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Thanks to **Alan Via #429** the Club now has an archive of all **Catskill Canisters** from 1968 to 2010, which we will be offering on CD's (see page 7). This stuff is absolutely great as you will see for yourself in the samples herein.

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NY FAVORITE CATSKILL HIKE

It is difficult for a hiker who is interested in the flora, fauna, brooks, waterfalls, history, and scenery of the Catskill Mountain area to pick out the most interesting, exciting, or difficult spot, peak, or valley that has enthralled him over a long period of years. But that is what your editor has ordered, so I will select my favorite where all may be found: the southeast escarpment from Windham High Peak, via Acra Point and Black Head, to Stoppel Point--known as the Wall of Manitou to the Indians. It is interesting because it was the northeast line of the famous Hardenburg Patent, and because it started a controversy that is still being debated.

Take two days for the trip. Start at little Utsayantha outside Stamford, a famous and important survey mark on a small island in a small pond. It was the northeast corner of the Patent and the southwest corner of Albany County. The line is supposed to run straight along the ridges to a point near Pine Orchard, the site of the old Catskill Mountain House, on a little dyke between North and South Lakes. The focal points of the trip for me are Windham High Peak, for scenery, and the Stoppel Point area, where one can explore for a week and find something new each day. Ravines, hollows, and cloves radiate from Stoppel in all directions. It's a wild area and it's very easy to start down the wrong clove and land many miles from where you left the car. One way down Stoppel is almost perpendicular into Winter Clove, where bears like to roam, and mushroomS thrive in many varieties. Halfway down, the writer found a clump of Holly Fern, rather rare south of the Mohawk River. Other rare ferns are found here, exciting to a botanist; also all the wild flowers, Mt. Laurel, Azalea, Dogwood, Orchids, Blueberries, Etc.

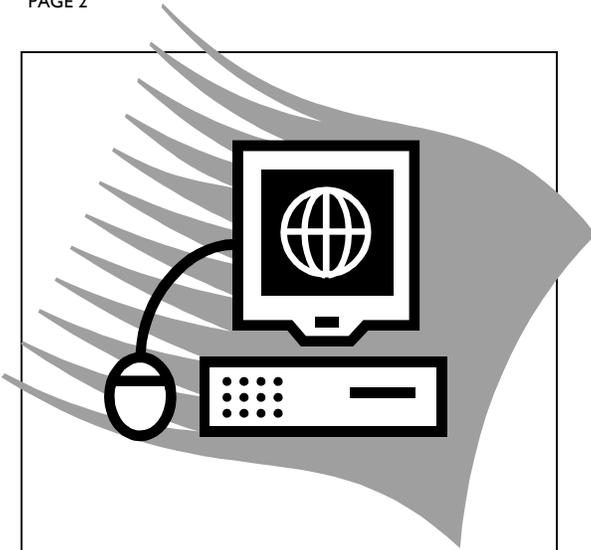
The next clove to the north leads into the Countryman Kill valley and to my favorite spot, the old Yankee Smith Farm with several miles of artistic stone walls, and an

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Nominees for 2011

- President: Jean Taylor
- 1st VP: Tom Rankin
- 2nd VP: Moonray Schepart
- Treasurer: Jay Hui
- Secretary: Laurie Rankin

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The President's Column

With the upcoming annual dinner I will finish my two year term as president. It has been an interesting journey. My goal over that time was to increase the profile of the club's volunteer activities and encourage members and aspirants to get out and contribute. I think I have seen some success in this endeavor, but more help would always be appreciated. Please answer the call each spring and fall when the club goes out to maintain its trail, lean-tos and section of RT 214.

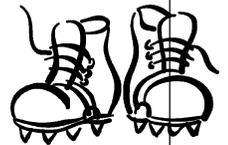
My role on the club's board will now become one of advisor as I will be the new immediate past president. This means that Joe Bogardus will be leaving the board. I would like to thank Joe for all of his advice and help during my tenure as president. I hope I can be as helpful to the incoming president.

One other major change this April is that Ed Gilroy will be stepping down as treasurer. No one seems quite sure how long Ed has been treasurer, but it has been at least 10 years. Ed is one of those people who work quietly and efficiently in the background and makes sure that things run smoothly. Thanks a lot Ed for all of your past and continuing service to the club.

