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1990 ANNUAL DINNER SET FOR HOTEL THAYER AT WEST POINT

Reserve Saturday, March 31, 1990, for the Catskill 3500 Club's Annual Dinner Meeting at the Hotel Thayer on the grounds of the United States Military Academy, West Point, New York.

This is the Club's main social event of the year. New members and winter members will receive their certificates. It is anticipated that there will also be the first recipients of the newly instituted leadership patch. Our guest speaker will be Carl E. Heilman, II, from Brant Lake, NY. Carl is an Adirondack guide and snowshoe maker. He will use a computerized slide projection system with sound to present his renowned program titled "A Tribute to the Wilderness."

During the afternoon there will be a guided walking tour of the military grounds. People may also wish to visit the museum or hike the surrounding areas of Bear Mountain State Park, Harriman State Park, Black Rock Forest, Storm King Mountain, and Breakneck Ridge.

Invitations and information sheets will be mailed at the end of February. Each information sheet will contain a map of West Point, a gallery guide to the museum, and details about the meeting place for the guided tour. All members, friends, families, and interested people are invited to attend these activities on March 31.

1990 MEMBERSHIP DUES OR SUBSCRIPTION FEES NOW PAYABLE; LIFE MEMBERSHIP OFFERED

Please complete the form on page 7 and return it with your remittance as soon as possible. Note: For a one-time payment of \$100, the club is offering life membership, thereby eliminating the need for further dues payments. Information about this option also appears on page 7.

TRAIL CONFERENCE ASSUMES MAINTENANCE RESPONSIBILITY

Recently, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) asked the New York-New Jersey Trail Conference to take over the maintenance of trails in the CATSKILLS. The DEC is experiencing severe budget cuts which prevent them from keeping the trails in good condition.

The Trail Conference polled member clubs and individuals who had indicated an interest either in the CATSKILLS or in trail maintenance. A majority of the respondents were in favor of expanding conference responsibilities to include maintaining Catskill trails. After reaching a mutual understanding

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with the DEC, the Trail Conference decided to proceed gradually with trail adoption on a trail by trail basis. Actual work will start in the spring of 1990. The first trails to be adopted will probably be sections of the Long Path. As soon as possible afterward, other trails will be included until the complete Catskill trail system is under Trail Conference care.

The Catskill 3500 Club is already responsible for maintaining the Long Path between Peekamoose Road and Denning. At the winter weekend meeting of the club executive committee, everyone agreed that at a minimum the club will continue to meet this commitment. The executive committee also voted to increase by \$25 its support of the New York-New Jersey Trail Conference.

At the same executive committee meeting, Fred Schmelzer (#140) described some of the difficulties the club is encountering with trail maintenance. DEC rules prohibit mechanized equipment (for example, chain saws) in wilderness areas, and the DEC rangers intend to enforce the prohibition. But cutting through large trunks and limbs is impossible without proper saws. To solve the problem, Fred recommended the club purchase several sets of large manual saws to cut through any large downed timber blocking the trail. Agreeing with the recommendation, the executive committee appropriated \$200 to buy the saws.

Recent spring and fall trail clearing hikes on Peekamoose and Table have seen a modest improvement in membership turn out. Clearly, however, more interest could be shown, especially if the Club is to consider increasing its commitment to trail maintenance. Anyone desiring more information on the Catskill 3500 Club trail clearing activities should contact the trails chairman, Timothy Watters (#268), 30 Wagner Avenue, Wallington, NJ 07057 (Tel. 201-777-5677). Stella Green (#418) is coordinating the entire New York-New Jersey Trail Conference Catskill trail adoption effort. She would also like to hear from anyone interested in the project. Her address is 10 Lynn Court, Woodcliff Lake, NJ 07675 (Tel. 201-391-9410, 7 P.M. to 10 P.M.).

FRIDAY: LOST AND FOUND

I enjoyed Ed Walsh's account of losing his watch on Friday. By coincidence the same thing happened to me. I too hiked alone on Friday. I too lost my watch as the band snapped while I was scaling one of the ledges. Maybe someone found another watch.

Lanny Wexler (#593)
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 Syosset, NY 11791

CATSKILL 3500 CLUB: NEW MEMBERS

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WHAT IS A MUNROIST?

(This article is condensed from The Highlander, The Magazine of Scottish Heritage, Vol. 27, No. 6, Nov./Dec. 1989, and provided courtesy of Arthur B. McComb (#189), 29 South Randolph Avenue, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. - ED.)

A Munroist is anyone who has climbed all 276 Munros. The Munros are Scottish mountains whose height exceeds 3,000 feet. They are named for Sir Hugh T. Munro, a pioneer mountaineer who compiled Munro's Tables of 3,000 footers. He died in 1919, when he had only two Munros to go -- Carn Cloich-mhuilinn and the Inaccessible Pinnacle.

Reverend Archibald Eneas Robertson was the first Munroist. He conquered his 276th Munro in 1901. The list of Munroists now numbers a total of 322.

If you dream of being a Munroist, be prepared to face gale force winds, snow, showers, mist, and fog -- winter can be any day in the year on the hills of Scotland. The Cairngorm Mountains have winter on the peaks two-thirds of the year. Ben Nevis, Britain's highest mountain (4,406 feet), has an average rainfall of 134 inches. If this does not daunt you, then carry on and send for an application to join the Scottish Mountaineering Club.

Munro Eagle
Clan Munro Association

LETTER: HIKE PARTICIPATION LIMIT RECOMMENDED

The CATSKILLS are a unique wilderness, one of the last mountain ranges where the trailless peaks are indeed trailless and where all but the most popular trails are still in stable condition. These wonderful mountains, however, are also fragile. It will not take long before the wild, untrampled forest we enjoy today will be replaced with herd paths and eroded trails.

As experienced hikers of the area, the Catskill 3500 Club has a leadership responsibility for preserving the sensitive Catskill environment. We also should be promoting safety in the mountains. I feel our obligation would be better served through a more responsible hiking trip policy, one designed with safety for the participant and protection for the environment.

To this end, I suggest the Catskill 3500 Club rethink its policy of conducting hikes on an "all comers" basis. In my opinion this practice is environmentally unsound because it puts too heavy a burden on one mountain at one time. It is also unsafe since groups tend to be too large and too divergent in skills. Trip leaders, trip participants, and the environment itself would all benefit from a policy where trips were limited in the number of participants. There should also be an effort to screen participants for physical conditioning, experience, and equipment -- especially under winter conditions.

The CATSKILLS are magnificent. We climbers should be doing everything in our power to ensure their preservation. We want future generations safely to experience the thrill of using map and compass to find the summits of the remote, trailless peaks.

Raymond B. Held (#609)
33 Barkwood Lane
Clifton Park, NJ 12065

NOMINATING COMMITTEE CHOSEN TO RECOMMEND SLATE

At the Winter Weekend meeting of the executive committee, the president, Paul Hoyt, appointed Roman Hrycun and Roy Messaros to form a nominating committee. In turn, Roman and Roy will select at least one non-executive committee member to serve with them. The nominating committee will recommend next year's slate of officers to be voted on at the annual meeting.

This year, David Clapper, treasurer of the club for many years, announced his intention to stand down. Consequently, the nominating committee will be responsible for finding a replacement. Anyone wishing to recommend candidates should contact Roman (RD 1 - Box 419B, Rhinebeck, NY 12572, Tel. 914-876-2451) or Roy (249 Mulberry Way, Franklin Lakes, NJ 07417, Tel. 201-337-5004).

1990 WINTER WEEKEND A SUCCESS

Thirty-one members and aspirants participated in the activities, including successful climbs of Slide, Panther, Fir, Big Indian, Eagle, Balsam, Vly, and Bearpen. Saturday's hikes were followed by a Happy Hour and fine dinner at the Alpine Inn. Current plans for 1991 are to return to the Alpine Inn on the weekend after the Martin Luther King holiday.

