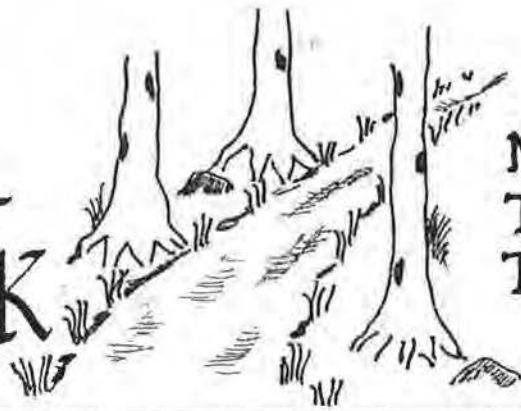


# TRAIL TALK



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The Montpelier Section,  
The Green Mountain Club

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## NEEDED: NEW MEMBERS

At the annual meeting of the Green Mountain Club in May, I issued a challenge to the Ottauquechee Section for the highest membership count by the 1982 meeting.

Why Ottauquechee? In spite of the fact that the "O" Section is a relative newcomer, it is the nearest in size to the Montpelier Section and had 53 members on 1 May 1981 compared to Montpelier's 56. The challenge was also picked up by the Sterling Section with 47 members.

Are we going to be able to retain our slim lead? Only if we all work at recruiting new members. I challenge each one of you to sponsor at least one new member before 1 May next year when the official membership count is taken. It is going to require initiative. Instead of saying to a friend "Why don't you come hiking with us sometime...", invite him on a specific hike that you think he will enjoy. Share your pleasure in the outdoors with others, and they may join.

If we all work at recruiting, we can beat the southerners in the "O" Section and our neighbors in the Sterling Section. Let's try!

Reidun Nuquist

## ADOPT-A-PRIVY: A GMC FIRST

The club's Adopt-a-Shelter Program is well known. Now comes Adopt-a-Privy.

Early in the summer the U.S. Forest Service approached Harry Peet, GMC Executive Director, about a pilot program to train volunteers to maintain the bin composters now commonly used with Forest Service and GMC outhouses.

Harry, in turn, contacted the Montpelier Section, and at one of the work sessions at Sterling Pond Shelter Harry and Ben Davis, Long Trail Patrol Supervisor, demonstrated the finer points of bin composting.

David Morse volunteered to be in charge of a new outhouse later installed at nearby Watson Camp. The compost privy was in place and operable on 3 September.

Dave, assisted by Fred Osborne, will check the compost bin every two weeks through the remainder of the hiking season. If the demonstration project is a success - which it promises to be - the Forest Service will consider expanding their Adopt-a-Privy program to other areas of the National Forest.

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## WELCOME

We extend a hearty welcome to the following new members of the Montpelier Section:

Margaret Baird, Montpelier  
 Sue Christiansen, Montpelier  
 Mark Houghwout, Barre  
 Cynthia Martin, Adamant  
 Edward Martinson, New York  
 Martha Nowlan, Montpelier  
 Jean Peterson, Berlin  
 Jim Ryan, Montpelier  
 Brian Slopey, Montpelier  
 Stephen Wright, Montpelier

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CLUB MOSS TRAIL? SAMSUCKER  
 SWAMP?

These and other place names  
 are listed in a new brochure  
 called "Mubhard Park Trails,"  
 published by the Montpelier Park  
 Commission.

The pamphlet has a detailed  
 map of the park and its appoint-  
 ments as well as a historical  
 sketch and park rules and re-  
 gulations. It is free and can  
 be picked up at the Montpelier  
 Recreation Department on Barre  
 Street.

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400 LBS. OF SHINGLES CARRIED TO  
 BATTLE BELT

During the annual Autumn Out-  
 ing at Mountain Meadows Camp-  
 ground in Lincoln on 19-20 Sep-  
 tember, eight section members  
 showed up to help Mark Houghwout  
 carry 400 lbs. of asphalt roof  
 shingles to Leaky Battell Shelter  
 on the Long Trail. Mark, who  
 joined the section earlier this  
 year, has adopted Battell from  
 the U.S. Forest Service.

Shingles and workers were  
 transported to the top of the  
 Sugarbush Valley ski lift in a  
 four-wheel drive vehicle driven  
 by Rick Robinson of the Forest  
 Service. The 3000' ascent up a  
 twisted and bumpy service road  
 will long be remembered.

At the top, the shingles were  
 divided up, tied to pack frames  
 with rope, and carried across  
 4,006' Mt. Abraham to Battell.  
 The distance was only 1.6 miles,  
 but those who carried 60lb. loads  
 thought that was about far enough.  
 The shingles will be installed  
 this fall, weather permitting.

Those who carried were Mark,  
 Rick, David Morse, Andrew and  
 Reidun Duquist, Paul Ohman, Sally  
 Sairs, Paul and Jeremy Wallace-  
 Brodeur, as well as Arnie Neu-  
 hauser from the Burlington Section.

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SLIDE SHOWS AVAILABLE

If your club or organization  
 is looking for a program for a  
 meeting, the Green Mountain Club  
 has two slide shows available.  
 They are "Mt. Mansfield - Cap-  
 stone of Vermont" (25 minutes)  
 and "Beyond the Limit of Trees:  
 New England's Alpine Areas" (20  
 minutes).

To arrange a loan, contact the  
 club office in Montpelier at 223-  
 3463. Or if you would like a local  
 section member to show the slides  
 with a brief introduction about  
 the Montpelier Section, call David  
 Morse or Reidun Duquist.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING SET  
 FOR 17 OCTOBER

Our current representative to  
 the GMC Board of Directors is  
 David Morse. Dave will be attend-  
 ing his next meeting on 17 October.  
 He says he will be pleased to hear  
 from any section member who has  
 business which should be brought  
 before the meeting. Dave's tele-  
 phone number is 223-7126.