As is detailed elsewhere in the newsletter the Canister archive is now available for purchase in CD format. This is an amazing resource with copies of every single Canister since its inception. This project is due to the hard work and vision of Alan Via. He came to the board with the idea of putting together the archive, solicited the membership for copies, and then did all of the necessary scanning. Thanks also go out to all of the members who contributed their copies of old Canisters for this project. Thanks a lot Alan, this is an incredible living history of the club.

Jeff

[Jeff recently completed the requirements for the Club Service Award.—ed]



Editor to Devote More Time to Growing His Beard. After serving since October, 2005, the current Canister editor is stepping down (at his age 'down' is much easier than 'up') but not to worry, he will be replaced by the ever competent, Ed Gilroy #1305, who is just completing his tenure as club treasurer.

The editor really has enjoyed providing this newsletter over the last five and one-half years. He has found almost all aspects of the job to be fun (what kind of person finds humor in deciding when semi-colons should be used instead of commas?), and he will undoubtedly miss that enjoyment in the future when Canister preparation time rolls around every three months, but he also likes new challenges. Besides the fun of *doing* something, as opposed to *watching* someone else do something, he has found gratification to be the main reward for doing something worthwhile for one's community. Money is important, money is a necessity, but money doesn't even come close to gratification when it comes to warming the soul.

The editor dotes on the thank-you notes he receives from time to time. Accordingly, thanks to all of you who have provided me with so much

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old and unusual stand of Red Pine. There is many a backache, in an old stone wall. The trail down the brook tumbles over many waterfalls and through a stand of "John Burroughs" hemlocks. I have seen pileated woodpeckers here, also many bear signs, and all the CATSKILL wildflowers and ferns.

The other clove to North Lake, or the ridge to North Lake Campsite has everything for an observant hiker and nature lover to get excited about. What's more, if you are not noisy, you may see a bear or wildcat kittens. "Be quiet in the woods. They were God's First Temples." Amen.

--A. T. Shorey, Bridgton, Maine 04009

And how about this dinner invitation.

ANNUAL DINNER MARCH 16

The third annual dinner meeting of the CATSKILL 3500 CLUB will be held in the Crystal Room of The Governor Clinton at Kingston, Saturday, March 16, about 6:00. Since the dinner is a buffet, and cocktails are available, the time of arrival is not critical. Anyone who is not on the mailing list of the dinner committee may send \$5.50 per person to the treasurer. Rooms may be had for \$9.50 and \$13.00. Rudy Strobel, our spring outing chairman, has scheduled a hike up Tremper Mountain for that day "with the thought of being certain that the hikers will have ample time to get to the banquet" Like all mountains with a fire tower, Tremper has an exceptional view and a good trail. The hotel will set a room aside for the convenience of hikers to change before dinner, Meet at the Village Bake Shop, Phoenicia, at 9:00.

THE PERIPATETIC PORCUPINE

A champagne cork popped high into a fir tree on Camel's Hump in Vermont when #16 and #23 finished their 111 on Columbus Day. And the following day #18 completed the 63 New England peaks over 4000.
 * * * #28 has climbed solo all of the CATSKILLS--that--count. Last fall, #1 and #12 led a search party over Balsam Cap in the middle of the night. Who will be the first to do them all at night? #34 claims the record for the longest time between first and last peaks, forty-two years. Some of the all-in-winter tally sheets are so nearly full that #13 is designing a special patch. #3 is working hard to be the first to climb them all with a dog. And I gave #33's pointer a good swat the day that #21 locked his keys in the trunk. * * * #2 is scheduled to receive her 111 certificate in Boston the same day she leads the North Dome hike by remote control. Everyone who has stood on Slide and Hunter has started his 111--only 109 to go! #1 and #17 finished a year ago. * * * #23 established a new AMC record when he completed the 46 in two weeks. * * * Thirty-three persons, including eight guests from New Jersey and one from Virginia, turned out for Balsam Lake Mountain, led by #32. * * * #27 sponsors a hiking club in the high school where he teaches. Several of the students have nearly finished the 3500. #29 is the sponsor of twenty-six miles of the proposed Finger Lakes Trail, which will link the CATSKILLS to the Alleghenies. #12 will enter Wanakena, the N. Y. S. Ranger School, on Oswegatchie River (west of Tupper Lake) next March. The CATSKILLS will seem strangely quiet while he is away.