CATSKILL 3500 CLUB HIKES (Mar.-Apr. 1990)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. Either full or instep 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 3 LONE and ROCKY A very strenuous and difficult bushwhack. Snowshoes and full (not instep) crampons required. Heavy precipitation or bad driving conditions cancel.
 Distance: 12 mi. Ascent: 1800' Elev.: 3721', 3508' Order: 17, 35
 Meeting Place: Denning Trailhead at 9:00 A.M.
 Leader: Lenny Bernstein (#342), 16 Beverly Court, Metuchen, NJ 08840
 201-321-1079
- Mar 4 TABLE and PEEKAMOOSE A strenuous trail hike. Snowshoes and full (not instep) crampons required. Heavy precipitation or bad driving conditions cancel.
 (Sunday)
 Distance: 9 mi. Ascent: 3000' Elev.: 3843', 3847' Order: 11, 10
 Meeting Place: Denning Trailhead at 9:00 A.M.
 Leader: Lenny Bernstein (#342), 16 Beverly Court, Metuchen, NJ 08840
 201-321-1079
- Mar 10 NORTH DOME and SHERRILL A strenuous bushwhack. Snowshoes and full (not instep) crampons required. Heavy precipitation or bad driving conditions cancel.
 Distance: 8 mi. Ascent: 2600' Elev.: 3610', 3540' Order: 26, 31
 Meeting Place: Junction of Routes 28 and 42 in Shandaken at 8:30 A.M.
 Leader: Bruno Walmsley (#610), 312 N. Harrison Street, Princeton, NJ 08540
 609-924-4679
- Mar 17 FRIDAY and BALSAM CAP A very strenuous and difficult bushwhack from Moon Haw Road. Snowshoes and full (not instep) crampons required. Heavy precipitation or bad driving conditions cancel.
 Distance: 8 mi. Ascent: 3300' Elev. 3694', 3623' Order: 19, 25
 Meeting Place: Junction of Routes 28 and 28A in Boiceville at 8:00 A.M.
 Leader: Tim Watters (#268), 30 Wagner Avenue, Wallington, NJ 07057
 212-984-0373 Weekdays 9:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M.

- Mar 18 THOMAS COLE
(Sunday) A moderately strenuous trail hike. Snowshoes and full (not instep) crampons required. Heavy precipitation or bad driving conditions cancel.
- Distance: 5 mi. Ascent: 1850' Elev.: 3945' Order: 4
Meeting Place: Maplecrest Post Office at 9:30 A.M.
Leader: Anthony Amaral, Jr. (#612), 575 Quaker Road, Chappaqua, NY 10514
212-490-7900 Days 9:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M.
- Mar 24 Airplane Mt. (KAATERSKILL HIGH PEAK) A moderately strenuous bushwhack from Round Top side.
- Distance: 9 mi. Ascent: 1700' Elev.: 3655' Order: 22
Meeting Place: Call leader for details.
Leader: Larry Leslie (#208), 19 William Street, Catskill, NY 12414
914-431-5852 Days Between 7:30 A.M. and 3:40 P.M.
- Apr 7 ROCKY (and maybe FRIDAY) A long and strenuous bushwhack (with possible additional ascent of 400').
- Distance: 8 mi. Ascent: 3000' Elev.: 3508', (3694') Order: 35, (19)
Meeting Place: Call leader for details.
Leader: Roman Hrycun (#314), R.D. #1, Box 419B, Rhinebeck, NY 12572
914-876-2451
- Apr 21 WESTKILL A moderately strenuous trail hike via Devil's Path and Diamond Notch Trail.
- Distance: 9 mi. Ascent: 2100' Elev.: 3880' Order: 6
Meeting Place: Call leader for details.
Leader: Wanda Davenport (#523), 169 Pershing Avenue, Ridgewood, NJ 07450
201-670-8383 before 9:00 P.M.
- Apr 28 BEARPEN and VLY A moderate bushwhack. If in doubt about possible snow and/or ice conditions, check with leader regarding equipment required. Very heavy precipitation cancels.
- Distance: 6 mi. Ascent: 2100' Elev.: 3600', 3529' Order: 29, 32
Meeting Place: Municipal parking lot in Fleischmanns across from library at 9:00 A.M.
Leader: Ernest Mahlke (#72), R.D.1, Box 178B1, Laurens, NY 13796
607-432-2583
- Apr 29 (Sunday) HALCOTT A moderately strenuous bushwhack.
- Distance: 5 mi. Ascent: 1750' Elev.: 3520' Order: 34
Meeting Place: Call leader for details.
Leader: Roman Hrycun (#314), R.D. #1, Box 419B, Rhinebeck, NY 12572
914-876-2451
- Apr 29 DOUBLETOP and GRAHAM
(Sunday) A strenuous bushwhack. If in doubt about possible snow and/or ice conditions, check with leader regarding equipment required. Heavy precipitation cancels.
- Distance: 8 mi. Ascent: 2600' Elev.: 3870', 3868' Order: 7, 8
Meeting Place: Highmount Post Office at 9:30 A.M.
Leader: Howard Dash (#458), 63 Montague Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201
718-875-1513

DUES AND SUBSCRIPTION NOTICE

Annual dues for members and subscription fees for aspirants are now payable for 1990. Please note that dues include a subscription to The Catskill Canister. Since delinquent payments make extra work for the volunteers who have to send out reminders and also cost extra postage, please send your money now. There is a space for those wishing to make a contribution to the treasury.

On April 1, 1989, the Club approved the category of life membership. Life membership, conferred upon any member who makes a one time dues payment of \$100.00, will replace the need to renew membership annually. Members wishing to take advantage of this convenience may do so this year.

The current membership chairman, Elinore Leavitt, will retire on April 1, 1990. Cy Whitney, who has been handling subscriptions for aspirants, will succeed Elinore as membership chairman. He will also continue as subscription chairman. Consequently, as indicated below, all membership and subscription renewals should go to Cy. Elinore, however, will prepare this year's certificates for presentation at the Annual Dinner. Aspirants who complete their requirements for new membership or new winter membership before April 1, 1990, should send their applications to Elinore. Thereafter, applications should be sent to Cy.

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

Name _____	Phone (____) _____
Address _____	Social Security Number (Optional*) _____

PLEASE CHECK ONE:

_____ Annual Dues (\$3.00) for Member # _____	\$ _____
_____ Life Membership Dues (\$100) for Member # _____	\$ _____
_____ Subscription Fee (\$3.00) for Aspirants	\$ _____
		CONTRIBUTION \$ _____
		TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

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 * Members of the Club "involved with operation, maintenance and development of trails on New York State Parkland" are eligible for the the protection of Workers' Compensation coverage in the event of injury incurred while working on any trail maintained by the Club. Your name and social security number must be on file with the State. If you wish to be eligible, include your social security number above.

SOUTHWEST HUNTER BECOMES REQUIRED FOR MEMBERSHIP

After April 1, 1990, climbing Southwest Hunter Mountain will become required for membership in the Catskill 3500 Club. Several years ago, the club membership voted to add Southwest Hunter to the list of peaks and instructed the executive committee to set the effective date for inclusion. To allow time for printing new supplies and informing aspirants, the committee set April 1, 1990 as the date.

The green tally sheets published in 1989 have a separate line to record the climb of Southwest Hunter. Older tally sheets, including the 1985 tan version, do not contain Southwest Hunter. After April 1, new members should be sure that either they submit their qualifications on the green tally sheets or they show the date they climbed Southwest Hunter separately in the margin of an older sheet.

THE PERIPATETIC PORCUPINE

We received a notice from Walter Gregory (#18) that Ken Shuker (#56) has retired as director of the West Point Crafts Shop. Ken had served as director for 33 years. *** Wedding bells recently rang for Howard Dash (#458). *** The same fate is in store this spring for Jonathan Clement (#68).



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BOOK REVIEW

FOREST AND CRAG, A History of Hiking, Trail Blazing, and Adventure in the Northeast Mountains, by Laura and Guy Waterman. 888 pages. Appalachian Mountain Club Books, Boston. \$24.95

Many of us have been waiting several years for the publication of this amazingly comprehensive book. Among the names of consultants who were especially helpful are Catskill 3500 Club members Ray Donahue, Peter Fish, Norman Greist, Michael Kudish, and Edward West. Bradley Snyder edited the manuscript.

The Watermans spent ten years researching and writing this history. They visited libraries, historical societies, and the archives of hiking and trail clubs. They talked to hundreds of outdoors people, many in their eighties or nineties. And they went to the mountains, tracing the original ascent route on Mount Marcy on its 150th anniversary and the historic Belknap-Cutler expedition to Mount Washington on its 200th.

In addition to the mountains of New York and New England, the Watermans have included the building of the Appalachian Trail in the backdrop for a procession of colorful characters who explored mountains, built trails, and promoted hiking. The flavor of their writing can be judged from the following extract from a chapter entitled "Peakbaggers and End-to-enders."

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Copyright 1989 by Laura and Guy Waterman.)

