elev.: 3680' Order: 21  
A moderate bushwhack. Steady rain cancels.  
Leader: Allen C. Maser (#706), 7E Brookside Heights, Wanaque, NJ 07465  
(201) 835-1533 (before 10:00 P.M.)  
Meeting Place: Flagpole at Jct. of Rte. 42 and County Road 6 (Spruceton Road) in  
Westkill at 8:30 A.M.
- Sunday, Sept. 27 INDIAN HEAD, TWIN (and probably SUGARLOAF) Distance: 8 mi. Ascent: 2000'  
Elev.: 3573', 3640' (3800')  
Order: 30, 23 (13)  
A strenuous trail hike with probable additional distance of 3 miles and ascent of 1200 feet. Heavy rain cancels.  
Leader: Wanda Davenport (#523), 169 Pershing Avenue, Ridgewood, NJ 07450  
(201) 670-8383 (before 9:00 P.M.)  
Meeting Place: Sweet Sue's Bakery in Phoenicia for DEPARTURE at 8:45 A.M. SHARP.
- Saturday, Oct. 3 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 bow saws, hedgeclippers, etc., if you have them. If not, the club will furnish them - BUT, COME.  
Leader: Gerald A. Gervais (#687), 218 Old Post Road, Marlboro, NY 12542-6211  
(914) 341-5515 (days); (914) 236-4208 (evenings before 10:00 P.M.)  
Meeting Place: Denning trailhead at 8:30 A.M.
- Sunday, Oct. 4 WITTENBERG, CORNELL, and SLIDE Distance: 14 mi. Ascent: 4200'  
Elev.: 3780', 3865', 4180'  
Order: 14, 9, 1  
A very strenuous trail hike. Heavy rain cancels.  
Leader: Larry Leslie (#208), 19 William Street, Catskill, NY 12414  
(914) 431-5861 (7:30 A.M. - 3:40 P.M. Mon. - Thurs.)  
Meeting Place: Call leader for details.
- Sunday, Oct. 4 BLACKHEAD (and possibly BLACK DOME and THOMAS COLE) Distance: 5 mi. Ascent: 1700'  
Elev.: 3940' (3990', 3945')  
Order: 5 (3, 4)  
A moderate trail hike with possible additional distance of 3 miles and ascent of 600 feet.  
Leader: Paul Hoyt (#315), 43-25 Douglaston Parkway, #4F, Flushing, NY 11363-1804  
(718) 631-4784  
Meeting Place: Maplecrest Post Office at 9:00 A.M.
- Saturday, Oct. 10 ROCKY and FRIDAY Distance: 8 mi. Ascent: 3400'  
Elev.: 3508', 3694' Order: 35, 19  
A long and strenuous bushwhack.  
Leader: Ernest Valera (#802), 203 Sheafe Road, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590-1237  
(914) 297-6908  
Meeting Place: Call leader for details.

