PATC VOLUNTEERS HONORED AT 90th ANNIVERSARY DINNER

Photos by Stanley Turk

The PATC Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner was a wonderful celebration of the Club’s first 90 years. Attendees enjoyed great fellowship and food, and honored the many volunteers who gave so much to the Club – and ensured the enduring success of its diverse programs.

The event was held at beautiful Meadowlark Gardens in Vienna, Virginia. The food was great and guests enjoyed the festive decorations in the Atrium where we dined, as well as the holiday lights in Meadowlark’s parkland outside the building. The success of the event is primarily the result of the skill and hard work of the club’s staff director, Brewster Thackeray, and his team, under the guidance of Supervisor of Membership Steve McLaughlin. This group has been honing the details to ensure a memorable annual gathering.

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**JOE LOMBARDO TO BE NEW PATC PRESIDENT**

On Jan. 2, 2018, the PATC officers elected Joe Lombardo to be the club’s president. Joe will fulfill the remainder of the current term following Jim Tomlin’s resignation on Dec. 11, 2017. Vice President of Operations Rush Williamson served as acting president in the interim period, and kept the membership apprised of the transitions.

Joe has served as PATC’s treasurer for more than four years. In that role, he significantly upgraded the budget process and financial management of the club. Joe has more than four decades of professional public service. He led USAID’s strategic planning and performance management functions. He also chaired the Reston Planning and Zoning Committee, and Reston’s Small Tax District board. Pursuant to the club’s constitution, Joe was elected by his fellow elected officers. He accepted his new role with “commitment and enthusiasm.”

Cheryl Topping, who has served as PATC’s external controller, was elected to fill the position of treasurer, effective Feb. 1, 2018.

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**THE POTOMAC APPALACHIAN TRAIL CLUB**

The Potomac Appalachian Trail Club was formed in 1927 to build a key section of the Appalachian Trail, a 2,190 mile footpath from Maine to Georgia. We were the first of the 31 clubs that preserve the AT and its side trails. PATC is a 501(c)(3) non-profit incorporated in Virginia. The 90 year-old club is governed by volunteer officers assisted by a professional staff.

PATC maintains 240 miles of the AT as well as more than 800 miles of other trails in Pennsylvania, Maryland, West Virginia, Virginia and the District of Columbia. Our AT territory begins in Pennsylvania at Pine Grove Furnace and ends at the southern border of Shenandoah National Park in Virginia. We oversee 42 cabins, and 45 shelters for hikers. We own and manage lands that protect the trail. We have more than 1,000 active volunteers who annually contribute over 100,000 hours of volunteer activity, mostly trail and facility maintenance. Club chapters serve members who do not live in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area. The South Shenandoah Valley, Charlottesville, North and West Chapters sponsor local hikes, organize work trips, and host social functions. PATC also has two special interest sections, Ski Touring and Mountaineering.

PATC is renowned for its volunteer-produced maps that cover most of the trails we maintain, and books that describe the trails and their history.

Many of the club’s 7,600 members contribute volunteer work to support the club’s activities. There is an outdoor opportunity for everyone!

The club appreciates financial support to further its important outdoor mission. Please consider making a tax-deductible donation. Contact the Staff Director for information about directed contributions, bequests and other funding opportunities.

Learn more about PATC, our history, and our work at www.patc.net.
Many attendees provided extra financial support as part of the Banquet Brigade. Also for the second year, Brewster organized a silent auction of art, outdoor equipment, and entertainment. Club members, officers, staff, and local businesses donated items valued at more than $4,000, and attendees bid with enthusiasm. The banquet, which used to cost the Club money beyond what it brought in, has transitioned so the event supports PATC’s work.

The nearly 200 members who attended the sold-out event represented diverse areas of the Club; they enjoyed socializing and sharing stories while celebrating 90 years of service and achievement.

President Jim Tomlin opened the ceremonies by issuing a call to service. He noted that the club has “...learned from those who preceded us.” He shared a goal that those who are here 90 years from now will have learned from us. “We want to hand down to future PATC members the trail networks, the knowledge, and the wisdom that we now possess.”

The evening’s keynote speaker was Matt Liddle, the mid-Atlantic manager of REI – the largest cooperative retail business in the country. He explained REI’s culture and ethic as a cooperative that is owned by its customers. REI, like the PATC, is focused on the outdoors, and so is committed to developing opportunities for those who love the outdoors, and innovative ways to introduce new and varied people to outdoor experiences. Matt ended his talk by emphasizing the importance of the PATC’s volunteer work to the region’s outdoor resources and, in turn, to REI and its customers. He stated: “I can’t imagine a mid-Atlantic region without the PATC.”

Club treasurer Joe Lombardo reported on the club’s finances. The club has assets valued at more than $9 million, few liabilities, and had a clean audit in 2017.

- Anstr Davidson, Supervisor of Communications

**AWARDS**

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of awards that honored the volunteer service of so many over the past year.

The **Myron Avery Award**, given to the outstanding volunteer of the year, was presented jointly to Martha Becton and Robert Fina, who had a fantastic year of accomplishment. Martha and Robert not only did a great deal of work, they furthered the club’s trail maintenance expertise by learning trail building skills and, in turn, teaching other PATC members those skills. There are many miles of PATC-maintained trails that are much better off because of the hard work and great expertise of Martha and Robert.
The Club presented Honorary Life Memberships to Esther Aulthouse and Patrick Wilson. Esther has been a PATC member for 39 years. In that time, she has provided hospitality to many work crews in the Pennsylvania District through her wonderful cooking. Patrick has become an expert in the use of trail maintenance tools. He is an active trail maintainer and passes on the many skills he has developed. He and Dan Dueweke jointly teach workshops on crosscut saws, axes, safe griphoist practices, and rigging. These courses are great resources for the club.

Appreciation Awards, which recognizes contributions by non-members, went to Wade Aylor, Ken Frohnert, Bruce Ramsey, Hank Sisbarro, and Myron Wasiuta. These people maintain the Federal Line Trail, and other trails in the Wilderness Battlefield area. They work on trails with PATC work crews, and have received many accolades from the National Park staff for their work.

**Hawksbill Awards** were given to the top volunteer in each club unit (trail district, work crew, etc.). Finally, many volunteers received Service awards to recognize their work of the year.