In the Catskills there were only two 4,000-footers, so the targeted list of peaks became the 3,500-footers. The origin of this list was unusual. In 1949 two couples who loved hiking -- C. William and Kathleen S. Spangenberg and William and Elinore Leavitt -- first came up with the idea of climbing the Catskill 3,500-footers. The idea did not catch on with others, but the Spangenbergers completed their climbs in 1952. Ten years later another hiking couple, Brad and Dorothy Whiting, came up with the idea independently, only to discover that the Spangenbergers had beaten them to it. This time, however, a slightly broader interest among other Catskill hikers was discovered, so an organizing committee met on October 20, 1962, at the Mohonk Mountain House. There the aid of still another couple was enlisted, Daniel and Virginia Smiley. Dan Smiley had conducted a study, with Fred Hough, another local naturalist, of the Bicknell's Thrush, a bird that they noted was often found in balsam fir stands, which in turn they believed would most often be found above 3,500 feet. For this study, therefore, Smiley had compiled a list of 3,500-foot peaks, refining an earlier list that had

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appeared in a 1931 book, and publishing the list in a 1961 magazine article. At the organizing meeting in 1962, attended by Brad Whiting, Bill Spangenberg, Dan Smiley, and Nancy Locke, Smiley was appointed to draw up the official list of peaks, and his wife Virginia agreed to design the club's patch.

Armed with this new list, the Catskill 3500 Club was born. Since the list differed slightly from that used by the Spangenbergers ten years earlier, the Leavitts stole the honor of completing the list first, becoming charter members one and two on April 13, 1963, followed six weeks later by the Spangenbergers, with the Whitings and another couple, Betty and Jerome Hurd, in close succession. Charter membership was held open through 1965, at which point twenty-seven members were enrolled.

Franklin B. Clark (#33)
10 South Washington Street, Athens, NY 12015

LETTER: HIKES OPEN TO "ALL COMERS" SUPPORTED

I am writing in response to the recent letter from Raymond B. Held (#609). Mr. Held suggests that the Catskill 3500 Club rethink its policy of hikes on an "all comers" basis. I disagree. Whether stated or unstated, one of the purposes of the Catskill 3500 Club is to introduce "all comers" to the CATSKILLS, to the art of bushwhacking, and to the joys of winter hiking. The club served me in that fashion, and as a hike leader I hope I am in a small way carrying on the tradition.

Our club's leadership also seems to disagree with the idea that access to the CATSKILLS be limited. Over the last year the hiking schedule has been expanded and a leadership patch, which will encourage more members to lead hikes, has been instituted. I support these changes, and as far as I can tell, so do the majority of members.

I agree with Mr. Held's concern that the mountains are fragile, but there are many ways to deal with the problem, such as increased trail maintenance to prevent trail erosion. The NY-NJ Trail Conference's recent decision gradually to take responsibility for maintaining Catskill trails is a welcome step in that direction. Herd paths, which thankfully do not exist on most Catskill mountains, can be minimized if leaders vary the routes of their bushwhacks to avoid them.

One nice thing about the way the Catskill 3500 Club is run is that we can take part in activities without a great deal of advanced planning. The information on hikes is published well in advance. Generally, the only thing we need do

to participate is show up. I would not like to change this approach. As Mr. Held points out, it is necessary to screen participants for physical condition, experience, and equipment, particularly on winter hikes; but screening should be done with the idea of including people rather than excluding them.

Each of us qualified as Catskill 3500 Club members because we had a special feeling for the mountains. Others can share that feeling. Let's encourage them and not put obstacles in their way.

Leonard S. Bernstein (#342)
16 Beverly Court, Metuchen, NJ 08840

LETTER: AGREEMENT EXPRESSED ON RETHINKING HIKE POLICY

I agree with Ray Held's letter about the Catskill 3500 Club rethinking its policy of conducting hikes. While I was earning my membership, I never participated in a 3500 Club sponsored hike. To this day, I believe no hikes should be led over trailless peaks. If beginners need assistance as to map and compass, the club should offer help by teaching rather than leading. Members could go along acting as backup support for aspirants. As for trail hikes, the club should set a maximum participation of perhaps eight to lessen the impact on trails. Prior registration could control this limit.

Why do we lead? While we must have hike leaders to perpetuate the organization and its ideals, we must also recognize that large groups create the problems Mr. Held mentions.

Richard T. Furman (#131)
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A MEMBERSHIP REMINDER

Please check your last issue of the Canister for dues and subscription notices. Several members and aspirants are delinquent. Only one payment is needed - \$3.00 for either members' dues or aspirants' subscriptions. Or members may now opt for the one-time life membership payment of \$100.00. To save on mailing costs, membership cards were included in the last issue of the Canister. Receipt of the card does not indicate dues are paid. So if you have not done so already, send your payment in today to keep your membership active and your Canister coming.

All membership renewals, Canister subscriptions, and new and winter membership applications should now go to Cyrus Whitney, 41 Morley Drive, Wyckoff, New Jersey 07481.

CATSKILL 3500 CLUB HIKES (May-June 1990)ASSUMED RISK

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

May 5 Catskills Mountainside Distance: 8 mi. Ascent: 1700'

A scenic, moderate trail hike via a series of horse trails located on the side of the eastern wall of the Catskills in the North Lake area. (Possible additional distance of 1 mile and ascent of 700' if Fat Man's Delight, High Rock and Indian Head (not the 3500') are included.) Heavy rain cancels.

Leader: Richard E. Barr (#604), 205 W. 86th Street, New York, NY 10024
212-877-2694

Meeting Place: Call leader for details not later than evening of May 3.

May 5 BLACKHEAD, BLACK DOME Distance: 7 mi. Ascent: 2700'

and THOMAS COLE Elev.: 3940', 3990', 3945' Order: 5, 3, 4

A scenic, strenuous trail hike. Heavy rain cancels.

Leader: Rosemary Walmsley (#611), 312 N. Harrison Street, Princeton, NJ 08540

609-924-4679

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

May 6 (Sun) SOUTHWEST HUNTER Distance: 6 mi. Ascent: 1700'

Elev.: 3740' Order: 15

A strenuous bushwhack and trail hike. Heavy rain cancels.

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

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

May 6 (Sun) HUNTER Distance: 7 mi. Ascent: 2000'

Elev.: 4040' Order: 2

A moderate trail hike at an easy pace. Aspirants are particularly invited.

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

Meeting Place: Junction of Routes 28 and 42 in Shandaken at 9:00 A.M.

- May 12 TABLE and PEEKAMOOSE Distance: 9 mi. Ascent: 3000'
Elev.: 3847', 3843' Order: 10, 11
A moderately strenuous trail hike with an opportunity to do some needed trimming. Bring hedgeclippers, loppers, and bowsaws if you have them; otherwise, they will be provided.
Leader: Tim Watters (#268), 30 Wagner Avenue, Wallington, NJ 07057
212-984-0373 (Weekdays: 9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.)
Meeting Place: Junction of Routes 28 and 28A in Boiceville at 8:00 A.M.
- May 19 SHERRILL Distance: 5 mi. Ascent: 1900'
Elev.: 3540' Order: 31
A strenuous bushwhack.
Leader: Roman Hrycun (#314), R.D. #1, Box 419B, Rhinebeck, NY 12572
914-876-2451
Meeting Place: Call leader for details.
- May 26 DOUBLETOP, GRAHAM (and possibly BALSAM LAKE) Distance: 8 mi. Ascent: 2600'
Elev.: 3870', 3868', (3725') Order: 7, 8, (16)
A strenuous bushwhack (with possible additional distance of 2 miles and ascent of 500').
Leader: Wayne Foote (#590), 37-68 64th Street, Woodside, NY 11377
718-335-3741
Meeting Place: Highmount Post Office at 9:30 A.M.
- May 27 (Sun) EAGLE, BIG INDIAN and FIR Distance: 8 mi. Ascent: 3000'
Elev.: 3605', 3680', 3625' Order: 27, 20, 24
A strenuous bushwhack and trail hike.
Leader: Wayne Foote (#590), 37-68 64th Street, Woodside, NY 11377
718-335-3741
Meeting Place: State access parking lot at end of Burnham Hollow Road (Alpine Inn turnoff from County Road 47) at 9:30 A.M.
- May 28 (Mon) NORTH DOME Distance: 5 mi. Ascent: 1800'
Elev.: 3610' Order: 26
A moderately strenuous bushwhack.
Leader: Wayne Foote (#590), 37-68 64th Street, Woodside, NY 11377
718-335-3741
Meeting Place: Junction of Route 42 and County Road 6 at flagpole in Westkill at 9:30 A.M.
- May 28 (Mon) HALCOTT Distance: 5 mi. Ascent: 1750'
Elev.: 3520' Order: 34
A moderately strenuous bushwhack.
Leader: Richard Wolff (#321), 125 Gates Avenue - #14, Montclair, NJ 07042
201-746-7415 between 9:00-11:00 P.M. only
Meeting Place: Junction of Routes 28 and 42 in Shandaken at 9:45 A.M.
- June 2 RUSK Distance: 5 mi. Ascent: 1600'
Elev.: 3680' Order: 21
A moderately strenuous bushwhack.
Leader: Roman Hrycun (#314), R.D. #1, Box 419B, Rhinebeck, NY 12572
914-876-2451
Meeting Place: Call leader for details.

