

The Walker

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The President's Message

Happy Summer Solstice!!

I have had the opportunity to work on our trail section the past 2 weekends; in particular, the first 2 miles from Rockfish Gap heading south that I share with Fran as an overseer. The rain has definitely got things growing along with little streams along this section I've never seen before. At the moment, I think my biggest worry about all the fine work we completed yesterday is how much poison ivy I got into. It was indeed flourishing!

As mentioned in previous Walkers, the 2013 ATC biennial conference in Cullowhee, North Carolina is coming up soon – July 19-26. It appears registration is still open. You can access more information via the ATC or ODATC websites. I noticed on our ODATC website there are some blog posts for those interested in carpooling. Also on the conference site, there is a "Ride Board" link.

Thinking ahead, at our November general meeting we will be holding elections for the 2014-2015 ODATC Board. There are quite a number of positions that will be open for interested club members. These include: President, Membership, Newsletter, Activities, Programs, Land Management, Secretary, and Treasurer. Some current board members have agreed to serve another term. However, all positions are open for consideration of potential nominees at this time. If you or someone you know would be a good candidate for any of these positions, please have them contact me (odatc.president@gmail.com) or Randy Wendell (odatc.programs@gmail.com). For more information, on these positions, please see article elsewhere in this Walker.

In the summer, maintenance of our section is most important. As I mentioned the vegetation is growing. There was a good turnout at our June monthly work trip. Check out the Rockfish to Reeds blog post for details and photos of the crew. I have to say it is rewarding to have hikers go by and express their thanks for the hard work we do. Hopefully, they'll give back to a club or trail in their area when they return to their homes wherever that might be. Come on out and give it a try; and volunteer on the 3rd Saturday of each month. Not to be overlooked, hiking season is still in full swing so check out the hiking opportunities in the activity section.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer! Happy Trails!

Theresa Duffey

ODATC Hike Rating Codes

Hiking boots are strongly recommended for all hikes. Hikers must be properly equipped, aware of their limitations & hike within their ability. In the interest of safety, activity coordinators may refuse to allow participation by club members or their guests.

Terrain
 1 = Very Strenuous
 2 = Strenuous
 3 = Moderate
 4 = Easy

Distance
 A = More than 13 miles
 B = 9 to 13 miles
 C = 5 to 9 miles
 D = Under 5 miles

CARPOOLING Please honor the following suggested donation to your driver when carpooling to and from hikes: \$10 per rider for travel to and around the Charlottesville area (60-70 miles approx.) \$15+ per rider for travel beyond Charlottesville (over 75 miles).

Trips, Treks, and Talks – Jenni Pendergrass, Contributor

The hot weather may slow us down but keep checking the schedule for events posted after The Walker deadline. We hope to schedule another social at Legend's in August and maybe a car camping trip to Prince William Forest Campground before summer ends.

July/August Activities

July 13 (Saturday) The Larry Murtaugh Memorial Hike and Swim (C/3)

Peggy Kyte (peggy.kite@comcast.net) and Randy Wendell (randy.wendell@verizon.net) This moderate hike, Moorman's River, features an outstanding swim hole that is an ideal way to beat the heat. The water will be cold, but total submersion is required of all participants. Afterwards everyone is encouraged to dine on Mexican food at a nearby restaurant just as Larry would have done. Contact Peggy or Randy for more details.

KAMPOUT FOR KIDS (D4) JULY 12-14

Sue Kropp (276-0070 or Freshair82@comcast.net) Parents or Grandparents, give your elementary/middle school kids an opportunity to experience nature up close and personal. Join us for a kids-centered weekend of camping, hiking, swimming, and kayaking. We may even hunt for sharks teeth on the beach. We have 3 sites reserved at Westmoreland State Park in Westmoreland County on the Potomac River's Northern Neck, so space will be limited. Six people per site. Adults without kids are welcomed, but adults with kids will get first preference. Contact Sue Kropp by July 4 for more details.

July 19-27 ATC Biennial Conference - Cullowhee, NC

Join other club members for this fun week in North Carolina. Visit the ATC web site for registration details, schedule of events, and hikes.

July 20 (Saturday) Maintenance Trip

Monthly work trip on the ODATC section of the AT. This is an all-day event. Bring water, lunch and work gloves. Dress for weather. Contact Lori (804-397-5306), Fran (804-270-6908) or send an email to odatc.trailmaint@gmail.com to register and for additional information. Please respond by July 17th if interested.

August 2 (Friday) Footloose at Dogwood Dell

Our summer gathering at Dogwood Dell may bring out hidden talents of the best ODATC dancer!! Play starts at 8:00 pm but come early with your picnic basket and chairs. Club members are usually down front so look for us there.

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Comments and/or pictures from your activities can be posted to the club Facebook page. What is your favorite hike? Found a new trail snack? What is the best food you've eaten while backpacking? Share it with others through our Facebook page!!

Looking Ahead...

...mark it on your calendar NOW!

