



THE BLADE

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2007 Towpath Regatta

The 2007 Towpath Regatta went off without a hitch on June 14, and with 108 contestants. The weather was almost perfect, with a sunny 70's temperature, no wind and only three small powerboats. Thanks go to chairman Geoff Moore and his inimitable band of hydroelves – Anna Dugan, Terry Tamer, Donnie Patneau and others. All winners anxiously waited for their prized bottle of Mohawk River Water.

Now that I've given you the paid Party Line, there was actually one hitch – and it was majeure. This was not on the Committee but, surprisingly, two of the contestants. I didn't get the names, but the Results Table shown later didn't have too many "C4 canoes" racing.

I'm sure we are collectively embarrassed and overcome to think that two genuine and paid-up NNYP members sank to the lower depths of depravity as to tip their four-person canoe over while their parents were paddling with them in the #2 and #3 seats (innocently, and as hard as they could). Oh Shame, Woe, Shame, Fie on those two! Their only recourse is to go into politics.

Gordon's Glass Lake Party July 14

And yet another tradition. Gordon French is throwing his wing-ding Potluck Party on Glass Lake again this year, on **Saturday July 14**. Burgers and hot dogs will be provided. Bring your own beverages, lawn chair, water toys, and suits for the lake & hot tub, and a potluck item to share. The time to gather is 1:00 pm. From Albany and points North and West, I-87 South to Exit 7, alternate Rout 7East toward Troy, right on to I-787 South to I-90 East (Boston) to Exit 8 which becomes Route 43 East – Follow to Glass Lake. Continue 0.6 miles past "Glass Lake House". Gordon's is on the right. Look for small sign over mailbox which reads "FRENCH 2569" & SWC sign (not French Way). If you think you are lost call 674-5753.

YOUR Dues are Due Now

That means **YOU**, or your credit rating is going to take a nose-dive! The NNYP/SWC fiscal year runs from June to May so now is the time to send in your dues.

NNYP has a Leader

After a year of wandering around aimlessly, we have a new leader and, as Gilbert and Sullivan would say: "And A Very Good Leader She Be". Anna Dugan has agreed to be the VP for NNYP Paddlers.

Our thanks to Anna, and I'm sure the group will give her a lot of cooperation.

Monday Night Canoeing and Potluck Suppers

Monday evening canoeing is well underway. As Donnie pointed out, it goes from the first Monday in May to the last Monday in September at the Kiwanis Park on Route 5S. Bring your watercraft and/or good spirits around 6pm. If you know of someone who wants to try canoeing or kayaking for the first time, tell them to come along – chances they can hitch a water ride with someone.

The potluck dinners will be held on the **FIRST MONDAY** of each month, so the remaining ones are 7/2, and 8/6. This has been quite popular through the years, so put it on your calendar, and come join in. There is time to paddle beforehand if you desire. We'll plan for the food to start at 6:30pm. As before, bring a hot or cold dish for the group (nothing too fancy), and bring your own beverages. Mary wants to thank Ellen, Sandy, Terry and the cooks and whoever else helped with the potluck on June 4, and we could use volunteers for the ones in July and August. Speak up, OK.

FOK (Friends of Kaydeross)

A number of NNYP people have been active in this organization, headed by Ruth Dibelius. The latest event in the planning stage is a "Wading For Tires" event in July. It would be in a shallow section of the stream close to Norm's Memorial. Wil Holt has suggested that three groups be formed – one to paddle and spot the tires, the second to roll them up the bank, and the third to roll them to the collection point. Lest you think that this organization sounds a little much, Ruth mentioned that FOK has already pulled over 1000 tires from the Kaydeross – and that's no rubber! Anyone who is interested in being a part of the effort, please call Karen Totino, 884-9464

Scuttlebutts

Geoff Moore and Terry Tamer have celebrated their 50th and 60th. They wanted to keep it a secret, so pssst, don't tell anyone.

We saw Joe Nicollela burning up the Mohawk with one of the Club kayaks. What style!

Mary Bruno and Ed Miller got back mid-June from Italy to attend Mike (Mary's son) and Lis' marriage ceremony. The wedding was in Vernazza, a little town on the Mediterranean coast about 4 train hours from Rome. The town is 2000 years old and all buildings are stone and painted bright oranges and yellows. Their hotel was up the side of a mountain. They walked (if you can believe this) 60 stone outside steps each way - using passageways up and thru the town (they don't know what an elevator is). After the marriage, they spent 4 days sight seeing in Roma.

Your Blade Editor and Lois spent early June touring Cape Cod, Salem (chasing "Crucible" witches) and Cape Anne in their new second-hand mini-camper. Lovely time to travel – school hadn't let out. They will be heading out to the northwest in July. (I hear other SWC/NNYP are also heading west).