This year’s Hawksbill winners are:

- Esther Aulthouse (North Chapter)
- Martha Becton (Cadillac Crew)
- Bruce and Alison Berberick (Cabins Operations)
- Jennifer Brown (Naturalist)
- Michael Brown (GPS Rangers)
- Barbara Cook and John Kittridge (Blackburn Trail Center)
- Brenda Coulter (Maryland National Battlefield Parks District)
- Dorse Counts (Wilderness Battlefield)
- Joan D’Alonzo (North Massanutten District)
- Stephany Danahy (Tuscarora South)
- Anstr Davidson (Cabin Desk)
- Rich “Gabriel” Garretson (Charlottesville)
- Richard Heath (Trail Patrol)
- Todd Heinz (Spooky Beaver/Prince William)
- Henry Horn (Facilities)
- James Jengeleski (Rocky Knob Crew)
- Kristie Kendall (Publications)
- Richard Kerr (Montgomery County)
- Alexandra Lampros (Blue and White)
- Rachel Levin (Communications)
- Bob McCullough (Supervisor of Trails)
- Ryan Moler (Bull Run Occuquan, and Potomac Heritage)
- Michael Moran (Wolf Trap)
- Randy Motz (Old Scouters Crew)
- Melanie Perl (SNP South District Blue-Blazed Trails)
- Tom Reed (Yankee Clippers)
- Matt Schroebel (Maryland)
- Jeff Seal (Shelters)
- Phil Shanholzer (Potomac Appalachian)
- Courtney Trusty (President)
- Mark Walkup (Supervisor of Lands)
- Kevin Williams (AT SNP South District)
- Andy and Gail Wolfe (PA Side Trail)

**Silent Auction**

Thank you to the 2017 Silent Auction donors. The auction featured a diverse collection of items, valued at more than $4,000, with truly something for everyone. We were delighted that the auction raised thousands of dollars to support PATC’s work. Thank you to our donors and bidders. We can’t wait to see what next year’s silent auction will feature!

**Donors:**

- Bears Den/Glen Breining -- Overnight stay, local tastings & Monks BBQ Gift Card
- Ken Berman -- Washington, D.C. Self-Propelled Tour for Four
- Cheryl Hadrych -- Appalachian Trail Rollercoaster Photograph
- Rebecca Harriett -- Dirt Farm Brewing Six-Pack; 2 Bottles from Shenandoah Vineyards
- Hilton McLean Tysons Corner -- Weekend Night Stay Plus Breakfast
- Nancy Kilpatrick -- Painting
- Bambi and Barry Landew -- Around the World Wine Tasting Adventure for eight
- Steve McLaughlin -- Four Nationals Baseball Tickets
- Glenn Palatini & Betsy Humphreys -- Painting, “Solitude”, by Maurice “Jake” Day
- PATC Marketing & Publications -- Basket of Books, and Three New Store Items
- Potomac River Running Store -- Two training gift certificates
- REI -- Self-inflating camp bed, and two Flash 18 packs
- Kit Sheffield -- Collection of Puzzles and Games
- Kate and Brewster Thackeray -- Transcontinental Cabernets Wine Package; 3 stuffed bears
- Jim Tomlin -- Men’s and women’s REI carbon trekking poles
- Glen & Vicky Tsaparas -- Lantern and Camp Stove
- Stanley Turk -- Two matted original photographs
- Tysons Corner Marriott -- Weekend Night
- Rush Williamson -- Jet Stream pump sack
- Diane Yang -- Yaktrax XTR Traction cleats, and Crystal Capital paperweight
- Jim Zell -- Two vintage photographs
PATC’s 90th ANNIVERSARY HIKE #8:
Tuscarora Trail across Massanutten Mountain

Photos by Wm Needham

This is the eighth hike in the series commemorating the 90th anniversary of the establishment of PATC, and follows the history of Tuscarora Trail construction after completion of the section leading from Shenandoah National Park to Route 340 in Shenandoah Valley. Whereas inertial difficulties were the subject of hike 7, momentum pervades hike 8: the section of the Tuscarora Trail continuing west over Massanutten Mountain and through Fort Valley was completed in one day. This was due in no small part to passage through George Washington National Forest with its extant trails, facilities and open access.

THE ROUTE begins at the historic Elizabeth Furnace ruins and follows the path of one of the three trail crews that met on 15 March 1969 to complete the 24 mile segment through GWNF. Following the extant Bear Wallow Trail, the hike proceeds via Green Mountain up and over Three-top Mountain, where the crew working eastward up Doll Ridge was encountered. The return path passes through Fort Powell and Mudhole Gap to return to Elizabeth Furnace, a circuit of 12 miles with 2,000 feet of elevation gain.

The route was first planned in June of 1968 at a meeting between Frank Blackburn, Jim Denton and other PATC volunteers with GWNF rangers at the headquarters in Edinburg, Virginia in order to draft and sign a cooperative trail usage agreement. In 1967 the Forest Service (USFS) had sought assurance that PATC was serious enough to complete the trail to what was then known as the “military road” that ascends Massanutten ridge from the east. As with previous encounters between the PATC trail blazers and government agencies such as the USFS,
some compromises were necessary. The primary point of contention was the requirement that GWNF trails meet Class A standards which required a maximum grade of 7 percent and banked trails along mountain slopes in order to allow for multiple uses. This was contrary to the PATC ‘primitive trails” concept of simple woodland paths. On the positive side, the USFS expressed a desire to build a new shelter for the trail; the Little Crease Shelter, named for the folding of the two ridges at the Mill Run headwaters, was ultimately constructed there. The agreement was signed on 8 November 1968.

After the devastating winter of 1968-1969, plans were made for an early spring excursion. On 15 March, 1969, former PATC Supervisor of Trails Gus Crews and his assistant Wally Stark coordinated three separate trail crews, one coming up the west ridge, one crossing over Fort Valley from Elizabeth Furnace, and one starting up the east side on the “military road,” the pathway of the eponymous Morgan trail. General Dan Morgan was the lauded victor of the pivotal Revolutionary War Battle of Cowpens. It is contended that George Washington, who had surveyed the Massanutten area for Lord Fairfax in 1748 and knew of its potential as a geographic bastion, directed Morgan to build a secret access trail into the valley; his intention was presumably to use the “fort valley” as a redoubt of last resort. Since Morgan had once been a teamster who lived in Winchester, the legend is not implausible. Suggesting some truth to it, the PATC crew found stonework along the route still sound after over 200 years, a testimony to considerable effort that would implicate Morgan’s soldiers and skills. The crew quickly ascended the ridge to the headwaters of Mill Run, extending the trail to just above Elizabeth Furnace four miles north on the ridge and then down to Passage Creek.

Passage Creek is the drainage for the Fort Valley watershed. Planning for its crossing had proven to be a vexing dilemma; it is nearly fifty feet wide and tends to become torrential in heavy rain consequent.

View of Massanutten Mountain - “The rugged scenery of Fort Valley was a primary draw for establishing the Tuscarora Trail through Massanutten Mountain.

Strasburg Reservoir - Little Passage Creek is dammed to form the Strasburg reservoir.
to inundation. A vehicular bridge had been built over the creek adjacent to Elizabeth Furnace to afford access to a camping area. To avoid the possibility that the fee station for the camp would be used to levy fees on Tuscarora Trail users, it was proposed to cross further downstream and access the extant Signal Knob Trail, which would provide dramatic vistas of Shenandoah Valley from its summit. Signal Knob was used by the Confederacy from 1862 to 1864 and was a key observation point for the Battle of Cedar Creek. On August 14, 1864, a group of Federal troops won control of the peak as a harbinger to the ultimate Union victory less than one year later. After some deliberation, a path that avoided the fee area was fashioned. It closely skirted the furnace and camp so that the extant bridge could be used to access the existing Bear Wallow Trail.

