PRESIDENT'S PEN
by JUNE FAIT

It's so hard to get a large number of our chapter members together. A hikers meet only other A hikers, B hikers just meet other B hikers etc. As a result we wind up with many groups within the chapter.

One of the nice things about the dinner at the annual meeting was that all these groups got together. Non hiking spouses came too. The result was a great mix and an opportunity to meet people I had only spoken with before. I am not the only one who felt it was great and so we are having our second Annual Dinner. I hope we get a good turnout. Bring your spouses, significant other best friend, whom ever. It's a great way also to introduce prospective members to the club. Hope to see you on November 12th.

Chapters from the downstate region have started to meet together. We held our second meeting in June hosted by the Mohegan chapter. Walter Medwik and Bob Ringlee were there as well as the new associate director Jo Burton. All of the downstate chapters were represented.

Membership was the topic of discussion as membership throughout the club as a whole has not grown and the higher rates of membership are down. This may be just because of the recession but ways of increasing membership were discussed. Our chapter has started calling new members to invite them on an outing and welcome them to the club. Walter spoke about the possibility of reaching out to college outing clubs.

Bob Grimm is working on a guideline for hike leaders and there was talk of having a downstate leadership training workshop.

We were reminded that while the club will take a position on certain issues it does not endorse political candidates. It advocates issues not candidates and does not look for adversarial relationships.

Look for upcoming regional hikes in the hiking schedule.

COME SEPTEMBER WE'RE MOVING!

All meetings from September, 1992 to June 1993 will be held at the Birchwood Elementary School, South Huntington. From Northern Parkway, Take the Wolf Hill Road exit and go west on Wolf Hill Road one mile. Birchwood School is on the north side. From Rt. 110, Wolf Hill Road (aka Schwab Road) is one mile north of Northern Parkway or one mile south of Jericho. Go east on Schwab/Wolf Hill to Birchwood.

Printed on recycled paper.
ZIP CODE ALERT: To promote our chapter is to keep it healthy. Volunteers are sought to contribute only minutes of their time to assist in the publicity of our chapter. Because NEWSDAY won’t list our meetings in all editions, ADK-LI now needs its members to publicize the monthly meetings. A simple solution can be effective if enough members step forth. I’d like to recruit at least one person per zip code to post flyers in a local sport shop, library, or other appropriate site. The current idea is to produce a flyer with descriptions of ADK-LI, the forthcoming meetings, and general information for membership. You’d receive the flyer(s) in the mail and could post them in places convenient for you. Because our local membership covers three counties, please contact me to help publicize ADK in your ZIP code.

Write to: 17 Willow Rd. New Hyde Park, NY 11040; or call: 354-0231 (7-7:30 AM, or evenings before 9:30).

ADVANCE NOTICE: EASTERN MOUNTAIN SPORTS (EMS) is on Voice Road west of Glen Cove Road and mid-way between Jericho Turnpike and Old Country Rd. in Carle Place; 747-7360; M,Th,F to 9 P.M. and T,W,S to 6 P.M.. On THURSDAY, OCT. 22, a 20% DISCOUNT will be offered on all purchases to our members.

PROGRESSIVE EMPOWERMENT CHALLENGES: Participate this fall in my hikes of graduated difficulty as well as other hiking options and you’ll be hiking Catskill summits before too long. Reserve these dates for these outings; Sept 12th - a moderate Harriman hike; Oct. 17 - a longer Lake Awosting hike; Nov 14 - a gentile Catskill peak - Windham; Dec 12 - an impressive Catskill peak, Wittenberg; Jan. 9 - a Catskill winter peak, Blackhead. Come out and join the fun. Should you accept the challenge, encouragement and information will be offered at no cost! Build your endurance as you climb the hiking ladder from Harriman to the Catskills in order to empower yourself for all hiking options.

