

APPALACHIAN MOUNTAIN CLUB CONNECTICUT CHAPTER

East of the River Newsletter

Betty Robinson, Editor

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Cong. Church S. Glastonbury
Main(Rte 17) and High St.

We'll have a Gold Medal evening
China

Slide program by Past Chapter Chair

Sue Hardy

Nov. 8th. 2008

Social hour 5:30 Followed by pot luck and program.

Please bring servings for 8

Gold-A thru H = Entrée

Silver-I thru P = Salad or Veggie

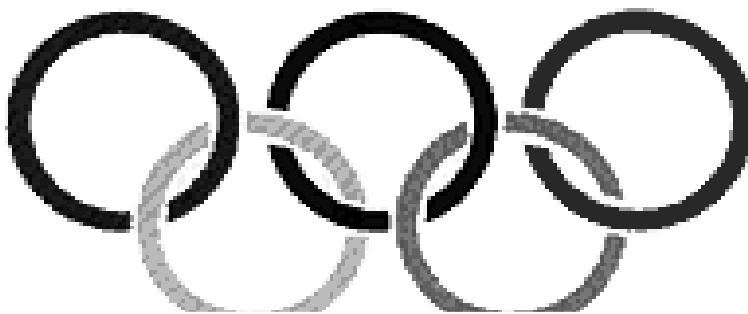
Bronze-Q thru Z=Dessert

Drinks provided Cost \$6.00

To cover hall rental and expenses.

Lets go green; Bring own place settings and utensils

Rte 2E to exit 7-Left on rte 17(main st.) 2 lights to church.



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Volunteers Needed for AT Day

We now have a full program of hikes and other events in place for AT Day on Saturday, October 25 but need a few more volunteers to help with the BBQ that afternoon at Macedonia Brook State Park near Kent. If you can help to set up, cook burgers, clean up etc. please email David Roberts at drossr@aol.com.

November 15, 2008

CT CHAPTER ANNUAL MEETING

Or

Annual Gathering Extravaganza

At MountainRidge, Wallingford
For details see *AMC Outdoors*

November 21-23

Chapter Leadership Training School
White Memorial, Litchfield

We can always use more willing and eager members to lead hikes. The weekend is fun! See *Outdoors* for details.

Hockannum River Trails.

There are several hike leaders that lead hikes using the Hockannum River Trails. These hike leaders are of the East of the River committee (EOR) of the Appalachian Mountain Club (AMC). They are Nola Currie, of Manchester, Barry Resnick of Vernon and Dick Don of Manchester. The members of the EOR hiking group are mostly from many of the towns east of the river. This group was started by Betty Robinson of Storrs. Retired as pediatric nurse consultant, she liked to hike and didn't want to wait for weekends to do so. So she and several of her friends started do their hikes on each Tuesday of the month. In the 20 somewhat years since it started the group has grown to approximately 600 members. Each month a list of the hikes for the month is distributed to the members either by e mail or hard copies are distributed at each hike. Usually there are about 25 hikers that show up. EOR started on Tuesdays but now there are 2 hikes on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

From Dick Don's article requested by the Manchester Reminder.

In this location we usually hear from Steve Braciak, EOR Chair, but he and many others are in NH at the annual Fall Hiking Week. He would greet us, urge us to come to the November 8 supper, and probably urge members to volunteer on the Program Committee. Carolyn Olsen, Dot Davis, Ruth Griffin and Nola Currie have worked hard to come up with ideas for speakers, find a central location and prepare for all that needs to be done to make our meetings a success. Please come, be ready to help, and be ready to enjoy hearing from a legend of CT AMC, Sue Hardy. She's not hiking much these days, but she and Gerry led a wonderful week in the Shenandoah back in 1985, which modeled what good leadership is. She and Gerry also edited the Fifty Hikes in CT for years. This edition is shorter than usual, but I did make room for the "poem" on the next page, composed by Phyllis for the 2007 Cookie Swap

Betty Robinson, editor

On the first day of Christmas
my hike leader gave to me
a lunch stop with a great view.

On the second day of Christmas
my hike leader gave to me
2 water breaks
and a lunch stop with a great view.

On the third day of Christmas
my hike leader gave to me
3 eleven zeas
2 water breaks
and a lunch stop with a great view.

On the fourth day of Christmas
my hike leader gave to me
4 minute rest
3 eleven zeas
2 water breaks
and a lunch stop with a great view.

On the fifth day of Christmas
my hike leader gave to me
5 separation breaks
4 minute rest
3 eleven zeas
2 water breaks
and a lunch stop with a great view.

On the sixth day of Christmas
my hike leader gave to me
6 brooks for crossing
5 separation breaks
4 minute rest
3 eleven zeas
2 water breaks
and a lunch stop with a great view

On the seventh day of Christmas
my hike leader gave to me
7 icy ridges
6 brooks for crossing
5 separation breaks
4 minute rest
3 eleven zeas
2 water breaks
and a lunch stop with a great view.

On the eighth day of Christmas
my hike leader gave to me
8 rocks for scaling
7 icy ridges
6 brooks for crossing
5 separation breaks
4 minute rest
3 eleven zeas

2 water breaks
and a lunch stop with a great view.

On the ninth day of Christmas
my hike leader gave to me
9 hour bushwhack
8 rocks for scaling
7 icy ridges
6 brooks for crossing
5 separation breaks
4 minute rest
3 eleven zeas
2 water breaks
and a lunch stop with a great view.

On the tenth day of Christmas
my hike leader gave to me
10 minutes for whining
9 hour bushwhack
8 rocks for scaling
7 icy ridges
6 brooks for crossing
5 separation breaks
4 minute rest
3 eleven zeas
2 water breaks
and a lunch stop with a great view.

On the eleventh day of Christmas
my hike leader gave to me
11 hills for climbing
10 minutes for whining
9 hour bushwhack
8 rocks for scaling
7 icy ridges
6 brooks for crossing
5 separation breaks
4 minute rest
3 eleven zeas
2 water breaks
and a lunch stop with a great view.

On the twelfth day of Christmas
my hike leader gave to me
12 more miles of hiking
11 hills for climbing
10 minutes for whining
9 hour bushwhack
8 rocks for scaling
7 icy ridges
6 brooks for crossing
5 separation breaks
4 minute rest
3 eleven zeas
2 water breaks
and a lunch stop with a great view.

Notes from Members

We are pretty much settled in. The spare bedroom is still a mess of half empty boxes. We need to get it in order by July 8 when I'm expecting a couple of visitors. We haven't been doing much else. Irene has volunteered to help out at church, but hasn't heard back. I applied for a C.C. College job, but they won't make any decisions until summer.

In the meantime, I'm spending more time doing yard work. Got my bicycle tuned up and have been practicing in a parking lot. There is a State Park a couple of miles from here and I'll go hiking there this weekend.

The weather is supposed to be dry.

John Cunningham called last weekend. Linda ran across my CFPA renewal and noted my phone number and address. We had a nice long chat. Take GOOD CARE. Thanks for the EOR news. I enjoy keeping in touch.

Best Regards, Frank Junga Lake Oswego, Oregon 97035 phone (503) 635-0949

Greeting from Seattle where I am slowly settling in to my new residence and am acclimating to a new and different environment. The positive aspects are that my new home consists of spacious accommodations (I can even see Puget Sound when it isn't drizzling) and the closeness to my daughter and grandchildren. The negative is the leaving my many friends and acquaintances who were so supportive to me during the darkest period of my life and leaving the area we loved.

It is very difficult to leave the wonderful community which, of course I will never forget and the satisfaction of being with so many splendid people.

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