

The Walker

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President's Message

Greetings!!

I find it rather amusing to look at past president messages and see how I described the weather. Probably drives you the reader nuts! However, in the last edition I was grateful for the weather finally turning warmer. Now I'm whining because it is too hot and humid! So difficult to keep happy!!

The summer solstice was the 21st and coincided with the June maintenance trip. One of the so called traditions of this first day of summer is thru hikers supposedly celebrate by hiking with a few less pieces of clothing. Probably for the best, I never saw any scantily clad hikers where I was working. I didn't hear whether other work crews had any surprises. Did get quite a number of weeds removed with the swing blade but still have plenty to get the next work trip. Those hikers that did go by expressed their appreciation for the hard work we do to maintain the trail. Many thanks to all who are putting in the time to keep our trail section looking so inviting!

Summer is a time when many club activities taper off due to being too hot for much. Beyond trying to keep up with the weeds and a few other important maintenance activities, such as relocating the privy down by the shelter, there isn't much to share at this writing.

Be sure to mark your calendar for our 45th anniversary celebration on November 8. The planning team has been hard at work. I know they would love to have others assist with the preparations. If you are interested, please contact Sue Kropp and Jim Hunt, their contact information is located under the ODATC Board members.

Check out the website for interesting activities and news items. It should also have a new look soon. With that I hope you have a safe and wonderful summer wherever you might be.

Theresa Duffey

ODATC Celebrates its 45th Birthday

From the ODATC Archives:

(Note – As the 45th anniversary approaches, I have been pulling items from the early executive board minutes that seemed to identify interesting points in the club's history. In the future these minutes will be scanned and made available on the website for members to peruse. An interesting observation has been how what the board deals with presently is not so different from what was occurring 40 years ago. The following snippets are taken from the minutes of the ODATC executive board meetings from 1973 – 1978. Submitted by Theresa Duffey)

1973 – ODATC begins negotiations with president of Waynesboro based club, Shenandoah Rockfish Appalachian Trail club to merge 2 clubs together. Shenandoah Rockfish maintains AT from Rockfish Gap to Laurel Springs Gap. Club secretary asked to write letter to Natural Bridge AT Club seeking status on section of AT that ODATC maintains between Reeds Gap and Tye River for NBATC. Tidewater AT Club had announced that they now control this part of the AT. [It appears by July 1973, TATC was officially maintaining this section of the AT.]

[ODATC appears to maintain the AT for Potomac AT Club from Jarmon's Gap to Rockfish Gap.]
Dec. 1973 – Proposal that club should consider current energy problem in scheduling hikes. After much discussion, approved whenever possible there should be car pools for hikes, mileage charge of 2 cents per mile be paid to driver, hikes should be avoided at end of month because of shortage of gasoline at this time.

Sept. 1974 – Discussion about the Big Survey Tract, area between Humpback Rocks and Reeds Gap, which now contains areas under construction for Wintergreen recreation development. It covers 15,000 acres 9 miles of the AT. It will be a wilderness type community with limited building and tight restrictions.

Jan. 1976 – A discussion ensued about the possibility of officially gaining recognition for the Club's maintenance of the trail presently assigned the Shenandoah Rockfish Club.

May 1976 – A memorandum of agreement between ODATC and Shenandoah Rockfish ATC has been signed by both clubs. The Shenandoah Rockfish club relinquished trail maintenance for the Appalachian Trail from Mill Creek to Laurel Springs Gap. With the signing of the agreement, ODATC now has officially 10.98 miles of the AT to maintain. In addition, it maintains trail for the PATC.

June 1976 – A letter was received from president of PATC stating that we could use their measuring wheel and refusing to transfer the section of the trail from Jarmon's Gap to Rockfish Gap to the ODATC. The comparatively small size of the ODATC and the revision of the PATC constitution were the reasons indicated for this refusal.

Aug. 1976 – Hank Harmon announced that we are awaiting notification of ATC's acceptance of the revised trail assignments for ODATC.

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From the ODATC Archives (continued):

June 1977 – ATC apparently not aware of our agreement with Shenandoah Rockfish club relinquishing Mill Creek to Laurel Springs. Copy to be resent.

Aug. 1977 – Hank read his letter to PATC that explained our posture statement in regards to AT south of Jarmon's Gap. [ODATC working with PATC on Jarmon's Gap – Calf Mountain Relocation]

Sept. 1977 – Jarmon's Gap relocation. The problem with PATC regarding the new trail was explained, and suggested that after the relocation is complete the club dissolve its overseer's agreement with PATC. This was discussed, and final decision will be made after the work is completed, and our status can be re-evaluated.

