

MASON-DIXON TRAIL SYSTEM, Inc.



July 17, 1988 MEMBER'S MEETING MINUTES and NEWS NOTES

NEXT MEMBER'S MEETING -- NOVEMBER 6, 1988

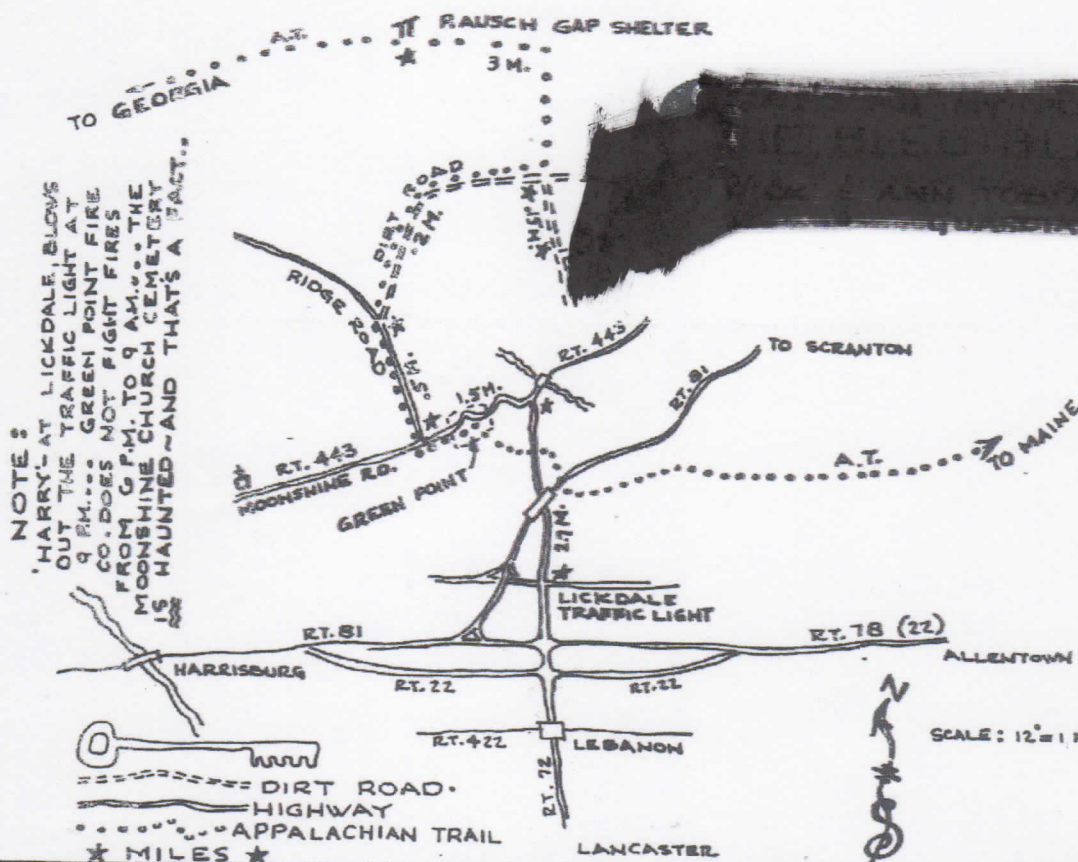
Swartara Gap at Dick Tobias'

HIKE: 10:30 A.M. Short Hike on the new/old relocated Appalachian Trail. Bring Trail lunch and water.

Meeting: 3:00 P.M. (Folding chairs needed)

Supper: 5:00 P.M. Dick Tobias will furnish. Please RSVP by November 1, 1988. Tel: [REDACTED]

Comment: Dick says that his place is 50 min. NNW of Lancaster. (See Map below).



TURN THE PAGE FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THE SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1988 WORK HIKE!

July 17, 1988

WORK HIKE---SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1988

WHERE: Glen Cove to Broad Creek. The Trail needs to be constructed. Meet at Paddrick Road Boat Launch for Broad Creek. (Route 623 on the South Side)

BRING: Digging tools, pry bars, other heavy tools, etc.. Paint is needed. Don't forget your trail lunch and WATER.

