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From the Desk of the Chair

Greetings OH,

Here's where I get to brief you on what's been going down with your Steering Committee, and talk up events to come. Our ever capable editor, EB, has knack for covering these bases anyway, but humor me while I indulge in advice that I've seen credited to everyone from William Randolph Hearst to Aristotle: "Tell 'em what you're gonna tell 'em; tell 'em; then tell 'em what you told 'em."

First, the Cabin. Due to the Pandemic, we switched to a reservation system back in 2020 so members could safely use the place. Not without a bit of work by Brian Post, Emily Benson, and others, the new system has succeeded in ways no one could have imagined. Visitors now routinely leave the place in better shape, and receipts for overnights are up 300%, to the point where for the first time in anyone's memory, the place is finally paying for itself. This wasn't our objective going in, but let's just say it's a helpful dividend. We realize this means folks can't just swing by the PNC desk and grab a key whenever. But you can still get a bunk with 24-hour notice by simply going through the resi system, and now you have the advantage of knowing if you'll have company.

No news on the land to the north of the Cabin, which will eventually be up for sale. The seller is still managing a difficult family situation, but we're in regular contact. A small parcel of land just to the south of the Cabin is in the process of being gifted to the OHA by a trust based in Jackson. OH legal beagle Bill Oliver is on the case.

For the second year now, OH Bill Johnson has offered his fellow OH a 5% discount to Ossipee Valley Music Festival, an event he's produced since 1999 in Hiram, Maine. Current croos and TFC have been known to flock there, as do many OH, who always seem to find my site for a beer and a chat. The grounds are shaded, with a river on one side, and the music runs the gamut from Americana to world music and more. Last year featured a Ukrainian vocal ensemble and a Senegalese griot—not exactly your daddy's bluegrass festival, although there's that too. Contact me directly for the discount code, and hope to see you there!

Exciting news on the trails front: the USFS will be rebuilding much of the Old Bridle Path and Franconia Ridge Trail starting this summer, with help from the AMC Trail Crew as well as volunteers from the OHA and TCA (Trail Crew Association). We'll be sponsoring an OHA work party. In addition to this work, Bill Barrett, Stu Johnson, and Jesse Carlson are forging ahead with much need improvements to the Hutmen's Trail, just north of the Cabin, over the Spring Reunion weekend of May 6 and 7. Please consider lending a few hours to this worthy work. Deets inside.

Plenty of other fun news, but I'll leave it to EB to tell ya—and then tell ya what she told ya.

Solvitur Crampus,



Spring Reunion

May 6th at the OH Cabin



Come one, come all on May 6. There will be the usual festivities accompanied by the normal small chores associated with readying the Cabin for summer. Richard Stetson is promising no snow and no blackflies. Bridget Qualey is promising the usual great eat and drink.

So RSVP to richard@qualey.net.

The OH Trail Croo has also set that weekend for its initial Trails Day of the season. On both Saturday and Sunday between 9AM and Noon

we will plan on checking one or both of our two trails to see what needs they have, and do minor maintenance, before on Saturday adjourning to the Reunion. All, especially Young OH, are encouraged to come. For more info, contact Bill Barrett at wllmbarrett@yahoo.com, or Jesse Carlson at jesseclson@gmail.com.

The tentative date for this year's Spring Reunion had been Saturday, May 20, but due to the partial unavailability of the Cabin on that date it has now been pushed two weeks earlier to Saturday, May 6. Normally the Reunion is held on the Saturday after Mothers Day weekend, with a strong resistance to ever having it ON that weekend. This year Mothers Day is May 14, which is the latest it can ever be; and that is why the tentative Reunion date was set where it was. But, when the Cabin conflict became apparent, the decision was made to move the Reunion two weeks earlier instead of having it on the day before Mothers Day.



Cabin Update

From the OH Cabin Committee

The cabin has been having a great winter, hosting many visits from OH of all ages. The snowstorms arrived a bit later than expected, but now the bluebird days of late winter are being enjoyed by everyone! Your cabin caretakers are super thankful for the care and consideration you have shown our special place in the woods. Our reservation system continues to work well under the thoughtful oversight of our website guru Brian Post, and it will



be status quo as we look ahead to the summer months. Remember to check out the complete details on cabin use that are available on the website, ohcrou.com, as things are subject to change.

Please mark your calendars to help out at the Spring Reunion taking place at the cabin on Saturday, May 6th . See additional details elsewhere in the 'Tator. Chores to look forward to will be:

- Cleaning out the woodsheds; a quick job in one shed!
- Removal and cleaning of storm windows
- General spring clean-up of any winter debris inside and outside around the cabin
- And of course, time visiting and reminiscing with OH friends and family members!

Thanks everyone and enjoy our special cabin.

Emily Benson and the Cabin Committee

Thank you to OHA Donors!

An extra special thank you to those who gave a little extra

Mary Elizabeth Arego, Robert Arundale, Cheryl Eklund Baker, Nat Balch, Paul A. Bartlett, William Blais, Katherine Bramhall, Arnold Cary, Abigail Clark, Lawrence Coburn, Susan Hall Cool, David Crandall, Alfred Cumming, Stan Cutter, Lloyd Dakin, Jeff Damp, Althea Danielski, Jonathan Davie, P. Thompson Davis, Tom Deans, Douglas Dodd, Micheal Dudley, Jeremy Eggleton, Craig Findlay, Betsy Corindia Fowler, Brian Fowler, Helen Fremont, Ashley Gill, Hillary Gerardi, John Gross, Susan Gross, James Hainer, David Haughey, Robert Havely, Chris Hawkins, David Huntley, George Holt, Michael Kautz, Herb Kinney, Audrey Kincaid, Greg Knoettner, Cal Lovering, Peter Madeira, Burnham Martin, Dick Maxwell, Robert McIntosh, Benjamin Mitchell-Lewis, Joel Mumford, Mary Bove Nottingham, Peter H. Northrop, Gardiner Perry, Theodore Prescott, Anna Ready-Campbell, Bankson C. Riter Jr., Lawrence Rogovin, Tim Saunders, Bruce Shields, Jeffrey Smith, Doug Teschner, James Thomson, Christopher Van Curan, Frederick Walsh, Robert Watts, John A. Weatherly, Reynold Welch, J. Bryan Wentzell, Alexander Ziko

And our newest lifetime members are...

