



M-D-T-S NEWSLETTER

October, 1992

M-D-T-S TRAIL WORK/MEETING - 10:00 a.m., Saturday, November 14

at Dorsey Park (PA Fish Commission Boat Launch at end of Lay Road—see map)

We will use maddocks (big picks) to improve the trail that slabs up a wooded hill just north of the Lay Rd/Johnson Rd intersection (between mile 2.2 and 2.4 on the "East to West" part of MAP #5 of the new M-DT map/guide). Another group will scout a relocation of the trail in a southerly direction between Lay Rd and Booker Rd or Atom Rd (between mile 23.0 and 24.6 on the "West to East" part of MAP #5), and place ribbons to mark what appears to be the best route to get off macadam roads and into woods and fields near the Peach Bottom Plant. A third group will cut through brambles for about one-half mile along Broad Creek between Rt. 623 on the north side of the iron bridge to a dirt road near the point where Broad Creek empties into the Susquehanna. This latter relocation has been scouted by Ted Brower and Dave Linthicum.

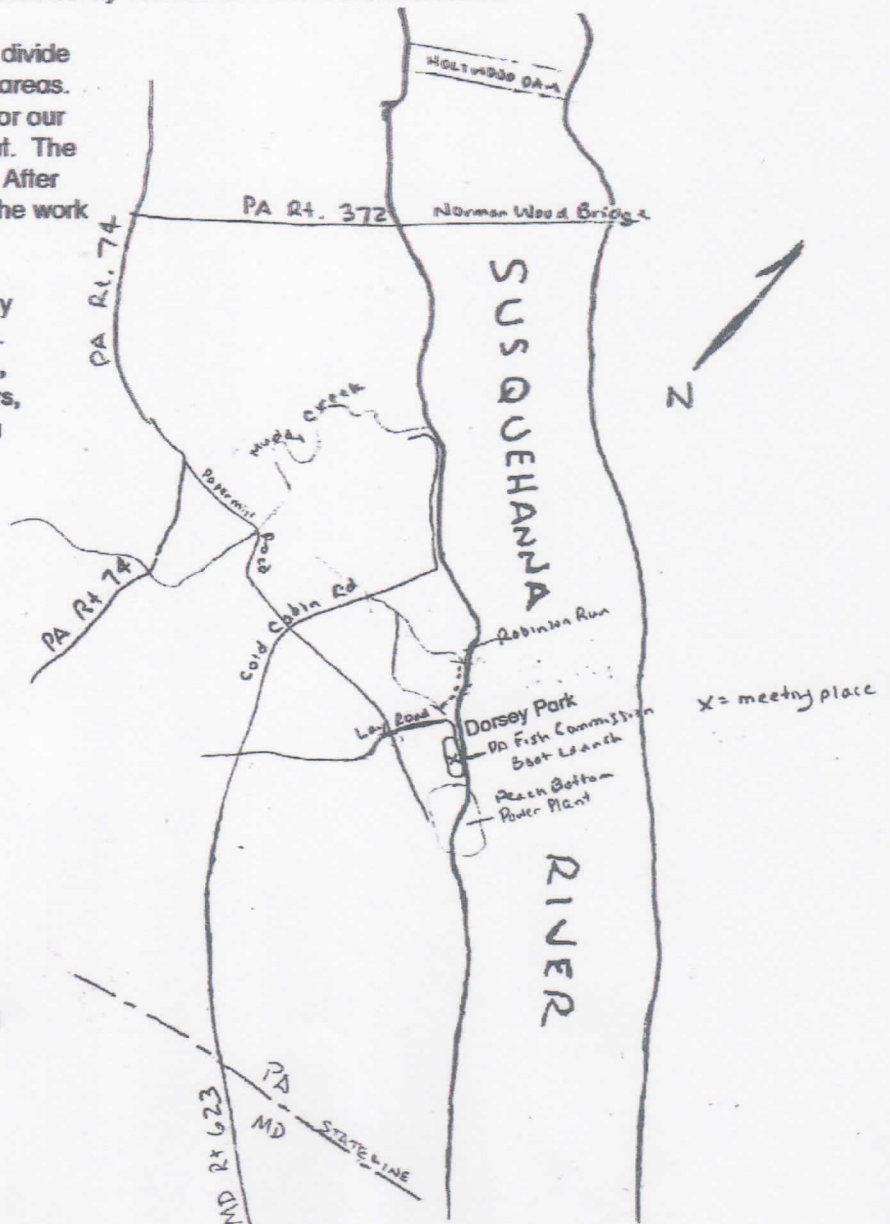
The plan is to convene at Dorsey Park, divide up the troops, and disseminate to various work areas. We'll reconvene at 12:00 noon at Dorsey Park for our bag lunch and have a brief meeting while we eat. The meeting will be devoted entirely to trail reports. After lunch at about 1:00 p.m., we will continue with the work projects as long as people are willing to stay.