WHEN: 9:30 A.M. October 9, 1988 (Sunday)

The July 17, 1988 members meeting convened at Kay Way's home after an afternoon swim and a chicken salad, summer supper served by Kay. It was quite an evening; a severe thunderstorm broke shortly after the meeting began; candles, flashlights, and matches in Way's home furnished light. The seventeen members present were: Pat Boyle, Ron Gray, Ann and Dick Tobias, Mary Bleecker, Marion and Jack Schultz, Clair Piersol, Turner Darden, Kay Way, Yvonne Blades, Bob Bennett, Vivian and Warren Davies, John and Louise Wilds, and John Pittenger.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved. However, it was noted that Ted Brower's phone number was really [REDACTED] Ted is the Trail Maintainer from Broad Creek to Peach Bottom.

Kay Way advised and led a short discussion on recent Pennsylvania legislation (#586). Kay reports this legislation limits landowner's responsibility when faced with legal action from a person or persons who have entered his land under those circumstances as would a hiker--non-commercial, no admission charge, perhaps uninvited, etc.. Kay also reports this Pennsylvania legislation does seem to be working as it had been tested in Pennsylvania Courts.

Treasurer
and
Membership
Report:

A summary of Pat Boyle's report on the Fiscal Year, July 1, 1987 thru June 30, 1988 is as follows:

Balance: June 30, 1987	\$1,342.81
Expenses:	- 1,506.53
Receipts:	1,387.00
Balance: June 30, 1988	\$1,223.21

Pat reports 145 people getting news notes as of 7/17/88

New members since 7/17/88 are (add to directory) :

Clint Gilbert, [REDACTED]

Robert El Hoover, [REDACTED]

Herbert B. Kingsbury, [REDACTED]

Tel: [REDACTED]

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Treasurer
and
Membership
continued
PAT BOYLE

Linda H. Russell, [REDACTED]
Tel: [REDACTED]

Guide Books, Patches and Brochures: It was agreed there is a good supply of all.

1. Pat reported 126 Guide Books and Maps, Dick Tobias gave him 50 more. Ron Gray suggested other officials had additional stocks of them.
2. Patches (197); Bars over 190
3. Brochures--500 or more.

Member's charge for additional "copies" of the above: It was agreed to supply additional of these to members at cost. Cost to include provision for postage and packaging. Guide Book and Map--\$2.00, Patches--\$2.00.

Trail Reports
Western
Section:

Ron Gray reports that the March 12 work hike was a "good job--good work done" on the trail between Green Branch and Fishing Creek.

Ron Gray

Ron also reported relocation of the trail in three places: (a) Safe Harbor Dam, (b) Red Lion Water Inlet, and (c) the hill above Red Lion Water Inlet.

Ron Gray led a discussion on need for maintainers. He raised the question should we continue the 40 mile stretch yet to go. Kay Way said yes, go ahead as we are committed. Problem of trail maintainers was not resolved.

Ron spoke of his loss of a maintainer for Pinchot Park (Warren Raab needed to withdraw from active participation) He asked for suggestions; it was recommended our new member, John Lomnicki, of [REDACTED] be invited to help us on this important Pinchot Park area.

Trail Reports
Eastern Section

Turner Darden

Turner reports that the Eastern Section of the trail is in good shape except for Somerset Lake.

Kay Way reported Somerset Lake is "being developed" with new homes being built; she is in contact with the developer's office. Trail location through the area will be planned as developer's building plans are finalized.

Turner developed and mailed (July) to Eastern Section Trail maintainers, an easy to use form for reporting to him trail inspection, maintenance, and observed problems.



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: David Marano, Civil Eng. P.E. Co.; Robert B. Horne, Div. Manager P.E.Co (Coatsville); David B. Ellenberg, Muddy Run Recreation Park; Marie Pittenger, MDTs Sec.; Charlotte Ault, Muddy Run Park; Turner Darden, MDTs John Pittenger, MDTs; Kay Way, MDTs President; Ernest G. Spey, Supt. Conowingo Hydra Plant; Rodney T. Stark, P.E. Co. Real Estate; Tom Clime, Supt. Prop. Mang.



TESTING OUT THE TRAIL

July 17, 1988

Signing of
Agreement
between
Susquehanna
and
Philadelphia
Elec. Companies
and M.D.T.S.
Ron Grey
and
Kay Way

Mason-Dixon Trail System is pleased to announce an agreement, merging all best interests, taking the Mason Dixon Trail System through the property of the Susquehanna and Philadelphia Electric companies. M.D.T.S. members, who have seen the Electric companies' lands graciously made available for this trail say they are very scenic, and will add to the over all beauty of the 200 miles of the Mason-Dixon Trail. Many are aware of the special efforts of Ron Gray (Western section Trail Coordinator), Dick Tobias (a past President), Kay Way (our present President), and Rodney Stark (Philadelphia Elec. Co.) to complete the above agreement; and thus a lovely section of the trail made possible.