6.

June 3 (Sun) Ashokan High Point Distance: 6 mi. Ascent: 1980'
Elev.: 3082'

A moderate trail hike via the Kanape.

Leader: Gerald A. Gervais (#687), 31 Blossom Lane, Newburgh, NY 12550
914-561-0859 before 10:00 P.M.

Meeting Place: Junction of Routes 28 and 28A in Boiceville at 9:00 A.M.

June 9 Overlook and INDIAN HEAD Distance: 10 mi. Ascent: 2800'
Elev.: 3573' Order: 30

A scenic, moderately strenuous trail hike via the Overlook Spur and Overlook trails and the Devil's Path. Heavy rain cancels.

Leader: Lenny Bernstein (#342), 16 Beverly Court, Metuchen, NJ 08840
201-321-1079

Meeting Place: Warm's Restaurant in Tannersville at 9:00 A.M.

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

A scenic, moderately strenuous trail hike via the Phoenicia-East Branch and Giant Ledge-Panther-Fox Hollow trails.

Leader: Anthony Amaral, Jr. (#612), 575 Quaker Road, Chappaqua, NY 10514
212-490-7900 (Days: 9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.)

Meeting Place: Junction of Routes 28 and 42 in Shandaken at 9:00 A.M.

June 10 North Mt., Stoppel Pt., Distance: 23 mi. Ascent: 4200'
BLACKHEAD, Acra Pt., and Elev.: 3940', 3524' Order: 5, 33
WINDHAM HIGH PEAK

A scenic but very strenuous and difficult fastpaced end-to-end hike of the Escarpment Trail.

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

Meeting Place: Call leader for details.

June 23 HUNTER and WESTKILL Distance: 16 mi. Ascent: 2100'
Elev.: 4040', 3880' Order: 2, 6

A strenuous and difficult trail hike. Heavy rain cancels.

Leader: Paul Wulff (#591), Fox Hollow Road, P.O. Box 213, Shandaken, NY 12480
914-688-7559

Meeting Place: Junction of Routes 28 and 42 in Shandaken at 8:30 A.M.

June 23 PLATEAU (and possibly Distance: 6 mi. Ascent: 1800'
SUGARLOAF) Elev.: 3840' (3800') Order: 12, (13)

A strenuous trail hike (with possible additional distance of 3 miles and ascent of 1200' depending on the temperature). All participants must bring at least 2 quarts of water. Heavy rain cancels. A small parking fee may be required at Devil's Tombstone state parking area.

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 at 8:45 A.M.

June 24 (Sun) WITTENBERG and Distance: 9 mi. Ascent: 3120'
CORNELL Elev.: 3780', 3865' Order: 14, 9

All are invited to join Wanda on her strenuous Fortysomething Birthday Hike Reprise. All participants must bring at least 2 quarts of water. Heavy rain cancels. A small parking fee may be required at Woodland Valley state parking area.

Leader: Wanda Davenport (#523), 169 Pershing Avenue, Ridgewood, NJ 07450
201-670-8383 before 9:00 P.M.

Meeting Place: Phoenicia Diner on Route 28 in Phoenicia at 8:45 A.M.

June 30 BALSAM CAP (and Distance: 5 mi. Ascent: 2650'
possibly FRIDAY) Elev.: 3623', (3694') Order: 25, (19)

A very strenuous bushwhack (with possible additional distance of 2 miles and ascent of 400').

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

Meeting Place: Call leader for details.

CATSKILL 3500 CLUB: NEW MEMBERS

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712	Joan Messaros 2/11/90 249 Mulberry Way, Franklin Lakes, NJ 07417	201-337-5004
713	Marilyn Russell 2/19/90 565 West End Avenue, New York, NY 10024	212-724-0268
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718	Theodore N. Loukides 7/89 P.O. Box 617, West Sand Lake, NY 12196	
719	Susan Deguty 3/11/90 48A Seth Court, Staten Island, NY 10301	718-442-0120
720	Richard C. Kline 3/18/90 148 West Bridge Street, Catskill, NY 12414	518-943-3435
721	Warren E. Reynolds 3/10/90 403 7th Avenue, Troy, NY 12182	518-235-4032
722	Christopher K. Lavoie 3/20/90 Box 62, McGowan Road, Schaghticoke, NY 12154	518-753-6282
723	Bruce Matrisciani 3/18/90 RD1, Post Road, Slate Hill, NY 10973	914-355-2624

NEW WINTER MEMBERS

217	Raymond B. Held	1/6/90	230	Kathleen Balthazar Heitzmann	2/22/90
218	Carlo Chizzolin	1/6/90	231	Ruth B.M. Robinson	1/28/90
219	Lanny Wexler	1/6/90	232	Kathleen Davies	3/4/90
220	Larry Russ	1/7/90	233	Jo Ellen Elsener	3/3/90
221	Stephen Fishman	1/28/90	234	Mary R. Sive	3/9/90
222	Margaret A. Donnelly	1/27/90	235	George Dietz	3/10/90
223	Warren F. Hale	2/10/90	236	Paul Thomas	3/10/90
224	Edwin Conrad	2/11/90	237	Kathleen M. Borsody	3/11/90
225	Barbara Albeck	2/11/90	238	Barbara A. Burnham	3/11/90
226	David A. Edwards	2/11/90	239	Geoffrey J. Hoderath	3/13/90
227	Danielle R. Bernstein	2/18/90	240	Bret R. Schneider	3/17/90
228	Jane A. Levenson	2/19/90	241	Ronald E. Schneider	3/17/90
229	Leslie Mills	2/19/90	242	Joseph J. Breyer	3/19/90
			243	Tibor A. Panto	

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL DINNER MEETING

The twenty-fifth annual dinner meeting of the Catskill 3500 Club took place at the Hotel Thayer, West Point, New York, on March 31, 1990. Here are some of the highlights.

- * Franklin Clark (#33) presented a brief history of the club, and cited many of the people who contributed, including Bill Hentschel (#16), who inspired the hike schedule and newsletter, and Roy Messaros (#97), who installed all-weather canisters on the trailless peaks. Franklin also introduced Betty Hurd (#5), who hosted the earliest annual dinner. At the conclusion of his talk, Franklin asked for a moment of silence in memory of founder Dan Smiley, who passed away last year.
- * Elinore Leavitt (#2), retiring as membership chairman, received a standing round of applause for all her service to the club. In addition to being membership chairman for twenty-five years, Elinore has been an editor of the Canister, president, secretary, assistant to the treasurer, and a central motivation in all club activities.
- * Anthony Amaral, Jr. (#612) received the first leadership patch award. The award, new this year, goes to any member who leads at least six listed hikes, one of which must be in winter and one to a trailless peak. Joan Dean, who inspired the idea of the patch, presented Tony with the award.
- * After delivering his last treasurer's report, David Clapper (#177) received a special round of applause in appreciation for his many years of service as treasurer.
- * Ann Clapper (#13) presented certificates to new members. This year there are 51 new regular members (for a total of 723) and 28 new winter members (total 243).
- * Guest speaker Carl Heilmann concluded the evening with a spectacular slide show entitled "Tribute to the Wilderness," a sunrise to sunset display of the Adirondacks.



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BOOK REVIEWS

GUIDE TO THE CATSKILL TRAILS. Bruce Wadsworth and the Schenectady Chapter of the Adirondack Mountain Club. Soft cover. 280 pages. Black and white photographs. \$14.95

HIKING THE CATSKILLS. Lee McAllister and Myron Steven Ochman. New York-New Jersey Trail Conference. Soft cover. 384 pages. Black and white photographs. \$13.95

(The following book reviews appeared in the New York-New Jersey Trail Conference Trail Walker, April/May, 1990 and in part in the Catskill Center Newsletter, Winter, 1990. We have reprinted the reviews here for those who have not yet read them. Because of the importance of the two new guidebooks to Catskill hikers, the Canister would be interested in receiving other opinions - particularly from aspirants or new members who may have relied on the books to help finish their membership requirements. -ED.)

1989 was the year of the Catskill guidebook. Within six months two of these books were being offered for sale. As their titles reveal, these books are quite different from one another. The Adirondack Mountain Club (ADK) publication is primarily a trail manual, while the New York-New Jersey Trail Conference presents an introduction and general guide to the Catskill back country.

