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Please check out the outstanding work of club member **Alan Via #429** who has created an archive of all **Catskill Canisters** from 1968 to 2010. This is now available from the membership chair.

The Burroughs Range

By Skip Doyle

Whether you begin this trek by driving or taking the bus to Phoenicia, NY, or pitching your tent the night before at nearby Woodland Valley Campgrounds, Catskill Outback offers an economical shuttle to the Slide Mountain trailhead on Mountain Road (Route 47). From the trailhead it is a moderate hike to the Slide Mountain summit. So mild a hike, in fact, that I recommend adding on the side trail to the Curtis-Ormsbee monument, a tribute to two Appalachian Mountain Club members who succumbed to a snowstorm on Mount Washington on June 30, 1900. While Slide Mountain, at 4,180 feet, is the highest in the Catskills, it was hard to imagine a snowstorm on this 90 degree day – testimony that the Burroughs Range, while challenging, is not the White Mountains of New Hampshire.

The summit of Slide Mountain is marked by nothing more than a concrete slab, the remnants of some long ago fire tower. The true treat on the summit is the commemoration to John Burroughs: a plaque with the inscription, "In memoriam, John Burroughs, who in his early writings introduced Slide Mountain to the world. He made many visits to this peak and slept several nights beneath this rock. This region is the scene of many of his essays. 'Here the works of man dwindle' in the hearts of the southern Catskills." I paused for lunch within the cramped grotto where John Burroughs slept – it felt like sacred ground.

Descending the col to Cornell Mountain, the trail is surprisingly steep, and rocky in spots – a salient rock ledge juts out from the hillside with prominent views of Cornell, Wittenberg, and the Ashokan Reservoir below. I remember as a child playing in the meadows and pine forests of the Ashokan Reservoir watershed; at the time, I frolicked unaware that rugged trails and scenic vistas were atop these surrounding mountains. John Muir, contemporary of John Burroughs wittily writes, "We all travel the Milky Way together, trees and men; but it never occurred to me until this storm-day, while swinging in the wind, that trees are travelers, in the ordinary sense. They make many journeys, not extensive ones, it is true; but our own little journeys, away and back again, are only little more than tree-wavings – many of them not so much." On this day at least, John Muir could not accuse me of not venturing into the woods beyond the distance of a tree wave.

On the ascent to Cornell one rock outcropping affords a view back at the northern "slide" of Slide Mountain. The summit of Cornell Mountain is found via a short,

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The President's Corner

On the day after the club's annual dinner – my first full day as president of this organization -- I hiked by myself up to Orchard Point. That's the point that feels like the summit of Plateau but is in fact 2 miles or so from it. From there, I took in the beautiful panorama to the south and west, then walked the short distance to the beautiful panorama to the north. Each bump on the horizon now had a name (I thought that so odd when I first hiked in the Catskills!), and not only a name, but a host of memories attached to it. Mine, all mine, nearly as far as I can see, I thought.

Of course, "mine" is really "ours." We call ourselves "The Stewards of the Catskills", and every time we hike here, we should remember how great it is that earlier folks made the effort to preserve the Catskill Park lands as "forever wild." We should do our part to keep it that way.

I am distressed that some people – I hope not members or aspirants of this club! – have recently been hacking away at the wilderness, and I'm not just referring to the would-be hydro-frackers. I'm referring also to the people who are marking routes up trailless peaks with tape or even cutting paths through to them. The canister on Southwest Hunter used to be an adventure to find; no longer. To a much lesser extent, I'm even referring to people building or maintaining cairns to indicate where a herd path leaves a trail. It might be intended as a friendly gesture of trying to help others find their way to the summit, or it might be a callous disregard of other people's desire for a wilderness experience. In any case, it is a deplorable practice, and if we see others engaged in it, we should initiate a discussion about the value of wilderness: the experience of the hike and the use of one's ability to do wilderness travel and navigation, in addition to the satisfaction of bagging the peak.



I write this leaning on a railing of the closed road along the Ashokan reservoir. There is a sign near me about nesting bald eagles. The sun is setting, the sky is a mixture of clouds and pale blue, many Catskill 3500 peaks are on the horizon, and it is quiet. I am overcome with a feeling that this is my spiritual home, and I love it.

Jean Taylor

yellow-blazed side trail from which the severe eastern face of Wittenberg Mountain is visible. From here, the ascent to Wittenberg looks formidable. But the col – called Bruin’s Causeway – remains above 3,500 feet, so the ascent to Wittenberg is barely noticeable.