BACKPACKING AND BEYOND: KATE KEARNS, ELANORE SEATON, and JOANNE MALECKI were DICK FURMAN’S backpacking graduates who hiked 37½ miles to a Catskill meadow rimmed by the Blackhead range. They mastered the skills for independent camping and enjoyed the relaxing pace set by their leader. Registration fees totaled $225 which was sent to Willie Janeway for trail maintenance projects. A gracious thank you from him applauded ADK-LI’s contribution and DICK’s ten years of donating backpacking instruction with fees sent for trail work. hikers, cyclists, birders, canoeists, backpackers, technical rock climbers, snowshoers, and cross-country skiers at any level of ability. Personalities of leaders are as varied as their offerings; each may give you the chance to explore new areas and introduce you to another outdoor-orientated endeavor. Take advantage of the listings, get to know those who lead, and pursue new horizons with those you find compatible. I’d encourage you to take advantage of some standard but appealing options offered from now through the spring; BILL (kinder than General Sherman) CRUMP is headed via monthly weekend trips for Georgia along the Appalachian Trail; JIM (Organized extraordinaire) PELTZER invites you to canoe Adirondack waterways in September; ERNIE (easiest of the easy going) KRIESE, who is hosting the Columbus weekend near Lake Placid, will make a friendly atmosphere prevail; and JUNE FAIT and HERB COLES (A dynamo duo) always give us a taste of winter in their mid-January X-C ski weekend at Lapland Lake northwest of Albany. ADK-LI lucked out winning the use of the Adirondack facility, Camp Paggy O’Brien, for Washington’s weekend in February. Previous leaders (June, Herb and DAVE EDWARDS) have passed the weekends organizing to me and I look forward to the challenges of Adirondack conditions for hiking and skiing. By March we’ll be closer to home with our fourth Catskill winter weekend also led by yours truly. This overview can alert new members about pending opportunities; just watch for the registration deadlines and participate when you can. If day outings are more to your liking, pick and choose accordingly from the multiple listings. One of our chapter governors JENNY KOHN has earned herself another degree - this time specializing in environmental law; congratulations Jenny!... I applaud all volunteers who have generously donated their time and talents as outgoing and incoming officers, board members, outings leaders, committee members, and workers because their actions have strengthened our chapter. Those who participate in outings are also deserving of recognition for it is your willingness to support the activities that encourages and maintains a diversified schedule. Reach an arm...
Second Annual Dinner

We all had such a great time last year at the Annual Meeting that we thought we'd try to get together again.

This year's dinner will be at the Milleridge Inn Rts. 106 & 107 in Jericho which is just off both Northern Parkway and the LIE. The date will be Thursday, November 12th. The cocktail hour (cash bar) will start at 7 PM; dinner at about 7:45 P.M.

There will be a choice of entrees but this can be decided that night. The choices will be Sliced London Broil Bordleaise, Roast Duck, Baked fillet of Sole Almondine or a vegetarian selection. Dinner will also include fruit cup, salad, dessert & coffee, all for $24 inclusive.

The MILLERIDGE INN is famous Island wide for it's ambience, good food and central location, so plan to join us. Send the coupon below with your check made out to Long Island Chapter ADK to: June Fait 730 W. Broadway #55 Long Beach, N.Y. 11561

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Editors Desk

By Ron Engasser

Ever since becoming the editor of this fine publication I hunted around my house for all the old Mountaineers. I located about thirty of them stuffed in drawers and closets. My oldest edition dates back to the July August edition of 1980. Golly! I have been a member of this club for over 12 years. Allen Scholl was the editor and the edition had 8 pages and 22 hikes. Hike leaders were Ken King, June Thompson, Paul Lanzillotta, Warren Black, Mary and Bill Crump, Jim Loeffler, Bernie Tannenbaum, Larry Braun, Gloria Ballafatto and Paul Wojick. It seems that the same folks are still leading hikes today. Warren Black got a job in DC and Al Scholl sorts mail in Allentown Pa. Back then the edition was all typewritten and glued in place the old fashioned way. In 1988 Linda Edwards was the first to use...
I saw the Adirondacks for the first time from the back seat of George Elias' car. In the tunnel of car lights that pierced the winter night I was impressed with the continuous phalanx of trees closely guarding the narrow, winding, snow-covered mountain road. It was my first ADK trip and I felt prepared. I'd recently "discovered" backpacking in Colin Fletcher's "The Complete Walker" and had been exploring Catskill Park's rail system with my wife and teenage sons on weekend backpack trips. Backpacking to a cabin in winter would be another first.