Guide to the Catskill Trails is Volume VIII of the ADK's Forest Preserve Series. As such, it completes the club's series of guidebooks. It is a neat, compact book which can be carried easily in one's pack. The trail descriptions are written in narrative form, with a convenient summary of distances at the end of each description. The book is comprehensive in covering all trails open to the public in the CATSKILLS.

Perhaps this is a matter of opinion, but it seems that one of the marks of a guidebook should be economy and clarity of language. I found Guide to the Catskill Trails far too wordy. This wordiness leads to needless repetitions that result in real confusion for the reader. It is evident that the authors have a great love for the CATSKILLS, but this love would be expressed better if they avoided such frequent use of superlatives. The overuse of words such as "best," "nicest," "most rewarding," "most fascinating," and "prettiest" is cloying; and in the end, the words mean very little.

The trail descriptions in this book are very detailed. The disturbing thing is the carelessness about details. I found over twenty-five errors in quickly thumbing through the guidebook. There are factual mistakes, such as placing NY Route 30 in Prattsville (p. 235), or locating the village of Catskill on the east

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bank of the Hudson (p. 64). History is garbled in saying that Curtis and Ormsbee built the trail which bears their name, when in reality, the trail was built in their memory by the Fresh Air Club of New York City (p. 128). As far as the trail descriptions are concerned, they suffer from being segregated into ten different regions. It is not always immediately obvious where to look for a trail description. Furthermore, with the longer trails of the CATSKILLS you must look for their descriptions in two, or sometimes, three places.

Last of all, there is a preachy character to Guide to the Catskill Trails. The reader is bombarded with gratuitous advice, such as, "fill your gas tank," "let the hiker be cautioned," and "don't go there in the winter." I find this sort of harping very wearisome because it assumes that trouble is waiting for you around every corner.

Bruce Wadsworth and his co-workers have done a monumental job amassing the material for this guidebook. What was lacking was an editor to put together all that they had done. I feel that Guide to the Catskill Trails could become a fine guidebook. Before that happens, however, it needs to be revised under the direction of a good editor, with an eye for language, style, and accuracy.

Hiking the CATSKILLS by Lee McAllister and Myron Steven Ochman is far more than just a guide to finding one's way around the mountains. It is what the authors call "short narratives of our own experiences throughout the CATSKILLS." This book is not the product of armchair mountaineers. It is obvious that they have been in the mountains and have carefully explored the regions they have described. The trail information is accurate. The historical references have been made with care and do not mix fact and fancy, an ever present temptation. The authors' knowledge of Catskill flora and fauna is impressive. Their division of the CATSKILLS into four areas for purposes of description - Northeastern, South Central, North Central, and Western - seems an easy and natural one.

Although I have been hiking in the CATSKILLS for over thirty years, this book makes me want to return to the mountains with a new eye, a deepened sensitivity, and a renewed enthusiasm. The authors' sensitive descriptions of nature are, at times, truly poetic. They see so much. There is much more than the distant panorama from lookout or mountain summit. That which is close by is also part of the experience: trees, birds, wildflowers, rocks, or vestiges of human activity of a former time. To quote from their preface: "Our love for the area combined with our enthusiasm for hiking is why we have written and designed this book. We want to share our knowledge and experience with the many hikers who may not be aware of the excellent hiking opportunities which the CATSKILLS afford. Our purpose is not just to recommend a particular trail or view, but to allow each hiker to choose where he or she would prefer to go, depending upon each individual's interests, ability and experience.... It is our sincere hope that readers of this book, born of love of the Catskill region, will also enjoy the natural beauty of America's

romantic and magical mountains as our families will for years to come." As a priest of the Episcopal Church with parishes in Downsville and Margaretville, I am acutely aware of the land and the related spiritual values. I'm always delighted when hikers and writers of guide books to the region reflect this unique perspective.

Lee McAllister, Myron Steven Ochman and the New York-New Jersey Trail Conference are to be complimented on this excellent, creative, and inspiring book.

Ray L. Donahue (#23)
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CATSKILL 3500 CLUB: NEW MEMBERS

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SEVENTEEN SIGN UP FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Membership chairman Cy Whitney reports that seventeen club members signed up for the new life membership option during the spring membership renewals. For a one time fee of \$100, the new life members avoid the need to remit dues annually in the future. Income from the invested life membership dues also helps the club treasury.

CATSKILL 3500 CLUB HIKES (Sept.-Nov. 1990)ASSUMED RISK

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

Sept 1 TABLE, PEEKAMOOSE (and Distance: 9 mi. Ascent: 3000'
possibly LONE) Elev.: 3847', 3843', (3721') Order: 10, 11, (17)

A moderately strenuous trail hike (and possible bushwhack with additional distance of 3 miles and ascent of 500').

Leader: Lenny Bernstein (#342), 16 Beverly Court, Metuchen, NJ 08840
201-321-1079

Meeting Place: Denning Trailhead at 9:45 A.M.

Sept 3 (Mon) BALSAM Distance: 6 mi. Ascent: 1600'
Elev.: 3600' Order: 28

A moderate trail hike.

Leader: Lenny Bernstein (#342), 16 Beverly Court, Metuchen, NJ 08840
201-321-1079

Meeting Place: Parking lot of Alpine Inn in Oliverea at 9:30 A.M.

Sept 8 RUSK Distance: 5 mi. Ascent: 1600'
Elev.: 3680' Order: 21

A moderate bushwhack. Rain cancels.

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

Meeting Place: Junction of Routes 28 and 42 in Shandaken at 9:00 A.M.

Sept 15 Giant Ledge and PANTHER Distance: 9 mi. Ascent: 2500'
Elev.: 3720' Order: 18

A scenic, moderate trail hike. Heavy rain cancels.

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

Meeting Place: Junction of Routes 28 and 42 in Shandaken at 9:00 A.M.

Sept 15 EAGLE (and possibly Distance: 6 mi. Ascent: 1600'
BALSAM) Elev.: 3605', (3600') Order: 27, (28)

Join Bleeker's Creepers on a moderate trail hike (with possible additional distance of 2 miles and ascent of 600'). Heavy rain cancels.

Leader: Marlene Alexander (#577), RD-2, Box 512, Red Hook, NY 12571
(914) 758-6423

Meeting Place: Sweet Sue's Bakery in Phoenicia at 8:00 A.M.

Sept 15 Southern Taconics Distance: 11 mi. Ascent: 1900'

A moderate trail hike over Lion's Head, Bear Mountain (with possible side trip to Bald Peak), and Appalachian Trail into Sages Ravine. Steady rain cancels.

Leader: Richard E. Barr (#604), 205 W. 86th Street, New York, NY 10024
212-877-2694

Meeting Place: Call leader for details NOT LATER THAN EVENING OF SEPT. 13.

- Sept 16 (Sun) NORTH DOME and SHERRILL Distance: 8 mi. Ascent: 2600'
Elev.: 3610', 3540' Order: 26, 31
A strenuous bushwhack. All participants must bring at least two quarts of water.
Heavy rain cancels.
Leader: Wanda Davenport (#523), 169 Pershing Avenue, Ridgewood, NJ 07450
201-670-8383 before 9:00 P.M.
Meeting Place: Junction of Routes 28 and 42 in Shandaken at 8:30 A.M.
- Sept 22 PLATEAU and SUGARLOAF Distance: 9 mi. Ascent: 3000'
Elev.: 3840', 3800' Order: 12, 13
A strenuous trail hike. Heavy rain cancels.
Leader: Howard Dash (#458), New Paltz, NY
(914) 255-3409
Meeting Place: Sweet Sue's Bakery in Phoenicia at 9:00 A.M.
- Sept 29 BALSAM LAKE and GRAHAM Distance: 8 mi Ascent: 1900'
Elev.: 3725', 3868' Order: 16, 8
A moderately strenuous trail hike and bushwhack. Heavy rain cancels.
Leader: James Shearwood (#700), 39-55 44th Street, Long Island City, NY 11104
(718) 937-6277 before 10:00 P.M.
Meeting Place: Highmount Post Office at 9:30 A.M.
- Sept 30 (Sun) WINDHAM HIGH PEAK Distance: 7 mi Ascent: 1825'
Elev.: 3524' Order: 33
A moderate trail hike. Heavy rain cancels.
Leader: Richard C. Kline (#720), 148 West Bridge Street, Catskill, NY 12414
(518) 943-3435
Meeting Place: State parking area on Route 23 (3 miles west of East Windham) at
9:00 A.M.
- Oct 6 BLACKHEAD, BLACK DOME and THOMAS COLE Distance: 7 mi. Ascent: 2700'
Elev.: 3940', 3990', 3945' Order: 5, 3, 4
A scenic, strenuous trail hike. Heavy rain cancels.
Leader: Rosemary Walmsley (#611), 312 N. Harrison Street, Princeton, NJ 08540
609-924-4679
Meeting Place: Maplecrest Post Office at 8:30 A.M.
- Oct 6 HALCOTT Distance: 5 mi. Ascent: 1600'
Elev.: 3520' Order: 34
A moderate bushwhack. Rain cancels.
Leader: Allen C. Maser (#706), 7E Brookside Heights, Wanaque, NJ 07465
201-835-1533 before 10:00 P.M.
Meeting Place: Junction of Routes 28 and 42 in Shandaken at 9:00 A.M.
- Oct 7 (Sun) LONE and ROCKY Distance: 12 mi. Ascent: 2000'
Elev.: 3721', 3508' Order: 17, 35
A strenuous and difficult bushwhack. Heavy rain cancels.
Leader: Bruno Walmsley (#610), 312 N. Harrison Street, Princeton, NJ 08540
609-924-4679
Meeting Place: Denning trailhead at 9:00 A.M.