Nov. 1977 – It has become apparent that the ODATC and PATC have divergent concepts regarding maintenance of the AT and that the joint maintenance from Jarmon to McCormick Gaps may not be feasible in the foreseeable future. ODATC's agreement with PATC was that we are overseers for the section between the 2 gaps and that PATC would not step in. The issue of who will oversee the subject section raises the question of what ODATC's goals should be in regards to the Trail. It was questioned whether ODATC can justify adding on another section of the Trail in lieu of the lack of work trip participation. Also brought up was the question of mileage and the role of the volunteer organizations like ODATC will have in the future of the Trail. In any event ODATC must decide whether it is willing to give up this section to PATC, the UVA club, or park system. The club must determine what its relationship with PATC will/must be and to what extent trail maintenance be emphasized.

June 1978 – excerpt of 8 Resolutions, Board meeting (from Samuel W. Gage II), adopted by Board

- That the 11 miles of club's allotted AT be divided into 4 sections with 3 overseers per section to manage and lead work trips and hikes on their respective sections.
- That the club officially enter into a joint maintenance agreement with president of the Shenandoah Rockfish Gap AT Club of Waynesboro to assist him in maintaining that club's allotted mileage of the AT (from Rockfish Gap to Mill Creek)
- That this Board undertake a study of 3-months duration to examine the possible alternatives to the current routing of the AT for Rockfish Gap to Reeds Gap with the following guidelines:
 - a. Wintergreen Development now has lots for sale along the 7-mile easement it granted to us.
 - b. Wintergreen Development is heavily advertising its lots and its accessibility to the AT.
 - c. Humpback Rocks is frequented by far too many people to allow the AT to remain near that site any longer.
 - d. Access to the AT from the Blue Ridge Parkway in 3 major situations (along our section) endangers the trail by over-usage in the future.
 - e. Lands to the west of the Blue Ridge Parkway are under- or undeveloped and scenic.

This study would recommend one of the possible alternatives and publicize this recommendation to the appropriate local, state, and federal persons and agencies.

(Note – this concludes the items from executive board minutes found in the notebook containing minutes from 1969 – 1978. If more notebooks can be found in the archive file cabinet, the history will continue in the next newsletter.)

ODATC Hike Rating Codes

Hiking boots are strongly recommended for all hikes. Hikers must be properly equipped, aware of their limitations & hike within their ability. In the interest of safety, activity coordinators may refuse to allow participation by club members or their guests.

Terrain

- 1 = Very Strenuous
- 2 = Strenuous
- 3 = Moderate
- 4 = Easy

Distance

- A = More than 13 miles
- B = 9 to 13 miles
- C = 5 to 9 miles
- D = Under 5 miles

CARPOOLING Please honor the following suggested donation to your driver when carpooling to and from hikes: \$10 per rider for travel to and around the Charlottesville area (60-70 miles approx.) \$15+ per rider for travel beyond Charlottesville (over 75 miles).

Trips, Treks, and Talks - Ted McGarry & Jim Hunt, Contributors

July 9 (Wednesday) North Anna Battlefield Park / sit in the river hike (D/4)

Jim Hunt (hikerjimhunt@hotmail.com or 804-730-2364) Come join us on this 4 mile hike and sit in the North Anna River. The new trails in the North Anna Battlefield Park give us great access to the North Anna River. We will walk 2 miles to the river, sit in the river for an hour and walk back. Take I-95 north 18 miles to Doswell exit 98. Go west on Rte 30 for a half mile, turn right on US 1 and go 1.2 miles. Turn left on Verdon Road, Rte 684, go 2.2 miles and the park in on your right. Drive into the park and park in the main parking lot. Bring water, lunch, water shoes and a change of clothing. No pets or young kids please and if the morning Channel 12 weather temp for the day is 92 or higher the hike is canceled. Meet at 9:50 am.

July 10 (Thursday) James River Loop-North and South Banks RVA (C/3)

Barbara Stewart (bleafstewart@gmail.com) This 7 mile hike covers the North Bank Trail and the Buttermilk Trail and takes about 4 hours. Meet at the free Parking Lot on Tredegar Street between the 2nd Street connector and the Lee Bridge near the American Civil War History Center. Bring lots of water, snack. Let's beat the heat and meet at 8:00 am.