Bring lunch, snack and water. Ron Gray will supply the maddocks for the hillside digging. Also, bring any of the following: work gloves, pruning shears, loppers, sickles or sickle bars, weed-whackers and a willingness to give up a little sweat.

Directions

From north: come down PA Rt 74; about 2 miles south of PA Rt 372, at a sharp bend to the right, leave Rt 74 by going straight on Papermill Rd. Stay on Papermill Rd for 3 or 4 miles until turning left at intersection with Lay Rd. Follow Lay Rd to the river and the Fish Commission Boat Launch parking lot.

From south: take Rt 1 about 1 mile south of Conowingo Power Plant and turn right (north) on MD Rt 623. Stay on Rt 623 across Broad Creek and cross into PA after about 7 miles. Continue about 3 more miles into PA on the continuation of Rt 623 (Flintville Rd?) until stop sign at intersection at Lay Road. Turn right (east) on Lay Rd and go 2 miles to the river and the Fish Commission Boat Launch parking lot.



MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 20, 1992 MEMBERS MEETING

The meeting was held at the Philadelphia Electric Company Conowingo Visitor Center. Members in attendance were: President Rick Maerker, Vivian & Warren Davies, Turner Darden, John Wilds, Ted Brower, Ron Gray, Richard Winemiller, Jim Hooper, Kay Way, Bob Yost, Jean Funk, Dave Linthicum, Mitchel Fujiwara, Mary Bleecker, Clair Piersol, Jim Denny and Yvonne Blades.

The minutes of the last meeting (May 31, 1992) were approved as circulated.

Treasurer's Report: Mary Bleecker gave the following report for May 26 to Sept. 20, 1992.

Balance - May 26, 1992	\$1510
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Receipts

Dues	140
Sales/Donations	192
Interest	<u>21</u>
	353

Expenses

Materials & Supplies	48
August Newsletter	115
Postage	<u>15</u>
	178

Balance - Sept. 20, 1992	\$1685
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Notes: 4 new members and 7 renewals since the last meeting.

A total of 46 members have requested map-guides from the treasurer.

(Additional copies have been distributed by other members of council).

Yvonne Blades reported that a final dues reminder was sent in July to 27 members who had not yet paid 1992 membership dues and as a result 7 renewals were received. A directory of all current members of M-DTS has now been printed and was distributed to those at the meeting. The directory will be mailed out to other members with the next newsletter.

Trail Reports:

Eastern Section - Turner Darden and John Wilds checked the section near Grays Hill where there are problems due to housing development. They added posts with blazes through the construction area. They also relocated the trail from a fence line behind new houses onto streets in the development, placing blazes on the curbs. Posts are needed east of Delancey Road to mark the route through meadows to the gas line right of way.

- Warren Davies reports the White Clay Creek Preserve (Delaware section) had given approval to paint blazes on trees where the M-DT is on a trail but to use the carsonite posts along roadways.
- Yvonne Blades reports that the beaver had repaired the long dam in Elk Neck State Forest and this was now the best route for the trail. She had cleared back shrubs along the dam to make passage easier.

Central section - Kay Way reports there is a new maintainer, Pat McElreavey, for the section from Cold Cabin Rd to Dorsey Park. Bob Yost will look after the Lock 12 to Muddy Creek section while his son Richard recovers from a back injury.