Alexander Ziko, Eliza Park, Gwen Wilcox, Carter Bascom, Stephen Colt, John Gross, Susan Gross, Garth Self

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<https://www.ohcroo.com>

Trail Wanderings

By Bill Barrett

This year, as mentioned briefly in the Spring Reunion announcement, the first scheduled sessions on our two trails adopted from the US Forest Service---the Hutmen's and the Hall's Ledge trails---will be on Saturday and Sunday, May 6 and 7, at 9AM each day, until about noon. The objective is to sweep each trail to see how it fared during the winter, do minor maintenance such as brushing and small blowdowns, and see what major work is needed that must await a future date. We know that the Hutmen's Trail needs a few more good waterbars, and perhaps we can schedule another one this year to go with the ones we built in 2021 and 2022. On Saturday, in the three hours we have allotted, we may have enough crew members to sweep each of the two trails before adjourning to the Spring Reunion (for which everyone should make his/her own reservation with Richard Stetson). Otherwise, we may do one trail on Saturday and the other on Sunday. If you can do this, please respond to Bill Barrett (wllmbarrett@yahoo.com). It's also OK to just show up at 9AM at the trailhead for the Hutmen's Trail on Route 16 near the log cabin just north of the OH Cabin. Bring a bow saw and/or lopping shears if you have them. And, don't forget, those who accumulate at least 16 hours of trail maintenance are entitled to a free WMNF parking pass for next year.

This year we are also offering the opportunity to volunteer for a major project to upgrade the Old Bridle Path. Greenleaf Alumni, are you paying attention? As part of an overall improvement to the so-called "Franconia Loop"---easily the most heavily used set of trails in the White Mountains---NH Senator Shaheen has secured federal funding for a multi-year upgrade of the Falling Waters Trail, the Franconia Ridge Trail and the Old Bridle Path. The AMC Trails Department is administering the project, and in 2023 the focus will be on the lower part of the OBP. In addition to Volunteer trail maintenance days open to the public for this, the weekend of July 15-16 has been set aside as an OH maintenance session on the part of the OBP that is in the State Park (i.e. the first mile).

OH members, plus friends/families of all ages, (those under 18 must be accompanied by an adult) who are interested and available in volunteering that weekend can sign up for either or both days, with free lodging available at the Cabin for those who actually volunteer. If that weekend is inconvenient, or one weekend is not enough for you, then you can sign up for one or more of the one-day public sessions, which are being offered on July 29 (Saturday), August 6 (Sunday), and August 19 (Saturday). For details on any of this, please contact Nora Sackett at the AMC Trails Department (nsackett@outdoors.org, 603-466-8132), or Trail Crew alumnus Bob White (rwhite@gpinet.com, 802-345-5467).

Everyone who can do so should make a point of contributing something this summer to the well-being of the greater trails system, not just because such contributions are a basis for the OH Association's tax-free status, but especially because every one of our trails needs all the help it can get, and it is the right thing to do!

Anyone who does contribute, please let me know at wllmbarrett@yahoo.com:

1. Trail Name
2. Date
3. Names of Participants, and Number of Hours for each
4. Brief Description of What was Accomplished.

Thank you!

Old Bridal Path Reconstruction Background

By Bob White

We are inviting OH members and specifically alumni of Greenleaf Hut to participate as a volunteer trail workers on the Old Bridle Path. A major multi - year effort began in September 2022 for reconstruction of the Franconia Loop Trails. It has been almost 45 years since trails like Falling Waters, the Franconia Ridge Trail and Upper Greenleaf received significant construction in the mid to late 1970's. While portions of the old Bridle Path from Greenleaf Hut to the valley have received volunteer, AMC, and adopter work, much of the Old Bridle Path with its "fall line" ascent has defied sustainable trail construction, and parts of the trail continue to be increasingly dangerous as the inexperienced nature of many people hiking the trails has caused significant increase in accidents in the past few years.

In September of 2022, the Appalachian Mountain Club White Mountain Professional Trail Crew in and contractors Off the Beaten Path, professional trail builders began a short section of the old Bridle Path, starting at the boundary of the White Mountain National Forest heading upwards. These first few weeks of anticipation for what will likely be five Summer's worth of work on the Ridge Loop trails.



OBP in WHNF Fall 2022 - Trail condition before and after with new stone steps and edging, filling the eroded gully and making a wider footpath

The funding for these initial phases in the National Forest includes \$1.1 million from center to Jeanne Shaheen of New Hampshire. That has been contracted directly to AMC from the White Mountain National Forest. AMC and other crews will be on the ridge loop from early May until November this year. A partnership effort has come together, including AMC, the World Trail's Network as trail builders/manager/stewards and the New Hampshire State Parks and White Mountain National Forest as land managers.

OBP Reconstruction Cont.

By Bob White

As this work commenced in the fall of 2022, it was also identified that funding and improvements to the trail from the National Forest Boundary down through Franconia Notch State Park to the trailhead at Lafayette Place was also an important area of trail improvements to plan for. On behalf of this effort, Robert White, AMC Trail crew ,1975-78 was contacted by an anonymous donor, offering funding for a two-year effort for the old Bridle Path in the state park. An application to the New Hampshire Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (NH DNCR) is presently in the approval process. Close to \$300,000 will be allocated through this funded effort to primarily secure the services of professional Trail builder Peter S. Jensen Associates, LLC (AMC Trail crew 1976-79 and to participate in partnership costs. They will be working from approximately June 25 until September 1 in the “first mile”.



OBP and AMC “first crew” at work, Fall 2022



The improvements within Franconia Notch State Park represent about 5700 feet of Trail improvements along the old Bridle Path. The first 3000 feet are relative moderate grade traversing the side of the mountain. The second 2700 feet is a steeper ascent, and because of the erosion that has occurred several trail relocations onto more sustainable trail grade with more efficient construction are under design and state approvals. Under the present condition - to fix the existing trail on its current alignment- could be an excess of 1000 stone steps- a cost and labor prohibitive endeavor for a trail that should never be built in that location.

Greenleaf 1949 Memories

By Roger G. Smith MD

When I went up to Greenleaf in June 1949, I was the first of the crew to arrive. I was paid \$6 a week. I was 18 and about to start college. Bob Temple showed me how to open the mouse-proof “cage” where all the blankets had been stored over the winter, and set me to work getting the place ready for occupancy. I was there a week by myself before the hutmaster arrived. Boy, was I glad for company. And I had acquired diarrhea from what I had fed myself.

I thought I should go back down and see a doctor, but Temple, who had come up with the hutmaster and the other crew member, mixed up some Klim (powdered milk,) warmed it up, dumped a half bottle of Gulden’s mustard into it and bade me drink it. I was cured! Every doctor needs an armamentarium of useful “pearls” and this was my first one.