It was interesting watching the others get their packs out of the cars, and eventually, on their backs. They moved quickly in the cold air yet cautiously on the icy hard packed snow under foot. The night was black. I was put in front with my bright Colman lantern (my "equipment freak" stage came later) to lead the others up the trail to Winter Camp. We must have looked like an expanded version of the seven dwarfs.

It proved to be a weekend of observation and exploration. We snowshoed up the valley, learned about Johns Brook Lodge and Grace Camp, and took in the beauty and majesty of the surrounding mountains. In the small cabin, the twelve of us managed meal preparation and cleanup while listening to tales of Adirondack adventure and misadventure. We exchanged thoughts about backpacking and hiking equipment, and I got to know at least a few members of my first club.

Over the twenty years, or so, since that first trip, I've gotten more and more involved with LI-ADK, and several other clubs. I've found the more I've used them, the more useful they've become; the more I've given, the more I've gotten back; and the more I got involved, the more valuable a club became. Clubs have had an important impact on my life. My friends often find it difficult to accept that I was ever rather shy, unsure, and almost totally ignorant about the outdoors. But clubs, and especially Long Island ADK, have helped me grow. Clubs have exposed me to many new and exciting experiences so now I'm very comfortable in, and with, the outdoors. I've gotten to meet and to know many new folks, each of whom has taught me something new. I've gotten to a lot of new and exciting places I'd likely never have gotten to on my own, and now I know quite a bit about the LI-ADK visits.

I'm pleased LI-ADK had seen fit to elect me to almost every position on the Board of Directors and had appointed me to chair or serve on many committees. It has given me an invaluable opportunity to learn about, and sharpen my skills in, administration and policy making. And I've also volunteered as often as I could. These were all fine opportunities for innovation and creativity. It has almost always been fun and rarely has it been work.

Of course the real fun is in the outings where I get into the outdoors and really get to know other members. But Long Island's outing schedule was not always so rich. That first trip I took was one of no more than ten for the ENTIRE YEAR. We now have more than that EACH MONTH! A continuous growth of leaders corps has made the difference. But it's important to understand, going on outings is every bit as important as leading trips. Even so, I like to lead trips because I get to do it my way. And it feels good that the folks who choose to come along seem to like that too. It's an opportunity to be creative with few limits. I've led trips as simple as a 5-mile "C" hike in a local park, and I've taken fifty LI-ADKers to the Adirondacks for three days on a bus. When no one shows up - I go anyway.

A club can become your family, if you let it. Like a family, you don't get to pick the members. But you can pick your favorites from among them. Some will invest love, loyalty, and themselves into the club. Some will never be seen. You can be sure, however, if you put something more than dues into your club, you'll grow and so will your circle of friends.
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<td>BREAKNECK RIDGE.....A moderately strenuous scramble rewarded by magnificent views of the Hudson River, Storm King Mountain, etc. This 10-mile hike is not for the acrophobic. Possible apres hike dinner in quaint village of Cold Spring.</td>
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<td>WILDWOOD STATE PARK.....END OF SUMMER WALK AND SWIM - As summer draws to a close, we will take yet another stroll down Wildwood State Park's country lanes and along its pebbled beaches. After an easy 4 miles, and weather permitting, we will finish with a refreshing swim in Long Island Sound. The water should be plenty warm at this time of year. Bring lunch and drinking water and take the usual precautions against ticks. Joint with Sierra Club. NO LATE CALLS, PLEASE.</td>
<td>BOB McDermott 718-776-8379</td>
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<td>CANOE THE ADIRONDACKS.....Extended canoe camping. Itinerary to be set depending on the number of participants &amp; their level of camping experience helpful. Call leader for details.</td>
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<td>AT WEEKEND WHITE MOUNTAINS.....Dayhike 24 miles over 2 days from Glenciff to Franconia Notch in New Hamburg White Mountain National Forest. Friday and Monday are travel days. One hike (9 miles, 3800' ascent) will be over scenic Mt. Moosilauke (4802') and the other a strenuous (15+ miles, 3500' ascent over the Kinsmans 4358'). Accommodations will be car camping and shuttle. Fee for campsite.</td>
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<td>CATSKILL BACKPACK, DEVIL'S PATH.....9-10 miles. We'll climb four over 3500' mountains. After Indian Head, we'll backpack over Twin &amp; Sugarloaf to a site on Mink Hollow. We'll climb Plateau Mt. on Sunday. This popular backpack route has many fine views to enjoy.</td>
<td>LARRY BRAUN 718-392-2030</td>
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<td>CIVIL WAR LEAD MINES.....Exploration of old lead mines near Wurtsboro, NY. Be prepared for cave spiders, bats. Possible bushwhack to 1888 Railroad Tunnel and points beyond.</td>
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<td>JEANNE GRAY 691-0629</td>
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COLUMBUS WEEKEND LOJ TRIP...ADIRONDACKS - SEE JULY-AUGUST SCHEDULE FOR DETAILS. There are still some last minute vacancies available. Come join fellow ADKers in easy, moderate and strenuous hikes to see the autumn colors (and possible some of that white stuff). Evening fellowship and programs. For more information call ERNIE KRIESE at 821-7716 BEFORE 9 PM. BUT DO SO QUICKLY - DON'T WAIT.