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 - ODATC GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING - Hiking the Long Trail, presented by Bob Nelson, ODATC Member

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19 - ODATC GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING - Program to be Determined

Club Meetings

Club meetings are held on the third Tuesday of January, March, May, September, and November. The next meeting is May 21 at 7 PM at Trinity Lutheran Church 2315 N. Parham Road, Richmond. The Board meets monthly on the first Wednesday. If you have anything you would like to present or discuss, please contact Theresa Duffey, odatc.president@gmail.com.

Friends are welcome!!

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Board Members Needed

(How important is having an ODATC to you?)

Nominations are needed for the following positions on the ODATC Board of Directors: *President, Secretary, Treasurer, Land Management, Activities, Programs, Newsletter, and Membership Chairs*. Nominees will be elected at the November 19, General Membership Meeting. Each position is a 2-year term. Board members are expected to attend a minimum of 2/3rds of the monthly board meetings. Contact Theresa Duffey (current president) or Randy Wendell (current programs chair) via the directory listing above to submit your name for a specific position. For more details about the duties of these positions, please contact the current board member or the club president.

Position descriptions follow. Please note that this is a partial description of duties. For a complete summary you should log into the ODATC website, select "Members Only", select "Governing Documents", select "Standing Rules", scroll to position of interest.

President: preside over club and board meetings; serve as Club liaison to the Appalachian Trail Conservancy and serve as the primary Club representative to the Virginia Regional Partnership Committee; attend semi-annual Regional Partnership Committee meetings; act as the Club representative when dealing with outside parties; act as ex-officio on committees; oversee the development, review, and revisions to the Club Land Use Management Plan, various memorandums of understanding (MOU) with ATC, agency partners, and the Commonwealth of Virginia; and coordinate with the Trail Maintenance Chair the submittal in March of current membership list and VIP/VIF forms to the ATC VARO offices and appropriate agency partners.

Secretary: keep minutes of board meetings, handle club correspondence, preserve official records, archival information, and historical materials, and submit annual State Corporation Commission registration.

Treasurer: collect and disburse club monies, record keeping and managing cash and accounts, reconciling the budget and expenditures, preparing annual financial report with summary to be included in the newsletter.

Land Manager: managing the monitoring of the Blue Ridge Parkway / AT corridor boundary monuments and the border they define in accordance and on a frequency with legal requirements, partnerships, and stewardship agreements; coordinate historical and natural resource inventories with appropriate agencies in conjunction with Trail Maintenance Chair; resolve and/or report any land management problems, intrusions, or agreement violations to the Board, ATC VARO offices, and appropriate agency partners; oversee greenway or land preservation programs; maintain and distribute land management maps and other information regarding trail boundaries, land ownership, and preservation and conservation status as required.

Activities: solicit, review, and schedule recreation outings, submit planned outing summaries to newsletter and posting outings to the club website, collecting participation sign-up sheets, develop and distribute guidelines for outings, oversee any training program for outing event coordinators.

Programs: obtain facilities for meetings, coordinate provision of refreshments, arrange a program to include obtaining guest speakers, and oversee other program events such as annual gathering.

Newsletter: produce and submit a newsletter up to six times per year in a timely manner, coordinate with the webmaster to post newsletter on line, maintain a library of back issues.

Membership: recruit new members, maintain membership information, and identify special interest or club-related talent for benefit of club.

Trail Tales – excerpts from the Shelter Logbook

Perhaps some of the ODATC experienced hikers can relate to some logbook notes.

6/26/06 – “And this morning I made my newly acquired instant coffee but discovered that the creamers I have been carrying for the last 50 miles are sour – curdled in fact. Still, Waynesboro was fabulous + at least I have coffee now. I shall press on! To find new creamer! And hopefully someday I shall have them both at the same time!” – Frankenboots

6/2/07 – “In for the night, after 24.5 miles, not too shabby for a piece of living room furniture.” – Couch

5/27/12 – Hiking in pants so the bugs/spider webs can’t get me – Love it!

Hiking with new shoes that aren’t falling apart – Love it! Hiking with new socks – Love it! Seeing two rattlesnakes this morning... DO NOT LOVE IT... Waynesboro again for some dairy-free ICE CREAM... Love it

9/29/06 – “Forgot to write at the last shelter. Was just glad to arrive at Calf Mountain before the rain and hail started. Got a ride into town for resupply + my pack weighs a ton. Don’t shop while hungry. Odd little graveyard near here. Oh, I highly recommend Ming’s Garden for eating in Waynesboro. It’s next to Kroger’s. I can see the moon for the first time in 3-weeks.” – Spinster.

4/20/12 – “In for lunch. Spent night stop Humpback (View). Awoke to find a semi-wild sheep. He was curious, not aggressive. He stayed – I walked on. - Yogi

5/11/12 – No fun in lightning last night, but saw 4 bears today so that’s cool. On to W-boro! – Smiley

7/8/07 – Last journal entry this summer. Today ends Daisy and I’s 225 mile ’07 summer hike. We cannot wait to start again next summer. Met some wonderful people this summer as we have the last 2 summers. We can’t believe we have walked over 800 miles. Happy Trails to all we have met and to all we will meet. This trail is a National Treasure – PROTECT IT!

- Blue Feather & Daisy