Greenleaf, 1948.

Provided by Becky Fullerton, AMC Archivist

Before the construction crew built the large outdoor water tank, (1952?) water at the hut was pumped from a spring about a quarter mile back down the Greenleaf trail. It was fed into two large rectangular open metal tanks in the overhead above the kitchen. Each was about the size of a bathtub. So the guests wouldn’t waste water in the bathrooms off the bunkrooms, self-closing faucets had been installed so the faucet wouldn’t run if you let go of it. They wasted it anyway. That pump down there was a very problematical affair. I became its master. It had to be primed just right to get it to start. I copied some of Joe Dodge’s cuss words and it behaved for me after a while. That was great practice for when I was a pilot years later and ran a fuel tank dry while cruising at altitude; I could get a restart with some confidence. I only ran really dry once. Foul deck. 200 miles east of North Carolina. Gulf Stream. At night. Got wet.

Garbage was a real problem. We carried garbage out of the hut in buckets called “goats.” We took them to a hole in the earth called a “gabo.” Digging a “gabo” at the start of each summer in a mountain of granite was an arduous job, especially as it had to be hidden from the view of our guests and yet not too far from the hut so the goats needed to be carried too far. The location each year was a decision made at the hutmaster pay grade level.

Greenleaf 1949 Memories Cont.

“Refrigeration” was another iffy undertaking. There was an innocent-appearing cabinet at floor level that opened into a space beneath the kitchen which was called “the gorm line.” It was as cool as we could get. We didn’t pack ice up the Bridle Path.

We cooked with gas supplied from canisters we packed up. We called them “goofer bombs.” They would run out at inconvenient times and the cook would have to go outside and detach the current one and hook up the next. We also had a wood stove which was really fun to use for cooking. There was a lot of down timber from the 1938 hurricane not far from the hut. We harvested firewood. That saved packing “goofer bombs.”

Guest capacity was 36. Not really. There were 18 bunks in each bunkroom, but if there was an uneven mix, we couldn’t put guys in the womens’ bunkroom. And in August when the summer camp groups came to us, we overflowed regularly. One night we fed 63 guests. It was pandemonium---two sittings, for both dinner and breakfast! We couldn’t do trail lunches at all. Just issued candy bars. Till they ran out.

We called the guests “goofers.” Joe Dodge regretted he had ever used the term. It was ordered to be suppressed, but that only made it more commonly used.

Closing the hut in the fall involved emptying the crapper tanks. I don’t know how we got through the whole summer without having to do it. The piping emptied out the front side of the hut facing Mt. Lafayette. And it didn’t flow freely. It needed encouragement with a long metal “snake” that fed



up into it from below. We had the brilliant idea of using gloves to wrestle the “snake” and used Modess pads from the women’s head to preserve the gloves. They didn’t teach sex ed in my high school and that was how I learned first about female biology. The hutmaster knew. I said, “Really?”

L to R: Larry Coburn, Dave Porter, Roger Smith. Greenleaf, 1952.
Provided by Becky Fullerton, AMC Archivist

Lynda Cohen Performing Arts Series



Bretton Woods, NH — The Appalachian Mountain Club (AMC) is hosting the 3rd Annual Lynda Cohen Performing Arts Series at the AMC Highland Center in Bretton Woods, NH. These four free summer evening performances will feature renowned local and regional bluegrass, soul/blues, and Americana artists: Della Mae; Dwight + Nicole; Jim Kweskin and Friends featuring Geoff Goodhue and Roland Clark; and Serene Green.

The concert series successfully debuted in 2021, thanks to the vision of AMC member and long-time supporter Lynda Cohen. Originating from her love of music and the mountains, Cohen imagined a concert series where people from far and wide could come together, nestled among the peaks of Crawford Notch, to experience one of her lifelong passions, music. As a musician herself, Cohen understands how the arts can help create connections to the natural world.

The 2023 Lynda Cohen Performing Arts Series lineup is as follows:

Saturday, July 15 - 7-9pm
An Evening With Della Mae

Della Mae is a GRAMMY-nominated, all-women string band made up of founder and fiddle player Kimber Ludiker, lead vocalist/guitarist Celia Woodsmith, guitarist Avril Smith, bassist Vickie Vaughn, and mandolinist Maddie Witler.

Hailing from across North America, and reared in diverse musical styles, they are one of the most charismatic and engaging roots bands touring today. They have traveled to over 30 countries spreading peace and understanding through music.

Performing Arts Series Cont.

Saturday, July 22 - 7-9pm

Dwight + Nicole

American soul/blues band Dwight + Nicole has been touring the Eastern U.S. since 2017. They have been steadily on the rise ever since - nominated for nine Boston Music Awards, ten Daysie Awards, and ten New England Music Awards, winning “Band of the Year,” “Vocalist of the Year,” “Best Blues/R&B Band,” “Female Vocalist of the Year,” “Blues Act of the Year” and “Video of the Year.”

Saturday, August 5 - 7-9pm

Jim Kweskin and Friends, featuring Geoff Goodhue and Roland Clark

Jim Kweskin is the founder of the legendary 1960s Jim Kweskin Jug Band. No other group attained their unique blend of youthful energy and antiquarian expertise, tight musicianship, loose camaraderie, and infectious swing. Kweskin continues to perform with next generation acoustic artists.

“Mr. Kweskin’s music is a blend of blues, jug music, rhythm & blues and jazz – rag-timey stompdawn party music.” - Alex Ward, New York Times

Saturday, August 19 - 7-9pm

Serene Green

Winners of 2022 Podunk Festival competition, Serene Green is a traditional bluegrass band featuring Pennsylvania natives Quentin Fisher, Michael Johnson, Steve Leonard, Shane McGeehan, and Maryland-born fiddle state champion, Katelynn Casper.

Serene Green's desire is to honor the traditional side of bluegrass demonstrated by the pioneers of the music, while also showcasing its original compositions and uniqueness.

Stroker Rogovin, Chair of the Old Hutcroo Association and AMC Board Advisor, worked closely with the planning team for the concert series and advised Lynda Cohen on the selection of acts including Serene Green, Low Lily and Twisted Pine. Stroker's time with the AMC also includes stints at Pinkham, filling in for shelter caretakers, receptionist at AMC headquarters, and four summers at Three Mile Island.

Performing Arts Series Cont.

Beer, alcohol, and snacks will be available for purchase on site; guests are allowed to bring their own food, but BYOB is not permissible due to state liquor laws. There will be limited parking available at the AMC Highland Center for concert-goers, but overflow parking options will be nearby. All concerts will be held rain or shine.

