



Good Tidings



July-October, 2009

Chair Words

A message from Chapter Chair, Joe Bogardus

I am happy to report that the Chapter project to improve the Baxter Mountain trail was completed last fall. The work was ably done by the ADK professional trail crew over the past two years. Financial support came from your chapter dues (which are a portion of your ADK dues) as well as from a similar donation by the Keene Valley Chapter. If you haven't been up there lately, please go and try out the new trail—it's great! We now even have a nice, new sign at Route 9N. This project is a great example of the good works chapters can do for the community.

Speaking of trails, the Chapter had a good turnout of members on May 2 and we cleared downed trees and trimmed the trail from Crow Clearing to the summit of Weston Mountain. Mother Nature cooperated and gave us a nice day to make it even more enjoyable. Thanks to Ruth Kuhfahl, Trails Chair, for her recruiting efforts and *gentle reminders*. The other trails we are responsible for, The Crows and Hurricane Mountain, were reportedly not in need of work. Many of us know a certain Forest Ranger and a retired Ranger who tirelessly help keep these trails in such good condition. Thanks, Charlie and Pete.

In this issue you will find a great number and variety of summer outings to choose from. As in the past, listings of summer outings are shared with the Keene Valley Chapter and ATIS. Many trips have a maximum number of participants, especially those in wilderness areas, so be sure to review the offerings and sign up early, so you won't be disappointed.

This year we will likely notice an increase in the mosquito population. This is because of the death of a large proportion of the bat population associated with 'white nose syndrome'. DEC biologists have observed that large numbers of bats have already died during their long winter hibernation in caves and abandoned mines. Although it is believed the syndrome is part of the problem, scientists have been unable to determine what exactly is causing these bats to die off in large numbers. They do know the bats are starving to death, and that they are leaving their winter caves earlier than they should. Locally, bats were observed in early April at Chapel Pond and in Keene Valley, coming out of hibernation far too early to survive in the cold temperatures and without a food source. We could be in for increases in mosquitoes (and possibly mosquito-borne diseases) for years to come.

Membership Update. Please extend a warm welcome to ...

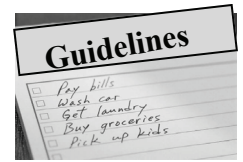
New Members

Cindy Caner 11 Nature Way, Keene Valley, NY 12943
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New Affiliates

Jeanne & James Melano 6 Aiken Ct., Plattsburgh, NY 12903
Brian Miles 55 Humphrey Rd, Uppr, Buffalo, NY 14207
Nancy Hayhurst 12 Adirondack Lane, Plattsburgh, NY 12901

Guidelines for Participating in Hurricane Mountain Chapter Outings



- **MUST CALL** trip leader 24 hours in advance to register unless otherwise designated.
- Be willing to sign the liability form (required by ADK.)
- Total participants including trip leader(s) is 15 for day hikes. (DEC/ADK standards)
- Check distance and ascent in the hike description, or check with leader.
- Check hike rating. Know your capabilities.
- Wear appropriate clothing and foot wear.
- Take an extra water bottle.

Guide to Hurricane Mt. Chapter Hike Ratings

- **A+ Very Strenuous:** Rugged terrain, steep climbing (over 2500' elevation gain) and/or long distances (over 12 miles). Participants should be experienced and in excellent condition.
- **A Strenuous:** Possible steep ascents (1500-2500' gain) and/or distances of 10-15 miles. Can be demanding. Expect faster rate of travel. Participants should be experienced and in excellent condition.
- **B Moderate:** Elevation gains 1000'-1500' and approximately 5-9 miles distance. Expect rolling hills and short steep climbing. Participants should be in good physical condition.
- **C Easy:** Hiking/walking under 5 miles with very gradual or no climbing

Hurricane Mountain Chapter Outings Schedule July-October, 2009

This is a combined list of Hurricane Mt. Chapter, Keene Valley Chapter, and ATIS outings. All listed outings are open to all members and affiliates of Hurricane Mt., KV, and ATIS. The sponsoring group is listed with each outing; sponsoring organization's rules apply.