What is noticeable is that as you break out of the conifers onto the Wittenberg summit, an entire panorama opens up. To me, this is the most beautiful viewpoint in all the Catskills. Here I encountered members of the Catskill 4000 Club amidst their Independence Day ritual of handing out free Klondike bars – what a welcome treat! And having just climbed Slide, I learned I was halfway to qualifying for membership!

The trek down Wittenberg Mountain to Woodland Valley is a relentless 4 miles. After summiting the three major peaks of the Burroughs Range with their awe-inspiring views, it seems mundane to find yourself under tree cover for hours. The descent is not particularly arduous, but it is psychologically long.

The Burroughs Range lies on the fabled Long Path. Having hiked all those aqua blazes from Fort Lee, NJ, this past year, the Burroughs Range is my favorite segment of the Long Path – for here there are big mountains, history, vistas, but not too difficult terrain – 10 miles, 2,300 feet elevation gain, 8 hours. *The Long Path Guide* cautions the hiker not to get lost on side trails, but the Burroughs Range route is well-blazed, well-maintained, and well-traveled. And with the NY-NJ Trail Conference map #43, the path is easy to follow.

Woodland Valley campgrounds – a sight to be grateful for! At the end of my trek, I indulged in a reserved campsite. The site (#19), right on Woodland Creek, had a feeling of remoteness while still being near a bathroom and shower. It was wonderful to sleep with the countless stars of a black night overhead, and waken to songbird soloists with a chorus of chirping birds. In the words of John Burroughs’ senior contemporary, Walt Whitman: “Now I see the secret of the making of the best persons, it is to grow in the open air and to eat and sleep with the earth.”

Lean-to Activity

Catskill Construction Crew is gearing up for a busy 2011. We have plans to build a new lean-to at Shandaken Creek. This lean-to has been fully funded by a private individual. We will be working with the NYSDEC Region 3 to build a brand new lean-to on site. This will be a new experience for the crew as the John Robb lean-to had been pre-built, then numbered, disassembled and moved to the site for us to put back together. We expect the building of this new lean-to to take about 8 working days before the snow flies!

The other project that we have plans for this summer is to refurbish the Devils Acre lean-to. We will be putting on a new roof and floor as well as restraining the entire structure and replacing the outhouse door! We will be working with the NYNJTC, who are funding this project and the NYSDEC Region 4 to complete this project. We anticipate about 4 working days for this.

The biggest aspect of both of these projects is the VOLUNTEERS! We need lots of help to accomplish these two projects. No experience is necessary! If interested, please contact Laurie Rankin at laurierankin@hvc.rr.com.

We had two very successful lean-to workshops with the NYNJTC the first weekend in May with 31 persons attending between the two events. All were given instruction on how easy the task of lean-to maintenance is as well as what a great excuse it can be to get out in the woods! Thanks to all of those who showed an interest in this!

Laurie Rankin

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 July - September, 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. July 2 - Wittenberg, Cornell & Slide

Distance: 10 mi. Ascent 1800' Elev. 3860', 3780', 4180'

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

Registration: June 25 - June 30

Leader: Mike & Ellen Dwyer #1453 & #1452
jemsdwy@verizon.net - 631-472-9290 before 9pm

Sun., July 3 - Westkill Mtn.

Distance: 8 (6.4) mi. Ascent 1900', Elev. 3880'

A through trail hike at a moderate pace. Shuttle required. Severe heat, will do the shorter up and back.

Registration: By 6 PM July 2.

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

Sat., July 9 - Sugarloaf

Distance: 7 mi. Ascent 1850', Elev. 3800'

A strenuous trail hike at a leisurely pace.

Registration: by July 7

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

Sun., July 10 - PLATEAU

Distance: 7 mi. Ascent: 2100' Elev. 3840'

A moderately paced trail hike. Heavy rain will cancel the hike. Hike may involve a short car shuttle

Registration: Please call the leader to register by Thursday of the week of the hike.

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

Sat., July 16 - GRAHAM & BALSAM LAKE

Distance: 10 mi. Ascent: 2100' Elev. 3861', 3723'

Moderately paced hike on maintained and unmaintained trails and fire tower. Bad weather cancels.

Registration: July 6 - 14.

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

Sun., July 17 - Ashokan High Point

Distance: 7 mi. Ascent: 2070', Elev. 3080'

Moderately-paced trail hike to one of the 100 highest peaks with great views. Well-behaved dogs welcome.

Registration: Contact leader(s) for full details.