Concerts are free and open to the public and preregistration for attendees is encouraged through Eventbrite: <https://amcmusic.eventbrite.com/>

Landfill by Forest Lake, and HB 56

By Adam Finkle Sc.D., CIH

I hope OH have heard about the most ominous environmental problem facing the North Country---specifically, a plan to site an 18-million-ton solid waste landfill in an absolutely horrendous location-- and that they will consider joining in opposition to it.

According to our Dept. of Environmental Services, New Hampshire has ample capacity to dispose of solid waste in its active landfills, even if the state doesn't meet its goal of reducing the amount we landfill, until at least 2034, and until 2041 and beyond when the Turnkey Landfill in Rochester gets its expected permit to continue to operate. But that hasn't stopped Casella Waste Services (Rutland, VT) from pushing ahead with plans to site a new landfill in Dalton, 2800 feet from the shore of Forest Lake and just over a mile from the Ammonoosuc River, which as we know has its source at the lower Lake of the Clouds.

There are hundreds of thousands of acres in NH that are underlain by good clay soil and solid bedrock, but Casella insists on the Dalton tract, which is in an active sand/gravel pit (!), within a wetland, and 150 needless extra miles away (truck traffic, CO2 emissions...) from the sources of waste generation in the cities and in Massachusetts, which treats NH as its dumping ground of choice.

Please consider writing to DES to oppose this ruinous idea, in favor of a landfill-- someday-- sited in any of the sensible areas of the state. The North Country has already borne the burden for the rest of the state and region, with an active landfill in Berlin near Mt. Success (located in good soil) and a dump slated for closure in Bethlehem after 30 years of troubled operation.

Landfill and HB 56 Cont.

More immediately, there is a bill going through the NH House (HB 56) that would fix the archaic and embarrassing DES rule that allows a landfill to be placed within 200 feet of any lake or river (!). HB 56 would replace this with a science-based setback specific to each tract, requiring that the applicant measure the speed of groundwater at the site and locating the site so that the inevitable leaks and/or spills will be five years away from polluting the nearest water body.

A similar bill was supported by 80 percent of the Republican-controlled House last year, but Gov. Sununu vetoed it and we could not get to a 2/3 majority in the Senate.



Forest Lake sits at 1106 feet ASL, with the entire Franconia Range, Garfield, Cannon, and the Kinsmans visible from the public beach at its northern end. In addition to the unfairness and folly of locating yet another dump in the North Country, it would be a blasphemy to imperil this lake and the Ammo.

You can read more about the science and politics of this project here: bit.ly/YourLakeCouldBeNext, and here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gxV6B9kGb1M> is a short video in the form of a middle-school science project, shot on the banks of the Ammo near the site; feel free to email me at adfinkel@umich.edu; thanks!

Adam M. Finkel, Sc.D., CIH
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Note: Adam worked on the AMC "cloudwater" project at Lakes for parts of summers 1984-87, and helped start the ozone-and-lung-function project at the Obs. He currently lives on Forest Lake in an unheated cabin April-Nov. each year.

The Hut Traverse 1961

By Bob Kreidler

It was the summer between my Freshman and Sophomore years at college. And, it was my second year of working in the huts for the Appalachian Mountain Club (AMC) in the White Mountains of New Hampshire. I was the hutmaster at Galehead Hut. The year before I had worked as crew at Greenleaf Hut. It is a full day's hike between Greenleaf and Galehead, with the route being the Appalachian Trail.

Looking back, and talking with others who had worked in the huts, having a job there was a remarkable opportunity. We ran a wilderness hotel with all the responsibilities from cooking, cleaning, collecting fees, packing in supplies, to search and rescue. A remarkable set of responsibilities for someone who was going to be a Sophomore in college. We were lucky.

Two of us ran Galehead, with Arnie Cary being the other crew member. After college, he went to vet school and became a veterinarian. We frequently had a floater, a temporary crew member who made it possible for one of us to take days off or take on extra work. We packed in supplies 3-4 times a week carrying typically 90 pound loads. The Galehead pack trail was amongst the toughest of pack trails to the huts, being 5-6 miles each way with a 2200 foot elevation gain. Packing the supplies provided amazing conditioning for our bodies. The trail in is now about a mile shorter as the Forest Service added an extension to the forest access road.

While working in the Whites and talking with others, I heard about a crazy challenge called "the Hut Traverse." Its mission was to go to all of the seven AMC huts within a 24 hour period. My guess is at the time only 10 or so people had actually achieved this. The huts in order from west to east were Lonesome Lake, Greenleaf, Galehead, Zealand Falls, Lakes of the Clouds, Madison Spring, and Carter Notch. Mizpah was built several years later. There are multiple ways to do the Hut Traverse, with no set route, but the goal was to do all in a consecutive 24 hours. I decided I wanted to try it.

The distance was a little short of 50 miles along some of the roughest terrain of the AT, which runs from Georgia to Maine. Elevation gain and loss is huge - 17,000 feet - more than half the height of Mt. Everest. The elevation change and the trail roughness is what made it and still makes the traverse a wow.

The Hut Traverse 1961 Cont.

Now people are more competitive, and they try to do the traverse in the shortest time possible. The best I have heard is about 10 1/2 hours, which required running some of the sections. I just wanted to do it in 24 hours.

The day before I did the Hut Traverse, I left Galehead, hiked down the six miles to pick up my VW Beetle at the Galehead trail head, and drove it over to Franconia Notch. I left my VW at the parking area at the trail head to Lonesome Lake Hut, which is also the trail head for Greenleaf. I hiked up to Lonesome for dinner and part of the night, so I was ready for a very early morning start.

At that time Lonesome Lake Hut, was several small buildings and they were on the north side of Lonesome Lake. It wasn't too long afterwards that the AMC tore down the buildings and built a new complex on the west side of the lake. This is where Lonesome Lake hut is today. I left Lonesome Lake about 2:00 am in the morning, and followed the pack trail down to Route 3. This was before they built I-93 that runs through Franconia Notch. Distance down to Route 3 was 1.6 miles. I picked up the Bridle Path to Greenleaf (2.9 miles to Greenleaf) that I had used many times the summer before to pack in supplies to the Greenleaf Hut. The trail climbs about 1000 feet per mile, which is a typical elevation gain in the White Mountains. It was still early in the morning and I said hello to Hutmaster Tom Deans who crawled out of bed to say hello as I passed through.