The historical importance of Elizabeth Furnace at the north end of Fort Valley led PATC planners to have the trail pass near it. The furnace continues to attract hikers. Opened in 1836, the furnace took advantage of the local iron ore, limestone, charcoal and water power. Iron ore and limestone were mined in the adjacent slopes and hauled in by mule. The charcoal was made from hewn trees charred anaerobically over a thirty day period at a rate of 30 cords of wood a day - all of the trees in one acre of forest. The process was continuous once started; the iron ore and limestone was loaded into the top of the furnace and the charcoal was fed into the bottom where the water power bellows enabled the elevated temperatures requisite for smelting. To facilitate the handling of the iron when cooled, the main flow channel bifurcated to smaller, more manageable side channels; the arrangement, reminiscent of a sow feeding her piglets, is the origin of the term ‘pig iron.’ The area around Elizabeth Furnace comprised a veritable factory with housing for workers and their families that bustled with activity that yielded 3 tons of pig iron per day sold at $60 per ton. Elizabeth Furnace was destroyed by Union Forces in 1864 and reopened briefly in the 1880’s, never to regain its antebellum prominence due to the competing anthracite powered furnaces of Pennsylvania.

In consonance with the ‘eastern ridge’ crew heading up military road, a second crew set out westward on Bear Wallow Trail and a third crew labored up the western ridge from Shenandoah Valley. Bear Wallow trail had been seriously eroded by horse traffic but proved passable, requiring only the removal of fallen trees. Once over Green Mountain, the crew blazed the trail to Powell’s Fort, named for folklore figure who purportedly found gold in Massanutten and who may have been a counterfeiter, a spy for the Native Americans, or a friend of Lord Fairfax. In keeping with the hyperbole that such stories sanction, he supposedly buried his gold at Signal Knob; it has never been found. Meanwhile, the third crew had worked its way laboriously up Doll Ridge from Shenandoah Valley, clearing a wider path on an existing rough trail and painting the blue blazes to denote the nascent Tuscarora Trail. Reaching Three-top Mountain, they descended to Fort Powell, there to find the second crew, respite, and a car shuttle back to Fort Valley. By day’s end, the crews had built and blazed 24 miles of the Tuscarora Trail, making it; the ides of March having been again a day of destiny. It was now evident that the Tuscarora Trail would become a reality, with only 200 miles to go.

### ABOUT THIS SERIES

Between 1927 and today, PATC’s founders and their successors built a 240-mile section of the Appalachian Trail, created the Tuscarora Trail, made dozens of cabins and shelters available to hikers, and took on maintenance responsibility for over 1000 miles of paths in the club’s 4-state service area. The hikes described in this series pass landmarks in PATC’s history and celebrate nine decades of remarkable evolution in our national trail network.

Larry Broadwell and William Needham co-write the series, and Brian Goudreau provides the maps. This article, the second to cover a trail aside from the AT, draws particularly from Tom Floyd’s “Diary of a Trail” on the history of the Tuscarora. For a detailed description of the circuit hike from Elizabeth Furnace over Three Top Mountain, go to www.patc.net/hikes.

**References:** PATC Map G; Massanutten Mountain – North Half Signal Knob to New Market Gap; Tom Floyd’s soon-to-be-released “Diary of a Trail”; “The History of the Fort by S.H. Munch, December 1925” unpublished manuscript.
COUNCIL REPORTS:
DECEMBER COUNCIL MEETING

We read so you don’t have to!

Most officers and committee chairs prepare written reports for Council meetings. Those reports are on the club website—go the Library link at the top of any page and then choose PATC-Club Documents | Council Minutes to read the reports. There is a wealth of information in these reports. They are excellent ways for a conscientious member to keep up with the management of the club.

This is a summary of the reports from the December meeting. It’s intended to entice you to read further. This is not a complete summary. For further, official information consult the reports themselves online. All the reports except for the financial ones for each council meeting are in one document. There is usually a second document for the financial reports.

Membership (submitted by Steve McLaughlin):

There are a bit over 7,600 members of the club. This figure has been rising for the last few years, but has plateaued recently. The Supervisor of Membership, Steve McLaughlin, is looking for suggestions on how to increase membership.

Pennsylvania AT Advisory Committee (submitted by Chris Firme):

Chris, who is a member of this committee, reported on issues relating to the AT in the Keystone state. This committee is composed of state, federal, and club representatives, and addresses many issues beyond PATC jurisdiction but of interest to AT users.

Activities (submitted by Randy Motz):

Club representatives attended Combined Federal Campaign events at the Pentagon, Commerce Depart-

ment, and the International Trade Commission where they shared information about the club’s work. The PATC is a CFC beneficiary (number 91413), and federal employees can choose the PATC as a recipient of their donations. Jim Tomlin recruited several other enthusiastic volunteers to pass out drinks and information to more than 700 hikers outside Old Rag cabin near the iconic mountain. The initiative was very successful, and the volunteers who participated got a feeling of how many people were aware of the club, and how many were interested in knowing more. Supervisor of Activities Randy Motz is considering similar efforts in other locations. Club representatives participated in the Northwest Federal Credit Union’s annual partner’s brunch, and the Friendship Fire Company’s annual Christmas parade through Bolivar and Harpers Ferry.

Trail Patrol (submitted by Chris Firme):

Chris reported on the Trail Patrol accomplishments for the year. The top Trail Patrol volunteers, with their miles patrolled, were: Ted Rabkin, 104 miles; Scott Schroth, 123.5 miles; Deborah Coleman, 137.6 miles; Rush Williamson, 168.5 miles; Harry Nogle, 187.5 miles; John Noss, 272.5 miles; and Richard Heath 766 miles. Overall, the Trail Patrol hiked 2,527 miles for the year—a major increase from the year before.

Publications (submitted by Emeline Otey):

Kristie Kendall was recognized for her book, These Hills Were Home: A Walking History Guide to the Blue Ridge Mountains of Northern Greene and Western Madison County, Virginia, which was published by the club in May 2017. The book combines easy-to-follow trail descriptions, historical notes, and photographs. The third edition of the Guide to Great North Mountains, edited by Glenn Palatini, was published in October. The very popular PATC Cabins Book will be updated and reprinted in early 2018.

AT Corridor Management (submitted by Tom Lupp):

There are openings for corridor monitors. (Monitors survey the trail lands and, particularly, the boundaries of those lands.) Anyone interested in serving as a monitor should contact Tom Lupp.

Cabins Construction and Major Repairs (submitted by Bruce Berberick):

The Boxwood cabin will be demolished. (Boxwood was not a rental cabin.)
Communications
(submitted by Anstr Davidson):

The February issue of the Potomac Appalachian will look a bit different. (Does it?)

HQ Committee
(submitted by Bruce Berberick):

Lighting and electrical repairs have been made to the headquarters building in Vienna. The parking lot resurfacing will be delayed until the spring. The sign on the front of the building has been fixed—the club’s name now has all its letters!