July 12 (Saturday) The Larry Murtaugh Memorial Hike & Swim SNP (B/2)

Randy Wendell and Lisa Kin (randy.wendell@verizon.net or 560-3150)

We're going to honor Larry's memory by doing the 10-mile Rip Rap Hollow day hike. This is truly a scenic hike, but the highlight of the day will be taking a dip in its classic swim hole - just as Larry would have done. Bring your water shoes and towel, and to keep in the spirit of this event total submersion will be required. After the hike, for those interested, we'll dine on Mexican food (and brew) at one of Larry's favorite spots in Charlottesville. Contact Randy or Lisa for more details.

July 19 (Saturday) Work trip

Monthly work trip on the ODATC section of the AT. This is an all day event. Bring water, lunch and work gloves. Dress for weather. Click on odatc.trailmaint@gmail.com to send an email to Lori and Fran in order to register or to request additional information or call Lori (804-397-5306) or Fran (804-270-6908). Please respond by Jul. 16th.

July 19-20 (Saturday / Sunday) Three Ridges Backpack (C/1)

Beth Kirwin (elkirwin@cavtel.net or 804-212-6437). Hike from Reeds Gap to Harpers Creek Shelter via the AT on Saturday. This is about an 8 mile hike. Will return to Reeds Gap on Sunday via the MauHar Trail. This is about a 6-7 mile hike. No dogs please.

July 24 (Thursday) Pocahontas State Park - Chesterfield (C/3)

Barbara Stewart (bleafstewart@gmail.com) Hike 7.5 miles on the Old Mill and Beaver Lake Trails. Meet behind the Contact Station next to the Information Center/ Park Office Parking lot. Bring water and snacks. Lunch option after hike. The park entrance is on Beach Road (Rt. 655) 4 miles west of Rt. 10 (Ironbridge Rd.). There is a nominal parking fee without a park pass. Meet at 8 am. For more info: <http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/state-parks/documents/data/trail-guide-pocahontas.pdf>.

August 2 (Saturday) "42nd Street" at Dogwood Dell RVA (N/A)

Jenni Pendergrass (jennipendergrass@aol.com or 221-3226) Our summer gathering at Dogwood Dell for the musical "42nd Street". Play starts at 8:30 pm but come early with your picnic basket and chairs. Club members are usually down front so look for us there. Contact Jenni if you plan to attend and we'll try to save some seating.

August 9 (Saturday) Shenandoah River paddle Page County (N/A)

Martha James (marthajames@yahoo.com or 804-883-6252) Known by the Coastal Canoeists as 'the ice cream run' since after the paddle most visit a local ice cream stand. This is a class I-II paddle down the Shenandoah River from Newport to White House Landing west of Luray, VA. Must have your own boat and meet Martha at Newport on the river to start the trip.

Aug. 16 (Saturday) Work trip

Monthly work trip on the ODATC section of the AT. This is an all day event. Bring water, lunch and work gloves. Dress for weather. Click on odatc.trailmaint@gmail.com to send an email to Lori and Fran in order to register or to request additional information or call Lori (804-397-5306) or Fran (804-270-6908). Please respond by Aug. 13th.

August 23 (Saturday) Piney Ridge - Little Devil's Staircase SNP (B/2)

David Olli (864-1461 or dolli@smv.org) See *Circuit Hikes in Shenandoah National Park* for this fairly rigorous trek just outside Sperryville, VA. The 11 mile hike features a steep, boulder-strewn climb up Keyser Run, beautifully wooded trail, a few small creek crossings and a rest stop at an old family cemetery. I'll take the first 12 responders, no children or pets please. Weather, temperature, and heat index permitting.

Upcoming Activities

September 27 (Saturday) Annual AT Family Hike AT (D/4)

Theresa Duffey (804-550-0955 or taduffey2054@comcast.net) Enjoy a family friendly, 4 to 5 mile hike along a section of the AT maintained by ODATC. More information will be provided in the September/October Walker.

September 27 (Saturday) Nicholson Hollow / Catlett Mountain SNP (B/2)

David Grimes at dvgrimes.54@gmail.com. This hike starts at the Old Rag parking area so we will meet early to accommodate the longer drive. The Hike has two stream crossings that may require over the boot wading with another ford before the trail starts to climb along Hannah Run. The trail passes several cabin ruins, abandoned apple orchards and rock walls associated with the Hazel Country settler community. The trail's steepest pitch is a 500 foot climb in 0.2 miles and is rough and rocky so wear appropriate foot gear on this hike. The hike is 9.9 miles - strenuous - Elev. change 2000 ft. This hike rates a B/2 on ODATC's scale due to length and difficulty - not quite an insanity hike but you should be in good shape to do this one never the less. In keeping with the Leave No Trace principles the hike is limited to 10. Please contact Dave to signup.