APPALACHIAN TRAIL, EAST HUDSON HIGHLANDS.....9 moderate miles, over Anthony's Nose, Sugarloaf South, & Canadas Hill. Lovely carriage roads with no major climbs, fantastic view of West Point. KEN KING 798-5276 7-10 PM REGISTER BY OCT 15

PROGRESSIVE ENPOWERMENT CHALLENGE NO. 2.....Hike about 11 miles through Minnewaska Park to Lake Awoesting.

FIRE ISLAND NATIONAL SEASHORE (SMITH POINT).....Autumn beach hike along ocean and bay. Lots of fall beach color. Bring binoculars for full day (8 miles) of beach combing. Bring lunch and water. Start at Smith Point. Joint with Southern NY and Conn. Chapters.

JBL VOLUNTEER WORK WEEKEND.....Free meals and bed at John's Brook Lodge, via an easy 3 1/2 mile walk. You do whatever you can to help close JBL for the season and do maintenance on Grace Camp and Camp O'Brien. It's a weekend of good fellowship, good food, and good fun that can even begin on Friday, if it suits your schedule.

FAHNESTOCK STATE PARK.....Moderate 7-8 mile hike in beautiful pre-Halloween, mid-fall color. Days are crisp this time of year and this invigorating trek should perk us up while turning our souls inward. Serenity and deepening peace are in the woods as the season changes from raucous summer to quiet winter. Bring lunch and drinking water. Take usual precautions against ticks. Joint with Sierra Club. All hikers MUST REGISTER BY OCT 21. NO LATE CALLS, PLEASE.

TRAIL MAINTENANCE.....SCHUNEMUNK MOUNTAIN from Rte 32 to the Jessup Trail. Come lend a hand in this biannual maintenance of this section of the Long Path. Beginner maintainers more than welcome. Raindate Oct 25. RICH MOORE 914-496-7667 BEFORE 9 PM. REGISTER BY OCT 23

SHELTER ISLAND BIKE/HIKE.....25 mile bicycle ride with 3-6 mile hike at Mashomack Preserve on Shelter Island. Cycling on Shelter Island after hike. Option to hike only. Enjoy fall color and fresh farm produce. Bring lunch for picnic at Mashomack. Fee for ferry. Small donation suggested for entrance to Preserve.

HALLOWEEN OVERNITE CAMP-OUT TO TRANSYLVANIA.....Exact destination a secret! You will be scared! Plan on hiking Saturday and overnighting Saturday night in Harriman Park. Expect a mysterious entertaining evening on Saturday night.

SOUTH TACONIC TRAILS.....Ridge hike with excellent views of the Hudson Valley and distant Catskills. Visit 3 states climbing Brace, Frissell, and Alander Mountains, ending with a steep descent to Beautiful Bishbash Falls. 10 to 12 miles.