Mid-Atlantic Regional Partnership Committee (MA-RPC)
(submitted by Pete Brown):

There are four groups that coordinate the work of the AT maintaining clubs. Those groups break down regionally. The MA-RPC covers the area from New York to Shenandoah National Park and is the group to which PATC belongs. Pete Brown is the primary PATC representative to this group, and Rush Williamson is the alternate. Pete submitted an extensive report which you should read if you are interested in the management of the AT. His report covers several issues including Volunteer Service Agreements, Sawyer training, prescribed burns and National Park Service issues. The report also noted that our own Rush Williamson is now the MA-RPC representative to the ATC Stewardship Council. That group oversees the ATC’s stewardship of the AT and its lands.

Mountaineering Section
(submitted by Mark Maier):

The report outlined several activities and meetings including an expedition to Red Rocks, Nevada and a presentation on climbing in Morocco.

Financial
(Joe Lombardo):

Each council meeting, Treasurer Joe Lombardo and his staff submit extensive reports of the club’s finances. If you are interested in how the club receives and spends its money, go to the minutes for any recent council meeting. There is usually a link for “Financial Reports,” which are separate from the other reports. The club’s finances are in good order; there is too much important detail to summarize here.

Trails
(submitted by John Hedrick):

The trails are generally in good shape. The Shenandoah National Park conducted chainsaw certification courses for both new sawyers and for those needing to renew their certifications.

Shenandoah Mountain Rescue Group (SMRG)
(submitted by Steve Weiss):

The SMRG liaison to PATC reported on the group’s activities since the last meeting. SMRG had two “callouts,” and supported SNP during four weekends of “leaf-peeping” in October. SMRG members supported a long carryout off Old Rag of a hiker with a severely injured lower leg. The hiker was rescued from “above the Keyhole,” and the carryout ran well into the night. Two weeks later, there was another rescue of a hiker with a similar injury from an almost identical location. In this case, weather permitted a helicopter evacuation from a landing zone on Old Rag.
WHAT’S THAT FLOWER: 
THE MUSTARD FAMILY

Photos by Richard Stromberg

The Mustard Family’s scientific name is *Brassicaceae*. It was formerly known as *Cruciferae* which means “cross-bearing” because the four petals of mustard family flowers resemble a cross. When naming rules were changed to require that a family be named after a type genus, *Brassica* was chosen. *Brassica* is the Latin word for cabbage, so it is also called the Cabbage Family. The family includes many vegetables: radish, horseradish, watercress, turnip, Napa cabbage, bok choi, broccoli, Brussel sprouts, cabbage, cauliflower, kale, collards, and mustard greens. None of these vegetable species are native to America, and they are not likely to be seen on a hike.

Cutleaf Toothwort has the typical four petals of mustard family flowers, shaped like a cross.

Sicklepod fruits are long, thin capsules called a siliques.

The condiment mustard is made from three species in the family: White Mustard (*Sinapsis alba*), Black Mustard (*Brassica nigra*), or Brown Indian Mustard (*Brassica juncea*). The last is the primary source for making the condiment because it is best suited to mechanized production. None of these species is native. They are grown on farms and have escaped to the wild.

The flowers of all Mustard Family species have four petals. The flowers and following fruits are in a raceme at the top of the plant and alternate up the raceme stem. Fruit are either a long, thin capsule called a silique or short and wide called a silicle. Both types open along two sutures to release seeds. Fruit will start forming at the bottom of the raceme while flowers are still opening above. The shape of leaves and fruit are key to identifying species.

Hairy Bittercress has a rosette of leaves at the bottom.

All of our *Brassicaceae* species are early bloomers, starting in March. Fruit and plants turn brown, so you may see skeletons of the plants into winter. Many of the species are biennial and put up leaves in late summer or fall to get an early start the next spring. You can see the leaves through the winter. First-year leaves are usually in a rosette on the ground. The second year stems rise from the basal rosettes. The stems of some species alternate leaves while other species have no stem leaves. The flowers grow in the axils or on top. Of the 25 Mustard Family species commonly seen along PATC trails, only ten are native, and one is a highly invasive alien, Garlic Mustard.

- Richard Stromberg
COMMUNITY OUTREACH:
The Foundation for PATC’s Future

Photos by Randy Motz

If there is one thing that has become apparent over years of doing community outreach in the Washington, DC/Metro area, it is just how many people are unaware of PATC’s existence and its role in maintaining and preserving the hiking trails that thousands of people use on a regular basis. So, performing community outreach in every venue available plays a vital role in informing the public of our mission and vision and in welcoming them to join the other PATC members who support the club, both financially and as volunteers.

Last fall, the club was afforded three opportunities to attend CFC events in order to promote PATC. Supervisor of Membership, Steve McLaughlin represented the club at an event held at the US International Trade Commission, where he works. PATC was one of 7 invited local charities to speak at this CFC Kickoff. There were approximately 60 people in attendance and Steve gave a 5 minute overview of the PATC and our mission. Afterwards he was visited by 7 or 8 people specifically seeking more information about the club and saying they were interested in supporting us, either with a donation or by becoming a member.

Staff Director, Brewster Thackery, represented PATC at the Department of Commerce, in Washington, DC for their CFC event. PATC was invited last minute because a colleague of this department, Corey Wright, passed away recently in a bicycle accident. His family contacted PATC to say that they would request donations in his honor to PATC. His colleagues learned of this and reached out to us. Mr. Wright was a respected and popular team member, and he was a leader of the CFC effort there, so his connection to us struck a chord with his colleagues, who recalled his passion for the outdoors.

The event was exceptionally well attended for a CFC event, with more than 120 people in the room. Brewster was invited to share comments about PATC. He expressed the club’s condolences, gave some history of PATC, why CFC is an important source of support for us, and urged Corey’s colleagues to learn about and join PATC so they could understand why the organization was of such importance to Mr. Wright.

There were two other charity representatives there; the Executive Director of Eyes Wide Open, an
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inner-city mentoring program and the other from an international aid society. In addition to sharing comments with the full group, Brewster set up a table where he met with about 25 individuals, a number of whom expressed interest in learning more about PATC and our work.

Brewster also had the opportunity to brainstorm with Sharon Dennis of Eyes Wide Open about connecting her organization with PATC, as they are interested in expanding outdoor interests for the kids they serve.

Brewster and the Supervisor of Marketing, Emeline Otey, represented PATC at yet another CFC event at The Pentagon. This was the first time PATC had been invited to participate in this event. The opportunity for observing other groups provided some useful tips for when PATC participates in other similar events next CFC season.

Emeline also participated in The Gathering, a community event bringing together Native American people and their neighbors to celebrate the harvest with songs, dancing, and stories; the event took place in Berryville, VA October 21 and 22. PATC was one of a small number of invited vendors offering products in keeping with the educational and community themes of the event. PATC also participated in the first event, in 2015.

In November, Jim Tomlin, held another of his membership outreach events at Old Rag. With the assistance of Jayne Mayne, Marit Anderson, Mark Perschel and Glen Tsaparas, approximately 700 hikers were informed of the role that PATC plays in maintaining area trails and the team also distributed gallons and gallons of water and energy drinks. It was amazing just how many hikers knew nothing about PATC and believed that the National Park Service maintained the trails in and around the park. The event was supposed to last through Sunday, but unfortunately the team bought out all the Gatorade and hot chocolate at the local Food Lion in Madison and gave away all the liquids that they had available on Saturday. Since Food Lion was not able to restock, the group could not continue the event on Sunday.