- Sunday, Oct. 11 FIR, BIG INDIAN, and EAGLE Distance: 8 mi. Ascent: 3000'  
Elev.: 3625', 3680', 3605'  
Order: 24, 20, 27  
A strenuous bushwhack and trail hike. All-weather hike.  
Leader: Wayne Foote (#590), 37-68 64th Street, Woodside, NY 11377  
(718) 335-3741  
Meeting Place: State parking lot at Burnham Hollow Road at 9:00 A.M.
- Sunday, Oct. 11 PANTHER and Giant Ledge Distance: 9 mi. Ascent: 1800'  
Elev.: 3720' Order: 18  
A moderately strenuous trail hike.  
Leaders: Amy Whitney (#711), 28 Station Plaza, Ramsey, NJ 07446 (201) 327-9420  
Joan Messaros (#712), 101 King Street, Nutley, NJ 07110 (201) 661-2369  
Meeting Place: Sweet Sue's Bakery in Phoenicia for DEPARTURE at 9:00 A.M.
- Saturday, Oct. 17 INDIAN HEAD Distance: 8 mi. Ascent: 1500'  
Elev.: 3573' Order: 30  
A moderate trail hike. Heavy rain cancels.  
Leader: Marge Velasquez (#677), RD# 1, Box 392, Pine Bush, NY 12566  
(914) 361-4351  
Meeting Place: Howard Johnson's on Rte. 32 just north of Saugerties (Exit #20 of  
Thruway) at 9:00 A.M., or trailhead at Prediger Road at 9:30 A.M.
- Sunday, Oct. 18 NORTH DOME and SHERRILL Distance: 8 mi. Ascent: 2600'  
Elev.: 3610', 3540' Order: 26, 31  
A strenuous bushwhack.  
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 for DEPARTURE at 9:00 A.M.
- Saturday, Oct. 24 GRAHAM, DOUBLETOP, BIG  
INDIAN, and EAGLE Distance: 10 mi. Ascent: 4000'  
Elev.: 3868', 3870', 3680', 3605'  
Order: 8, 7, 20, 27  
A very strenuous, fast-paced bushwhack from Seager. All-weather hike; however,  
inclement weather may necessitate changes in route and pace.  
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: Bridge over Dry Brook on Rte. 28 in Arkville at 8:00 A.M.
- Saturday, Oct. 24 SOUTHWEST HUNTER (and  
possibly HUNTER) Distance: 8 mi. Ascent: 1700'  
Elev.: 3740' (4040') Order: 15 (2)  
A strenuous bushwhack and trail hike. Steady rain cancels.  
Leader: Allen C. Maser (#706), 7E Brookside Heights, Wanaque, NJ 07465  
(201) 835-1533 (before 10:00 P.M.)  
Meeting Place: Flagpole at Jct. of Rte. 42 and County Road 6 (Spruceton Road) in  
Westkill at 8:30 A.M.

- Sunday, Oct. 25 LONE and ROCKY Distance: 12 mi. Ascent: 2000'  
Elev.: 3721', 3508' Order: 17, 35  
A strenuous, fast-paced bushwhack and trail hike. All-weather hike; however, inclement weather may necessitate changes in route and pace.  
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.
- Saturday, Oct. 31 SOUTHWEST HUNTER and WESTKILL Distance: 11 mi. Ascent: 3200'  
Elev.: 3740', 3880' Order: 15, 6  
A very strenuous and difficult bushwhack. Heavy rain cancels.  
Leader: Bruno Walmsley (#610), 6 Willow Street, Princeton, NJ 08542  
(609) 924-4679  
Meeting Place: Parking lot at end of Diamond Notch Road (off Rte. 214) at 9:00 A.M.
- Sunday, Nov. 1 FIR Distance: 5 mi. Ascent: 1800'  
Elev.: 3625' Order: 24  
A moderate bushwhack. Heavy rain cancels.  
Leader: Rosemary Walmsley (#610), 6 Willow Street, Princeton, NJ 08542  
(609) 924-4679  
Meeting Place: State parking lot at Burnham Hollow Road at 8:30 A.M.
- Saturday, Nov. 7 WITTENBERG and CORNELL Distance: 9 mi. Ascent: 3120'  
Elev.: 3780', 3865' Order: 14, 9  
A strenuous trail hike.  
Leader: Tim Watters (#268), 30 Wagner Avenue, Wallington, NJ 07057  
(212) 984-0373 (Weekdays: 9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.)  
Meeting Place: Sweet Sue's Bakery in Phoenicia for DEPARTURE at 8:00 A.M.
- Sunday, Nov. 8 FRIDAY and BALSAM CAP Distance: 8 mi. Ascent: 3300'  
Elev. 3694', 3623' Order: 19, 25  
A very strenuous bushwhack from Moonhaw Road.  
Leader: Steve Fishman (#618), 202 Albany Avenue, Kingston, NY 12401  
(914) 331-1206  
Meeting Place: Jct. of Rtes. 28 and 28A in Boiceville at 8:00 A.M.
- Sunday, Nov. 8 SHERRILL Distance: 5 mi. Ascent: 1900'  
Elev.: 3540' Order: 31  
A moderate bushwhack. Group size limited.  
Leader: Richard C. Kline (#720), P.O. Box 130, Leeds, NY 12451-0130  
(518) 622-8870  
Meeting Place: Call leader for details.
- Saturday, Nov. 14 KAATERSKILL HIGH PEAK and Huckleberry Point Distance: 11 mi. Ascent: 2000'  
Elev.: 3655' Order: 22  
A scenic, moderately strenuous, moderately paced trail hike and bushwhack. All-weather hike; however, inclement weather may necessitate cancellation of Huckleberry Point segment.  
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 Clove Road (County Rte. 16) and Prediger Road, just south of Tannersville, at 8:30 A.M.