A signing ceremony was held April 8, 1988 at the Muddy Run Recreation Center. Present were officials from the electric company (see pictures--page four) and from M.D.T.S. Kay Way (our President), Turner Darden (Eastern Section Trail Coordinator), Marie Pittenger (Secretary), and John Pittenger (M.D.T.S. Board Member).

Kay Way reported that, at the April 8 signing ceremony, Charlotte Ault (Muddy Run Park), suggested a future commemorative activity. In responding to the above, at the July 17 M.D.T.S. meeting, after some discussion, it was suggested, should the electric companies pursue this, a 4 mile nature hike from Conowingo to Glenn Cove might be possible with expert "naturalists" from our own group (Kay Way-Yvonne Blades, etc.) pointing out all the natural wonders.

Hallock
duPont
Estate
Lands

In early April of this year, Mason-Dixon Trail System officers were informed that the Hallock duPont Estate lands were for sale at "Fair Market" value. If all this acreage was sold for "development" the natural effects of our trail along White Clay Creek would have been obliterated(sic).

John Pittenger

We were asked to join with many, many other groups concerned not only with hiking, but with wild life habitats, recreational space, water sheds, flood control, ie; quality of life in Delaware, to request that the State of Delaware purchase 321 acres of the above land between Middle Run and Carpenter Parks. We did so, and also strongly supported requests that the State of Delaware purchase other "at risk" lands before the entire State became a Corporate park, shopping mall parking lot.

Individual Officers and Board Members of M.D.T.S. took a very active roll in lobbying, letters, personal contact, appearances at meetings, etc., etc..

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Hallock duPont
Estate Lands
cont.
John Pittenger

In June, Governor Michael Castle proposed these acres and other lands "at risk" be purchased by the State of Delaware. The Bond Committee of the State proposed a bill which would provide the necessary funds. This bill was approved by the Delaware legislature, and signed by Governor Michael Castle. M.D.T.S. member Turner Darden was present at the Bond Bill signing ceremony.

We are grateful that some of the open lands in Delaware that we have enjoyed will be preserved for future generations.

Membership by
M.D.T.S. in
other
Hiking
Organizations

KTA: Pat Boyle would increase our membership (\$5) payment to the new level as set by KTA

ATA: Continue the \$25 payment

American

Hiker: Take out membership for one year (\$25). This organization is active in research and lobby organization for the benefit of hikers.

MDTS meeting adjourned at 6:35 P.M. with thanks to Kay Way for the supper. Bob Way ran to rescue his corn which was knocked over by the storm.

Marie Pittenger

Marie Pittenger
Secretary--Newsletter.

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July 17, 1988

TREASURER'S REPORT

FISCAL YEAR: July 1, 1987 thru June 30, 1988

BALANCE: June 30, 1987 \$1,342.81

EXPENSES:

Officers' expenses	\$ 93.93	
Newsletter	262.60	
Guide Books	475.00	
Patches	438.00	
Printing (envelopes)	77.00	
Dues Paid (KTA & ATC)	30.00	
Contribution (F.N.S.V.)	100.00	
Refund (excess payment)	<u>30.00</u>	<u>-\$1,506.53</u>

RECEIPTS:

Dues	\$ 513.00	
Application Fees	80.00	
Contributions	234.00	
Guide Books	336.00	
Patches	<u>224.00</u>	<u>\$1,387.00</u>

SON OF A GLITCH:

(Needed to reconcile report with bank statement) - .07

BALANCE: June 30, 1988 \$1,223.21

LOSS FOR YEAR: (more than covered by inventory) -\$ 119.60

INVENTORY: (Held by P. Boyle only)

Guide Books & Maps	126	
Patches, membership	197	
Bars, 200 miler, 2 ¹	10	(whereabouts unknown)

MEMBERSHIP:

MEMBERS

Individual	76
Contributing	34
Life	3
Honorary	1
Organization	<u>6</u>
Totals	120

NON-MEMBERS

Individual	13*
Organization	<u>12</u>
* Trail maintainers	

P. Boyle, 7/17/88