According to Jim, the volunteers were pretty jazzed about this outreach event and want to continue doing things like this in the spring of 2018. Other locations to do these membership outreach events, such as the Maryland side of the footbridge at Harpers Ferry and Elizabeth Furnace/Signal Knob, are under consideration.

Also in November, the club’s bank, Northwest Federal Credit Union, held its annual Community Partners Brunch and Vice President of Operations, Rush Williamson represented PATC at this event. According to Rush, NFCU, who has been providing the club with sizeable donations since becoming our bank, wishes to partner with us in the future on NFCU sponsored events such as hikes for its members. There is real potential to reach large numbers of people in the community through these events.

And finally, on Saturday, December 9th, PATC participated in the 14th Annual Friendship Fire Company’s Christmas Parade through Bolivar/Harpers Ferry. Rush Williamson, Dick Potteiger, new Trail Talker, Brendon Elvey, and I braved the cold and snow to carry the banner for PATC in support of the fire company and the A.T. Communities that they serve.

Each of these activities were great opportunities to expose the public to PATC and to acquire new members who will insure the future of the club and its activities.

- Randy Motz, Supervisor of Activities
The Forecast is a list of activities of interest to PATC members and the hiking public. Not all events are sponsored by the PATC. This list is not intended to duplicate the calendar on the club’s website. The calendar has more detailed information about most events. The calendar will also list events that were scheduled after the Potomac Appalachian went to press. The calendar is at: www.patc.net/calendar.

FEVERUARY

2/4/2018 (Sunday)

HIKE-- Wanderbirds: White Oak Canyon, Central SNP, VA, 8:00 AM

PATC Map 10. Bus departs from 17th & K Sts. and Vienna Metro (Fare $20/$25). Hikers see waterfalls and ice formations. Long hikers climb White Oak Canyon Trail to the AT; return on Cedar Run Trail. Moderate hikers do a shorter loop. Est.: 12/8 miles, 2800/1850 elevation for long/ moderate VA
INFO: Mike Ollinger 301/933-2196 or Anna Oldak 301/933-2196 (edward_ollieollie@yahoo.com; anika_o_99@yahoo.com)

2/6/2018 (Tuesday)

HIKE-- Vigorous Hikers - Great Falls and Riverbend Parks (VA), 8:00 AM

We’ll hike about 15 miles exploring Great Falls NP trails, up Difficult Run a bit, and then over to Riverbend Park. Rocks, cliffs, woods, streams, and the Potomac.
INFO: Bob Livezey (bobbilbo@msn.com)

2/7/2018 (Wednesday)

HIKE-- Easy Hikers--Anacostia River Trail, DC/MD, 10:15 AM

Meet at Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens (1550 Anacostia Ave. NE, Washington DC). Take Route 295 (BW Parkway) southbound to the Eastern Avenue exit. Go straight up the ramp to the second street on the right, Douglas Street. Make a right onto Douglas Street. At the end of Douglas Street, make another right onto Anacostia Avenue. The hike is an out-and-back along the Anacostia River that will take us to Bladensburg Waterfront Park in Prince George’s County, totaling 4.5 miles (with the opportunity to explore the boardwalks at Kenilworth at the end of the hike).
INFO: Jennifer Newton, 202/543-3039 (jennifernewton700@gmail.com)

2/11/2018 (Sunday)

HIKE-- Wanderbirds: Catoctin Mtn. Park and Cunningham Falls State Park, MD, 8:00 AM

INFO: Liz Festa 202/491-1115 or Michael Roehm 301/223-7385 (twodecks@comcast.net; mireohm@gmail.com)

2/13/2018 (Tuesday)

CLASS-- Trekking in Patagonia, 7:00 PM

Bob Melchior’s presentation will take you through Argentina’s Los Glaciares National Park and El Chalten, in the shadows of the Fitz Roy formation, then travel to Chile to hike among the towering granite peaks of Torres del Paine National Park. A one-hour event at the REI store in Fairfax, Virginia is free, but space is limited and advance registration is required at www.rei.com/fairfax.
INFO: Larry Broadwell (bakpacker1@verizon.net)

2/13/2018 (Tuesday)

MEETING-- PATC Council Meeting, 7:00 PM

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INFO: Brewster Thackeray (brewster@patc.net)

2/14/2018 (Wednesday)

CROSS COUNTRY SKI TRIP--Nordic and Backcountry Skiing in Summit County, Colorado

A week-long trip to the high country of Colorado in Summit County—a mecca for both Alpine and Nordic skiing since the county’s base elevation is around 9,000 feet. Lodging at the Ptarmigan Lodge in Dillon. This excursion trip is open only to PATC members who sign up to be part of the Ski Touring Section. The basic trip cost is $565, which covers seven nights of lodging and breakfast. Contact the trip leader for additional details.
INFO: Rob Swennes (robertswennes@hotmail.com)
2/14/2018 (Wednesday)

HIKE-- Easy Hikers--Lincoln Cottage to Union Market, DC, 10:15 AM

Happy Birthday, Abraham Lincoln! Starting at the Georgia Ave-Petworth Metro Station (green and yellow lines) the hikers will stop by President Lincoln’s Cottage at the Soldiers’ Home (Visitor Center and outside of the Cottage only), then walk via the Catholic University grounds and the Metropolitan Branch Trail to Union Market near the NoMa-Gallaudet U. Metro Station (red line). 5 miles, mostly on pavement. Meet at 10:15 a.m. at the top of the escalator at the Georgia Ave-Petworth Metro station, East side of Georgia Avenue.
INFO:  Gary Abrecht, 202/546-6089, cell on day of hike: 202/365-2921. (garyabrecht@gmail.com)

2/17/2018 (Saturday)

MEETING-- Forest Service, Lee Ranger District Cooperators, 9:00 AM

Annual meeting of George Washington and Jefferson National Forest staff and all volunteer maintaining groups in the Lee Ranger District. Meeting is at the district office, 95 Railroad Avenue, Edinburg, VA 22824.
INFO:  Stephanie Chapman (slchapman@fs.fed.us)

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INFO:  Stephanie Chapman (slchapman@fs.fed.us)

2/18/2018 (Sunday)

HIKE-- Wanderbirds: Little Bennett Regional Park, MD, 8:00 AM

Park map. Fare: $20/$25. Departs from 17th & K Sts. and the Grosvenor Metro. Two hiking distances on trails in the park. Est. miles: 11 (intermediate) and 8 (intermediate). MD INFO:  Bob Malkowski 703/731-9983 or Jeannie Fauntleroy 703/851-6592 (bmalkowski@cox.net; jeannie.fauntleroy@outlook.com)

2/20/2018 (Tuesday)

HIKE-- Vigorous Hikers - Whiteoak Canyon and Hawksbill Mountain, 8:30 AM

(PATC Map 10) Starting at the Whiteoak Canyon Parking lot, we will climb to and up the horse trail and then to Hawksbill.  We will return via the Salamander trail, the AT to Fishers Gap, then back via the Horse Trail and Cedar Run. (17 miles with 3,500 feet of ascent). INFO:  Phil Ayliff (philip.ayliff@gmail.com)