November 8, 2014 (Saturday 5-8 pm) ODATC 45th Anniversary Party at Deep Run Park, Ridgefield Ballroom, Henrico County

Upcoming Programs – Sue Kropp, Contributor

September 16, 2014, Jenni Pendergrass will present *Hiking on the Dingle Way*. We will follow Jenni and several other ODATC members on their trek along the southwest coast of Ireland in May 2012.

November 18, 2014, ODATC members Jane and Lee Hesler are Master Naturalists. They will give a presentation on this program and how it is making an impact on our local environment and natural conservation efforts here in Virginia.

All meetings are held in Bruneing Hall at *Trinity Lutheran Church* located at 2315 North Parham Rd., Richmond, Va. 23229.

The meetings officially begin at 7PM, but members are encouraged to arrive 30 minutes early for socializing. Snacks to share are always welcome. Please bring non-perishable food items to add to their food bank.

For more information contact Sue Kropp at odatc.programs@gmail.com.

Reader's Digest Condensed Version – 2014 Trail Maintenance

– Lori Ando, Contributor

It's unbelievable that our maintenance year is already half over. Where did the time go? Our year started with the Maintainer Pot Luck in January. Twenty-one people attended. This is a wonderful time to enjoy each other's company and catch up in a more relaxed atmosphere. Of course the delicious food is another incentive. We have some wonderful cooks in the club. January was also the month we completed first aid training. This is required for our sawyers to keep their certifications, but, others in the club are welcome to participate, especially section maintainers and hike leaders. Ten people joined in this important activity.

February is when we usually partner with the James River Park District and help with a local work trip. This year with the long wintery weather and other factors that trip did not happen. Hopefully, next year will bring us better weather and a chance to help out around Richmond.

March began our Maintenance Year on our Rockfish Gap to Reid's Gap section. We've been on the AT for 4 work trips so far and have 5 more to go. A whopping 65 people have attended these trips; of course, some of them are repeats, which is terrific to see!

For our March work trip it was down to the wire whether we would even be able to get onto the Parkway due to our long winter. Fortunately, the Parkway opened the day before. Whew! The day on the trail was gorgeous. We split into four crews, two sawyer crews, the Humpback Rocks crew and the Rockfish Gap crew. Our sawyer crews worked hard clearing almost 25 trees from the trail in addition to working on waterbars, cleaning up by the shelter and at Glass Hollow overlook, and other tasks. The Humpback Rocks crew spent the day cleaning waterbars, especially the big ones on the Howardsville, removing loose rocks and debris, breaking up fire rings and campsites, blocking areas where campers were cutting switchbacks, working on Bear Springs and taking care of erosion issues. The Rockfish Gap crew started off the day by picking up trash at our entrance to the trail. This area tends to accumulate a lot of trash especially during the winter, and this year was no exception. That crew worked until after lunch packing 4 huge bags of trash. It is a shame we have to spend our time picking up after others! They then headed south from Rockfish Gap cleaning out waterbars to finish out the day. Thanks to Christina W., Dave G., Jim S., Tom R., Richard W., Ed Jr., Bill F., Karen K., Craig H., Dave A., Fran L., John S. and Phil Y. for all the wonderful work done our first trip out.

Our April work trip had a fabulous turnout for a holiday weekend. This time we split up into four crews. There were two sawyer crews who removed trees reported down both on the north and south side of the trail. A total of 9 trees were removed. The sawyer crew on the north side had some additional folks who cleaned out waterbars, did sidehilling as well as removing rocks. This was our first month to touch up the blazes on the trail. The blazing crew covered the section from Humpback Picnic area to Humpback Rocks, which is a long distance. The final crew worked on the blue blaze trail near Humpback Picnic installing a waterbar and check step to control erosion. On this crew, we welcomed two new maintainers a father and his 13 year old son who was doing volunteer work for a school project. Our first 13 year old maintainer, well, since I've been Trail Supervisor. Thanks to Ed Sr., John S., Mark H., Eric J., Dave W., Chris W., Margaret M., Craig H., John W., William W., Fran L., Steve Y., Christina W., Dave A., Richard W., Dave G., and Phil Y.,