No sign-ups until after June 21

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| Thursday, July 2 Hike | Mt. Marcy | HUR |
| Strenuous hike up the State's highest peak, 5344 ft. Bring lunch, snacks and water. This is not a beginners hike, though strong beginners welcome. | | |
| Level A, 15 miles, 3166 ft ascent. Call for meeting time and place. | | |
| Leader: Elie Bijou | 518-873-2119 | adironacks@verizon.n |
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| Sunday, July 5 Hike | North Fork Boquet Waterfalls | HUR |
| This will be an easy hike along the North Fork from Rte 73 to explore some nice waterfalls. | | |
| Level B, 3.2 miles, 500 feet ascent. Call for meeting time and place. | | |
| Leader: Joe Bogardus | 576-9739 | joe.adks@gmail.com |
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| Monday, July 6 Hike | Hopkins Mountain | HUR |
| Moderate pace via the Mossy Cascade Trail. Call for meeting time and place. | | |
| Level B, 6.3 miles, 2120 feet ascent | | |
| Leader: Martha Honeywell | 873-7384 | mhoneywell@hughes.net |
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| Tuesday, July 7 Hike | Fay Mountain | KV |
| Short bushwhack, nice views, open ledges. Call for meeting place and time. | | |
| Leader: Christine Bourjade | 518-873-2488 | |
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| Thursday, July 9 Hike | Baxter Mountain | KV |
| Call for meeting place and time. | | |
| Leader: Bettyanne Dixon | 576-9117 | |



Friday, July 10 Hike Colvin and Blake HUR
 Moderate paced hike to two 46'ers. Bring lunch, snacks, raingear, and fleece. Not a beginners hike, though strong beginners welcome. Call for meeting time and place.
 Level A, 14 miles, 2800 feet ascent
 Leader: Elie Bijou 518-873-2119 adirondacks@verizon.net

Saturday, July 11 Hike Pok-O-Moonshine Work Trip KV
 Call for meeting time and place.
 Leader: David Thomas-Train 576-4592

Thursday, July 16 Hike Mossy Cascade Waterfalls HUR
 Explore waterfalls of Lower Mossy Cascade Brook; there may be off-trail sections. Bring a small rock for a cairn and your camera. We will spend some time meditatively. We will share a "picnic potluck" (keep it simple). Meet at Hikers' Parking Lot at Marcy Field 10 a.m. but call to register.
 Level C, 2-3 miles, easy terrain.
 Leaders: Ethel & Bernie Webb 576-4684 bethel@kvvi.net

Tuesday, July 21 Hike Saddleback, Basin, & Gothics HUR
 Moderate paced hike to three of the Great Range peaks. Bring lunch, snacks, water, rain gear and fleece. This is not a beginners hike, though strong beginners welcome. Call for meeting time and place.
 Level A+, 17 miles. 4500 feet ascent.
 Leader: Elie Bijou 518-873-2119 adirondacks@verizon.net

Tuesday, July 21 Hike Lean-to Work Day KV
 Bring work gloves and swimming gear. Meet at the Garden at 9 a.m.
 Leader: David Thomas-Train 576-4592

Monday, July 27 Hike Giant Mountain KV
 In memory of Ed and Alice Stanley. Up Rocky Peak Ridge from New Russia, descend via Ridge Trail to Chapel Pond. Meet at Roostercomb parking lot at 8 a.m., spot car at Chapel Pond, start walking about 8:30 a.m.
 10.6 miles, 4748 feet ascent.
 Leader: Bevan Stanley 576-4386



Tuesday, July 28 Hike The First Brother HUR
 This is a family opportunity geared to adults with kids who want to hike.
 Level C, 1.5 miles to First Brother. Meet at Marcy Field Parking lot in Keene at 9:30 am. There is a charge for bus to and from Garden Trailhead.
 Leader: Monique Weston 576-2224 mfweston@localnet.com