If you ask Donnie nicely, he will give free showings – of the hair on his head, that is. Coming back better than before the chemo. He's starting to curl it.

The SWC Picnic was fun with about 40 people under a beautiful sun and with tremendous food. Hats off (at least in the shade) to Kathy Perrego, It ended with two simultaneous Bocce games - and everyone agreeing that Team Judy Brandow/Uncle Donnie had used every unethical trick to beat Team Lois/Allan Foster – and then some.

SWC-NNYP Events and Races

These are the remaining events/races for 2007. However, please check the Hotline to hear about anything that has been arranged on short notice.

Time Trials, Wednesday evenings, thru Sept 12

Time Trials will be held on Wednesdays at Aqueduct Park (where Rte 146 crosses the Mohawk at Rexford). Registration is at 6pm, and Start is 6:30pm. This is a 4-mile race against the clock. Cost is \$10, but free to SWC-NNYP Members. Contact Alec Davis (alecdavis@earthlink.net)

Electric City Regatta, Sunday July 15

Will be run by Ed and Kim Greiner. 12, 6 and 1 milers, held at Erie Canal Lock #9, just west of Schenectady. Registration starts at 8:30am, races at 10am. NYMCRA points. Fee \$18/paddler (free for Fun Race). Contact Ed Greiner, 518-875-6497, eleccityrace@yahoo.com or www.eleccityrace.org

Canoe The Battenkill - Sunday July 15

SWC/NNYP (Lat Schmidt) jointly with the Schenectady Chapter of the ADK has a trip paddling the Battenkill in Washington County, NE of the Capital District. This day trip starts from upstream of Shushan Sunday July 15. The Battenkill is a delightful clear-flowing trout stream that makes a scenic & fun trip especially with sunny summer weather.

Paddlers need enough skills to negotiate this class I stream and be able to back-paddle and land quickly in case of snags or downed trees. All should have Personal Floatation Devices aka a lifevest. Plan to meet at 10 AM at the bridge above (south) of Shushan, at County Route 64 (next to the RR tracks).

We will stop to eat lunch and swim, so bring eats & a bathing suit/towel. Take-out at the Meadow Camp off Skelley Road and we will eat a watermelon. Contact Lat Schmidt (372-2915) to sign up or for information. glschmidt17@yahoo.com

Summer Vacation/Brown's Tract – July 20-26

Kathy Perrego (869-1155) and Ed Miller (489-7216) are co-chairs of the Summer Weekend blast at the SWC clubhouse. July 20-22. Bring your favorite toy, bike, canoe, kayak, sailboard, hiking boots, credit cards or whatever. Kathy has great plans for dinner, while Ed will do breakfasts and lead canoe trips. One will be a trip around the Waterbury Reservoir, which now has water and is newly-reopened -- it has been years and we are looking forward to enjoying it again. Paddling on the Winooski and/or the Green River Reservoir are also possibilities.

Coming home from the clubhouse Sunday July 22nd, Mary and Ed plan to go to BrownsTract State Park (near Raquette Lake Village.) for 3 or 4 days of canoe camping. Everyone is invited. Just come join them and camp and canoe on the lakes around there. Ed and Mary will be using their van, and can take one more tent on their site – let Ed know if you are interested. Otherwise let them know when you arrive at Browns Tract and join them for the next days paddle.

You can do either the Summer Weekend or the Brown's Tract, or both.

Barge Chaser/Fun Day – Sunday, Sept. 23

As with the last few years, this will be run by Sue Brisley Knapik - 518-843-8133, sbrisley@localnet.com. There will be a 3-mile course and a longer 7-mile race where the more adventuresome can compete. It will be held at Grafton Lakes State Park and, if last years affair was any indication, was on a lovely Fall day, just great for paddling. Registration starts at 10 am, and it only costs \$10/adult and \$5/youth.

First Start is at 11am. A picnic will follow, but bring a dish to pass around (the dish should have food on it – we're not encouraging pan-handlers).

Club Canoe Availability

We (NNYP) have canoes, paddles, PFD's, and one kayak for use:

18' 6" Wenonah CC 18' 6" Lincoln CC 18' 6" Sawyer CC
18' 5" Alumicraft 12" Acadia Kayak

These boats may be borrowed by Club members for a \$5/day, \$25/week donation. They are located at Uncle Donnie Patneau's house at 741 River Road. Lower Rotterdam Junction (about 0.3 mile from the Kiwanis boat launch. 518-887-5483.