2/20/2018 (Tuesday)

CLASS-- Best Trails for Winter Hikes, 7:30 PM

This session will cover what’s great about cold-weather hiking, how to get ready, and where you’ll find good routes (including some very near and easily reached even when roads at high elevation are snow-covered). This one-hour event at Bailey’s Crossroads REI store in Virginia is free, but space is limited and advance registration is required at www.rei.com/baileys-crossroads.
INFO:  Larry Broadwell (bakpacker1@verizon.net)

2/21/2018 (Wednesday)

HIKE-- Easy Hikers--Mt. Vernon VA, 10:15 AM

A six mile hike along the Potomac River to Mount Vernon and back. Meet at 10:15 in the Fort Hunt Park parking lot (8900 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria, VA)
INFO:  Dick Rogers, 703/979-1270, cell on day of hike 703/862-7865 (rogersrw@aol.com)

2/21/2018 (Wednesday)

CLASS-- Hiking the Appalachian Trail, 7:00 PM

Judy McGuire, who has trekked the entire Appalachian Trail and other long-distance trails in the United States and abroad, will show slides, explain how to prepare, and tell what to expect on America’s best known backpacking route. This one-hour session at Bailey’s Crossroads REI store in Virginia is free, but space is limited and advance registration is required at www.rei.com/baileys-crossroads.
INFO:  Larry Broadwell (bakpacker1@verizon.net)

2/22/2018 (Thursday)

CROSS COUNTRY SKI TRIP--Upstate NY [Adirondacks/Lake Placid] XC Ski Miniweek Trip 2/22-26/2018

Join fellow nordic skiers gliding at groomed ski areas (e.g., 50+ km of Mt Van Hoevenberg), ungroomed backcountry/Northern Adirondack trails (e.g., Avalanche Pass, Ausable Lakes, Jackrabbit) and ambiance of former Olympic area while lodging adjacent to Saranac Lake and Lake Placid. Trip costs $285 that covers cost of lodging for four nights at Best Western Mountain Lake Inn in nearby Saranac Lake NY. Cancels if no snow.
INFO and details: Greg Westernik (gmwester@gmail.com) or 703/763-3833
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INFO: Larry Broadwell (bakpacker1@verizon.net)

2/22/2018 (Thursday)

CLASS-- Women on the Trail, 7:00 PM

Interested in backpacking but unsure what to expect, how to prepare, or what trails would be best for a woman (alone or in a small group)? Learn how and where from a woman who has done several iconic routes in the country. This one-hour event at the Tysons REI store in Virginia is free, but space is limited and advance registration is required at www.rei.com/tysons.

INFO: Larry Broadwell (bakpacker1@verizon.net)

2/24/2018 (Saturday)

HIKE-- Natural History Hike

Join Bob Pickett and friends for an hike to visit home sites of the mountain residents who lived in the Shenandoah National Park prior to it’s establishment in 1935. We’ll hike about 6 miles and visit three home sites as we travel up the Overall Trail up to the falls, which is the largest in the Park. Dinner afterwards is optional.

INFO: Bob Pickett, pickett@us.net, or 240/457-0352

2/24-25/2018 (Saturday and Sunday)

CLASS-- Wilderness First Aid Class, 8:30 AM

Trail Patrol Presents: Wilderness First Aid. Join us for this two day class located in Frederick, MD. Students receive a waterproof field guide and certification card good for two years through Emergency Care and Safety Institute (ECSI). This class is also good for BSA High Adventure camps. Class is $190.

INFO: Saleena DeVore (saleena@onthetrailfirstaid.com)

2/25/2018 (Sunday)

HIKE-- Wanderbirds: Buzzard Rocks, Massanutten Mtn., GWNF, VA, 8:00 AM

Map: PATC Map G. Fare: $20/$25. Departs from 17th & K Sts. and the Vienna Metro. Both hikes start at the Buzzards Trailhead parking area off Rte 619 and end at the Signal Knob trail parking area, but follow different routes. Est.: 10.5 miles, 2000’ elevation and 7.5 miles, 1500’ elevation

INFO: Annetta DePompa 410-535-5171 or Chris Bublitz 240-687-3390 (hikerfool@yahoo.com; cbublitz4@comcast.net)

2/27/2018 (Tuesday)

HIKE-- Easy Hikers--Arlington VA Neighborhoods Ashton Heights and Lyon Park, 10:15 AM

Meet at the top of the Clarendon Metro station (Orange/Silver Line). We will head down Wilson Boulevard and take a five-mile meander ending up back at the Clarendon Metro station where there are many lunch options.

INFO: Kathryn Powers, 202/544-7777 (kkpowers_dc@yahoo.com)

MARCH

3/4/2018 (Sunday)

HIKE-- Wanderbirds: Tuscarora Trail, Sleepy Creek Wildlife Management Area, WV, 8:00 AM

PATC Map L. Fare: $20/$25. Departs from 17th & K Sts. and the Vienna Metro. Both moderate and long hikes in Sleepy Creek, a remote West Virginia wildlife management area teeming with small game, pheasant, grouse and turkey. Est.: 11.5 miles, 1500’ elevation and 8 miles, 1300’ elevation. VA
**INFO:** Jeff Thompson 703/859-0157 or George Saxton 703/855-0876 (jefferyathompson@comcast.net; george@saxfam.net)

**3/9/2018 (Friday)***

**CLASS-- Women on the Trail, 7:00 PM**

Interested in backpacking, but unsure what to expect, how to prepare, or where to find a good route for a woman alone or in a small group? Learn from a woman who has done some of the most iconic trails in the country. This one-hour event at the Bailey's Crossroads REI store in Virginia is free, but space is limited and advance registration is required at www.rei.com/baileys-crossroads.

**INFO:** Larry Broadwell (bakpacker1@verizon.net)

**3/11/2018 (Sunday)***

**HIKE-- Wanderbirds: Gunpowder Falls, Hereford, MD, 8:00 AM**

Park Map. Fare $20/$25. Departs from 17th & K Sts. and the Grosvenor Metro. Enjoy the winter scenery as we hike along a picturesque stream in this nearby MD state park. Est.: 12 miles, 1400’ elevation and 9.5 miles, 800’ elevation. MD INFO: Jesse Buckwalter 443/852-4094 or Pat Fairfax 703/328-1501 (JXJunkMail@gmail.com; pafairfax@aol.com)

**3/13/2018 (Tuesday)***

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**3/15/2018 (Thursday)***

**MEETING-- PATC Trail District Managers & Crew Leaders Meeting, 6:00 PM**

Food is served at 6PM. The meeting starts at 6:30PM. RSVP by March 9th to the PATC Trails Coordinator, 703 242 0315 x 107. INFO: Heidi Forrest, PATC Trails Coordinator (hforrest@patc.net)

**3/17/2018 (Saturday)***

**WORK TRIP -- ND Hoodlums Work Trip**

Did your mother come from Ireland? No matter. Join the Hoodlums in their annual “Irish” work trip. We will be doing spring cleaning of the trail sections in the SNP’s North District (Front Royal Entrance Station to Thornton Gap. We only ask that you let us know you are coming.