In Memoriam

The New York Times reports that Janine Pommy Vega, #575, died on Dec. 23. at age 68. Janine was a noted poet and intimate of the Beat generation luminaries Allen Ginsberg and Peter Orlovsky.



In Memoriam

Paul R Valenzuela, #196, passed away on March 9, 2010. He had been living in Dunnellon, Florida in recent years.

Hike Schedule April-June, 2011

Assumed Risk: Hiking involves certain inherent risks and persons participating do so at their own risk. In cool weather, hike participants should avoid cotton clothing, as it retains dampness and the resulting chill can result in hypothermia, **which can lead to death.** Instead, wear (and have available in your pack) garments of wool or fleece. Silk or polypropylene make the best base layers, as they tend to wick moisture away from the body. Hats, gloves, and a headlamp must be part of the standard early spring kit. Ice and snow can still be found unexpectedly in these peaks. In early spring, if there is any doubt about the conditions that may be encountered, each hiker is strongly advised to **bring snowshoes and full crampons to the trailhead**; the leader may advise that these do not have to be taken on the hike, but be aware that while there may be bare ground at the trailhead, there is often very significant ice and snow as the elevation increases, which could result in those improperly prepared being sent back. Anyone not properly equipped may be refused permission to participate, at the leader's absolute discretion. Don't be seduced by buds on the trees at the trailhead, **early spring in the Catskills is not to be treated lightly.**

Rating System: Please be advised that the hikes listed herein would most likely be rated more difficult by clubs who hike in non-mountainous terrains

Cancelations: Please be aware that, **in the case of bad weather or bad driving conditions, most hikes will be canceled; if you are uncertain, please contact the leader before leaving for the hike.** As a matter of courtesy to our volunteer hike leaders, we ask that you let them know as early as possible if you have to cancel your attendance on a hike.

Private Property: All Catskill 3500 Club hikes respect "No Trespassing" signs and the owners' wishes in such regards; leaders shall obtain permission to cross private property when so required.

Volunteer to Lead: If you are a member of the Club please **consider becoming a hike leader.** Just contact Manuel Peraza (outings@catskill-3500-club.org; 718-698-4422 (7pm-9pm)), and Manny will arrange to add you to the low-volume private Yahoo list through which hikes are coordinated. You will be contacted via this means when hikes are needed.

Group Size: All Club bushwhacks are limited to 12 participants including the leaders. The DEC limits group size to 12 in the Wilderness Areas. Accordingly, one should assume that all Club hikes allow no more than 12 participants. If in doubt, please contact the leader.

Sat. Apr. 2 – Spring Litter Pickup

Please join us for our annual Spring Litter Patrol. Please bring work gloves. Helmets, vests, and trash bags will be provided.

Registration Period: Before April 2.

Leader: Elie Bijou #1492

; adironacks@verizon.net;

718-377-2990 (NCA 9pm, Fri; Sat, 6pm).

Sun. Apr. 3 – KAATERSKILL

Distance: 8 mi. Ascent 1900', Elev. 3655'

A moderately paced trail hike and bushwhack.

Registration Period: March 27 – April 2.

Leaders: Tom and Laurie Rankin #'s 1503, 1337;

laurierankin@hvc.rr.com (preferred); 845-926-2182.

Sat. Apr. 9 – DOUBLETOP

Distance: 6 mi. Ascent 1860', Elev. 3862'

A moderately paced bushwhack. Possible bushwhack to Graham if group desires. Well behaved dogs welcome.

Registration Period: March 28 – April 8.

Leader: Bill Winterbottom #1904; billw@usdsoftware.com; 973-222-1077.

Sun. Apr. 10 – NO HIKE SCHEDULED

Sat. Apr. 16 – PANTHER via GIANT LEDGE

Distance: 6 mi. Ascent 1830', Elev. 3720'

A moderately paced trail hike.

Registration Period: April 10 – 14.

Leader: Suzanne Knabe #1326; suzkna@msn.com; 718-435-3092. (after 7pm).

Sun. Apr. 17 – LONE & ROCKY

Distance: 11mi. Ascent 2000', Elev. 3721', 3508'

A very difficult, long and strenuous bushwhack to the most remote peaks. Well behaved dogs welcome.