APPALACHIAN TRAIL, VIRGINIA.....Hike 30 miles of the AT in the scenic Blue Ridge Parkway section of Virginia. Tentative section is from TYRO (VA #11) to Buena Vista (VA #14) crossing Spy Rock, Tar Jacket Ridge, Bald Knob and Cole and Rice Mountains. Accommodations will be car camping and shuttle. Fee for camping.

FISHKILL SCOFIELD RIDGE.....Spectacular views hiking (10-12 miles) Breakneck Ridge, South Beacon Mountain, Scofield Ridge & Sugarloaf Mt. 60 mile views to Manhattan Skyline.

WINTER BACKPACK WARM-UP NO. 1.....A backpack workshop on Tongue Mt. in the south-east corner of Adirondack Park. Leader will advise on winter gear and technique. Expect overnight freezing. Early winter snow is possible. The trail is one of the best in Dack's with spectacular views. Will have an almost full moon to enjoy more great views from our open mountaintop campsite. LARRY BRAUN 718-392-2030 REGISTER BY NOV 2
**ADVANCE NOTICE**

**PROGRESSIVE EMPOWERMENT CHALLENGE #3 - WINDHAM - CATSKILLS**

**PROGRESSIVE EMPOWERMENT CHALLENGE #4 - WITTENBURG - CATSKILLS**

**PROGRESSIVE EMPOWERMENT CHALLENGE #5 - BLACKHEAD - CATSKILLS**

ARLENE SCHOLER 354-0231 for more information

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**HARRIMAN STATE PARK.....Pine Meadow and 7 Hills Trail - Pack a lunch and water for a good workout. Joint with Mohican, Knickerbocker and North Jersey Chapters. 8-10 miles.**

JOHN KOLP 212-724-5318 (weeknights), 914-496-1731 (weekends) REGISTER BY NOV 13

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**WYANOKIE CIRCULAR IN NORVIN GREEN STATE FOREST.....From Otter Hole to Wyanokie Point. Joint with Mohican, Knickerbocker and North Jersey Chapters.**

DON MORGAN 201-670-8771 4:30 - 9:00 PM.

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**WINTER CONCERT, NYC.....Paul Winter concert at Cathedral of St John the Divine. Send $25 for each ticket with your name, address, telephone number and number of tickets with a STAMPED SELF-ADDRESSED ENVELOPE TO: JUDY BELCHICK, 33 MASSACHUSETTES BLVD., BELLEROSE, NY 11001. For more information, call JUDY at 516-437-4258**

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**LES WAHRENBERG is the outings coordinator for NOVEMBER/DECEMBER Mountaineer. Contact LES at (516)775-3802 to register your outing for publication. Please send your trip reports to JEANNE GRAY (691-0629), 34 RUSSELL ST., AMITYVILLE, NY 11701.**

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**OUTINGS GUIDELINES:**

REGISTRATION FOR ALL OUTINGS IS REQUIRED. Leader may refuse to take anyone not registered. Persons who do register are expected to show up or call to cancel. *GROUND RULES AND SUGGESTIONS - Minors (under 18) without parent or responsible adult accompanying must call leader prior to trip for OK. Bring trail snack, water, extra piece of clothing for warmth, hat and rain gear. Hiking trips require sturdy footwear. Consult with leader if in doubt as to trip requirements. *CARPOOL LOCATION - Shopping center (street parking only) on northwest corner of Long Island Expressway Service Road and Little Neck Parkway (Exit 32). *CARPOOL RATES - Suggested minimums: Harriman $10, Shawangunks $15, Catskills $20, Adirondacks $45. Drivers set final rates.