STATEWIDE EVENTS/RACES

More at nymcra.org or macscanoe.com/awa

Armond Bassett Canoe and Kayak Race Saturday July 7. NYCRA points, 3 mi. rec & 10 mi. marathon. All NYMCRA canoe & kayak classes. Start & finish at Genesee Waterways Center, Rochester, NY. Register: 9:00-10:45. First Start: 11:00. Entry fee: \$15 + \$5 insurance/paddler. Contact Kevin Berl at 315 986 8361 and k_berl@msn.com, or Tim Henning at 315 926 5749 and thenning3@rochester.rr.com

Empire State Games – Masters Div

Saturday July 28. 10 and 3 miles. Pre-registration required before 7/2/07. Wallkill River, New Platz. \$25/paddler. Contact Jan Whitaker 585-292-6107. janwhitaker@hotmail.com

St Regis Canoe Classic

Sunday Aug 5. 1, 5, 7, 11 miles. Start at Lower St. Regis Lake. Register 10:15 am, pre-registration possible. First race 12 am. \$15/adult paddler, \$5 youth. Contact Jim Tucker, Paul Smiths, 518-327-6389 (327-6150 fax) tucker@paulsmiths.edu.

USCA Nationals

August 7-12, Warren, PA.. uscanoe.com

Adirondack Arc Marathon

August 12. 30-mile flatwater race Upper Saranac to Tupper Lake. Registration 7 am (pre-registration possible). First start 9 am. \$25/paddler. Contact Brian and Grace McDonnell 518-891-2744. macadk@northnet.com

North Country Challenge

August 18, Newcombe. NYCRA points. 5 & 10 miles, register 9-11:30 am, start 12. \$20, camping available. RF Smith, randenew@capital.net

Adirondack Canoe Classic

September 7-9. Old Forge to Saranac Lake. A 90-mile paddle through the heart of the Adirondacks. \$90/paddler. Pre-registration only, forms available mid-June. 250 boats max. Contact Brian and Grace McDonnell 518-891-2744. macadk@northnet.com

Long Lake Long Boat Regatta

September 22nd -- this is a relatively new event. 22-mile marathon for War Canoes. \$25/paddler. Also C-4, kayak, canoe, guideboat, outrigger, dragonboat for youth and adult. Contact Brian and Grace McDonnell 518-891-2744. macadk@northnet.com

For Sale

(Ads will run for 2 issues. Renotify editor for renewal)

Racing Canoe – Excellent Condition

2004 Wenonah J-193 solo, 18 ft, 23 lbs. \$1400. Call Leon 372-8396

NNYP Towpath Regatta Results

(I apologize if I have made any errors in transcription here).

June 14, 2007 4.5 mi.			
C1 – Men Open, Racing	John Sealey	41:53	1
C1 -Men Senior, Racing	Dale Carpenter	39:48	1
C1 – Men Master, Rec	Neal Sands	38:10	1
C1 – Men Vet, Rec	Harold Stata	51:31	1
C1 – Men Vet, Stock	Ken Hottop	52:44	1
C1 – Women Open, Rec	Cindi Pepe	78:49	1
C1 – Women Vet, Rec	Mary McDonald	60:10	1
C2- Men Open, Pro	Chris Selkirk, Ron Selkirk	47:29	1
C2- Men Open, Stock	Robert and Bryan McComick	41:37	1
C2 – Men Vet, Stock	Jim Lord + John Jackson	40:19	1
C2 – Men Master, Stock	Ron Pocchiari, Bob Pocchiari	48:38	1
C2- Men Senior, Stock	Robert Conklin, Jim Doran	49:36	1
C2 – Men Masters, Rec	Don Patneau, Terry Tamer	49:04	1
C2 - Men Open, Alum	Anthony and Gary Stanton	50:16	1
C2- Mixed Master, Race	Pam Fitzgerald, Alex Davis Linda Cooley, Bob Cooley	37:24 40:26	1 2
C2- Mixed Open, Race	Shelly Nevard, Larry Woods	42:44	1
C2 – Mixed Open, Stock	Marie and Michael Borowski	56:40	1
C2 – Mixed Open, Alum	Sierra and Thomas Conklin Amber and Mark Quinn	59:12 60:35	1 2
C2 – Mixed Vet, Stock	Judy Brandow, Rich Hughes Lois and Allan Foster Jan O'Hare, Wil Holt	50:06 55:08 61:48	1 2 3
C-4 – Mixed Open	Bob Rogers, Barb Monroe, Willow Rogers, Caleb Rogers	48:04	1
HINT – THESE >>>> ARE THE ONES	<u>KIM GREINER, ED GREINER,</u> Ursula Greiner, Richard Greiner	50:19	2
	Mark Storti, Barbara Storti, Sam Storti, Racheal Storti	66:06	3
K1-Short, Men Open	Jim Palmer	61:59	1
K1- Long, Women Open	Nancy Eberle	44:37	1
K1-Short, Woman Open	Cindi Jones Debra Moran	58:57 60:12	1 2
K1-Short, Woman Master	Betsy Kaido Helena DeCaspio Mary Ann Kosek	55:38 59:09 78:09	1 2 3
K1- Long, Men, Open	Garth Johnston	49:13	1
K1- Long, Men, Master	Paul Williams John Pecoroni	47:05 54:12	1 2
Sea Kayak - Men Master	Jim Rulison	56:19	1
Guide Boat – Men Open	Alex Greiner	52:39	1
Row Shell – 8 Person	Burnt Hills Men Burnt Hills Women Shenendehowa Masters Shenendehowa Mixed	28:19 31:04 32:04 32:30	
Row Shell – 4 Person	Ann Reilly, Grace Liebers, Lisa Metzger, Elsa Melby Carolyn Manor, Steven Koch, Melissa Ellerup, Will Koch	32:12 33:00	
Row Shell – 2 Person	Dan Fronhofer, Zeph Halsey Daniel Schmidt, Sue Garrett	25:50 32:50	
Row Shell – 1 Person	Cindy McMahan	49:34	