Registration Period: April 3 – 14.

Leader: Doug Garrity #1757; garrid0@lycos.com; 845-471-1079.

Fri. Apr. 22 – SLIDE

Distance: 7 mi. Ascent 2200', Elev. 4180'

A moderately paced trail hike. We will do a loop that includes the Curtis-Orsmbec trail.

Registration Period: April 10 – 20.

Leader: George Preoteasa #1478; gvp@ms.com; 201-694-8344.

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Each hiker is strongly advised to **bring snowshoes and full crampons to the trailhead**; the leader may advise that these do not have to be taken on the hike,

Sat. Apr. 23 – RUSK

Distance: 4 mi. Ascent 1,600', Elev. 3680'

A moderately paced trail hike and bushwhack.

Registration Period: April 17 – 21.

Leader: Jim Malumphy #890; lump63@hotmail.com;
203-206-0586 (NCA 8pm).

Sun. Apr. 24 - PLATEAU

Distance: 6.9 mi. Ascent 1867', Elev. 3840'

A leisurely paced trail hike.

Registration Period: April 14 – 21.

Co-leaders: Dick Hihn #1746; rhihn@skidmore.edu; and
Joanne Hihn #1745 jhihn@nycap.rr.com; 518-765-4262.

Sat. Apr. 30 - Trail Maintenance

Please join us for the annual Spring Trail Maintenance on our adopted trail on Table and Peekamoose. Here is your chance to do a service activity and bag two peaks.

We will do a two-pronged assault from Peekamoose Rd. and Denning. Please bring the following: hand clippers or loppers, and a folding saw. If you don't have any, the Club has a limited supply.

Registration Period: Before April 30.

Leader: Elie Bijou #1904; adironacks@verizon.net
718-377-2990 (NCA 9pm, Fri; Sat, 6pm).

Sat. Apr. 30 – WESTKILL

Distance: 8mi. Ascent 1700', Elev. 3880'

A moderately paced trail hike, by way of St. Anne's peak. A short car shuttle will be required.

Registration Period: Before April 29.

Leader: Peggy Wissler #1499; 914-260-7506.

Sun. May 1 – WINDHAM

Distance: 7 mi. Ascent 1800', Elev. 3524'

A leisurely paced trail hike along the Escarpment Trail.

Registration Period: By April 29.

Leader: Sue Kenyon #1774; snowsusie88@yahoo.com;
917-613-2042.

Sat. May 7 – HUNTER, SW HUNTER & Leanto Maintenance

Distance: 9mi. Ascent 2225', Elev. 4040', 3740'

A moderately paced trail hike and bushwhack which will include a stop at the John Robb leanto for maintenance and a brief workshop on being a leanto maintainer. The leaders would like you to consider adopting one of your favorite leanto's in the Catskills.

Registration Period: April 30 – May 6.

Leaders: Tom and Laurie Rankin #'s 1503, 1337;
laurierankin@hvc.rr.com (preferred); 845-926-2182.

Sun. May 8 – PEEKAMOOSE & TABLE Leanto Maintenance

Distance: 9mi. Ascent 3000', Elev. 3843', 3847'

A moderately paced trail hike, which will include a stop at the Bouton leanto for maintenance and a brief workshop on being a leanto maintainer. (Also, see previous).

Registration Period: May 1 – 7.

Leaders: Tom and Laurie Rankin #'s 1503, 1337;
laurierankin@hvc.rr.com (preferred); 845-926-2182.

Sun. May 8 – WESTKILL

Distance: 8 mi. Ascent 2400', Elev. 3880'

A moderately paced trail hike.

Registration Period: One week prior to hike date.

Leader: Ken Hubert #1351;
hikeleader3500@yahoo.com; 718-463-5675 after 3pm (or
518-827-7327 Fri & Sat).

Sat. May 14 – BALSAM & EAGLE

Distance: 10 mi. Ascent 1629', Elev. 3600'

A moderately paced trail hike.

Registration Period: Before May 13.

Leader: Peggy Wissler #1499; 914-260-750.

Sat. May 14 – BALSAM LAKE & GRAHAM

Distance: 8 mi. Ascent 2040', Elev. 3725', 3868'

A moderately paced trail hike and bushwhack.