I don't remember whether I needed a flashlight for the first leg of trip or whether I just used the moonlight. I am sure I carried one. When working for the AMC, hiking in the dark was normal and we frequently hiked the trails at night. From Greenleaf Hut, I continued up the trail to Mount Lafayette (1.1 miles to summit), but skirted the peak by scrambling over boulders and then I picked up the trail to the North Peak. Now, to prevent over-use, hikers are strongly encouraged to stay on the trail. It must have been getting light for me to find my way.

From North Peak it is a steep trail down and then over to Garfield Pond Shelter. Campers were there, still in their sleeping bags. The shelter must be 4-5 miles from the nearest road, and is in the middle of no-where. I sang "Oh What a Beautiful Morning" for the campers as they slept in their sleeping bags. I am sure they wondered where that was coming from and from what nut.

On to Galehead Hut. This was a rough hike, 6.6 miles from the peak of Lafayette. Arriving at Galehead was of course like coming home. I think Arnie had already served the guests breakfast, but he served me great food, and I rested a little for the next leg.

The Hut Traverse 1961 Cont.

Then on to Zealand Falls. Leaving Galehead, the trail is almost straight up to South Twin Mountain. The trail is very rocky as the soil has been washed out. In the Whites the original trail designers put trails straight up mountains which guaranteed later erosion with lots of rocks. Other parts of the country learned not to design trails this way but to use switch backs. From the summit of South Twin it is mostly downhill to Zealand. Galehead and Zealand were originally twin huts. One of the stories I remember being told is the hutmasters of the two huts were identical twins. At night they would meet on the trail half-way between the two huts, swap stories and then return to the other's hut in time to make breakfast for the guests who did not know they had a new hutmaster. To Zealand Falls from Galehead Hut is 7.0 miles.

At Zealand Falls I ate lunch, which was a steak. In running track at college I had learned protein was good and I had it delivered in advance to the crew at the hut who cooked it for me. I then took my usual thirty-minute nap.

From Zealand Falls to Lakes of the Clouds is a long hike. It is first uphill and then down to cross US 302 in Crawford Notch. This is 5.0 miles. I passed the railroad tracks and station that had been built many years before. Here I picked up the Crawford Path to Lakes of the Clouds. This trail was built a long time ago and was a major route (for horses of course) to take riders to the summit of Mt Washington. There are multiple summits (parts of the Presidential Range) along the trail and most of the time I chose the trails that went around them instead of using up my energy to cross each of them. From Crawford Notch to Lakes of the Clouds is 7.0 miles.

Lakes of the Clouds is the largest hut with capacity for about 110 guests (then) and is about 1.5 miles from the summit of Mt. Washington. The crew packs supplies down from the summit which has both a toll road and cog railway to it. The summit has a year-round weather station (which had recorded the highest wind speeds in the world). Back then the crew had a 200 pound club for those that had packed 200 pounds down from the summit to the hut. At Lakes I gobbled down food after the long trek from Zealand Falls.

My close buddy, Clark Dean worked there. His father was a Boy Scout leader and he helped to get me the job in the huts. I then headed off for Madison Springs Hut, on trails that are all above timberline. It is beautiful. Fortunately, the weather was good, but it can be terrible. Once again, I went around summits instead of going over them. It was 6.8 miles to Madison.

The Hut Traverse 1961 Cont.

At Madison Springs I ate dinner (not sure how many meals I had that day). The sun was setting and the crew encouraged me to spend the night. I declined, borrowed a flashlight, and headed over to the Madison Gulf trail which I recall goes straight down the mountain. I can't imagine now doing that trail at night with a flashlight, which I pointed straight down at rock cliff after rock cliff. AMC trail guide says "Caution: the section of the trail on the headwall of Madison Gulf is one of the most difficult in the White Mtns." This section was 5.2 miles.

This dumped me into the Great Gulf, enroute to the AMC's Pinkham Notch Camp. I crossed Rt 16 and picked up the trail to Carter Notch Hut. I arrived about 1:00 am the following morning so I met my target of doing the Hut Traverse in a consecutive 24 hours. At Carter I met "Tiger" Henry (probably about age 60) who was a character of the huts. Some called him "Laughing Boy." During his working years he translated many languages for the Pentagon. He spent his summers going from hut to hut. He was a frequent guest when I was working at Greenleaf. Distance up to the hut from Rt 16 was 3.8 miles. I don't remember having sore muscles next morning, but this was a long time ago. I hiked down from Carter Notch Hut and took the AMC supply truck back to Franconia Notch where I had left my VW Beetle. I drove back to the Galehead trail head and hiked the six miles back up to the hut; probably even carried in supplies, and certainly helped Arnie feed the guests that had come for dinner and the night.

At Galehead Hut we typically had few guests. The hut was in the middle of no-where. We could sleep 36, but most nights we only had 4-6 guests. We cooked for ten and threw out a lot of food for the wild animals to eat. We made advertising posters encouraging people to come to Galehead and placed them in local shops. I doubt they brought anybody to the hut.

In August 1961 National Geographic Magazine published an article by Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas entitled "The Friendly Huts of the White Mountains" about his prior year's multi-day hike through the Hut System. The article publicized the huts and the number of visitors exploded. They have never gone back to pre-National Geographic numbers. Now, reservations are required. Galehead Hut back then was very primitive. We used a gasoline water pump to pump water from a spring and stored it in a tank for hut use. We had flush toilets and piped the waste water over a rock ledge into the valley below. All of this has been modernized.

The hut was torn down and rebuilt in 1999. Arnie and I with our wives went back to celebrate with about 90 others the last day of the old hut. Helicopters carried in building supplies and flew out construction debris. Easier than packing on your back. The air was alive.

The Hut Traverse 1961 Cont.

Several years ago, in early November Bonnie and I rode the Cog Railway to the summit of Mount Washington. It is an easy and fun way to reach the summit. It was a beautiful clear day and we could see Mt. Lafayette approximately 25 miles away. It was awesome to think I had hiked from the other side of it, up Lafayette and then all the miles to Lakes of the Clouds, which we could see below, and then over to Madison, down into Pinkham Notch and then up to Carter Notch Hut that was hidden behind Wildcat Mt.

I have an AMC packboard hanging in my office as reminder of what my hut days were like. The packboard alone weighs 12-15 pounds and its structure today is almost identical to what we used 60 years ago. Amazing, considering how much outdoor equipment has changed. I have a copy of the National Geographic magazine describing Justice Douglas's hut traverse (with a picture of me and Jim Hamilton at Greenleaf looking down on Franconia Notch). I also have a Greenleaf postcard that shows Jim and me packing in supplies with these tall packboards. Working for the AMC in the huts was an amazing experience.