News, News, Everywhere News

It's happening out there, so please get it to Allan Foster: adfos@aol.com, 379 McCormack Rd, Albany, NY 12208, by the 12th of month. Please put NNYP, SWC or Blade in the email subject title line so I don't spam you, and pictures should be less than 100Kb.

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ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS

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Phone numbers in the Ski Chatter are in the 518 area code unless otherwise noted. WEB Site: www.swc-nnyp.org

Your Dues are Due Now!

Your Club year runs from June to the end of May so as of May 31 your dues were due. Every year we have folks who "forget" to pay their dues in June and it results in more work for our hard working volunteers who have to track the membership, change the mailing list and get out the cards (when they get printed). **Send in those dues now!!!**

Thursday Biking a Crowd pleaser

This past month we've been blessed with beautiful weather and a variety of terrain for all levels on our Thursday evening rides. Holly Hawkes led from Burnt Hills on a cool evening, and even turned the heat on in her sunroom when we got back. By the following week things heated up for Nancy Hauenstein, who hosted from Charlton. Terry Tamer and Geoff Moore began and ended their ride from Colonie Town Park, then to Loudonville for the party. (We always look forward to the garden tour to see what's new.) By far, though, Bob Miller and Carol Hamblin in the Altamont hills had the most perfect weather of all so far this season. Thanks to all of our hosts for the spectacular views and warm hospitality.

We're just getting started. For details on upcoming rides check the schedule inside the Chatter.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

July 5 Bike Ride: Jan O'Hare Clifton Park
July 6-8 Paddling weekend at the Clubhouse
July 12 Bike Ride: Lois & Will Seyse Galway Lake
July 19 Bike Ride: Charlene & Dave Campanelli
July 20-22 Paddling weekend at the Clubhouse
July 23-25 Canoe/Camping at Browns Tract
July 26 Bike Ride: Pat Evans & Paul Kurowski Scotia
Aug 2 Bike Ride Celia & Bernie Mansbach Scotia
Aug 9 Bike Ride: Gina & Bill Kornrumpf Rotterdam
August 10-12 Bike weekend at the Clubhouse
Sept 1 Deadline for Mt. Tremblant trip sign up
Sept 28-30 Leaf Peeping at the Clubhouse
Oct 5-8 Paddlers Weekend at the Clubhouse
Oct 12-14 Fall work weekend at the Clubhouse
Every Thursday bike ride leaves at 6:30 Sharp

Lost and Found

Fleece Jacket found, Purple & Black, women's large, Woolrich quarter zip. Found at Clubhouse late march. Call Walt Kangas at 370-5136.

Great Day for a PICNIC!

On June 15th with near perfect weather, approximately 45 SWC members and guests gathered at the Crossings, one of Colonie's Town Parks, to enjoy various sports, activities, great food and most important of all, connecting with friends.

Biking was the first order of the day although some folks preferred walking the bike path or just sitting in the sun relaxing followed by a cold drink with friends in the shade of the pavilion. As more members arrived, the sound of chatter increased.

Soon fresh veggies and dips were circulated while our chefs of the day cooked the sausage with pepper and onion sandwiches. The potluck table has some wonderful salads with the deserts being outrageously delicious. And our SWC friends continued to arrive.

Folks came from near (the other side of the park) and far (Italy) in time to enjoy the outing. There were Frisbees and a couple of bocce ball games in progress but the main focus of the day was the fabulous picnic.