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- Oct 8 (Mon) WESTKILL and SOUTH- WEST HUNTER Distance: 11 mi. Ascent: 3200'
Elev.: 3880', 3740' Order: 6, 15
A very strenuous and difficult bushwhack and trail hike. Heavy rain cancels.
Leader: Geoffrey L. Meissner (#653), 96 Mandalay Drive, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603
914-473-8452.
Meeting Place: Junction of Route 42 and County Road 6 at flagpole in Westkill at
8:30 A.M.
- Oct 8 (Mon) Ashokan High Point Distance: 6 mi. Ascent: 1980'
Elev.: 3082'
A scenic, moderate trail hike via the Kanape. Heavy rain cancels.
Leader: Angie Mahdavian (#372), R.D.4, Box 218C, Kingston, NY 12401
(914) 338-6263
Meeting Place: Junction of Routes 28 and 28A in Boiceville at 9:00 A.M.
- Oct 13 INDIAN HEAD, TWIN (and possibly SUGARLOAF) Distance: 8 mi. Ascent: 2000'
Elev.: 3573', 3640', (3800') Order: 30, 23, (13)
A strenuous trail hike (with possible additional distance of 3 miles and ascent of
1200'). Steady rain cancels.
Leader: Richard E. Barr (#604), 205 W. 86th Street, New York, NY 10024
212-877-2694
Meeting Place: Call leader for details NOT LATER THAN EVENING OF OCT. 11.
- Oct 13 HUNTER Distance: 7 mi. Ascent: 2000'
Elev.: 4040' Order: 2
A scenic, moderate trail hike. Heavy rain cancels. (Call leader if in doubt.)
Leader: Marge Velasquez (#677), R.D.1, Box 392, Pine Bush, NY 12566
(914) 361-4351
Meeting Place: Junction of Route 42 and County Road 6 at flagpole in Westkill at
9:00 A.M.
- Oct 20 KAATERSKILL HIGH PEAK Distance: 10 mi. Ascent: 1700'
Elev.: 3655' Order: 22
A moderately strenuous trail hike and bushwhack. Heavy rain cancels.
Leader: Warren Hale (#576), 94 Draehook Road, Whitehouse Station, NJ 08889
(201) 236-9543 before 10:00 P.M.
Meeting Place: Howard Johnson's on Route 32 just north of Saugerties exit (#20) of
thruway at 9:00 A.M.
- Oct 20 BEARPEN and VLY Distance: 6 mi. Ascent: 2100'
Elev.: 3600', 3529' Order: 29, 32
A moderate bushwhack.
Leader: Paul Hoyt (#315), 92 South Clinton Avenue, Bayshore, NY 11706
(516) 968-4467
Meeting Place: Sweet Sue's Bakery in Phoenicia at 8:00 A.M. for breakfast,
8:30 A.M. departure to trailhead.
- Oct 21 (Sun) BIG INDIAN and FIR Distance: 9 mi. Ascent: 2150'
Elev.: 3680', 3625' Order: 20, 24
A strenuous bushwhack. Heavy rain cancels.
Leader: Howard Dash (#458), New Paltz, NY
(914) 255-3409
Meeting Place: Junction of Routes 28 and 42 in Shandaken at 9:00 A.M.

- Oct 27 RUSK, HUNTER (and possibly SOUTHWEST HUNTER) Distance: 9 mi. Ascent: 2600'
Elev.: 3680', 4040', (3740') Order: 21, 2, (15)
A strenuous bushwhack and trail hike (with possible additional distance of 2 miles and ascent of 300'). Heavy rain cancels.
Leader: Tim Watters (#268), 30 Wagner Avenue, Wallington, NJ 07057
212-984-0373 (Weekdays: 9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.)
Meeting Place: Junction of Route 42 and County Road 6 at flagpole in Westkill at 8:30 A.M.
- Oct 28 (Sun) SLIDE Distance: 12 mi. Ascent: 2000'
Elev.: 4180' Order: 1
A strenuous trail hike, ascending via the east branch of the Neversink and descending via the Curtis Ormsbee trail. Heavy rain cancels.
Leader: Gerald A. Gervais (#687), 31 Blossom Lane, Newburgh, NY 12550
914-561-0859 before 10:00 P.M.
Meeting Place: Denning trailhead at 8:00 A.M. (REMINDER: TURN CLOCKS BACK 1 HOUR SATURDAY NIGHT, OCTOBER 27)
- Nov 3 BALSAM CAP and FRIDAY Distance: 8 mi. Ascent: 3300'
Elev.: 3623', 3694' Order: 25, 19
A very strenuous and difficult bushwhack from Moon Haw Road.
Leader: Anthony Amaral, Jr. (#612), 575 Quaker Road, Chappaqua, NY 10514
212-490-7900 (Days: 9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.)
Meeting Place: Junction of Routes 28 and 28A in Boiceville at 8:30 A.M.
- Nov 3 WITTENBERG, CORNELL and SLIDE Distance: 14 mi. Ascent: 4200'
Elev.: 3780', 3865', 4180' Order: 14, 9, 1
A strenuous and difficult circular trail hike. Heavy rain cancels.
Leader: Paul Wulff (#591), Fox Hollow Road, P.O. Box 213, Shandaken, NY 12480
914-688-7559
Meeting Place: Parking lot in back of Phoenicia Pharmacy on Main Street at 8:30 A.M.
- Nov 4 (Sun) DOUBLETOP Distance: 5 mi. Ascent: 1850'
Elev.: 3870' Order: 7
A moderately strenuous bushwhack from Seager.
Leader: Anthony Amaral, Jr. (#612), 575 Quaker Road, Chappaqua, NY 10514
212-490-7900 (Days: 9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.)
Meeting Place: Bridge over Dry Brook on Route 28 in Arkville at 9:00 A.M.
- Nov 10 Tremper Distance: 6 mi. Ascent: 1800'
A moderate trail hike. Heavy rain cancels. Joint with Albany ADK - number of participants will be limited.
Leader: Barbara Traver (#690), 1 Downey Road, Troy, NY 12180
(518) 279-9946 (3:30 P.M. - 11:00 P.M.)
Meeting Place: Call leader for details AFTER OCT. 31.
- Nov 19-Dec 12 HUNTING SEASON (FIREARMS) in the CATSKILLS
No hikes in CATSKILLS scheduled.

NEW LEADERSHIP QUALIFIERS ANNOUNCED

Outings chairman Anthony Amaral, Jr. has announced the qualification of the second, third, and fourth recipients of the new leadership patch. The qualifying leaders are Wayne Foote (#590), Lenny Bernstein (#342), and Roman Hrycun (#314).

RAMBLING IN YUGOSLAVIA

Several years ago, my wife Nancy and I joined the English Ramblers Association for one of their European vacations. We met the group in London and flew to Dubrovnik, a walled city with a fort at each corner. Inside, unchanged for centuries, were white walls and red tile roofs - everything surrounded by the brilliantly blue Adriatic. From Dubrovnik we took a five-hour bus trip over a spectacular mountain road to the town of Zabljak. This road, the "main" highway of the area, is not wide enough for a bus and car to pass one another, and has more hairpin turns per mile than I have seen anywhere, Switzerland included.

The next morning, to break us all in gently, we took an easy, short walk to the lip of the Tara River Canyon, the world's second deepest after our own Grand Canyon. In many places, the walls plunge vertically from the plateau to the river.