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**The Shawangunk Ridge Trail Come Join our Crew**

In a historic trail building project, LI-ADK members are invited to join the roving crew that will begin an intensive 4 month schedule of work on the new Shawangunk Ridge Trail. The NY-NJ Trail Conference is undertaking this mighty task. And I think that this a great opportunity to actually build new trails in the Gunk's. To be on the Long Path roving crew, you need to make yourself available 1 or 2 days a month for a brief but intense period of four months. The trail will traverse some of the most spectacular scenery from the New Jersey border to Minnewaksa State Park. Call 212/685-9699 for info or write to: New ork-New Jersey Trail Conference 232 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10016

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Looking Back
By Jeanne Gray

MAY 16 - HARRIMAN (RAMAPO-DUNDERBERG TRAIL) - JOE LEONE (L), RICH EHLLI, RON and KATHY MARCZYK. We began our 21 mile marathon hike under rainy skies with the hope of clearing by noon. This, however, did not come to pass, so after battling hills, wet feet and the threat of blisters for 11 miles, we decided to call it quits and packed it in at Lake Totiroti, promising to try again next year.

MAY 16 - PAHNESSTOCK STATE PARK - BOB McDERMOTT (L), GRACE CARROLL, PAUL REGENBONEN, MAY-SAN TSENG, FRANK MARSHALL, HELEN DALY and AULETTE BARDOT. We had lunch at the usual place, the ruins of a stone church, on Dennytown Road. Group did 8 hilly miles on a mild rainy day.

MAY 30-31 - SOUTH TACONIC BACKPACK - After a long ride up, we backpacked into an ideal site along Ashley Hill Brook and set up camp. The group was anxious to hike and we quickly climbed Alender Mountain for it's almost completely 360 degree views of the surrounding countryside. Saturday night proved convivial with plenty of songs, liquid refreshments and gemutlichkeit around a camp fire. Empty water bottles made great volley balls! Because of the rain on Sunday, we hiked out early, but had a super time. Maybe next year.

MAY 14 - CONNETQUOT RIVER STATE PARK - JEANNE GRAY (L), AL GRUNTHAL, MAY-SAN TSENG, FRANK MARSHALL, HELEN DALY and AULETTE BARDOT. We had lunch at the usual place, the ruins of a stone church, on Dennytown Road. Group did 8 hilly miles on a mild rainy day.

MAY 19-21 - CATSKILL BACKPACK - Despite the blackness and rain, ROBIN GELLER, LARRY BRAUN (L), ERNIE KRIESE and MIKE SLAUGHTER and a guest found the Denning leanto Friday night. The rain delayed the Saturday morning start, but as the rain abated, the determined band pushed into the wet forest and were thrilled by the prolonged song of an elusive Winter Wren. They climbed through and over ledges to register in the canisters on Friday, Balsam Cap (voted “most likely NEVER to be climbed again”), Rocky and Lone. Ernie and guest also climbed Peekamoose before rejoining the rest of the group coming out over Table in the dark. Of course, Sunday was a fantastically sunny and dry day. Later, while enjoying an apres-climb luncheon at the elegant Triangle Diner in beautiful downtown Liberty, the weekend was declared and unequivocal success.

JUNE 13 - PECONIC RIVER CANOE TREK - JOE LEONE (L), WALTER ABDUL BEDNARCZYK, JUDY BELCHICK, PAULINE & MAXINE CRAIG, ERNEST KRIESE, KATHY AYERS, CLAUDINE & PERCIVAL FARQUATT, VIRGINIA CAREY. The weather was spectacular! Developing the Peconic River Park to discourage development and give a wilderness look to the river was an excellent decision. The outfitter gave each boat a historical guide to the river that was very informative. Sparse birdlife - Great Egret, Eastern Kingbird, Yellow Warblers, male and female Red-Winged Blackbirds, Swans, Canadian Geese, Black and Mallard Ducks, Painted Turtle. Also one blow down willow blocked the river the last mile. Distance was 10 miles.

JUNE 14 - CONNETQUOT RIVER STATE PARK RESERVE - JEANNE GRAY (L), AL GRUNTHAL, MARY WALSH, VERA KEIL (non-member). Took the Red Trail for a leisurely stroll to the fish hatchery. Several deer crossed the trail and paused to watch us pass by. Near the hatchery, we spotted a flotilla of Canadian geese - parents and nine youngsters. They stayed in formation both in and out of the water.