Special thanks for their help in making our Annual Picnic so wonderful go to Kathy Perrego for organizing the event, Heidi Walsh and Jon Skalwold, our chefs of the day, Judy Brandow for making the arrangements with the Crossings and all those who helped to make sure the pot luck goodies were the best ever. Submitted by Kathy Perrego

The Forty-Sixers Remember Al

The Adirondack Forty-Sixers meet twice a year - once in the Spring and once in the Fall. Many of you may not be aware that the organization was originally formed by a group of hikers from a church in Troy. Since that founding, it has been tradition to hold a Vespers Service prior to each meeting. At this time, all those who have started "climbing the Celestial Hills" since the previous meeting are remembered. At the Spring Meeting on May 27th in Lake Placid, Al Fairbanks was among those remembered. At the end of the service, each hiker's name and 46er number is read, there is a moment of silence followed by the singing of a Forty-Sixer song and then taps. It is always very moving.

2007 Bike Ride Schedule

July 5	Jan O'Hare	Clifton Park
July 12	Lois & Will Seyse	Galway Lake
July 19	Charlene & Dave Campanelli	
July 26	Patricia Evans & Paul Kurowski	
Aug 2	Celia & Bernie Mansbach	Glenville
Aug 9	Gina & Bill Kornrumpf	Rotterdam
Aug 16	Allen Vollmer	Clifton Park
Aug 23	Carolyn & Pete Pfaffenbach	Glenville
Aug 30	No ride (too dark)	

Ride Information

The mechanics of participating are simple. **Call the host to let them know you are coming** so they can plan refreshments. Allow enough time to arrive by 6:15 PM. Rides begin at 6:30 SHARP. If you need a hand with your bike (air in tires, adjustments) get there even earlier and someone will be happy to help you. A helmet is required.

The rides are usually divided into **longer** for the experienced and **shorter** (less hilly) for the more novice riders. The host provides route maps, and refreshments after the ride, (like soda, beer, snacks, and pizza.) It is customary that **each participant contributes \$5.00** towards the host's expenses.

Directions to Rides/ Host Homes

July 5 Jan O'Hare - 383-4768
45 Glenbrook Ct., Clifton Park

From Albany take Northway to Exit 9, go left on Route 146 for a short distance to a right turn on Plank Road which you will follow for 8 or 9 blocks -- watch for "Woodcliff" on your left, the next left is Glenbrooke Ct. Jan's house is the first on left past "dead end" sign, park in driveway on right. From Schenectady (West) take Route 146 East to a left onto Bruno Road. Right on Plank Road (at the end), First right onto Glenbrooke Court.

July 12 Lois & Will Seyse
Galway Lake - Phone # - see below

Lois and Will Seyse will host from the camp on Galway Lake. Take 147 North out of Scotia to the Light in Galway, Left at Light (just past Ryan's Funeral Home). Right onto Lake Road at top of hill (one mile from light). Do not follow road to the left (you will be lost). Stay on Lake Rd. for 1/2 mile. Turn Left into Ruback's Grove (small sign), there is a Picnic Pavilion on the left just inside the grove. Bear right onto the road just past the Pavilion. Follow the SWC signs (very small) and camp is on the left (It may say Buhrmaster on it). The phone is **882-1830 that night** or **382-1757 days** to let them know you are coming. **Bring Bathing suits!!** There is a great beach and a fine selection of watercraft.

July 19 Charlene & Dave Campanelli
112 Pheasant Walk, Guilderland 356-2135

From Schenectady take 890 east to exit 9B (last exit before Thruway exit 25.) Left on Carmen Rd. Go about 2 miles. Right into Pheasant Walk they are at the cul de sac.
From Albany take Thruway to exit 25. Take first exit off of 890 (exit 9) right onto Curry Rd. Left at light (Mobil station.) onto Carmen Rd. Go about 2.4 miles to Pheasant Walk on right.
From Route 20 go west. Right onto Route 146. Go about 1 mile to Pheasant Walk on left.

July 26 Pat Evans & Paul Kurowski
343 Saratoga Road, Scotia 384-3425

From Scotia take Route 50 north (Saratoga Road), for 3+ miles. Pass the Hannaford and Price Chopper Plazas and the Community Church driveway on your left, go past one more driveway and ours is the third - with the reflectors. There is a long curved driveway and a small brick house.

If going south on Route 50, look for Lee Street. Fourth driveway on right after Lee Street, with the reflectors and after the fir trees. It is the one at the break in the guardrail.
From Northway Exit 9 (Clifton Park) go west on Rt. 146 for about 8 miles. Go straight at traffic light onto Glenridge Road (do not make left at light on 146) when you reach Route 50 (Saratoga Road), turn right (north) and go another 1/2 mile - look for #343 (see details above, "From Scotia").

August 2 Celia & Bernie Mansbach 393-3475
3 Deerfield Place, Scotia

Enter Scotia via the Western Gateway bridge from Schenectady (Rt 5) . Turn right at Rt 50. After 1.5 miles, turn left onto Swaggertown Rd. Take first left at Horstman Dr. and then 4th right onto Glenview Dr, then 2nd left onto Deerfield Place. House is #3, Grey ranch towards end of the street.