April was double duty for the club, since we also participated in a local work trip for Cyrus Brame at the Presquile Island National Wildlife Refuge. Cyrus had a long list of chores for our club and others who joined in on the fun. The chores ranged from painting, light household repairs, yard clean-up and weeding, sawyer work just to name a few. Thanks to Christina W., Fran L., Mark H., Dave G., Dave A., Steve Y., Richard W., Linda W., John O., Ed Sr., Carol T., and Carolyn M for helping out Cyrus. The week after our work trip there was a Field Day on the Island. Comment from Cyrus: "BTW- 530 visitors descended on to Presquile for our Field Day on April 12th. It was a mob scene, but everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. The refuge looked great thanks to the crew of the ODATC."

May brought us another gorgeous day on the trail, and, a large group to enjoy it. We broke up into five crews covering most of the northern section of the trail. The sawyer crew took care of three trees on the Albright Loop and on the trail down to the shelter. The blazing crew worked their way up the AT behind Humpback Rocks. The shelter crew checked out the privy, emptied the fire pits, broke up additional fire pits created by campers and then did rock removal and sidehilling on the way out. The crew at Rockfish Gap put in check steps and a water bar to help control erosion issues. The final crew worked at the tool shed taking our yearly inventory. We welcomed two new maintainers and one returning after being away for a couple of years in addition to having our Ridge Runner, Regina, join us as well. Thanks to Bill F., Dave W., Mark H., Karen K., Eric J., Fran L., Steve Y., Ed Sr., Richard W., Ed Jr., Dave G., Regina R., Woody C., Rob M., Jim F., Lisa B and Chris W.

Our work trip on the summer solstice in June started off nicely, but ended with a storm setting in and forcing us off the trail in the afternoon, some soaking wet. In spite of the rain a lot was accomplished. There were two weed whacking crews out, one on the section near Battery Cliffs, the other working south from Rockfish Gap. The blazing crew had to abort due to the already wet conditions, but, found things to do helping out a hiker and weed whacking on the south side of the trail. Some rockwork projects were done both north and south of the shelter in addition to weed whacking north of the shelter. The big task this month was to move the privy over to a new hole, since the old hole was filling up quickly. This is a very tricky job and requires a lot of coordination so it, or one of the crew members do not end up in either the old or new hole. Thanks to Fran L., Steve Y., Karen K., Bill F., Theresa D., Ed Sr., Mark F., Mark H., Dave G., Margaret M., Chris W., Jim S., Dave W., Eric J. Oh, the summer solstice is known for nude hikers and some were spotted by a few of our crews.

As always, our work trips are on the third Saturday of every month. You can reserve your spot or ask questions by emailing odatc.trailmaint@gmail.com. If you can't make a work trip day, you can still help when hiking our section of the trail between Rockfish Gap and Reid's Gap by picking up trash, removing small branches/twigs and reporting any downed trees to the same email address. When reporting trees, please note location, diameter and how high it is off the ground.

ODATC Celebrates 45 Years – Sue Kropp, Contributor

Forty five years ago, a group of young, enthusiastic men who loved the outdoors, loved being in the mountains, and devoted to the preservation of the Appalachian Trail, started meeting in the First Baptist Church in Richmond, where they were all members. The purpose of the club was to hike the AT and give underprivileged boys an outdoor experience.

Tom Pearson was the first president and leader. John Farmer was the first secretary for the club. The original charter covered a small section of trail north of Route 64, which is now maintained by the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club. Then in the early 70's things started to happen. Such notables as Jack Albright, Hank Harman and Pete Tansill joined the Club. Membership grew to around 50.

Every new applicant was voted on by the club membership to be accepted. In 1973, the Club experienced its first identity crisis: two women asked to join the Club. They were Lynn Overman and Ann Bullen. Both were voted on and accepted. Lynn later became the club's first female president.

During Hank's Presidency in 1976-77, the club members met with Tom Diamond of the Shenandoah- Rockfish Club to discuss taking over the maintenance of the Trail south of Afton Mountain. ODATC was awarded 30 miles of the AT south of I-64. Ten miles of that section eventually was turned over to the Tidewater club.

As a result of their growth, the meetings moved from the First Baptist Church to the Byrd Park Round House, Overbrook Presbyterian Church, Virginia Science Museum, and the current location of Trinity Lutheran Church. As a result of the forethought and dedication of these young men, we are happy to celebrate 45 years of a thriving hiking club and continue to uphold the standards set forth in 1969 in the basement of the First Baptist Church.