On hiking days we used no transport; we took a packed lunch and set off in a different direction. One day was a rest day, and part of the group went on a coach tour to the Tara River and the beach. The rest of us attempted hiking a mountain normally "off limits" for the Ramblers Association. I found out why when I tried it with two companions. After climbing most of the mountain, we arrived at a high angle grass slope about ten feet wide with a wall on one side and a hundred foot drop on the other. I like airy walks, but there is a limit to how much exposure I can take. Other than this mountain and one other like it, all the rest of our walks were well within the capabilities of any strong hiker.

The Yugoslav countryside has hardly changed since the last century, except for a car parked alongside each house. Almost all the women dress entirely in black. Many homes have no electricity. Immense fields are scythed for hay. There was not a tractor to be seen. People work fourteen-hour days - from day-break to dusk. While we were there, a section of road near the hotel was being repaired. There were no pneumatic drills, but the sound of men hammering on rock was our alarm at 7 a.m. They were still pounding away when we returned from our walks about 6 in the evening.

At the end of our trip, we said goodbye to our English companions and exchanged mutual invitations to visit one another in the future.

Dick Wolff (#321)
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WANTED: MANUSCRIPTS, STORIES, NEWS ITEMS, CLIPPINGS

Manuscripts, stories, news items, and clippings are needed for future publications of the Canister. Your personal hiking or travel experiences, or an essay about the history, geology, flora, or fauna of the mountains are welcome. We accept fiction as well as non-fiction so long as the subject matter appeals to the general audience of the Canister. Items which result in up to two or three pages of final text are best. Longer works may have to be abridged or excerpted, but they are still welcome. We would appreciate that items from other publications be accompanied by the name of their source so that the Canister can make proper attribution.



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IN MEMORIAM: ELINORE G. LEAVITT
1913 - 1990

Elinore G. Leavitt (#2) died on August 23, 1990. She will always be remembered as a central figure in the history and development of the Catskill 3500 Club.

Elinore and her husband had long been avid hikers and climbers in the CATSKILLS. On April 13, 1963, they became the first two people to climb all the peaks on the official list of Catskill 3500 footers. Thus they were the first two charter members of the Catskill 3500 Club. (The story of these early days of the club appears in the extract from Forest and Crag, published in the Canister, Vol. XXIII, No. 2, Spring 1990.)

With the formal organization of the club, Elinore in 1966 was elected one of the first treasurers. Even after she left this office in 1969, she continued to help future treasurers as an unofficial assistant for over twenty more years. From 1975 to 1977, Elinore was our club president. A senior member of the executive committee, she attended almost every committee meeting from 1966 to 1990.

When The Catskill Canister was first published in 1968, Elinore was the associate editor, where she served through 1987. In addition to writing and editing, she typed the final copy. Before the days when word processing made correction and justification easy, each letter and each space on each line had to be counted carefully. Early issues of the Canister were mimeographed, and subscriptions were available to anyone who sent the editors self-addressed, stamped envelopes.

In 1969, Elinore became the club's membership chairman, the role in which she became known to virtually everyone in the club. During her tenure until her retirement on April 1, 1990, club membership increased to 723. Elinore received membership applications, kept the records, prepared new membership lists and rosters, corresponded with members both old and new, and awarded certificates at the annual dinner. In the early years membership certificates, although carrying the same design as today, were home-made and hand-colored.

Until health problems forced her to eliminate strenuous activities, Elinore was an active outdoors person. She was a hike leader and organized trail cleanups on her beloved Wittenberg. In addition to the Catskill 3500 Club, Elinore was an Adirondack 46er and a member of the New England 4000 Footer Club. She is thought to have been the first woman to climb all the 111 northeastern 4000 footers.

Elinore is survived by her husband (Bill, #1), a son (Richard), a daughter (Ann Clapper, #13), a son-in-law (David Clapper, #177) and hundreds of members of her Catskill 3500 Club family.

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NOT ME

(Originally written for the Adirondack 46ers, the following appeared in the Canister, Vol. I, No. 3, Summer 1968 - ED.)

Back in the 30s, I climbed my first mountain - Marcy. I was too young - I nearly died! However, a quarter century later, on August 10, 1958, I finished the Adirondack 46 and two in the CATSKILLS over 4000.

Then someone mentioned the Whites. Where are they? Just over in New Hampshire, and there you will also find 46 over 4000. What a challenge - gotta do them! So in August, 1966, I hung up my well-worn boots on #46, Middle Carter, and vowed never to count again.

Then they told me there's Vermont and Maine - just a few more 4000 footers. But not for me! Oh, well, let's see how many do I lack. Now, how do you like that, only about a dozen. So with brand new Limmers, I started on the last lap, reaching 111 on Hamlin in August, 1967. I was too old - I nearly died!

Now the AMC has a new gimmick to keep you going - the 100 highest in New England. Not for me! I cannot carry another patch on my back. There has to be an end to this counting.

I ask, what's next for the Catskill 3500 Club now that we've added all-in-winter members? How many more ways can we climb them - after dark, in the rain, barefoot? You count them, NOT ME!

Elinore G. Leavitt, #2

TWO NEW COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN APPOINTED

Gerry Gervais (#687) has taken over responsibility for the trails committee, which maintains the Peekamoose - Denning section of the Long Path. He replaces Tim Watters (#268), trails chairman since 1986. Rich Kline (#720) now heads the club's search and rescue volunteers. (Please see notice on page 8.) He succeeds Jonathan Clement (#68), who first organized the volunteers in 1983.

REGISTER REMOVED FROM TABLE

Canisters chairman Larry Leslie (#208) has removed the register from Table Mountain. There are no plans to replace it. Unlike the canisters on the trailless peaks, the club placed the one on Table primarily to monitor use of the section of the Long Path it maintains. DEC registers at both ends of the trail have rendered this information unnecessary.

NEW MEMBER COMMENTS ON THE CATSKILL GUIDEBOOKS

The Summer 1990 Canister invites comments on Ray Donahue's review of the two new Catskill guidebooks, "particularly from aspirants or new members who may have relied on the books to help finish their membership requirements." As a new member who has used both books, I thought I would share my views.

Ray Donahue praises the accuracy and literary qualities of Hiking the Catskills by Lee McAllister and Myron Ochman, and criticizes the ADK's Guide to Catskill Trails on various grounds, including that it is "primarily a trail manual," and that it is full of "gratuitous" advice. I believe that many of Ray Donahue's criticisms are unfair, and that Guide to Catskill Trails is the more useful book, especially (in spite of its name) for the trailless peaks. Here are two examples from my own experience:

Lone: If a hiker wishes to approach Lone from the Peekamoose-Table trail, Hiking the Catskills states only that Table is connected to Lone "by a ridge." On the other hand, Guide to Catskill Trails states that a "herd path" to Lone branches left on the trail from Table to Peekamoose, .5 miles after the Table Mountain summit canister. This path is described as "a clear path" which "may be marked by tree branches piled to form a cairn" (both statements were true as of late spring 1990), and is further described as ".05 miles from the col bottom" (also true). In short, Guide to Catskill Trails is much more useful.

Halcott: Hiking the Catskills provides no useful information at all on how to climb Halcott unless you count "the state owns the areas...down to Route 42 on the eastern slopes" or "it is also possible to approach Halcott from the south or west, but these approaches involve crossing private land." All this, of course, is useless to a bushwhacker and in any case is obvious from any map. On the other hand, Guide to Catskill Trails describes the exact location of an unmarked parking area on state land and provides two detailed (and accurate) paragraphs describing the route to the summit. Again, Guide to Catskill Trails is the far more useful book.

Finally, Ray Donahue's comment that the reader of Guide to Catskill Trails is "bombarded with gratuitous advice" such as not to use certain winter descent lines strikes me as, at best, elitist (presupposing that the reader does not need any advice about either safety or routes). If a friend of yours was hiking Friday in the winter, wouldn't you explicitly tell him or her that "the descent of the east side of Friday is very steep...[and] is not a good winter descent line"? Far from being "gratuitous," that advice is sound and sensible. An inexperienced hiker might well be tempted to try the east face, since, if it were feasible, it would be the shortest route back to Moonhaw Road.

In short, Guide to Catskill Trails is the more useful book. It is also smaller and lighter, so you are more likely to take it with you.

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PERIPATETIC PORCUPINE

Cy Whitney (#266) is now a director of the NY-NJ Trail Conference. *** We congratulate Jonathan Clement (#68) and his wife Barbara on the birth of their son Colin. *** We also congratulate Renate Koble (#662) who completed the New England Four Thousand Footers on July 3, 1990.

CATSKILL 3500 CLUB HIKES (Dec. 1990 - Feb. 1991)ASSUMED RISK

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

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

Nov 19-Dec 12 HUNTING SEASON (FIREARMS) in the CATSKILLS
No hikes in the CATSKILLS scheduled.