August 9 Gina & Bill Kornrumpf
335 Terrace Rd., Rotterdam 370-4017

The ride will be uphill on the Tomlinson training ride or down hill to the bike path.

From Schenectady, take I-890 West to the Campbell Rd exit (2A). Follow Campbell Rd. to the Rotterdam Mall, turn right at light onto Putnam Rd. Follow Putnam Rd. up hill across railroad tracks, turn right first road past railroad tracks (the sign says West Hill), follow road to the left and their house is the sixth on the left.

From Albany, take the Thruway to exit 25 and follow I-890 West past the GE main plant to the Campbell Rd. exit. Then follow instructions above.

August 16- Allen & Barbara Vollmer
30 Leonardo Dr., Clifton Park 383-0341

From the Northway, take exit 10. Go West short distance and turn left onto Pierce Rd. Take Pierce Road to the end, cross Kinn's Road and continue straight on Twilight Drive to the end. Turn right onto Appletree, go one block and turn left onto Leonardo Drive.

From Schenectady, From Rt 146, turn left at 146A. Continue on 146A for a few miles and turn right onto Kinns Road. At Country Knolls South entrance, turn right onto Twilight Drive. Follow directions above on Twilight.

Aug 23 Carolyn & Pete Pfaffenbach
68 St. Stephens Ln WEST, Scotia - 399-8212

Caroline & Pete (pool and hot tub) Pfaffenbach will host in the Burnt Hills/Glenville area. Bring your bathing suits to 68 St. Stephens Lane West. From Scotia, go North on Rt 50, Left onto Van Buren at traffic light. Right onto St. Stephens Lane WEST (this is the Second St. Stephens Lane!) (don't try EAST you will get lost) house is on Left past jog in road.



The SWC riders ready to start the Miller/Hamblin ride in Altamont

President's Corner: by Bill Schaefer **SWC goes back to the future.**

It seems appropriate in our 75th year of club operations that our records are now safely stored in an archive facility. After years of being housed in basements, attics, and garages, our records dating back to the earliest days of the club formation are now in the climate-controlled storage of the Adirondack Research Library.

Our records detail the start of the ski trains, which truly shaped the 20th century development of the Adirondacks – particular the Gore Mountain region. One record I viewed was the minutes of the snow train committee, which had done surveys to determine where to send the first snow trains. This is a priceless history. This committee included Nobel Prize laureate Dr. Irving Langmuir and other very important people. It is fascinating that these giants of 20th century industry and science volunteered and found the time for club activities.

Soon, the library will undertake cataloging and scanning of the records which will make it possible to have them available on our website. They will also transform our old movies into DVD formats. The ARL will be seeking anyone interested in volunteering for the duplication project. There will be more information to come on that topic at a later date. If you happen to be in possession of anything related to the early club days, it would be great to have it preserved for generations to come. If you contact me we can discuss adding the original or a copy to club archives. For more information on the ARL, visit <http://www.protectadks.org/>

Membership Card Delay

We are experiencing a delay with our printer in obtaining membership cards for the '07-'08 season. Please be assured that if you have sent in your membership for the new season your membership has been recorded. We will send out the new cards as soon as we receive them.

In Memoriam: Ellie Smith

Our long time member and reservations chairwoman Ellie Smith passed away on June 12 at the family summer home in Situate Mass. The Chatter did not have any details at press time. We extend our sympathy to her husband Bob and their family.

THINK SNOW! Ski Trip Plan Mont Tremblant Mar. 23 – 30 (08)

While we are enjoying the summer sun and fun with friends, Warren and I are thinking about winter and fun in the snow. This past season the snow was very sporadic around here, and only a little bit better in Vermont – at least for cross-country skiers like us. We have decided to seek out snow, searching as far north as Quebec. We have located several chalets, which will house up to 12 people in comfort. Would you be interested in a week of fabulous cross-country skiing?? If there are enough people interested in this idea, we will book a chalet. One chalet has an indoor pool, some have saunas, and all have fireplaces, full kitchens, linen provided, washer/dryer and more. If you are also a downhill skier, Mont Tremblant is an easy ride down the road. We are looking at the area just south of Mont Tremblant where cross-country trails go on for miles and miles. We would like to maximize the winter season around here, and extend skiing into late spring, which is still good skiing up north, probably the week of March 23, 2008. The idea would be to arrive Sunday evening, maybe car-pooling and stay until Saturday. Meals would be jointly prepared. We're estimating the cost of housing would be around \$220 per person and food another \$50 or so. The cost of tickets or activities in the village would be in Canadian dollars (an advantage to us). If you are interested in this adventure please contact us by email (burton@mybizz.net) or phone 872-2333. We understand many people cannot make a commitment at this time of year for March of next year. Nonetheless we will need a firm commitment, with a deposit of \$100 per person by September 1st. Space is limited, so let us know your level of interest sooner than later. *Warren and Jean Burton*

Update on SWC Alpine Ski Team Summer Training Program

YOUR SWC Alpine Ski Team is currently training for the Winter 2007-2008 ski season and the focus for this summer seasons training sessions is Tip Top and Tight Thighs, for, as we all know, the tighter our thighs the more tipper our tops and the faster we'll go, and the better we'll look as we zip zap through the gates in our downhill racing suits—at least for those of us who dare to wear spandex.

