



## M-DTS NEWSLETTER August, 1993

**NOTICE: M-DTS Workparties and Members Meetings are scheduled for:**

**Sunday, September 5th at Muddy Creek and**

**Sunday, October 31st at Sawmill Run/Otter Creek**

See details below. Mark your calendar now.

### **M-DTS WORKPARTY and MEMBERS MEETING - Sunday, September 5**

This workparty is planned to improve the trail along Muddy Creek - one of the most scenic sections of the entire M-DT. We will relocate short sections of trail as necessary from the eroding stream bank, clear blowdowns, cut back encroaching growth and refresh blazes. If time allows a start may be made on upgrading the trail where it makes the steep descent to river level near the mouth of Muddy Creek.

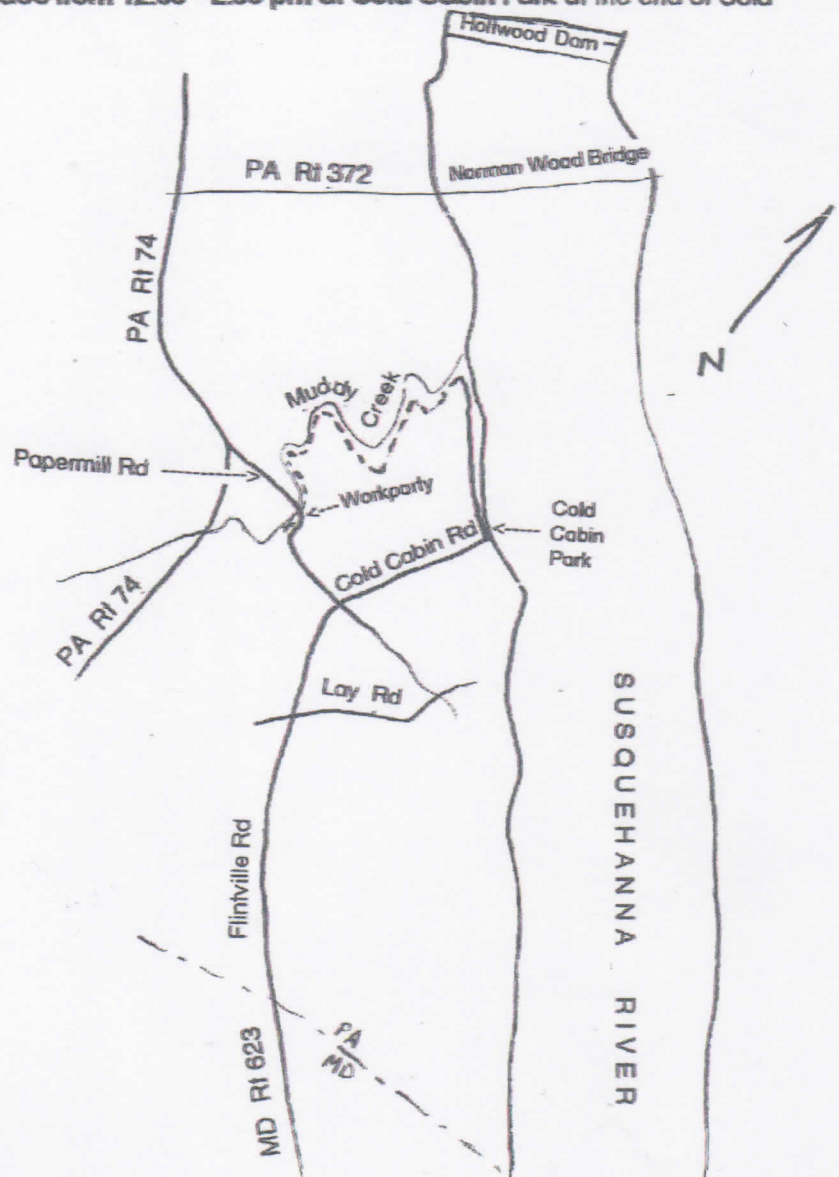
**For the workparty meet at the south end of Gaging Station bridge at 9:00 am - see map. Bring work gloves, mattocks, shovels, loppers, chain saws, pry bars, pruning shears, what-have-you.**

**The members meeting will take place from 12:30 - 2:00 pm at Cold Cabin Park at the end of Cold Cabin Road - see map. Bring a bag lunch**

#### 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. Cross Muddy Creek. Park at south end of bridge for the workparty. To reach Cold Cabin Park, continue on Papermill Rd to the 4-way intersection and turn left on Cold Cabin Rd. Follow the road to the river.