Volunteering

Adopt a Trail

It's easy, apply on the AMC's [website](https://www.amc.org/adopt-a-trail), outdoors.org, pick an open trail, sign and submit the adopter agreement! To adopt a trail you must commit to 3 work days a year to check on it, clear drainages, lop the corridor and do small projects. You can go when your schedule allows and must commit to a minimum of 2 years.

Gormings

At the AMC International Dinner series at Pinkham, Pete Madeira (Tucks '67) and Suzanne Madeira shared slides and gave a talk on their long distance walk of the West Highland Way in Scotland. Ken Olson helped set the stage by leading the singing of The Bonnie Shores of Loch Lomand. Several other OH were also present.

Michael Dudley encourages the OH community to check out outdoor activities at Mt. Ascutney, Brownsville, Vt @: <https://www.ascutneyoutdoors.org>

Doug Teschner is still climbing Moosilauke on New Years Day, writes for Appalachia journal, and visits the huts as a Volunteer Naturalist. He consults through his business Growing Leadership LLC, but spends more time volunteering with Braver Angels a national movement to foster respect across political boundaries. Doug has organized workshops at the NH legislature, where he once served.

Duncan Wanamaker eagerly looking forward to a June visit with Mike Bridgewater and family here in Homer.

Charles A. Hobbie published his fourth book last summer: "Through Grateful Eyes: The Peace Corps Experiences of Dartmouth's Class of 1967." His other books: "Buffalo Wings" (a childhood memoir, includes his AMC summers); "The Time of the Monkey, Rooster, and Dog—A Peace Corps Volunteer's Years in Korea 1968-71"; and "Days of Splendor, Hours like Dreams—Four Years at a Small College in the Still North."

Frederick Johnson recently "almost retired" from a career in corporate environmental management and consulting. He had a great run and enjoyed his career immensely. Retirement, however, has come easy! He enjoys days with family, and training and hunting his beloved wirehaired bird dogs. His legs, lungs and heart may not withstand a 120 pound pack trip, but damn it they still get him to some great places! He still lives in and enjoys the northeast corner of Connecticut, where time has forgotten us.

Rebecca Oreskes has taken a big step and started a Master of Divinity program at Harvard Divinity School. She's in the Buddhist ministry initiative with the intention of being a multi-faith, non-ordained chaplain in a medical setting. So, big adjustment living away from the mountains after so many years!

Gormings

In June 2022, Eric Gotthold married his partner Allison White in a small ceremony held in the backyard of their Ashland, MA home. Chris "Crispy C" DeMasi was in attendance reppin' the OH community.

Susan Hall Cool is living in Marblehead MA with her husband and 9-yr old Portuguese Water Dog, who takes her on daily coastal adventures! Her daughter has completed her first semester at Univ of CO/Boulder and has a spectacular view of the Flatirons and Rockies beyond her dorm room. She is in touch with Peggles Dillon, Ruth Goldman, Gwen Wilcox, and Dawson Winch, and they aim to gather in coming months.

Greg Knoettner is living in Plymouth, NH. Trying to get his winter 4k's before the knees give out!

J. Bryan Wentzell is living in Portland, ME with his wife Anna Fincke and two kids ages 8 and 12. He is executive director of the Maine Mountain Collaborative - a land conservation non-profit. He's also been a part of an effort to start a timber investment fund to own and manage timberland for carbon, habitat, and long term timber value. He welcomes inquiries and conversations from OH young and old who are interested in the land conservation world including #Landback in Maine and beyond. OH may enjoy his side hobby podcast "A Talk in the Woods" which is pretty much what it sounds like.

Jeremy Eggleton is living on Three Mile Road in Etna at the base of Moose Mountain!

Mike Eckel engages in some shameless self-promotion by highlighting two hiking/hut-exploring/travel articles published in 2002: One, for the Associated Press (reprinted here by the Globe & Mail) about hiking in Bavaria: <https://www.theglobeandmail.com/life/travel/article-up-in-the-bavarian-alps-rugged-trails-with-german-cheer/> and Two, for the Guardian, about hiking in Georgia (the country, not the state): <https://www.theguardian.com/travel/2022/nov/30/it-started-with-a-toilet-the-hikers-hut-cleaning-up-georgias-mount-kazbek>

Miles Howard is currently living in Boston and promoting the Walking City Trail—a 25-mile hiking trail from the Neponset River to Bunker Hill that he founded and designed in the summer of 2022. He's also pitching a narrative nonfiction book about city trails and the coming age of urban hiking, and he would greatly appreciate any introductions to literary agents or editors.

Will Norton married Elyse Wadsworth in summer 2022. For their honeymoon they hiked from Franconia Notch to Carter Notch, staying at several huts on the way.

Gormings

Jesse Carlson moved from busy Jackson to moderately-trafficked Bethlehem, NH to live with his partner Emma "EB" Brandt and work as a vegetable farmer at Meadowstone Farm. Come visit them and share a waffle cone this summer!

Craig Findlay reports he's still kicking, and paying taxes in the Peoples Republic of Yarmouth, ME

Joel White writes that his sweetie and he are living the good life in South Lancaster, NH. Feel free to stop by if you are in the neighborhood.



Peggy "Peggles" Dillon traveled to the Netherlands in the summer of 2022 to compete in the World Skiff-Rowing Championships in Kortgene. Her team tied with several others for last place, but a good time was had by all! During the summer and fall she also met up with OH who include Mea Arego, Jen Blaiklock, Pete and Em Benson, Dawson Winch, Jen and Lars Botzjoorns, and Cindy Makin. She is still teaching journalism and other media courses at Salem State University, and she plans to do a lot more traveling to the North Country and elsewhere once she retires in May 2024.

Toben Traver and partner Joanna are expecting a baby in March 2023! Come visit them in their new digs in Lebanon, NH.

On a chilly, almost winter-night, more than a dozen OH gathered in the warm confines of Liz Seabury's home in Kearsarge to share food, adult-beverages, camaraderie and play a rousing game of OH and AMC Huts trivia! To level the playing field, Dr. Peter Crane was the MC of the game, for fear he'd tip the scales unnaturally. Up for the challenge were: Tom and Gloria Hutchings, Liz Seabury, Jen Seabury, Dulcie Heiman, Joe Gill (and brave non- OH wife Virginia Gill), Kim Steward (and equally brave non-OH husband Keith Force), Ken Olson, Jon Martinson, Mea Arego, Dawson Winch and of course, Peter Crane. The greater Mount Washington Valley is chock-full of OH who settled in the area after their stints with the AMC and it's wonderful to get together with these folks for a visit.