JOIN your Alpine Ski Team Thursday evenings for the Thursday Night Bike Rides.

Clubhouse Corner:

There is a **change in Clubhouse leadership**. Howard Westerholt has turned over Director duties to Walt Kangas. Clubhouse rules will not fundamentally change, except that Clubhouse usage payments should be sent to Walt rather than Howard. The Billing Sheets at the Clubhouse already reflect this change. Dawn Knutson has turned over Clubhouse reservations to Ed Miller. Ed will start taking reservations in the fall (starting with the Thanksgiving weekend). Thanks to Howard and Dawn for their hard work over the years.

The Clubhouse is available for **use in the summer**. The **Waterbury Reservoir is now full of water** and the beach is a short walk from the Clubhouse. In a continued effort to promote Clubhouse usage, kids stay for half the summer rate (\$6). Meal rates (when offered) are the same. Kids 6 and under are free when with their parents. Events that have been planned are listed below. If you plan to be at the Clubhouse during one of these events, call the organizer listed in the articles elsewhere in the Chatter to ensure that you have a space. If you would like to organize an event or have a large group going to the Clubhouse, please give Kathy Perrego (869-1155) or Walt Kangas (370-5136) a call. We do not have a Host for the fall paddlers weekend – give Walt a call if you are interested.

Events

July 6-8. Canoeing and Biking with Judy and Terry

July 20-22. Canoeing with Ed and Kathy

Aug 10-12. Biking with Walt

Sept 28-30 Leaf Peepers Weekend with Jean & Warren Burton hosting.

Oct 5-8. Paddlers Fall Weekend (Need a Host)

Have a great summer

The Clubhouse Committee

Spring and Summer Special Weekends at the Clubhouse

Call Kathy Perrego on 869-1155 if you would like to sponsor an event. We have lots of volunteers who can help you with the planning and mechanics during the weekend so don't be shy.

Paddling at the Clubhouse July 6-8

Terry Tamer and Judy Brandow (518-482-4610 to make your reservation) will be your paddling weekend hosts. There is great biking and hiking in the area too so bring all your toys and join us. The **Stoweflake Hot Air Balloon Festival**, one of Vermont's most popular summer celebrations, is also being held this weekend. (details at www.stoweflake.com). To see what's happening in Stowe this summer visit www.gostowe.com.

Canoeing Weekend July 20-22

Kathy Perrego and Ed Miller are joining to chair a canoe weekend at the clubhouse. Bring your favorite toys: bike, canoe, kayak, hiking boots, credit cards, whatever. Kathy has great plans for dinner and Ed will serve breakfasts and lead the canoe trips. One trip will be around the newly filled Waterbury reservoir. Paddling on the Winooski and/or the Green River Reservoir are also possibilities. Contact Ed at 489-7216 or via e-mail at Miller430@aol.com for reservations.

Browns Tract Canoe Camping July 22-?

Coming home from the clubhouse on Sunday, July 22nd, Mary and Ed plan to go to Browns Tract state park near Raquette Lake Village for 3 or 4 days of canoe camping. You are invited. We are allowed a tent on our campsite, if interested in camping, contact Ed (above). Otherwise, let us know when you arrive at Browns Tract and join us for the next day's paddle.

Bike, Barbecue & Antique Cars with Walt Aug 10-12

Walt Kangas will be hosting a bike weekend and barbecue at the Clubhouse on the weekend of August 10-12. This is the **50th Stowe Antique and Classic Car Meet**. The bike rides will be as easy as the Stowe Bike/Hike path to as challenging as you would like to make it. There are many rides of moderate difficulty with great views of the green countryside. The ultimate ride is over Smugglers Notch and back to Stowe via many of the back roads north of Stowe. Give Walt a call on 370-5136 to sign up for his weekend.