Registration Period: By May 12.

Leaders: Mike & Ellen Dwyer #'s 1453, 1452
jemsdwy@optonline.net; 631-472-9290 (before 9 pm).

Sun. May 15 – FRICK, QUICK, & HODGE PONDS

Distance: 14 mi. Ascent 1400'

A pleasant woodland hike to three seldom visited ponds in the western Catskills. The hike will utilize marked trails and snowmobile routes forming a chain-like hike with several loops.

Registration Period: During the week before the hike.

Leader: Aaron Schoenberg #1582;
askus3@optonline.net (preferred) ; 845-987-4893.

Sat. May 21 - BLACKHEAD Range Traverse

Distance: 9 mi. Ascent 2760', Elev. 3940', 3980', 3940'.

A moderately paced, but strenuous trail hike. Car shuttle required.

Registration Period: By May 5.

Leader: Carol Nestor, #1325; 914-683-3858 (NCA 9 pm).

Sun. May 22 - HALCOTT

Distance: 4 mi. Ascent 1700', Elev. 3537'

A moderately paced bushwhack.

Registration Period: May 8 – 20.

Leader: George Preoteasa #1478; gvp@ms.com;
201-694-8344.

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In case of bad weather or bad driving conditions, most hikes will be canceled; if in doubt contact the leader.

Sat. May 28 – PANTHER & GIANT LEDGE from Fox Hollow

Distance: 12 mi. Ascent 3000', Elev. 3720'

A brisk trail hike over Panther to Giant Ledge and back. Nice views.

Registration Period: By Thurs, May 26.

Leader: Edna Blanchfield #1245, goatgirl_35r@verizon.net; 845-246-3362.

Sun. May 29 – NO HIKES SCHEDULED**Sat. Jun. 4 – BEARPEN & VLY**

Distance: 8 mi. Ascent 2035', Elev. 3600', 3529'

A moderately paced bushwhack. Well behaved dogs welcome.

Registration Period: May 23 – June 3.

Leader: Bill Winterbottom #1904; billw@usdsoftware.com; 973-222-1077.

Sun. Jun. 5 – FIR & BIG INDIAN

Distance: 9 mi. Ascent 2400', Elev. 3629', 3700'

A moderately paced trail hike and bushwhack. Well behaved dogs welcome.

Registration Period: May 22 – June 2.

Leader: Doug Garrity, #1757, garrid0@lycos.com, 845-471-1079.

Sat. Jun. 11 – BALSAM CAP & FRIDAY

Distance: 7mi. Ascent 2200', Elev. 3623', 3694'

A moderately paced, but strenuous bushwhack.

Registration Period: June 4 – 10.

Leaders: Tom and Laurie Rankin #'s 1503, 1337; laurierankin@hvc.rr.com (preferred); 845-926-2182.

Sun. Jun. 12 – NORTH DOME & SHERRILL

Distance: 6.5 mi. Ascent 2500', Elev. 3540', 3610'

A moderately paced bushwhack. Well behaved dogs welcome.

Registration Period: May 29 – June 9.

Leader: Doug Garrity, #1757, garrid0@lycos.com, 845-471-1079.

Sat. Jun. 18 – INDIAN HEAD

Distance: 7 mi. Ascent 2200', Elev. 3573'

A slower-paced trail hike. Shuttle preferred.

Registration Period: June 10 – 22.

Leader: Bob Krisak #1600; bobocloc2@verizon.net; 609-587-6174 (NCA 8pm).

Sat. Jun. 18 – WITTENBERG, CORNELL & SLIDE

Distance: 10 mi. Ascent 3800'; Elev. 3860, 3780, 4180'

A moderately paced, but strenuous trail hike with steep climbs and rugged terrain. Car shuttle required.

Registration Period: June 10 – 16.

Leader: Jerry Licht #1423; jlicht61@aol.com; 516 477-8602 ((NCA 9pm).

Sun. Jun. 19 – PLATEAU Traverse

Distance: 6.5 mi. Ascent 2100', Elev. 3840'

A moderately paced trail hike. We will take a short side trip on the Warner Creek trail. Shuttle required.

Registration Period: June 5 – 17.

Leader: George Preoteasa #1478; gvp@ms.com; 201-694-8344.