INFO: Wayne Limberg (wplimberg@aol.com) 703/533-8639.

**3/21/2018 (Wednesday)***

**HIKE-- Easy Hikers--Harpers Ferry National Park, WV, 10:15 AM**

Meet at the National Park Service (NPS) Visitor Center/ Shuttle bus lot (171 Shoreline Drive, Harpers Ferry, WV 25425). We’ll take the shuttle bus into town and attempt the climb up Maryland Heights to the view over the Overlook Cliff, or you may choose to amble on the towpath or in town.

INFO: Margaret Chapman, 301/977-8988 (7 a.m. to 8 p.m.), E mail is preferred. (MargtChapm@aol.com)

**3/25/2018 (Sunday)***

**HIKE-- Wanderbirds: C&O Canal, Paw Paw Tunnel, Paw Paw, WV, 8:00 AM**

Fare: $20/$25. Departs from 17th & K Sts. and the Grosvenor Metro. This hike includes a visit to the Old Town Aqueduct, a fascinating walk through the 3100 foot historic Paw Paw Tunnel, and a jaunt up the Tunnel Hill Trail overlooking the Canal and the town of Paw Paw, WV. Est.: 8-13 miles, minimal elevation.

INFO: Mike Ollinger 301/933-2196 or Michael Roehm 301/223-7385 (edward_ollieollie@yahoo.com; miroehm@gmail.com)
3/31/2018 (Saturday)

CLASS-- Best Local Trails for Spring Wildflowers, 7:00 PM

Join master gardener and veteran outings leader Carol Ivory and guidebook author Larry Broadwell for a slide-filled presentation on the joys of hiking on flower-lined paths in our area. You’ll learn where and when to go, what you’re likely to see, and how to identify some of the exotic and lovely blossoms you’ll encounter. This one-hour event at the Bailey’s Crossroads REI store in Virginia is free, but space is limited and advance registration is required at www.rei.com/baileys-crossroads.

INFO: Larry Broadwell (bakpacker1@verizon.net)

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INFO: Larry Broadwell (bakpacker1@verizon.net)

3/28/2018 (Wednesday)

HIKE-- Easy Hikers--U.S. National Arboretum, DC, 10:15 AM

Meet at 10:15 a.m. at the Arboretum’s Administration Building. We will walk between four and five miles, visiting most of the collections, on a route as yet to be determined. The Arboretum is at 2400 R Street NE, off Route 50 (New York Ave.) in Northeast Washington. (Turn south off of New York Ave. on to Bladensburg Road (Route 1) and then left on R Street.) Public transportation: B2 bus from the Stadium-Army Metro Station.

INFO: Kathryn Powers, 202/544-7777

CONSERVATION BUYERS WANTED

We are aware of properties for sale that do not meet PATC’s land acquisition criteria but that adjoining Shenandoah Park, the Appalachian Trail corridor, the Tuscarora Trail or federal or state parklands that contain trails PATC maintains. These properties would further PATC’s mission objective by buyers voluntarily placing conservation easements on the properties that result in protecting wildlife habitat and steep slopes, or by reducing or eliminating the amount of development local zoning allows on these properties. The donor of a conservation easement would be entitled to federal tax deductions, and in Virginia, would additionally be entitled to easement tax credits. PATC will provide potential buyers with the location of the property and the realty firm’s contact information. PATC’s interest is to alert members that these properties exist and hope that a member has an interest in acquiring and preserving them.

Anyone who is interested should email phil.paschall@gmail.com.

VOLUNTEER OVERSEER/HANDY PERSON FOR PATC’S HEADQUARTERS BUILDING IN VIENNA, VA

For more info contact Bruce Berberick at baberberick@gmail.com
Or Glen Tsaparas at onwaves1@verizon.net

PATC NEEDS HIKE LEADERS!

PATC is expanding its hiking program and is in need of hike leaders to lead hikes in the PATC area (Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland and Pennsylvania). If you have a special trail you would like to share or a special talent like photography, geology, botany, history or any other area in which you excel, consider leading a hike or a series of hikes for PATC. Your only qualification is your talent and your desire to lead and inform people on a hike. If you are able to lead a hike, please let PATC know by emailing Lee Sheaffer at thumpers@wave2net.com We will make sure that the hike gets advertised and you get all the information and material you need to lead a hike. Please let me know where, when (what date) and if the hike has a theme (photography, geology etc.) Leading a hike for PATC is a great way to both inform and familiarize both members and the general public of PATC and the work we do. Thank you and let’s go on a hike.
CORRIDOR MONITORS
The A.T. follows a narrow corridor of mostly publicly owned land as it makes its way from Maine to Georgia. In 1978, the National Park Service and Appalachian Trail Park Office began the task of purchasing the privately owned lands needed to provide a protected corridor for the trail. Responsibility for the corridor has been assigned to the Appalachian Trail Conference. The ATC coordinates monitoring of state and federal lands within established forests and parks, but delegates monitoring of NPS lands to the local maintaining clubs. PATC has responsibility for NPS corridor lands from Pine Grove Furnace State Park (Pennsylvania) to Rock Fish Gap (Virginia). The largest parts of the NPS corridor lands are in Virginia/West Virginia from the Potomac River to Shenandoah National Park. At this time the following volunteer sections are available to adopt.

Lambs Knoll, MD ~ PATC Map 5-6
Crampton Gap, MD ~ PATC Map 5-6
Shannondale, VA ~ PATC Map 7
Sand Spring, VA ~ PATC Map 7
Berryville Reservoir, VA Map 8
Rod Hollow, VA ~ PATC Map 8
Ashby Gap South, VA ~ PATC Map 8
Manassas Gap, VA ~ PATC Map 8
Apple Orchard, VA ~ PATC Map 8
Calf Mountain, VA ~ PATC Map 11

To find out more about this activity, contact corridor@patc.net.

TRAIL OVERSEERS WANTED
District Manager Greater Manassas Area and Bull Run Mountain
Janis Stone, 703/346-5262, janis49@earthlink.net

Pennsylvania AT, Blue blazed and Tuscarora ~ Maps [2-3, 4, J and K]
Pete Brown ~ 410/343-1140, trailpete@gmail.com
PA Tuscarora Trail [J] ~ Sterretts Gap to Cranes Gap (3.6 mi)
PA Tuscarora Trail [J] ~ Cranes Gap to Longs Gap (2.5 mi)
PA Tuscarora Trail [J] ~ Longs Gap to PA Rte. 74 (3.3 mi)
PA Tuscarora Trail [J] ~ McClure’s Gap to Warner Trail (3.7 mi)
PA Tuscarora Trail [J] ~ Cowpens Road to 3 Square Hollow Rd. (1.9 mi)
PA Tuscarora Trail [J] ~ Hemlock Road to Mountain Road (4.9 mi)
PA Tuscarora [K] ~ Co-Overseer ~ Alice Trail to Yellow Blazed Trail (4.2 mi)
Hunter Trail ~ Tuscarora Trail to PA 16 (.8 mi)