Saturday, Nov. 14 North Mt., Stoppel Pt., Distance: 19 mi. Ascent: 5000'  
BLACKHEAD, Acra Pt., and Elev.: 3940', 3524' Order: 5, 33  
WINDHAM HIGH PEAK

A strenuous, fast-paced hike of the Escarpment Trail. Heavy rain cancels.

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

Meeting Place: Call leader for details.

Sunday, Nov. 15 BEARPEN Distance: 4 mi. Ascent: 1500'  
 Elev. : 3600' Order: 29

An easy bushwhack. Heavy rain cancels.

Leader: Joe Gardner (#572), 68 Carson Road, Delmar, NY 12054-2503  
 (518) 439-1074

Meeting Place: Prattsville Diner on Rte. 23 (in Prattsville) at 8:30 A.M.

**Nov. 16-Dec. 8 HUNTING SEASON (FIREARMS) IN THE CATSKILLS. NO HIKES SCHEDULED  
 IN THE CATSKILLS.**

Sunday, Dec. 6 Bear Mountain, Connecticut Distance: 7 mi. Ascent: 1600'  
 A moderate circular hike in the vicinity of Bear Mountain, Connecticut and Mt.  
 Frissell, Massachusetts. No hunting in Connecticut and Massachusetts on Sunday.

Leader: Doug Robins (#153), 33 Trailsend Drive, Canton, CT 06019  
 (203) 693-0130

Meeting Place: Call leader for details (before 9:00 P.M.).

Saturday, Dec. 12 BALSAM LAKE and GRAHAM Distance: 8 mi. Ascent: 1900'  
 Elev.: 3725', 3868' Order: 16, 8

A moderate trail hike and bushwhack.

Leader: Joan Dean (#360), 12 Crowell Place, Maplewood, NJ 07040  
 (201) 762-0396

Meeting Place: Bridge over Dry Brook on Rte. 28 in Arkville at 8:30 A.M.

Sunday, Dec. 13 North Mt. and Stoppel Point Distance: 8 mi. Ascent: 1200'  
 A moderate trail hike with possible bushwhack.

Leader: Richard C. Kline (#720), P.O. Box 130, Leeds, NY 12451-0130  
 (518) 622-8870

Meeting Place: Call leader for details.

#### ADVANCE NOTICE

Saturday, Jan. 2 RUSK, HUNTER, and SOUTH- Distance: 11 mi. Ascent: 2900'  
WEST HUNTER Elev.: 3680', 4040', 3740'  
 Order: 21, 2, 15

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

Leader: Henry Edmonds (#661), 268 Main Street, #12, Danbury, CT 06810  
 (203) 743-7039

Meeting Place: Call leader for details.

Saturday, Jan. 9 SHERRILL

Distance: 5 mi. Ascent: 1900'  
Elev.: 3540' Order: 31

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

Leader: Warren Hale (#576), 94 Draehook Road, Whitehouse Station, NJ 08889  
(908) 236-9543

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

Sunday, Jan. 10 WESTKILL

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

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

Leader: Richard C. Kline (#720), P.O. Box 130, Leeds, NY 12451-0130  
(518) 622-8870

Meeting Place: Call leader for details.

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