Sat. Jun. 25 – TWIN & SUGARLOAF

Distance: 9mi. Ascent 2600', Elev. 3640', 3800'

A moderately paced hike.

Registration Period: June 19 – 20.

Leader: Suzanne Knabe #1326; suzkna@msn.com (after 7pm).

Sun. Jun.26 – WINDHAM & BURNT KNOB

Distance: 7.2 mi. Ascent 1900', Elev. 3524'

A through trail hike at a moderate pace. Shuttle required.

Registration Period: By June 23.

Leader: Wanda Davenport #523; c3500c@verizon.net; 201-670-8383 (NCA 9 pm).

2011 annual dues for members are now past due. If you have web access you can download and print the renewal form from www.catskill-3500-club.org/Dues%20Notice%202011-1.doc

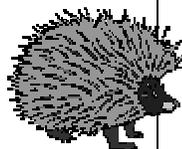
Please send the form, with your check payable to the "Catskill 3500 Club" to: David S. White.

Aspirants (subscribers who have not completed the list of peaks) can download a registration form from the club website www.catskill-3500-club.org and send it to Terri Maxymillian.

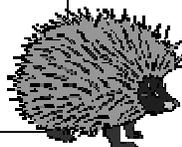
Addresses are listed in the masthead on page 2 of this newsletter.

Also please indicate if you can download the **Canister** from the web, or if you prefer a paper copy.

Palindromic Member Seeks Oil Can. In the fall of 2010 Al Welenofsky, #949 (regular) and #494 (winter) climbed 50 Catskill peaks after having had total knee replacement in 2009.



Taking Advantage of a Free Resource. On Dec. 11 Edna Blanchfield, #1245, finished the notorious "grid" (every peak in every month). Her penance completed, she says she "can go on to more creative ... Catskill adventures". [Oil painting a la Thomas Cole ?]



Remember: the electronic **Canister is available for downloading as of the 15th of the pertinent month.**

Scree

It's Nostalgia Time in the Catskills - The Catskill 3500 Club now has an archive of all **Catskill Canisters** from 1968 to 2010. We are indebted to life member **Alan Via**, #429, who scoured the attics and basements of a multitude of peak baggers in order to obtain every last issue and who, by the miracle of modern engineering (and a lot of patience), then scanned all the **Canisters** into electronic format. This priceless record of our Club's history on a CD will be available for sale at the annual meeting, April 2, for only \$2. per copy (incredibly cheap). The CD is organized by year and the PDF files are individually searchable. For members or aspirants who are not able to attend the meeting, the Club will offer the CD by mail for \$5.00 which includes packaging and shipping. To order by mail, please send your check, payable to the Catskill 3500 Club, to Dave White, Membership Chairman, at his address in the masthead (page 2). To commemorate this event, the reader will notice (we hope) that we have included in the current issue several excerpts from a 1968 **Canister**.

After buying the CD, increase your mountain lore by searching the 1968 Spring issue to find mention of The Old Bark Road "This old road had not been used in over a hundred years, and could be discerned only by looking fifty yards ahead."

Two Sides of the Coin - On Feb 23 the Wall Street Journal reported the Dept. of Interior's rejection of a controversial proposal for a mega-casino in the Catskills. This was good news for Monticello Casino & Raceway, who has been quietly planning a major expansion, and is asking state legislators for help in financing a \$400 million upgrade of its existing harness-racing facility. So the threat of increased traffic, etc. in the area persists.

Don't Go Hungry - Reservations for the Club's Annual Dinner must be received by March 19, 2011; see the last issue for details. Our new speaker will be Catskill native Dick Henry, a former big game biologist for DEC, avid outdoorsman, and peakbagger. His presentation will portray the status of the white-tailed deer in this area, and upcoming challenges to future management. Mr. Henry will also touch on other big game animals such as coyote and black bear.

Belleayre Doings - The Kingston Freeman has reported that the team proposing the controversial Belleayre Resort has announced a new timeline for the project. In a letter dated Oct. 25, the principal backers of

the \$400 million plan, Dean Gitter, Ken Pasternak and Emily Fischer, stated their desire to refute what they said have been unfounded rumors of the project's demise. Gitter said that the supplemental environmental impact statement required by the DEC, and now two and half years in the making is only a few months from completion. According to Gitter, the project size has been reduced again. [Some hope it continues on its spiral towards vacuity. - ed.]