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"Think about it, Murray.... If we could get this baby runnin', we could run over hikers, pick up females, chase down mule deer—man, we'd be the grizzlies from hell."
At the Board of Governors meeting in June, the Board voted to rename the JBL Crew Cabin in memory of Henry L. Young. Mr. Young served as president to the Club in 1963 and 1964. He aided in the construction of many different buildings on the ADK North Country properties, including renovation of the Loj and redesign of Grace Camp after it burned down in 1967. During his tenure, other accomplishments included major fund-raising efforts, the publication of a new guidebook and preparation of plans for rebuilding JBL. Also the Club granted an easement across the JBL and LOJ properties to New York State. Mr. Young contributed generously in so many ways to building the club we know today.

A new club initiative is ADK’s participation in a recreation/stewardship agreement for the 17 mile corridor along the Hudson River between Warrensburg and Hadley. The corridor will be purchased by New York State. ADK will be providing information and education components in a manner much like the summit stewards.

The Board discussed various proposals to reorganize the Club. One of the proposals was to give smaller chapters the option of electing a regional governor, rather than having each chapter elect two people. Another issue was weather Committee Chairs should have a vote on all issues at the Governor’s meetings. If you have any thoughts on these subjects, contact us at 667-4534.
MORE LOOKING BACK

JUNE 20 - NORTH SHORE BIKE - GEORGE DIETZ (L). The ride was a 40 mile ride, but a no-show for members, so I went on a fast paced ride to Orient Point and back (117 miles; average speed 20.3, 5 hours). Saw rabbits darting out in front of the bike, deer & cars at a blur (city people in a hurry). Still, it was a good training ride for winter in the woods.

JULY 8-10 - CATSKILLS - ERNIE KRIESE (L), and JOE LEONE hike into the Denning leanto area, set up camp and did Cornell and Wittenberg. The next two days were spent hiking to Slide Mountain & the Doubletop from Biaquit Brook leanto.

JULY 9 - PLANTING FIELDS ARBORETUM - HOWARD GRABER (L), BARBARA DEGRAFF and friend EILEEN SORDI. We walked through the greenhouse. Excellent. The exhibits are changed every two or three months. A guide took us on a tour of some of the grounds. You should bring lunch and see the entire area. There is no picnic ground as such, but there are places where you could sit and eat. Another guide took us on a tour of the Coe Mansion. The cost is $2 per person in addition to a $3 fee per car. Both guides were very enthusiastic about what they were doing. If you are a gardener, this is not to be missed.

JULY 11 - SOUTH FORK ICE CREAM BIKE RIDE - PAUL LANZILLOTTA (L), ALLEN GRUNTHAL. Biked 37 miles on a sunny, hot day. Saw several Red-Wing Blackbirds; large houses with expansive lawns, beachgoers, a 192’ yacht docked in Sag Harbor. Stopped in Southampton for refreshing soda and homemade ice cream.

JULY 17-18 - LOJ CAMPOUT AND HIGH PEAK CLIMB LARRY BRAUN (L). Although they drove in heavy rain north of Albany, both coming and going, the rest of the trip was dry and pleasant. GEORGE DIETZ, LARRY BRAUN and nine K-ADKERS climbed Esther and Whiteface under clearing skies. The hike out was under blue skies. At the Loj campsite, the Mediterranean/Midwest community dinner, which featured a wide variety of ethnic dishes, was also favored with pleasant weather and interesting conversation.

JULY 18 - OKEANOS WHALE WATCH - JEANNE GRAY (L) and 3 family members. We left Montauk about 8 AM. Weather was hazy, water quite rough from recent storms. As luck would have it, weather cleared, but the whales were a 'no-show' for the first time in four years. We did see schools of tans, a giant sunfish and a leatherback turtle.

JULY 26 - HOOK MOUNTAIN - YETTA & HARRY SOKOL (L), ELIZABETH MANSKY, DELIA COSTELLO, DORIS GRABER, ELLEN & BERNIE LITMAN, FLORENCE & STANLEY FEUER and EILEEN MAHLER. This was a joint hike with NHOC. Hiked 6 miles; saw quite a bit of blowdown. Delicious raspberries and some blackberries made up for no berries last year. Just as we were leaving, we spotted three deer crossing the road. We believe it was a fawn with mother and father.

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