Western section - Ron Gray reports the trail is in good shape. The relocation south of Fishing Creek has been completed by Ryan Bowles as an Eagle Scout project and has now been blazed by Jim Hooper.

- Jim Hooper, Richard Winemiller and Ron Gray refreshed blazes in various places along the western section of the M-DT this summer.
- The short section of trail above Wrightsville that was to be relocated onto the road has not yet been reblazed.
- The power poles under the Route 30 bridge have been replaced thus removing our blazes.

1992 M-DTS DIRECTORY - CORRECTIONS AND ADDITIONS

The 1992 M-DTS Directory is included with this newsletter. Please make the following changes:

Jean Funk: address correction - [REDACTED]

James Hooper: work phone change - [REDACTED]

Richard Weimann: in memorium

York Hiking Club: address change - c/o [REDACTED]

Robert Yost: home phone [REDACTED]

New member: Raymond Layton [REDACTED]

M-DTS TRAIL MAINTAINERS - 1992

WESTERN SECTION

Trail Coordinator

Whiskey Springs to Pinchot Park

Pinchot Park

Pinchot Park to Codorus Furnace

Codorus Furnace to Route 30

Route 30 to Green Branch

Green Branch to Cuffs Run

Cuffs Run to Apollo Park

Through Apollo Park to Boyds Run

Boyds Run to 425

425 to 425 at top of hill

425 at top of hill to Otter Ck. campground

Otter Creek campground to Posey Rd

Posey Rd to McCalls Ferry

McCalls Ferry to Mill Creek

Mill Creek to Norman Wood bridge

Ron Gray

Louise & Richard Sis

Jim Trautman

Fred Fox

Ron Wilman

Jim Hooper

Explorer Post, Shenks Mare

John Schetky

Charles Ament

Ron Strawbridge

Carl Reachard

Richard Winemiller

Mary Lou Stein

Charles Albin

Jack, John & Marion Schultz

Diane & Mark Anderson

CENTRAL SECTION

Trail Coordinator

Norman Wood Bridge to Muddy Creek bridge

Muddy Creek bridge to Cold Cabin Rd

Cold Cabin Rd to Dorsey Park (Lay Rd)

Dorsey Park to Atom Rd

Atom Rd to North side of Broad Creek Boy

Scout Reservation at 623

N side of Scout Reservation to Conowingo

Conowingo to Havre de Grace (Rt 40)

Kay Way

Richard Yost

Duane Hyson

Pat McElreavey

Kay Way

Ted Brower

Dave Linthicum

Wilmington Trail Club (Yvonne Blades)

EASTERN SECTION

Trail Coordinator

Susquehanna River to Rt 272

Rt 272 to road to Cecil Co. landfill

Road to Cecil Co. landfill to east gate of

Elk Neck St. Forest

East gate Elk Neck St. Forest to top of

Iron Hill

Top of Iron Hill to Hopkins Rd

Hopkins Rd to London Tract Rd

London Tract Rd to junction of Fairville &

Cossart Rds

Cossart Rd to eastern terminus

Turner Darden

Stefan Whitmarsh

Paul Hirseman & Midge McGraw

Yvonne Blades & Barb Davison

John Wilds & Don Gartner

Bob Bennett

Warren & Vivian Davies

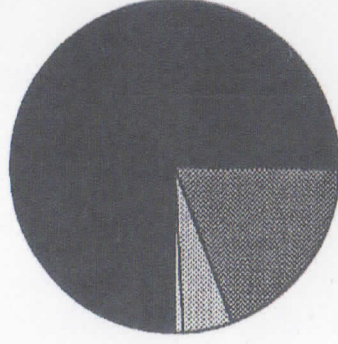
John & Marie Pittenger

Chester Co. Trail Club (Rick Maerker)