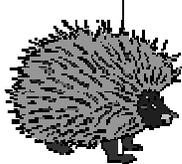
DEC Layoffs - The Times Herald-Record reports that roughly 140 workers at DEC received notice that their jobs are being eliminated. Much of the layoff picture remains unclear, including how many of the 140 cuts would affect Region 3, which includes Orange, Sullivan, and Ulster counties, and which DEC divisions would be hardest hit. The cuts represent a 21% reduction in DEC staff since 2008, and leave the agency with 2,995 employees. "They're decimating the DEC at this point," said Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther, D-Forestburgh, who sits on the Assembly's Environmental Conservation Committee. "With all the issues facing DEC, I don't know how they'll be our watchdog for the environment anymore." [A few letters/emails to the new NY governor supportive of the DEC probably wouldn't hurt. - ed.]

Fracking Around With the Environment - The New York Times reports that former Gov. Paterson ordered state environmental officials to complete revisions to their proposed standards for a controversial type of natural-gas drilling by June and submit them to a new round of public comment. The department had been working on issuing final environmental standards for drilling permits after holding hearings on an earlier draft proposal last year and receiving more than 14,000 written comments. During the campaign, now Gov. Cuomo said that although drilling was important to the state economically, it also had to be safe. [Safer than the Deepwater Horizon we hope - ed.].

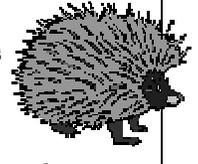
Help Us Get Into the 21st Century - Keep those emails requesting electronic dues notifications and **Canisters** coming. Please send them to Dave White or Terri Maxymillian (see the masthead on page 2 for contact info).

Fire Tower Interpreters Wanted - If you really think preserving structures in the wild is a way of enhancing the mountains' natural beauty, you could volunteer to spread fire tower lore to visitors. For more information contact the Catskill Center at 845-586-2611, ccd@catskillcenter.org. Acrophobics need not apply.

What is a Day Without a Mt. Washington Climb? On Oct. 9 last, **Julie Moran**, #1830 finished her Northeast 111's. As part of her quest she climbed Mt. Washington three times, [we guess to be sure it was there]. To read more send her an email at jmmoran@nycap.rr.com.



She Respects the Environment. Member **Heather Rolland**, #1777, is looking for hikers to join her in climbing the peaks wearing ball gowns. [Is there really that little to do in Olivebridge?] For information, send an email to haliagrace@hotmail.com



CATSKILL 3500 CLUB 1968

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| 1 William Leavitt | 19 Carol Geisler |
| 2 Elinore Leavitt | 20 Ted Wolfrum |
| 3 C.W. Spangenberg | 21 Arthur Pass |
| 4 Kay Spangenberg | 22 Will Merritt |
| 5 Elizabeth Hurd | 23 Ray Donohue |
| 6 Bradford Whiting | 24 George Whitbeck |
| 7 Dorothy Whiting | 25 Clarence Beehler |
| 8 Jerome Hurd | 26 George Gyukanov |
| 9 Paul Almer | 27 John Fish |
| 10 Lee Bowker | 28 Robert Hutt |
| 11 Chris Burchill | 29 Gary Klee |
| 12 Peter Fish | 30 Bruce Clark |
| 13 Ann Fish | 31 Charles Brayton |
| 14 Rudolph Strobel | 32 Lena Hovey |
| 15 Gertrude Bohm | 33 Franklin Clark |
| 16 William Hentschel | 34 Frank Oliver |
| 17 Arthur Beach | 35 Hedwig Oliver |
| 18 Walter Gregory | 36 John Burnley |

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Jan 21 (Sunday) NORTH DOME This will be a moderate hike over a route new to most of us, starting from the West Kill valley northwest of the mountain and following Bennett Brook up to the col between Sherrill and North Dome. A bit of spruce on top. Round trip: 6 miles Ascent: 2000 ft. Elev: 3610 Order: 25
 Leader: One of Elinore Leavitt's hiking family.
 Meeting Place: Village Bake Shop, Phoenicia, 9:00