This section is filled by you! Send your gormings
to tator@ohcuro.com

OHA Merch

We are thrilled to share with you the artwork going on new OHA merch! Morgan Fox completed eight paintings, one for each hut. We also have a design by Abby Clark of the OH cabin which can be seen in the previous issue of the Resuscitator. We are working on setting up an online store on printful which will enable members to purchase items with the artwork of their choice printed on it! This will take the fulfillment work out of OHA volunteer hands as printful creates and sends the merch as it is ordered. We will widely share the online store once it is ready but in the meantime, please enjoy Morgan's stunning art!



OHA Merch Cont.



The OH is looking for a new Treasurer to start in 2024. This is an interesting and rewarding opportunity to be near the inner workings of the club while literally adding value to the organization through your time. If you or someone you know has a strong sense of finance or economics and would be a good fit, please reach out to our current treasurer, Alex Ziko at treasurer@ohcroc.com



Allee Burt's Cozy Pattern

Many hut kids in the past two decades have been recipients of a handmade cozy by Allee Burt. These cozies fit perfectly on Green Mountain Gringo salsa jars and have been used to drink everything from hot coffee and tea during a rushed breakfast to adult beverages under starlight. When I received mine in the summer of 2017 I was told Allee Burt had passed away the previous winter and these were the remaining cozies. She started making them when her children worked in the huts and never stopped. Those cozies lasted about 4 seasons but now they have officially run out. Myself and others have continued to knit and felt them and distribute them to hut croo as they are now not only handy but an iconic symbol of being hut croo. I have included the pattern my partner and I received in an email from Whitney Brown in 2020 whose thoughts are also included below. If you would like to help us continue the tradition you can send your finished cozies to us at the address below the felting instructions and we will make sure they end up in the hands of new hut croo. - EB



These instructions were gifted to me by Allee Burt herself in the summer of 2015. I worked at Madison that summer and fall, and Allee came up to visit several times that year as a guest and info vol. She sent these instructions to me after she had seen me knitting at the OTC desk during her first visit. The instructions came with a "Cozy Kit" that included multiple fabulous colors of yarn and a set of double pointed needles. I was able to knit several Cozies that summer, and was very proud to show my first one off to her when she came back to Madison as an info vol a few weeks after her first visit. I found that felting in the hut was accomplished most easily in a sink (specifically Madison's pre-dive), using screaming hot water from Sammy (wear gloves) and a touch of dish soap. Rubbing the cozy along the holes of the drain helps to shrink it quickly. Once it gets small enough, put it on a mason jar and rub the jar on the bottom of the sink to help fit the cozy exactly. After rinsing, leaving the cozy on the jar and turning the whole ensemble upside down above the stove makes it dry quickly.

Allee's cozies are emblematic of her generosity and spirit, and I was lucky enough to get to know and appreciate her as more than the cozy lady during her visits to Madison. She was an enthusiastic and exceedingly helpful info volunteer. Unsurprisingly, her passion for the huts and the community they help to foster was transferred into her volunteering, knitting, and every interaction with a hiker at the hut or on the trail. It is my hope that we will continue to make cozies in her honor for many years to come.

-Whitney Brown

Allee Burt's Cozy Pattern Cont.

Allee Burt's Felted Mason Jar Cozy for pint size jar (for QUART size jar). Knitting worsted weight yarn. Must be 100% virgin wool, no superwash. Allee shopped at LYS-Love Yarn Shop-in downtown Bethlehem, NH. EB uses Plymouth Galway wool yarn. Size 10 double pointed needles. Abbreviations: sts=stitches, k=knit, p=purl, k2tog=knit 2 together

Cast on 42 (55) sts loosely using a single strand of yarn.

Divide sts. On 3 needles, join circle taking care not to twist row.

Sleeve:

Rounds 1-4: Knit

Round 5: Incr 3(5) sts evenly. (45 (60) sts)

Knit until work measures 7.5 (10) inches or 41-43 (55) rounds.

Bottom of PINT size cozy:

Round 1: *k6, k2tog, k5, k2tog, Repeat from * 3 more times (39 sts remain)

Rounds 2, 4, 6, 8, 10: Knit

Round 3: *k5, k2tog, k4, k2tog. Repeat from * 3 more times (33 sts remain)

Round 5: *k4, k2tog, k3, k2tog. Repeat from * 3 more times (27 sts remain)

Round 7: *k3, k2tog, k2, k2tog. Repeat from * 3 more times (21 sts remain)

Round 9: *k2, k2tog, k1, k2tog. Repeat from * 3 more times (15 sts remain)

Round 11: *k1, k2tog, k2tog. Repeat from * 3 more times (9 sts remain)

Break yarn. Draw yarn through remain sts.

Bottom of QUART size cozy:

Round 1: * k8, k2tog. Repeat from * 5 more times (54 sts remain)

Rounds 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14: Knit

Round 3: *k7, k2tog. Repeat from * 5 more times (48 sts remain)

Round 5: * k6, k2tog. Repeat from * 5 more times (42 sts remain)

Round 7: *k5, k2tog. Repeat from * 5 more times (36 sts remain)

Round 9: *k4, k2tog. Repeat from * 5 more times (30 sts remain)

Round 11: *k3, k2tog. Repeat from * 5 more times (24 sts remain)

Round 13: * k2, k2tog. Repeat from * 5 more times (18 sts remain)

Round 15: *k1, k2tog. Repeat from * 5 more times (12 sts remain)

Round 16: Repeat from * 5 more times (6 sts remain)

Break yarn and draw through remaining sts. Weave in loose ends.

Allee Burt's Cozy Pattern Cont.

Felting Instructions:

Use HOT water and a few drops of dish liquid. Agitation and HOT water are key to shrinking and entangling the fibers. In a top loading washing machine-place cozy in a fishnet lingerie bag. Use gentle wash cycle. Do NOT spin. Reset the washer to wash setting before spin or rinse. After 15 min. try the cozy on a pint (or quart) size mason jar. Keep at it until the cozy fits snugly around the mason jar. If the piece needs to be shrunk more in one direction or in one area: Shrink length by rubbing or rolling lengthwise. Shrink width by rubbing or rolling widthwise. To flatten the bottom, put the cozy on the mason jar and rub the bottom against a hard flat surface or with a smooth rock in your hand. Rubbing with a squiggly metal potato masher works well, too. The top of the cozy should be just below the threaded rim of the jar. Rub it with a stone or masher around the top to make the rim of the cozy form to the contour of the jar.