Leaders: Heather Rolland #1777, W#757; Thomas

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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,

Moeller #1778, W#756 haliagrace@hotmail.com

694-8344.

Sat. July 23 – Westkill Mtn.

Distance: 9 mi. Ascent: 1900' Elev. 3880'

A moderately paced trail hike. Heavy rain will cancel the hike. Hike may involve a short car shuttle.

Registration: Contact Leader by July 21st.

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

Sun., July 24 – HUNTER WITH YOGA

Distance: 8.5 mi Ascent: 2225' Elev. 4040'

A moderately paced trail hike with a yoga experience at the summit. Well behaved dogs welcome.

Registration: Contact leader for more information:

Leader: Heather Rolland #1777; W #757
haliagrace@hotmail.com

Sat., July 30 – RUSK

Distance: 4 mi. Ascent: 1600', Elev. 3680'

Mod. paced bushwhack. Well behaved dogs welcome.

Registration: July 18 – July 28

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

Sat., July 30 – 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: Please contact the leader to register between July 16th and July 27th.

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

Sun., July 31 – PEEKAMOOSE & TABLE

Distance: 9 mi. Ascent: 2950' Elev. 3843', 3847'

A moderately paced trail hike. Rain cancels.

Registration: July 25th through July 29th.

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

Sat., Aug. 6 – HALCOTT

Distance: 4 mi. Ascent 1720', Elev. 3520'

Moderately paced bushwhack. Behaved dogs welcome.

Registration: July 25 – Aug 4

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

Sun., Aug. 7 – BALSAM MT

Distance: 5.5 mi. Ascent: 1700' Elev. 3600'

Moderately paced loop trail hike to a peak with a great view. Bad weather cancels.

Registration: July 26 – Aug 4.

Leader: George Preteasa #1478; gvp@ms.com; 201-

Sat., Aug. 13 – BEARPEN & VLY

Distance: 8.5 mi. Ascent: 2375'. Elev. 3600', 3529'

Moderate to relaxed-pace hike from the north up Ski Run Road, then bushwhack. Shuttle required.

Registration: Please contact leader before Aug. 12.

Leader: David White, #859, ccswhite@juno.com; 315-853-6942

Sat., Aug. 13 – Thomas Cole, Black Dome & Blackhead

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

A moderately paced but trail hike with shuttle.

Registration: Aug. 1 to Aug. 11

Leaders: Mike & Ellen Dwyer # 1454 & 1453
jemsdwy@verizon.net; 631-472-9290 NCA 9 pm

Sun., Aug. 14 – WINDHAM TRAVERSE

Distance: 7 mi. Ascent: 1700'. Elev. 3524'

A trail hike at a moderate to relaxed pace from end of Big Hollow Rd. Point to point hike requiring a shuttle.

Registration: Contact leaders before Aug. 12.

Leaders: David & Carol White, #859 & 860;
ccswhite@juno.com; 315-853-6942

Sat., Aug. 20 – Fir, Spruce & Hemlock

Dist.: 4.5 mi. **Ascent:** 2,380' **Elev:** 3,620' & 3,380'

Relaxed-pace bushwhack. Car shuttle required.

Registration: Please call leader Aug 10-19

Leader: Hans Schick #1853 & #759W
Hans.W.Schick@gmail.com; 845-896-6454 (7 to 10 pm)

Sun., Aug 21 – Balsam Cap & Friday

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

Moderately paced/strenuous bushwhack to two difficult peaks. Behaved dogs welcome.

Registration: August 7th and August 18th

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

Sat., Aug. 27 – Fir & Big Indian

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

A moderately paced trail hike and bushwhack.

Registration: Aug 21 – Aug 26.

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

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

Sun., Aug 28 – Slide Mtn. with Yoga

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

A moderately paced trail hike. Weather permitting, the hike leader will lead a yoga experience at the summit. Well behaved dogs welcome.

Registration: Contact leader for more information:

Leader: Heather Rolland #1777; W #757
haliagrace@hotmail.com

Sat., Sept. 3 – Southwest Hunter & Hunter

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

Rain (or threat of) cancels.

A moderately paced bushwhack and trail hike.

Registration: Contact leader to register.

Leader: Ken Hubert # 1351 e-mail: hikeleader3500@yahoo.com call 518-827-7327.

Sun., Sept. 4 – Twin Mtn.

Distance: 5.9 miles Ascent: 1573 ft. Elev: 3640 ft.

A leisurely pace to the summit of Twin.