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TRAIL TALK

This first issue of Trail Talk expands the old Cutting Schedule into a section news-letter. Any comments on the new format will be appreciated. Contributions in the form of letters and articles will also be welcome. Please, send all items to Reidun Nuquist.

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CUTTING SCHEDULE

Note: Non-members are welcome on our hikes. Advance registration is not required, except for meals, but is always useful to the leader and to inform you of any last minute changes. Unless otherwise stated, all trips will meet at the Montpelier High School parking lot.

Sunday, 27 September - Hike from Smuggler's Notch, Route 108, to Mt. Mansfield chin via Bear Pond trail and down Hell Brook trail. Very steep. Will cancel if rain or ice. Meet at top of Smuggler's Notch at 1:00 p.m.

Leaders: Andrew and Reidun Nuquist (223-3550)

Sunday, 4 October - Camel's Hump summit from Couching Lion Farm. A justifiable popular mountain. 7 mile round trip. Meet at 8:30 a.m. Bring trail lunch and clothes for changeable and windy fall weather.

Leader: Andrew Nuquist (223-3550)

Sunday, 18 October - Sunset ridge trail hike on Mt. Mansfield with side trip to Cantilever Rock. 6 mile round trip; more to summit if desired. 50¢ entry fee to Underhill State Park. Bring trail lunch. Will cancel if poor visibility. Call leader if in doubt. Meet at 8:30 a.m.

Leaders: Andrew and Reidun Nuquist (223-3550)

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Sunday, 24 October - Final 1981 Long Trail maintenance session from Smuggler's Notch to Chilcoat Pass to clear leaves from waterbars for spring run-off. Bring trail lunch. Meet at 9:00 a.m.

Leader: Reidun Nuquist (223-3550)

Sunday, 25 October - Hike in Groton State Park in Seyon Ranch area. About 7 miles. May bushwack, but relatively level. Meet at 8:30 a.m. Bring trail lunch.

Leader: Doris Washburn (476-4264)

Sunday, 1 November - Hike to Peacham Bog in Groton State Forest. 6 mile round trip. Wear rubber-bottomed boots. Pot luck dinner at Groton shelter afterwards. Meet at 11:30 a.m. at the Montpelier High School or at 12:00 noon at Plainfield post office.

Leader: George Longenecker (426-3874)

Sunday, 8 November - Hike up Mt. Hunger from Middlesex side. Another fine mountain; less crowded than many better known peaks. Be prepared for cold and wind on top. Meet at 9:00 a.m. Bring trail lunch.

Leader: David Morse (223-7126)

Wednesday, 18 November - Slide show. "Follow the Sun" about the Cumberland Island National Seashore and Okefenokee Swamp, by George Longenecker. Meet at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Dorothy and Richard Babcock, 29 Terrace Street, Montpelier (223-7498).

Saturday-Sunday, 21-22 November - Overnight trip to Sally Sairs home and land on the Calais-Woodbury line. Short hike and baked bean pot luck supper. Plenty of floor space for your sleeping bag or bring a tent if you prefer. Meet at 1:30 p.m. Call Reidun Nuquist for reservations (223-3550).

Sunday, 6 December - Hike on Rattlesnake trail to Mt. Moosalamoo in Middlebury area. 7 miles. Meet at



8:00 a.m. Bring trail lunch.  
Leaders: Edward and Claude  
Janeway (223-5379)

Sunday, 19 December - Annual  
Christmas party at Duck Brook  
Shelter, north of Jonesville. A  
short hike suitable for all abil-  
ities. Bring \$1 gift to exchange  
and snacks to share. Meet at 1:00  
p.m.  
Leader: Paul Wallace-Brodeur  
(223-6055)

Sunday, 3 January - Ski touring at  
Highland Lodge in Greensboro. Well  
worth the drive. Loops of various  
length and difficulty. Main trip  
will be fairly long. Meet at 8:00  
a.m. Bring trail lunch.  
Leader: Paul Ohman (229-9496)

Friday, 8 January - Full moon ski  
tour in Berlin. Followed by snacks  
at home of Jean Peterson (223-  
3291). Easy trail. You are miss-  
ing a great experience if you have  
never skied in the moonlight. Meet  
at 7:30 p.m.  
Leader: David Morse (223-7126)

Monday, 11 January - Planning meet-  
ing at the home of Paul and Ruth  
Wallace-Brodeur, 4 Pleasant Street,  
Montpelier, at 7:30 p.m. Come and  
contribute to the planning of trips  
through the winter. If roads are  
slippery, park in the city garage  
parking lot and walk to Paul's  
(223-6055).

Sunday, 17 January - Ski tour to  
Horn of the Moon Road in East  
Montpelier from North Street. Meet  
at 1:00 p.m.  
Leader: Paul Wallace-Brodeur  
(223-6055)

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"Today I have grown taller from  
walking with the trees."  
Karle Wilson Baker, b.1878.

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Annual Dues: Adults, \$6.00;  
Juniors (13-18), \$2.00; Children  
(under 13), free. Mail dues to  
Treasurer Sally Sairs.

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION. Mail to  
Treasurer Sally Sairs, Box 66,  
Calais, Vt. 05648.

I WISH TO JOIN THE MONTPELIER  
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INC. I WILL RECEIVE A MEMBERSHIP  
CARD, THE SECTION NEWSLETTER, THE  
LONG TRAIL NEWS, AND DISCOUNTS ON  
GMC PUBLICATIONS AND ON LODGE FEES  
AT OVERNIGHT SHELTERS.

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