**From south:** via PA Rt 74 heading north, turn right on Papermill Rd where Rt 74 turns sharply left about 1 mile after crossing Muddy Creek. Continue as above.  
**From Rt 1 south of Conowingo Dam** turn right on MD 623, becomes Flintville Rd in PA. At intersection with Papermill Rd, turn left to reach Gaging Station Bridge on Muddy Creek or continue straight ahead on Cold Cabin Rd to reach Cold Cabin Park.



## M-DTS WORKPARTY and MEMBERS MEETING - SUNDAY, October 31st

This workparty will continue preparatory work for the future bridge across Sawmill Run: -- rebuilding trail leading to the bridge and construction of piers to hold the bridge. We hope to build the bridge next spring. Equipment needed: mattocks, prybars, digging bars. Also needed enthusiastic workers willing to do some heavy work.

Meet at Otter Creek Campground at 9:30 am for the work session or at 12:30 pm with a bring-your-own lunch for the M-DTS meeting.

### Directions

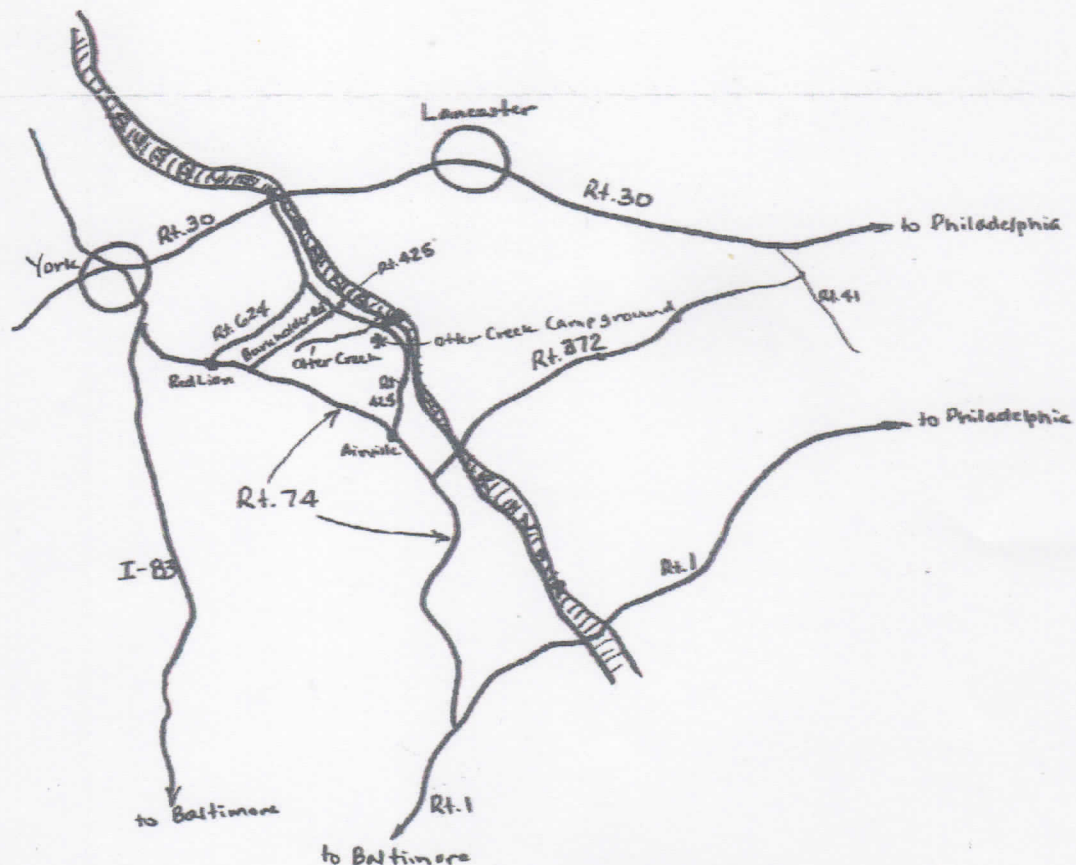
#### From north:

From Wrightsville, drive south on Rt. 624 to town of Craley; turn left on Rt. 425; go about 7 miles to bridge across Otter Creek; turn right into Otter Creek Campground about 0.2 mile beyond the bridge.

From Red Lion, go south on Rt. 74 about 1 mile; turn left onto Burkholder Rd. at Mack's Ice Cream Store; go 6 miles to 3-way stop sign intersection; continue straight ahead on Rt. 425 for about 6 miles to bridge across Otter Creek; turn right into Otter Creek Campground about 0.2 mile beyond the bridge.

#### From south:

Go north on Rt. 74 to near Airville; turn right on Rt 425 and drive about 5 miles to Otter Creek Campground entrance on the left.