Tuesday, July 28 Hike Phelps Mountain HUR
 An opportunity to get a high peak. This hike will be limited to 8 people.
 Level A, 8.8 miles round trip from Adirondack Loj. 1982 ascent from Loj. Call for meeting time and place.
 Leader: Emily Selleck 576-9472 owls123@localnet.com

Wednesday, July 29 Hike Cascade & Porter Mtns HUR
 Level B, approx 6.2 miles round trip. Approx 2000 ascent. Call for meeting time and place
 Leader: Wes Krawiec 946-1295 wesley.krawiec@gmail.com

Monday, August 3 Paddle Weller Pond HUR
 Paddle across Middle Saranac Lake to Hungry Bay then over to Weller Pond. Lunch and a swim on Tick or Tock Island. Meet at St. Brendan's Parking lot in Keene for 9 a.m. departure.
 Leader: Nancy Kohlbecker 576-2294 nancykohlbecker@earthlink.net

- Tuesday, August 4 Hike** Seymour HUR
 Moderate paced hike to a trailless 46'er, 4120 feet. Bring lunch, snacks, water, fleece and rain gear.
 Call for meeting time and place.
 Level A 14 miles. 2100 ft. ascent
 Leader: Elie Bijou 518-873-2119 adirondacks@verizon.net
- Thursday, August 6 Hike** Basin Mountain KV
 Meet on Ausable Club porch in time for 8 a.m. bus. (ticket needed) Back on 6 p.m. bus.
 Leader: Christine Bourjade 518-873-2488
- Friday, August 7 Paddle** Schroon River HUR
 Paddle down Schroon River on lovely meandering Schroon River, ending up on north end of Schroon Lake. Lunch, and perhaps a swim, on a sandbar. Weather dependent. Limit 7 boats. Must call ahead. Meet at Exit 30, "King Philip's Spring," at 9 a.m.
 Leader: Gail McKay 523-3521 boatme@verizon.net
- Saturday, August 8 Hike** Street & Nye Mountains HUR
 Good herd paths make these mountains easy to find. Wading across Indian Pass Brook may be required if water is too high for rock-hopping. Call for meeting time and place.
 Level A, 8.8 miles, 2700 feet ascent.
 Leader: Joe Bogardus 576-9739 joe.adks@gmail.com
- Monday, August 10 Paddle** Rainbow Lake HUR
 Paddle Rainbow Lake and Clear Pond Flow. Lunch at a secret pond, if we can find it. Perhaps we'll have time and inclination to explore North Branch of Saranac River. Call for meeting time and place.
 Leader: Martha Honeywell 873-7384 mhoneywell@hughes.net
- Tuesday, August 11 Hike** Flume Knob, Wilmington HUR
 Level B, This is a 3-4 hour round trip hike. Call for meeting time and place.
 Leader: Bert Yost 946-7669 willkommenhof@whiteface.net
- Friday, August 14. Silent Paddle** Black Pond HUR
 A very popular event. Black Pond is a small pond off Keese Mills Rd.. Contact leader for meeting time and place.
 Leader: Lorraine Duvall 576-9109 loradk@localnet.com
- Wednesday, August 19 Hike** Moose Mt Pond HUR
 This hike is one of my all time favorites in North Hudson. 7 miles return, ups and downs, but no "steeps."
 Walk by a waterfall, beaver pond along pretty trail to nice lean-to for picnic by the pond.
 Email (preferably) for meeting time and place.
 Leader: Joyce Daniels 962-2266 jdaniels47@gmail.com
- Friday, August 21 Hike** Sentinel Peak HUR
 Bushwhack to one of the Adirondack Hundred Highest Peaks, 3858 ft. Long cotton pants, (jeans okay) long sleeves, and eye wear required as well as sturdy gloves as this peak is completely trailless. Bring lunch, snacks, extra water, and camera to record this momentous event. Despite the low mileage, this is not a beginner outing. Phone to register, and for meeting time and place.
 Level A 6 miles
 Leader: Elie Bijou 518-873-2119 adirondacks@verizon.net
- Saturday, August 22 Bike** Flume Trails, Wilmington HUR
 Guided mountain bike trip. Trails we do depends upon ability of bikers.
 Leader: Bert Yost 946-7669 willkommenhof@whiteface.net