Luau in Vermont Aug 24-26

Come, enjoy the beautiful Vermont air this **August 24, 25, 26** with Sophie! (That's Fri-Sat-Sun). Sophie and her "Helpers" have planned a fun weekend, including Saturday luau with the following activities:

- *Best Hawaiian-themed costume*
- *Best Hula Dancer (lessons by Sophie)*
- *Best Pineapple Jumper (think ski jump--no balcony use allowed!)... Volunteer Judges needed*
- *Best Hawaiian Drink Mixer (libations provided)*
- *Best Ukulele Player (lessons by Sophie)*

Other weekend attractions: swim, canoe, hike, walk, read, bask, breathe, eat, talk & laugh! If you need any more motivation to join in, we can't help you! So, hope to see ya there! "Be there, or Be Square"! Sophie will be taking reservations for the "Luau In Vermont" during the Aug. 24-26th weekend. My phone number (518) 459-1121 or e-mail:

8 sophia.leary@att.net

Look at those Glorious Colors 9/28-30!

Vermont is beautiful in all seasons, but the fall is spectacular. Plan to come to the Club House the last weekend in September (9/28 to 30) to enjoy the foliage. This is the **Annual Stowe Oktoberfest Weekend** for those interested in things German. There will be lots of opportunities for canoeing and other recreations. In addition, Warren Burton will lead those interested in some photography expeditions. This is a no brainer for awesome photos. Bring your camera, your canoe, your hiking shoes, and your smile. Give Warren and Jean a call to make a reservation, 872-2333.

What's Happening at Stowe?

A great website to access when wanting to find out what's happening in Stowe at any time is www.gostowe.com then at the top center of the page, click on "THINGS TO DO". You'll find all kinds of fun things to do as you plan your spring and summer outings.

SWC Goodies on Sale

To help celebrate **SWC's 75th year**, we have SWC decals in two sizes, patches and a great SWC logo fleece.

The larger decals (2.5 inches) are great for helmets and car windows. The smaller (about half size) are great for ski tips, poles, and helmets with limited space for a decal. The decals will help make your equipment unique (easier to find in the ski rack and harder for someone to accidentally take the wrong equipment). They also make good conversation starters while riding the chairlift. The patches can be sewn on jackets and ski bags. Displaying these gets our Club visibility out in the world and helps recruit new members. The Fleece is from LL Bean and have the SWC Logo embroidered on the chest. They're a lightweight black 1/4 zip pullover and are in both men's and women's styles. Cost is \$40 each, payable to SWC.

Large decals are \$3, small decals are \$1 and the patches are \$3. See Walt Kangas at one of the summer events or you can send a self-addressed envelope; listing those items you want, with a check made out to SWC to the address below. Mark the envelope - SWC Goodies and include your phone number in case Walt has questions.

This is just the start of our **75th** celebration.

Walt Kangas, 1061 Waverly Place
Schenectady NY 12308

Names and Numbers to Remember

Board of Directors:

Bill Schaefer, Pres	H 370-0229
Pete Weykamp, VP Administration	H 785-6433
Anna Dugan, VP Nordic	H 489-5092
Kathy Perrego, VP Activities	H 869-1155
Dorie Valenti, VP-Alpine	H 334-0652
NNYP President	(open)
Lat Schmidt, Secretary,	H 372-2915
Ray Asselin, Treasurer	H 355-1882
Walt Kangas, Lodge Director	H 370-5136
Tony Dorangrichia, At Large	H 435-9981
At Large	(open)
Rich Vanderwood, At Large	H 368-1149
Jon Skalwold, Past Pres.	H 382-8458

Others:

Jean Burton, Membership	H 872-2333
Gina Kornrumpf Bike coordinator	H 370-4017
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Change Of Address Notices

Change of Address notices should be sent to: burton@mybizz.net or Jean Burton, PO 46, Gallupville, NY 12073. Do not send them to the editors, or to the Club PO Box, they will get lost.



SWC'ers enjoying the food and company at the summer Picnic at the Crossings

Membership Application 2007-08

June 1, 2007 to May 31, 2008

Schenectady Wintersports Club & Northern New York Paddlers
PO Box 228, Schenectady NY, 12301

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Northern New York Paddles
PO Box 228
Schenectady New York 12301**

Name _____

Age Group 18-29 30-39 40-55 56-69 70+

Address _____

ZIP _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

New Member () Renewal () \$20 individual () \$30 Family ()

For Family Membership, please indicate

Name of Spouse _____

Age Group 18-29 30-39 40-55 56-69 70+

Names and Ages of Junior Members _____

To qualify for family membership, children must be under 18 or 18 and still in High School.

Please indicate your Activity interests. Check as many as applicable;

Alpine Skiing () X-C Skiing () Paddling () Biking ()

Hiking () Ski Trips Western US, Canada, Europe ()

Ski Racing () Wilderness/canoe camping () Canoe Racing ()

Other _____

Interest in Club administration? If so what areas _____

Interest in working with the NY Capital District Ski Council ()

Comments _____

Make check payable to SWC and mail with the completed application to the above address.

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