Dec 23 (Sun) RUSK Distance: 5 mi. Ascent: 1600'
Elev.: 3680' Order: 21

A moderate 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 (before 10:00 P.M.)

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

Dec 29 TWIN and INDIAN HEAD Distance: 8 mi. Ascent: 2000'
Elev.: 3640', 3573' Order: 23, 30

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

Leader: Richard C. Kline (#720), 148 West Bridge Street, Catskill, NY 12414
(518) 943-3435 (5:00 P.M. - 10:00 P.M. weekdays)

Meeting Place: Trailhead parking area at end of Prediger Road at 8:30 A.M.

Dec 30 (Sun) BALSAM Distance: 6 mi. Ascent: 1600'
Elev.: 3600' Order: 28

A moderate trail hike to a required winter peak. Snowshoes and full (not instep) crampons required.

Leader: Wanda Davenport (#523), 169 Pershing Avenue, Ridgewood, NJ 07450
(201) 670-8383 (7:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.)

Meeting Place: Call leader for details on THURSDAY, DEC. 27 ONLY.

Dec 30 (Sun) WESTKILL Distance: 9 mi. Ascent: 2100'
Elev.: 3880' Order: 6

A moderate trail hike. Snowshoes and full (not instep) crampons required.

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

Meeting Place: Call leader for details NOT LATER THAN THURSDAY, DEC. 27.

Dec 31 (Mon) SOUTHWEST HUNTER and HUNTER Distance: 12 mi. Ascent: 2300'
Elev.: 3740', 4040' Order: 15, 2

A strenuous bushwhack and trail hike. Snowshoes and full (not instep) crampons required.

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

Meeting Place: Call leader for details NOT LATER THAN THURSDAY, DEC. 27.

- Jan 1 (Tues) BLACKHEAD Distance: 5 mi. Ascent: 1900'
Elev.: 3940' Order: 5
A strenuous trail hike to a required winter peak. Snowshoes and full (not instep) crampons required. Heavy precipitation or bad driving conditions cancel.
Leader: Danielle Bernstein (#363), 16 Beverly Court, Metuchen, NJ 08840
(201) 321-1079
Meeting Place: Maplecrest Post Office at 10:00 A.M.
- Jan 5 VLV Distance: 4 mi. Ascent: 1900'
Elev.: 3529' Order: 32
A moderate bushwhack. Snowshoes and full (not instep) crampons required. Heavy precipitation or bad driving conditions cancel. Joint with Mohawk Valley Hiking Club.
Leader: Joe Gardner (#572), 68 Carson Road, Delmar, NY 12054
(518) 439-1074
Meeting Place: Prattsville Diner at 8:00 A.M.
- Jan 5 WINDHAM HIGH PEAK Distance: 7 mi. Ascent: 1825'
Elev.: 3524' Order: 33
A moderate trail hike. Snowshoes and full (not instep) crampons required. Heavy precipitation or bad driving conditions cancel.
Leader: Richard C. Kline (#720), 148 West Bridge Street, Catskill, NY 12414
(518) 943-3435 (5:00 P.M. - 10:00 P.M. weekdays)
Meeting Place: State parking area on Rt. 23 (3 mi. west of East Windham) at 9:00 A.M.
- Jan 12 HUNTER Distance: 7 mi. Ascent: 2000'
Elev.: 4040' Order: 2
A moderate trail hike. Snowshoes and full (not instep) crampons required. Heavy precipitation or bad driving conditions cancel.
Leader: Richard C. Kline (#720), 148 West Bridge Street, Catskill, NY 12414
(518) 943-3435 (5:00 P.M. - 10:00 P.M. weekdays)
Meeting Place: Call leader for details.
- Jan 12 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. 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: Sweet Sue's Bakery in Phoenicia at 8:30 A.M.
- Jan 19 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: Lenny Bernstein (#342), 16 Beverly Court, Metuchen, NJ 08840
(201) 321-1079
Meeting Place: Jct. of Rt. 42 and County Road 6 at flagpole in Westkill at 9:00 A.M.
- Jan 25-27 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.

- Jan 27 (Sun) EAGLE Distance: 6 mi. Ascent: 1600'
Elev.: 3605' Order: 27
A moderate bushwhack (conditions permitting) and/or 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 (before 10:00 P.M.)
Meeting Place: Trailhead at end of McKinley Hollow Road in Oliverea at 8:30 A.M.
- Feb 2 HALCOTT Distance: 5 mi. Ascent: 1600'
Elev.: 3520' Order: 34
A moderately strenuous 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 at 8:30 A.M. for breakfast;
9:00 A.M. departure.
- Feb 9 BIG INDIAN and FIR Distance: 9 mi. Ascent: 2150'
Elev.: 3680', 3625' Order: 20, 24
A strenuous bushwhack. Snowshoes and full (not instep) crampons required. Heavy precipitation or bad driving conditions cancel.
Leader: James Shearwood (#700), 39-55 44th Street, Long Island City, NY 11104
(718) 937-6277 (before 10:00 P.M.)
Meeting Place: State parking area on County Road 47 approx. 13 miles south of Big Indian and 1 mile north of Frost Valley at 9:00 A.M.
- Feb 10 (Sun) KAATERSKILL HIGH PEAK Distance: 10 mi. Ascent: 1700'
Elev.: 3655' Order: 22
A moderately strenuous trail hike. Snowshoes and full (not instep) crampons required. Heavy precipitation or bad driving conditions cancel.
Leader: Howard Dash (#458), New Paltz, NY
(914) 255-3409
Meeting Place: Sweet Sue's Bakery in Phoenicia at 8:30 A.M.
- Feb 16 BALSAM CAP and FRIDAY Distance: 8 mi. Ascent: 3300'
Elev.: 3623', 3694' Order: 25, 19
A very strenuous and difficult bushwhack from Moon Haw Road. Snowshoes and full (not instep) crampons required. Heavy precipitation or bad driving conditions cancel.
Leader: Bruno Walmsley (#610), 312 N. Harrison Street, Princeton, NJ 08540
(609) 924-4679
Meeting Place: Jct. of Rts. 28 and 28A in Boiceville at 8:00 A.M.
- Feb 17 (Sun) TABLE and PEEKAMOOSE Distance: 9 mi. Ascent: 3000'
Elev.: 3847', 3843' Order: 10, 11
A strenuous trail hike. Snowshoes and full (not instep) crampons required. Heavy precipitation or bad driving conditions cancel.
Leader: Rosemary Walmsley (#611), 312 N. Harrison Street, Princeton, NJ 08540
(609) 924-4679
Meeting Place: Denning trailhead at 8:30 A.M.
- Feb 23 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), 575 Quaker Road, Chappaqua, NY 10514
(212) 490-7900 (Days: 9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.)
Meeting Place: Sweet Sue's Bakery in Phoenicia at 8:30 A.M.

Feb 24 (Sun) BALSAM LAKE and GRAHAM Distance: 8 mi. Ascent: 1900'
Elev.: 3725', 3868' Order: 16, 8

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

Leader: Anthony Amaral, Jr. (#612), 575 Quaker Road, Chappaqua, NY 10514
(212) 490-7900 (Days: 9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.)

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

1991 3500 CLUB ANNUAL DINNER

The 1991 3500 Club Annual Dinner will be held on Saturday evening, March 23, at the Hotel Thayer, West Point, N.Y. A separate mailing will be sent in February with details of this event.

CATSKILL WINTER WEEKEND

January 25 - 27, 1991: The Alpine Inn, Oliverea, NY 12462, 4 miles on County Rt. 47, south of Rt. 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. Hikes will be scheduled and leaders provided for aspirants who might need any of the required winter peaks in the area: Slide, Panther, or Balsam. Any questions about the weekend should be referred to Cy Whitney, 41 Morley Drive, Wyckoff, NJ 07481, Tel.: (201) 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. 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.

Signed _____ Address _____

Phone () _____ - _____

WANTED: SEARCH AND RESCUE VOLUNTEERS

If you would like to volunteer in assisting the New York Department of Environmental Conservation in a search and rescue, please contact Richard C. Kline (#720), 148 West Bridge Street, Catskill, NY 12414 (Tel. (518) 943-3435, 6:00 P.M.-8:00 P.M.) with the following information: name, address, home and work telephone numbers, and special training (for example, basic first aid). Volunteers currently on the list should notify Richard of any changes to these items.

Being on the list of volunteers is not interpreted as a commitment to turn out on any particular occasion. Living near the CATSKILLS is also not a requirement because intensive searches may need lots of volunteers and may take days to accomplish.

CATSKILL 3500 CLUB: NEW MEMBERS

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