Harpers Ferry / Ashby Gap AT and Blue blazed ~ Map 7 and 8
Chris Brunton ~ 703/967-2226, trailbossbtc@msn.com
Appalachian Trail ~ Trans Mountain Trail to Duke Hollow (1.3 mi)

SNP North District Appalachian Trail ~ Map 9
Wayne Limberg ~ H 703/533-8639, wplimberg@aol.com
Appalachian Trail ~ Elkswallow to Ridge Crest (1.6 mi)

SNP North District Blue blazed ~ Map 9
Noel Freeman ~ 540/850-1397, noel.freeman1@gmail.com
Pass Mountain Trail (upper) ~ Pass Mountain Hut to break point (1.48 mi)
Byrds Nest 4 Access ~ Skyline Drive to AT (.02 mi)

SNP Central District Blue blazed [north] ~ Map 10
Melvin Ellis ~ H 703/860-1253 or 540/987-9797, freestatehollow@hotmail.com
Upper Hannah Run Trail ~ Pinnacles Overlook to Hannah Run [1.9 mi]
Lower Hannah Run Trail ~ Hannah Run to Nicholson Hollow Trail [1.9 mi]
Miller’s Head Trail ~ Skyland Service Road to Millers Head (.8 mi)

SNP Central District Blue blazed [south] ~ Map 10
Sean Dunn ~ 540/478-7953, smdunn777@yahoo.com
Heidi Forrest ~ 703/242-0315x107, HForrest@patc.net
White Oak Canyon [1st sect.] ~ Skyline Drive to Waterfall viewpoint (2.3 mi)
Cedar Run (upper) [W1/2] ~ 2nd stream crossing from the bottom to Hawksbill Gap (2.5 mi)
Cedar Run (lower) [W] ~ White Oak Canyon Trail to second stream crossing from the bottom (.6 mi)
Laurel Prong Trail ~ AT to Fork Mountain Trail (2.8 mi)
Jones Mountain Trail ~ Bear Church Rock to Cat Knob Trail (2.8 mi)
Johns Rest Trail ~ Johns Rest Cabin
to Lower Entry Run Trail (1.75 mi) 
Pocosin Hollow Trail ~ Pocosin Fire Road to East Park Boundary (2.8mi) 
Crescent Rock ~ Skyline Drive to the Limberlost Trail (1.1 mi)

SNP South District Appalachian Trail 
~ Map 11
Don White ~ 804/728-3976, rockfish@southshenandoah.net
Appalachian Trail ~ Co-Overseers ~ Hightop parking area to Hightop Hut Trail (2.1mi) 
Appalachian Trail ~ Co-Overseers ~ McCormick Gap to Beagle Gap (1.8 mi)

SNP South District Blue blazed ~ 
~ Map 11
Steve Bair ~ bairprnt@aol.com
Melanie Perl ~ 540/717-2821, hiker-mel@gmail.com
Onemile Run Trail ~ Twomile Run Overlook to first stream crossing (1.9 mi) 
Upper Rocky Top Trail ~ Co-Overseer ~ Big Run Loop Trail to Lewis Peak Trail (2.2mi)
Rocky Mount ~ Rocky Mount Summit to Gap Run (1.2mi)

Tuscarora Central ~ Map L
John Spies ~ jspieslp@gmail.com
Tuscarora Trail ~ Burnt Mill Bridge to Lutkins Passage (3.2mi)
Tuscarora Trail ~ Lutkins Passage to Meadow Branch (1.7mi)
Tuscarora Trail ~ Hampshire Grade Road to High Rock (2.7mi)
Tuscarora Trail ~ Northern Rock Field to Southern Rock Field (1.5mi)
Tuscarora Trail ~ Larrick Overlook to Lucas Woods Trail (2mi)

Tuscarora South ~ Map F, G, 9
John Stacy ~ 339/223-0416, john.e.stacy@gmail.com
Tuscarora Trail ~ Rock Marker to Massanutten Trail (1.5 mi)

Massanutten North ~ Map G
Anruther Davidson ~ 703/534-8171, anstr@att.net
Massanutten Mt. Trail ~ Moreland Gap Road to Jawbone Gap Trail (1.6 mi)
Massanutten Mt. Trail ~ Gap Creek Trail to Scothorn Gap Trail (2.4 mi)
Massanutten Mt. Trail ~ Ft. Valley Overlook to Signal Knob Tower (2.3 mi)
Meneka Peak Trail ~ Massanutten Mt. Trail to Bear Wallow/ Tuscarora Trail (1.2 mi)
Scothorn Gap Trail ~ Crisman Hollow Road to Gap Creek Trail (3 mi)

Massanutten South ~ Map H
Keith Tondrick ~ H 540/478-4022, kftondrick@yahoo.com
James Little ~ H 540/740-3606, jelittle@shentel.net
Massanutten Mt. South Trail ~ Rte. 211 parking lot to New Market Gap picnic area (2.1 mi)

Spotsylvania Battlefield Park
Peter Hedrich ~ 207/939-0806, phedrich7@gmail.com
Chancellorsville History Loop ~ Parking lot to visitors center (4.1 mi)

Great North Mountain ~ Map F
Mike Allen ~ 540/869-8066, mike@mallenpe.com
Half Moon Trail ~ FR off WV23/10 Parking Lot to Tuscarora Trail (3.2 mi)
Half Moon Lookout Trail ~ Half Moon Trail to Half Moon Lookout View (.8 mi)
White Rock Trail ~ Tuscarora Trail to White Rock Cliff (.2 mi)
Long Mountain Trail ~ Trout Pond Trail to FR 1621 (4.4 mi)

Prince William Forest Park
Mark Ellis ~ 703/376-4150, Mark. ellis21@comcast.net
Little Run Loop Trail ~ the Education Center to the Education Center (.6 mi)
Muschette Trail ~ Orenda Fire Road to Orenda Fire Road (.2 mi)

Manassas National Battlefield Park
John Price ~ 703/407-4334, johnp.jp26@gmail.com
Stone Bridge/Farm Ford Loops ~ 1.3mi
1st Manassas [north section] ~ .6mi
1st Manassas/ Matthews Hill ~ .4mi
1st Manassas [west section] ~ 1.3mi
Brawner Farm Loop [H] ~ 1.9mi
Deep Cut Loop ~ 1.2mi
Matthew Hill Loop [H] ~ 1.9mi

Potomac Heritage and Great Falls Trail ~ Map D
Alan Day ~ H 703/860-0181, w.alanday@gmail.com
Potomac Heritage Trail ~ Windy Run to Donaldson Run (1.2 mi)
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DEADLINE FOR POTOMAC APPALACHIAN ARTICLES AND FORECAST
Articles to be considered for publication in PA should be submitted to pa@patc.net. Digital photos are welcome if they meet the requirements for a print publication, good contrast and at least 5x7 inches assuming a print resolution of 300 dots per inch. Please supply information for photo caption and name of photographer. Photographs need not be connected with a story. Forecast items to be included should be posted to the PATC calendar at patc.net by the deadline.

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