Another way to felt is to place the cozy in a plastic bag with hot water (about 1-2 cups) and a few drops of dish soap, seal the bag well- get all or most of the air out of the bag then twist it, double it over and use a twisty tie. Now squeeze, rub, punch it (carefully-don't damage the bag) until it fits the jar. Should take about 20-30 minutes. After you're happy with the fit, rinse well. Squeeze dry. Put cozy back on the jar and let it dry.

You can also do this process with your hands, creating friction on the cozy with hot soapy water until it fits the jar. It may be slightly uneven and can strip your hands of oils but I have found it worked better than the plastic bag method and not quite as good as a classic top loading washer.
~ EB



Please send finished cozies to:

Emma Brandt

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Cozies will be distributed at Gala or as we are able to visit huts or get them to the Huts Department.

Thank you!

Obituaries



Thomas E. “Tom” Kelleher, a loving and beloved son, brother and uncle, an avid outdoorsman, retired information technology officer, and Acton resident, died of a sudden illness at Beth Israel Hospital Boston on New Year’s Eve 2022.

Tom was born on June 11, 1951 at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri to Peter T. Kelleher and Marie M. Kelleher. He graduated from Winchester High School Class of 1969, attended UMass Lowell, and thereafter spent most of his career as an IT specialist for several New England financial institutions, retiring as Senior Security Architect and Assistant Vice President of Citizens Financial Group, Inc. in 2017.

In his very active retirement years, Tom conducted an international internet mapping service for corporations and private nonprofit organizations, TKmaps.com.

Just as importantly for him, Tom followed up on his years of active service with the Appalachian Mountain Club (Pinkham Croo 1970 and Tuckerman Ravine 1971) by devoting countless hours helping to organize and operate several rail trail organizations, including Assabet River Rail Trail as well as Nowottuck Network, Inc. He worked tirelessly for the Old Hutcroo Association, an alumni group of AMC employees; serving on their Steering Committee as well as being their first Webmaster/Webhost. He attended many of their reunions and loved his time in the White Mountains of New Hampshire.

Tom’s survivors include his parents, Peter and Marie Kelleher of Peabody; his brother Michael and his wife Lynne of West Dover VT; his sister Ann Kelleher Lamond and her husband John Lamond of Plymouth; and his nephews and nieces, David Lamond and his wife Holly of Chantilly VA, Matthew Kelleher and his wife Gabriela of South Boston, Maggie Lamond of Austin TX, and Amy Kelleher Royer and her husband Brad of Newburyport.

Additional joy for Tom was the birth in recent years of his grandnephews Charlie and Jack Kelleher of South Boston.

A memorial service for Tom was conducted at the Acton Funeral Home, 470 Massachusetts Ave. Acton at 1:00 P.M. on Saturday, January 14th, and subsequent burial at the Cemetery of the Holy Cross in Franklin, New Hampshire – long known to be Tom’s second favorite state.

Obituaries Cont.



Sally Harris Wilbur, 85, died at Legacy Hospital, Gresham, Oregon on December 25, 2022. A native of Massachusetts, she was born in Winchester in 1937 and lived there until 1952, when the family moved to Boxford. Sally's parents, Stuart K. "Slim" Harris, and Calista (Crane) Harris, were both Old Hutmen, and well-known in the White Mountains of New Hampshire as early as the 1920s.

Sally made her first visit to a hut in the summer of 1939, when her father carried her into Zealand in a papoose basket. Her uncle, Clarence "Tige" Crane, was a Zealand Hutman that summer. In 1940, she made her first visit to Lakes, going to the summit with her father on the Cog, then walking down to the hut, where her mother met them after hiking up the Jewell Trail. Paul "Uncas" Gerhard said he would stand on his head for her if she walked down to Lakes. She did, and he did.

In 1942 Slim, Cal and Sally took the train from Boston to Crawford's, and hiked the Crawford Path to Lakes. Sally climbed to the top of Mt. Clinton on her own, then on a moonlit night, rode on her father's shoulders the rest of the way. The Hut crew were gathered on top of Mt. Monroe, and cheered them as they came up the trail. Afterward, at the hut, Sally remembers them rubbing her feet to get them warm. The following year, when she was five, she made her first unassisted climb of Mt. Washington, via Lion's Head.

In 1945, at the age of seven, Sally became perhaps the youngest "Hut Girl" on record. With young men to staff the huts, scarce during World War II, Joe Dodge reached out to Slim and Cal Harris to see if they would be willing to be the hut crew at Zealand. They were willing, and with Sally and her younger brother, the family spent all summer in residence at the hut. The rest of the Western Division huts were closed that year, but Dick Maxwell, their co-Hutman, made regular visits to them to check on their condition.

During her youth, Sally visited the White Mountains and the AMC huts regularly with her parents, operating from their "base camp," a rustic cabin in the hills north of Berlin, New Hampshire. She took a more normal route to being a Hutman by working at Pinkham Notch during the winter and spring of 1956-1957. She returned for the 1957-1958 winter season.

Obituaries Cont.

Following her marriage in August 1961 to Sanford “Sandy” Wilbur, much of her life was spent in the West, living on national wildlife refuges in California and Idaho, and supporting Sandy’s work with endangered birds. Nevertheless, she was able to make regular trips to New Hampshire to stay with her mother at their cabin, and to make trips to the huts. When Sandy retired in 1994, they began 15 years of living at their New Hampshire “camp” from May to October, returning to Gresham, Oregon, for the winter.

She made her last visit to a hut in 2001 when, following recovery from cancer, she and Sandy took the Cog to the summit, and walked down to Lakes. A stroke in 2008 ended their summers in New Hampshire, and they retired full-time to Oregon, where they had lived since 1981.



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Emma "EB" Brandt is currently a teacher at the Gale River Cooperative Preschool, a nature and play-based preschool in Bethlehem, NH. She spent 6 seasons across 4 years in the huts finishing with a summer caretaking season at Lakes in 2020. She continues to explore the whites by foot and by ski with friends and her partner Jesse, also OH. She's also a fan of boardgames, cooking, knitting, and reading. She's grateful she remains close to the mountains and community she loves.

Resuscitator Assistant Editor is Kim "Schroeder" Steward. She also serves as the OHA Webmaster, Social Media Maven and now handles some duties for the MMVSP. After working for the AMC for 21 years, she has spent the last 10+ years working for White Mountain Oil & Propane doing marketing, web administration, and a variety of HR duties. She also continues to perform weddings as a Justice of the Peace in New Hampshire. She and her husband Keith Force live in Intervale, NH with their rescue dog Mia and spend much of their free time working on their 1930's bungalow.



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