Since 1969, we have had 22 presidents, five different locations, and hundreds of members come and go and many who continued to stay.

We are looking forward to November 8 when we will join together in celebrating the longevity and success of the Old Dominion Appalachian Trail Club. Do plan to be a part of this celebration and meet some other members of the club, both current and past. We will be holding the event at the Deep Run Park Recreation Center.

In the next Walker, you will find a reservation form for the anniversary dinner and festivities. We hope to have an online signup link as well. We will have several day hikes at various levels, a delicious barbeque dinner, and entertainment. This will also be an opportunity to recognize a few of our most distinguished members who have made a significant contribution to the advancement of ODATC.

False Cape State Park Trip – David Grimes, Contributor

After a long hiatus, ODATC is going back to False Cape State Park and The Wash Woods Environmental Education Center!! The 2014 trip is scheduled for Friday October 3 – Sunday October 5. The trip has been very popular in years past and offers a chance to experience and learn about one of the last relatively undisturbed coastal environments on the east coast. The Center is a renovated hunting lodge overlooking Back Bay and provides two dormitory bunk rooms – one for guys – one for girls and three private rooms (bedding and towels provided), there is a full sized fridge, stove, microwave, toaster, coffee pot, pots – pans, eating utensils and a grill. There's one full bath, one half bath and two outdoor showers. The three private rooms have been allocated for the past, present and future trip organizers. The past and present rooms are already claimed but the future organizer room is still open, so if you're willing to run the next edition of this really great trip let me know. You have to bring your own food and drink.

The focus for the weekend is on learning about the ecology and history of the False Cape Barrier Spit and the park regulations make it clear that all participants staying at the center will engage in the environmental education activities – i.e. don't expect this to be a long weekend lying on the beach, listening to Jimmy Buffet and sipping margaritas, but it will be a fun learning experience in a unique setting! Our itinerary for the weekend generally goes as follows: Friday - October 3: Travel to Wash Woods Environmental Education Center (EEC) with a Ranger - naturalist program on False Cape Ecosystem and history after dinner. Saturday – October 4: Beach and Dune Hike in the morning and a Ranger-naturalist led Kayak trip on Back Bay in the afternoon. Sunday – October 5: Ranger-naturalist led ecology hike from Back Bay to Ocean “Life across a spit,” then bid farewell to False Cape until next year.

The cost of the trip should be under \$100 per person. More details on all the above will be provided as we get nearer the trip date. The trip is limited to 20 people and 12 have already signed up, so if you're interested in going contact me at dvgrimes.54@gmail.com ASAP!

40th Appalachian Trail Conservancy Biennial Conference “Hiking Through History” will be held at Shenandoah University in Winchester, VA on July 17 -24, 2015. Potomac Appalachian Trail Club is the primary host. Volunteer opportunities are available for leading hikes, presenting workshops, helping on-site during the event, and many more areas that may be of interest. Volunteer forms are available at the ATC Event Page: <http://bit.ly/1dcFhPU> Forms can be submitted to the Volunteer Coordinator, Tom Johnson, at volunteers2015@patc.net.

Welcome to New Members

ODATC would like to recognize and welcome the following new members. Current club member are encouraged to welcome and get to know them better as they join us on scheduled hikes listed above.

David Hines	John Campbell	Charlotte Zimmerman
Douglas Ortalani	Grace Silverstein	Gerald Hudepohl
Doug Wigner & Nancy Hein	Mike McBride	Janet Johnston
Gail Kemper	Eric Lin	Jeanne Minnix
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Lest we forget...

The ODATC Mission

- The construction and maintenance of foot trails for hikers, including the trail between Reeds Gap and Rockfish Gap.
- The provision of excursions on such trails or other areas
- Offering educational activities related to the need for preserving the great outdoors.

ODATC and ATC

ODATC is a maintenance club and a member of the Appalachian Trail Conservancy (ATC). Annual dues are \$15 for individuals and \$20 for families. Lifetime memberships are available for \$250. Renewals are due annually based upon the month you joined. Renewals and applications for membership can be processed online. If you prefer the USPS, forms for renewal and application may be printed from the website. If you are interested in becoming a member of the ATC you can call (304) 535-6331, ext. 119, e-mail them at membership@appalachiantrail.org or use this link to their website: <http://www.appalachiantrail.org/donate/join-renew>.

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