Feb 3 (Saturday) WESTKILL The Schenectady Chapter Chairman (ADK) proposes to run the ridge, which should be strenuous enough to satisfy the stalwarts, while permitting moderate hikers to stop at the first summit, and leisurely hikers to turn back any time, For those who stay the course: 7 miles Ascent: 2300 ft, Elevation: 3880 Order: 6
 Leader: Will Merritt
 Meeting Place: Warms Restaurant, Tannersville, 8:30

Feb 17 (Saturday) HEMLOCK, SPRUCE, FIR Starting at the height of land at Winnisook Lake, the compass course will take us over the ridge to the northwest, ending at the Bushkill a mile south of Oliveria. This is an excellent place to practice compass hiking, as there are two cols and three obscure summits to be located. A lunch spot with a view has been promised within a half mile of the canister, and a prize (ADK Trees by Ketchledge) will be awarded the first person finding an indigenous spruce on Spruce Mountain. Easy bushwacking with no thickets.
 Distance: 51 miles Aggregate Ascent: 1400 ft. Elevations: Hemlock 3240, Spruce 3380, Fir 3620 Order: 23
 Leader: Franklin Clark
 Meeting Place: Village Bake Shop, Phoenicia, 9:00

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information (articles, feats, notices, gossip, corrections, etc.). Thanks to our long-term regular contributors such as **Dave White #859**, for supplying the lists of the new members and for tidbits of all kinds, **Manny Peraza #1373**, for getting the hike descriptions to me always ahead of schedule, **Wanda Davenport #523**, our one-woman proof reading staff, **Michael Doe-hring #144**, for liaison with the printer and for the annual dinner information, club presidents **Goeff Hoderath, #657**, **Joe Bogardus #1399**, and **Jeff Glans #793** for their columns, and the printer for getting all the issues out on time.

Marty Cohen
 (who won't sleep tonight worrying about whom he forgot to thank).

Our New Members 2011

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| 1882 Jona Hamilton | 11/27/10 |
| 1883 Kashif Akhter | 09/05/09 |
| 1884 David DiCerbo | 11/28/10 |
| 1885 Charlene Rosenberry | 11/30/10 |
| 1886 David F Clark | 10/31/10 |
| 1887 John Kenney | 11/14/10 |
| 1888 Jim Kennard | 12/23/10 |
| 1889 Jamie Kennard | 12/23/10 |
| 1890 Cynthia Mayer | 12/24/10 |
| 1891 Judy Mann | 01/01/11 |
| 1892 Jamie L Earhart | 01/01/11 |
| 1893 Jared N Earhart | 01/01/11 |
| 1894 Richard R Reynolds | 12/26/10 |
| 1895 Stacy Gould | 01/09/11 |
| 1896 Tom Vernooy | 01/11/11 |
| 1897 Debbie Melita | 01/17/11 |
| 1898 Jamie Sabuda | 01/17/11 |
| 1899 Scott Smith | 07/15/10 |
| 1900 John Exter | 01/29/11 |
| 1901 Dmitriy Prokofyev | 01/30/11 |
| 1902 Edward J DeSalvio | 12/24/10 |
| 1903 Erica Gelb | 12/26/10 |
| 1904 Bill Winterbottom | 12/26/10 |
| 1905 Wenke Taule | 02/03/11 |
| 1906 Jeff Weinberger | 02/03/11 |
| 1907 Patricia Wachter | 02/06/11 |
| 1908 Joseph Polcha | 09/19/10 |
| 1909 John Urick | 02/05/11 |
| 1910 Damon Ritter | 02/19/11 |
| 1911 Nathan West | 09/26/10 |
| 1912 Ian Dunn | 09/26/10 |

New Winter Members

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|------------------------|-------|----------|
| 738W Douglas Hamilton | 1519R | 12/31/10 |
| 739W Panxi Xu | 1696R | 01/03/11 |
| 740W Helene Weissman | 1756R | 01/23/11 |
| 741W Sue Kenyon | 1774R | 01/28/11 |
| 742W John Urick | 1909R | 02/05/11 |
| 743W Mary-Helen Hughes | 1855R | 02/12/11 |
| 744W Julie Moran | 1830R | 02/13/11 |

New Life Members

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| 1700 | Moonray Schepart |
| 1853 | Kathleen Hartford |
| 1902 | Edward J DeSalvio |
| ASP | Roleigh Martin |