YEARLY FINANCIAL PICTURE OF M-DTS ACTIVITY

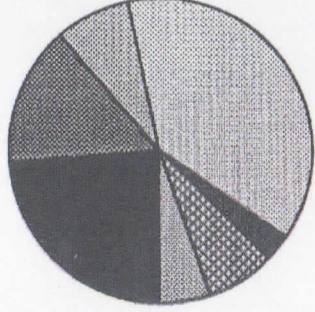
YEAR	1987	1988	1989	1991	1992	Total	Yearly Average	Percentage
INCOME								
Dues/Donations	\$276.00	\$288.80	\$295.50	\$2052.00	\$2330.85	\$8241.85	\$2096.90	75.3%
Maps/Guides	\$218.00	\$452.80	\$232.50	\$170.65	\$918.00	\$2096.90	\$249.32	19.2%
Patches	\$84.00	\$226.00	\$88.50	\$108.50	\$11.00	\$516.00	\$88.00	4.7%
Interest		\$19.22			\$57.28	\$66.50	\$14.42	0.8%
TOTAL	\$1076.00	\$1078.30	\$1306.72	\$2201.65	\$2327.13	\$10940.05	\$1823.34	100.0%
EXPENSES								
Newsletter	\$373.58	\$286.86	\$334.07	\$372.70	\$450.06	\$2339.59	\$2339.59	23.8%
Administration	\$24.93	\$198.79	\$111.12	\$317.29	\$404.00	\$1443.41	\$240.57	14.7%
Patches	\$170.40	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$330.00		\$808.40	\$134.73	6.2%
Guidebook/Maps	\$18.73	\$482.00	\$6.57	\$36.00	\$135.91	\$3726.43	\$821.07	37.9%
Trail Maintenance	\$30.00	\$18.73		\$36.00	\$48.35	\$273.56	\$45.59	2.8%
Capital Expenses			\$710.00			\$710.00	\$118.33	7.2%
Donations	\$618.91	\$168.00	\$128.00	\$50.00	\$126.00	\$518.00	\$88.33	5.3%
TOTAL	\$1482.97	\$1482.97	\$1287.66	\$1105.99	\$1186.04	\$9819.39	\$1636.56	100.0%

M-DTS INCOME



1 75.3% Dues & Contributions
 2 19.2% Guidebook/Map Sales
 3 4.7% Sale of Patches
 4 0.8% Interest on accounts

M-DTS EXPENSES



1 23.8% Newsletter costs
 2 14.7% Administrative costs
 3 8.2% Cost of patches
 4 37.9% Cost of guidebooks/maps
 5 2.8% Trail maintenance costs
 6 7.2% Capital equipment costs
 7 5.3% Donations

1992 FINANCIAL PICTURE OF M-DTS ACTIVITY

OPENING BALANCE IN CHECKING ACCOUNT AS OF 1/1/92		\$1246.07
INCOME		
Dues/Donations	\$2330.85	
Maps/Guides	\$918.00	
Patches	\$11.00	
Interest	\$67.28	
CDs deposited to checking		
2/8/92	\$636.36	
5/5/92	\$530.39	
5/5/92	\$532.81	
TOTAL INCOME	\$5026.69	
EXPENSES		
Newsletter		
3/7/92	\$105.98	
4/20/92	\$40.00	
4/20/92	\$85.50	
8/9/92	\$115.18	
10/22/92	\$103.40	
Sub-Total	\$450.06	
Administration		
1/25/92	\$35.00	
2/5/92	\$12.12	
2/27/92	\$5.00	
3/7/92	\$113.24	
5/1/92	\$10.00	
5/27/92	\$47.92	
8/25/92	\$15.00	
9/22/92	\$37.01	
9/22/92	\$84.19	
11/6/92	\$20.80	
Sub-Total	\$380.28	
Trail Maintenance		
3/7/92	\$8.50	
8/26/92	\$27.85	
10/22/92	\$10.00	
Sub-Total	\$46.35	
Guidebooks		
3/7/92	\$75.43	
3/20/92	\$3105.00	
4/4/92	\$63.50	
Sub-Total	\$3243.93	
Donations		
3/30/92 Del Nat. Soc.	\$50.00	
Sub-Total	\$50.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$4170.62	
ENDING BALANCE IN CHECKING ACCOUNT AS OF 12/31/92		\$2102.14
CD -- 12-month @ 3.35%, due 10/31/93		\$655.54
TOTAL ASSETS OF M-DTS, INC. AS OF 12/31/92		\$2757.68