Wednesday, August 26 Hike Carson and Grace Mtns. HUR
 We will ascend via the Macomb Slide and hike these three peaks on herd paths. Bring extra water as the ridge is dry.
 Level A 16 miles
 Leader: Elie Bijou 518-873-2119 adirondacks@verizon.net

Tuesday, September 1 Bike Wadhams Tour HUR
 Bike the back roads of Wadhams. Meet at Dogwood Bakery at 10 a.m. Bike for a couple of hours and return to bakery for lunch.
 Leader: Monique Weston 576-2224 mfweston@localnet.com



Wednesday, September 9 Hike Cathedral Rocks & Bear Run HUR
 This hike is in AMR. Length 4.4 miles with options to do more. Some steep parts, but mostly ups and downs. Email (preferably) for meeting time and place.
 Leader: Joyce Daniels 962-2266 jdaniels47@gmail.com

Wednesday, September 16 Hike Nun-da-ga-O Ridge HUR
 Hike a series of ledges between the Crows and Mt. Weston.
 Level B, moderate pace. 5.8 miles. Limit: 10 people. Call for meeting time and place.
 Leader: Martha Honeywell 873-7384 mhoneywell@hughes.net

Saturday, September 19 TRAIL MAINTENANCE DAY HUR
 Meet at Crow Clearing at 9:30 a.m. with loppers, handsaws, and clippers to do trail maintenance on Gulf Brook and possibly Lost Pond Trails.
 Leader: Ruth Kuhfahl 576-4699

Wednesday, September 23 Hike Stag Brook Trails HUR
 An enjoyable hike past several waterfalls up to mid-station at Whiteface Mt ski area.
 Bring a camera! Meet at 10 a.m. at entrance to Whiteface Ski area.
 Level C, 2 miles (approx) return. Limit: 12 people.
 Leader: Ellie McAvoy 946-8313 ellie_mcavoy@yahoo.com

Thursday, September 24 Hike Round Mountain HUR
 Some of the climb is steep, but the open summit has great views of Giant, Noonmark, and KV make it worth the effort.
 Level A, moderate pace. 4.6 mile loop Call for meeting time and place.
 Leader: Martha Honeywell 873-7384 mhoneywell@hughes.net

Friday, September 25 Hike CAT Trails HUR
 An easy walk on new Champlain Valley Trails in Whallonsburg. Meet at 9:30 a.m. at Dogwood Bakery in Wadhams.
 Leader: Susie Becker 962-4514 susieb@localnet.com

Saturday, September 26 Hike Bald Peak HUR
 This peak, elevation 3060 feet, rises from Rt. 9 in New Russia. Hopefully, we can get some great 360° views of beautiful fall foliage. Call for meeting time and place.
 Level A, 7.8 miles, 2000 feet ascent
 Leader: Joe Bogardus 576-9739 joe.adks@gmail.com



Tuesday, October 6 Hike John Brown's Farm Trails HUR
 An easy hike on long trail starting at John Brown's Farm, Lake Placid.
 Level C Meet at John Brown's Farm parking lot at 10 a.m.
 Leader: Ruth Richards 523-3663 tugetu@roadrunner.com

Wednesday, October 7 Hike Crow Foot Pond HUR
 Rolling hike in North Hudson area. Loons have been seen on the pond. Email (preferably) or call for meeting time and place.
 Level C, 6 miles return
 Leader: Joyce Daniels 962-2266 jdaniels47@gmail.com