## MINUTES OF JULY 11, 1993 MEMBERS MEETING

The meeting was held on a dirt road above Saw Mill Run following 2 1/2 hours of Herculean efforts at rock moving and placement on the steep drop to the creek. Present on this eighth day of 95+ degree temperature were: Jim Trautman, Clair Piersol, Ken Power, Jim Hooper, Ted Brower, Don Gartner, Ron Gray and Substitute Minute Taker Mary Bleecker.

The meeting was called to order at 12:30. Ron Gray read the 2/20/93 minutes which were approved as read. Treasurer Mary Bleecker reported that as of July 10, 1993 there is \$2,243.98 in the treasury with no bills outstanding. Since the last meeting, there have been 30 renewals, 5 new members and 20 guides sold.

### Trail Reports:

**Eastern Section** - On the east side of Gray's Hill, trees are being bulldozed down in a new development.

- Don Gartner will replace the Pittengers as maintainers of the section from junction of Cossart and Fairville Roads to White Clay Creek Preserve.

**Central Section** - Kay Way's report stated that Bob Yost has a badly broken ankle and cannot do any maintenance on his son's section south of Lock 12.

- The relocation around Peach Bottom Nuclear Plant has been walked and flagged with [REDACTED] of PECO. The agreement has been sent for Presidential signature and returned to PECO.
- Extensive work was required on the trail through Susquehanna State Park following the winter storms. Blowdowns were cleared or the trail rerouted around them. Sections of trail along the Susquehanna River south of Conowingo Dam were underwater for several weeks necessitating temporary rerouting to higher ground. (Report added by editor/maintainer - Yvonne Blades)

**Western Section** - Jim Hooper has checked the Greenbranch to Wrightsville section and will return with a chain saw when he can find someone to accompany him on the job for safety reasons.

- Ron Gray reports the Otter Creek to Lock 12 section is in pretty good condition.
- The Shanks Mare Explorer Post Scout group has been disbanded so will not be caring for the Greenbranch to Cuff's Run section.
- Louise Sis got some paint from Ron for work on her section

**Brandywine Trail Relocation:** Warren Davies has reported that relocation off the RR tracks north of Chadds Ford appears to be practical with the exception of a short distance near the Chadds Ford Elementary School. A steep gully necessitates walking on school property. Rick and Kay have walked the potential relocation and feel they have a viable solution. (Editors note: This section of the Brandywine Trail adjoins the eastern terminus of the Mason-Dixon Trail)

### Other Business

- Jim Trautman broke the drive belt on the mower.
- Ron Gray has looked into winches for use in bridge placement.

	7/1/87-6/30/88	7/1/88-1/31/89	1/4/89-7/7/89	1/4/89-10/31/89	10/31/89-1/18/90	Total	Average Per Year	Percentage
<b>Income</b>							37	
Dues	\$513.00	\$64.00	\$515.00	\$535.00		\$1,627.00	\$527.68	38.0
Donations	\$234.00		\$371.00	\$382.00		\$987.00	\$320.11	23.0
Interest				\$19.22		\$19.22	\$6.23	0.4
Maps/Guide Books	\$336.00	\$204.50	\$97.00	\$183.00	\$54.00	\$874.50	\$283.62	20.4
Patches	\$224.00	\$38.00	\$88.50	\$88.50	\$72.00	\$511.00	\$165.73	11.9
Application Fees	\$80.00	\$36.00	\$39.00	\$51.00	\$60.00	\$266.00	\$86.27	6.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,387.00</b>	<b>\$342.50</b>	<b>\$1,110.50</b>	<b>\$1,256.72</b>	<b>\$186.00</b>	<b>\$4,284.72</b>	<b>\$1,389.64</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Expenses</b>								
Newsletter	\$262.60	\$204.95	\$119.13	\$167.88	\$132.00	\$886.56	\$287.53	27.9
Trail Maintenance		\$18.73	\$6.57	\$6.57		\$31.87	\$10.34	1.0
Map/Guides	\$475.00					\$475.00	\$154.05	14.9
Stationary	\$77.00					\$77.00	\$24.97	2.4
Patches					\$330.00	\$330.00	\$107.03	10.4
Dues to organizations	\$30.00	\$68.00		\$75.00		\$173.00	\$56.11	5.4
Capital Expense				\$710.00		\$710.00	\$230.27	22.3
Donations	\$100.00		\$50.00	\$50.00		\$200.00	\$64.86	6.3
Administration	\$93.93	\$38.08	\$53.14	\$69.07	\$45.00	\$299.22	\$97.04	9.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,038.53</b>	<b>\$329.76</b>	<b>\$228.84</b>	<b>\$1,078.52</b>	<b>\$507.00</b>	<b>\$3,182.65</b>	<b>\$1,032.21</b>	<b>100.0</b>