Registration: Aug. 30 through Sept. 2

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

Sat., Sept. 10 – Indian Head

Distance: 7 miles Ascent: 2200' Elev. 3573'

A moderate trail hike.

Registration: Please call leader by Sept. 8.

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

Sat. Sept. 10 – KAATERSKILL High Peak

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

A moderately paced trail/unmaintained trail hike. Heavy rain will cancel the hike.

Registration: Call the leader by Sept. 8th

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

Sun., Sept. 11 – North Dome & Sherill

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

Moderately paced bushwhack. Behaved dogs.

Registration: Aug 28th to September 8th

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

Sun., Sept. 11 – Eagle

Distance: 8 miles Ascent: 1559 ft. Elev: 3600 ft.

A leisurely pace to the summit of Eagle via Haynes Mt. and return.

Registration: Sept. 1 through Sept. 8

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

Sat., Sept. 17 – Doubletop

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

A moderately paced bushwhack.

Registration Period: Sept. 10 - 15.

Leader: Edna Blanchfield #1245; goat-girl35r@verizon.net; 845-246-3362

Sun., Sept. 18 – Panther Mt via Giant Ledge

Distance: 6.8 mi. Ascent 1545', Elev. 3720'

Moderately paced hike.

Registration: Sept. 12-16.

Leader: Suzanne Knabe # 1326; szkna@msn.com; (718) 435-3092 (after 7 p.m.)

Sat., Sept. 24 – LITTER PICKUP RTE 214

Please Join us for our annual Fall litter pickup on our adopted section of road. Please bring work gloves; safety equipment and trash bags shall be provided. Please register with Elie Bijou at ebijou@verizon.net or 518-873-2119 until 3 p.m. on Friday (NCA 9 pm, weekends 6 pm)

Sun., Sept. 25 – PEEKAMOOSE & TABLE

TRAIL MAINTENANCE Please join us for our annual Fall maintenance. Please bring work gloves, clippers / loppers. If you do not have tools, then the club shall provide them. Please register with Elie Bijou at ebijou@verizon.net or 518-873-2119 until 3 p.m. on Friday (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.

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.]

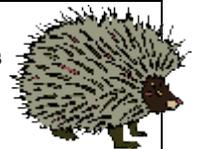
Help Us Get Into the 21st Century - Keep those emails requesting electronic dues notifications and **Canisters** coming. Please send them to Dave White or Terri Maxymillian (see the masthead on page 2 for contact info).

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



Our New Members 2011

1913	Lynn Groves Lussier	02/27/11
1914	David Lussier	02/27/11
1915	Richard Modafferi	02/14/11
1916	Richard A. Barrett	12/24/10
1917	Ronald Clark	03/02/11
1918	Sterling Futterleib	03/05/11
1919	John Kwasnowski	03/05/11
1920	Arthur Christensen	03/13/11
1921	Edward R. DiSalvo	03/13/11
1922	Judith Ecochard	03/14/11
1923	Charles Chrisey	12/29/01
1924	Rose Chrisey	12/29/01
1925	Skip Young	01/23/11
1926	Valerie Accardi	03/20/11
1927	George Grzyb	03/20/11
1928	Carla Simons	03/27/11
1929	Christopher Baker	03/20/11
1930	Andrew Gerber	02/13/11

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746	L. Rothenberger	R1846	02/26/11
747	Eunsil Recksiek	R1834	02/26/11
748	Pat Wachter	R1907	02/26/11
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750	Lynn Lussier	R1913	02/27/11
751	Yanny Height	R1868	03/06/11
752	Cathy O'Neill	R1852	03/12/11
753	Richard Modafferi	R1915	02/14/11
754	Ron Clark	R1917	03/02/11
755	Wenke Taule	R1905	03/09/11
756	Thomas Moeller	R1778	03/06/11
757	Heather Rolland	R1777	03/06/11
758	G Baranauskas	R1788	03/13/11
759	Hans Schick	R1853	02/12/11
760	Maria Bedo	R1851	03/13/11
761	Mary MacDonald	R1749	02/12/11
762	Gordon Hoekstra	R1784	03/18/11
763	Kevin Perry	R1419	03/20/11
764	Paul Tomasko	R1864	03/17/11
765	C. Zaleski	R1165	03/05/11
766	Antonio Lopez Jr	R1285	03/19/11
767	Richard Barrett	R1916	03/20/11
768	William Chriswell	R1668	03/20/11
769	George Grzyb	R1927	03/20/11
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