

# The Walker

Newsletter of the Old Dominion Appalachian Trail Club

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## *President's Message*

Greetings!!

It is a beautiful, although chilly fall day. I hope many of you are able to get out and enjoy the colors and crisp air. As I begin my final president's message I am filled with bitter sweet thoughts. First, I want to say it has been an honor and a privilege to serve as your club president these past 6 years. It seems like such a very long time and yet it went by surprisingly quick.

The club is in very good standing. Our membership has remained stable. Our finances are in good shape. We have great participation on maintenance trips with several new section maintainers. The hikes and activity offerings are unbelievable and we have several new hike leaders. I'm still trying to decide if that is due to the recognition dinners, which were a great addition. I would be remiss in not saying that the success of the club is not due to one person but to the many who have stepped up to serve.

I would like to thank a few other board members who will be stepping down the end of this year as well. Karl Huber has served land management chair the past 6 years. He has done a great job updating and streamlining the border monitoring program as well he has been a great asset to overall club management. My thanks and appreciation to Dennis Schafer and Leonard Adkins who have served in their positions the past 2 terms. Susan Kidd has kept the Walker going the past 3 years; without her willingness to do so there would have been no newsletter. There are several current board members who have agreed to continue another term. These individuals were also a pleasure to serve with and I know will continue to move the club forward.

During my tenure as president, the club participated in hosting the 2011 Virginia Journeys biennial AT conference. We celebrated our 45<sup>th</sup> club anniversary with a great turnout of club members past and present. These 2 events were quite the undertaking. If not for the leadership of Sue Kropp, I'm not certain we would have had the level of participation at the 2011 conference or such a successful 45<sup>th</sup> celebration. I know she was not alone in coordinating these activities and had very good assistants, but boy can this lady rally the troops!

Perhaps viewed as a bit more mundane, the ODATC By Laws and Standing Rules were updated. The Board meetings went from monthly to every 2 months. Significant administrative changes were made with the updating of our club website provider and membership process. In addition to the behind the scenes features, this was a big improvement over the old website and there are still many more features to be explored to make the site even more dynamic. There are also facebook and twitter sites for the club, although I still haven't tried to tweet!

## *President's Message - cont'd*

What does the future hold for the club? I know we will continue our efforts to promote the club and its purpose along with other outreach opportunities. I am sure the number of hikes will continue to grow. While I am not certain there will be the impact on the AT that was anticipated by the movie, regardless I know our trail section continues to grow in popularity and use which will impact our shelter and privy significantly. There is also an increased expectation by our federal land management partners for club volunteers to do more which will undoubtedly lead to some interesting discussions at future regional meetings. For me, there are still things I would like to have accomplished; some that I hope to assist the new president in completing. I will still be assisting Fran as a section maintainer and participating on more work trips, maybe try the border monitoring. I intend to hike more and lead a few hikes as well. Guess you'll still be seeing me around!!

Don't forget our club meetings have shifted to the second Tuesday at the Science Museum of Virginia on Broad Street in downtown Richmond. The next meeting will be November 10 and is also considered the annual business meeting with the election of new board members. There is a great speaker lined up so be sure to join us at 6:30 for socializing before the business meeting begins at 7pm.

Can't believe I am saying this already, Happy Holidays and best wishes for a great new year!! Thanks again for the opportunity to be your club president.

Happy Trails! Theresa

### **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

**CARPPOOLING** 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

### **November 2 (Monday) Old Rag – SNP (C/1)**

Barbara Stewart - [bleafstewart@gmail.com](mailto:bleafstewart@gmail.com) or 804-271-4631 (h), 804-502-8193 (c). Old Rag, some say, is the best hike in Virginia. Contact Barbara for details.

### **November 4 (Wednesday) University of Richmond and its Surrounds – RVA (C/4)**

Bill Tennant ([Willyten10@aol.com](mailto:Willyten10@aol.com) or 282-0590) Enjoy a 5-6 mile walk around the trails and lake at the University of Richmond. Also see Civil War defenses, a City of Richmond park, the highest elevation in Richmond City, Country Club of Virginia and surrounding neighborhoods. From the West End's Forest Ave. at the Tuckahoe Elementary School, turn on Lindsay Dr. Go to the first right. Meet and park around the circle in front of Bill's house at 710 West Drive Circle. **DO NOT PARK ON THE NEIGHBORS' LAWNS.** Meet at 9:50 AM.

### **November 7 (Saturday) Caledon State Park (C/4)**

Theresa Duffey ([taduffey2054@comcast.net](mailto:taduffey2054@comcast.net) or 550-0955) Let's head to Caledon to enjoy a 6+/- mile fall hike through mature forests, along unique marshes, on to the Potomac River where we might see bald eagles roosting. There is a \$5 per vehicle parking fee. Bring water and snacks or lunch. Following the hike, for those interested there will be the option to stay for the Caledon Art and Wine Festival, which goes from 10am – 4pm at the visitor center and front lawn. Cost for the wine-tasting is \$10 and includes a commemorative glass, free for non-tasting guests. Food will also be available for purchase. For additional information on the festival go to [www.dcr.virginia.gov/state-parks/caledon.shtml](http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/state-parks/caledon.shtml) Contact Theresa for departure time and location.

### **November 9 (Monday) North Bank and Buttermilk Trails Loop - RVA (C/2)**

Barbara Stewart [bleafstewart@gmail.com](mailto:bleafstewart@gmail.com) or 804 271 4631 (h), 804 502 8193 (c). The hike is about 8 miles long. We will look for bears on this loop trail. Meet at the free parking lot on Tredegar St. between the Lee Bridge and 2<sup>nd</sup> St. Bring water and snacks. Meet at 9:00 AM.

**November 10 (Tuesday) ODATC General Membership Meeting at the SMV.** We will be getting back to our roots with Matt Hayden. It has been some time since we have heard from an AT thru-hiker, so Matt will provide us with some insight on his experience hiking the AT. We are pleased to have Matt as a club member and the general manager of Greenlife Adventure Sports on West Broad St. The Meeting is at our new central location, the Science Museum of Virginia, 2500 West Broad Street, Richmond VA 23220-2057. The meeting begins at 7 PM, but members are encouraged to arrive at 6:30 PM for socializing. Snacks to share are always welcome.

### **November 11 (Wednesday-Veterans Day) Huguenot Bridge to James River Wetlands – RVA (D/4)**

Jim Hunt (730-2364 or [hikerjimhunt@hotmail.com](mailto:hikerjimhunt@hotmail.com)). This is a great time to walk along the James River falls line when all the leaves are off the trees. Hike 4 miles from the Huguenot Bridge along the south bank of the James River to the Wetlands area. Meet at the Huguenot Flatwater parking area (formerly Huguenot Woods) off Riverside Drive at the south end of the Huguenot Bridge. Meet at 9:50 AM.

### **November 12 (Saturday), York River State Park (C/3)**

Join Ellie and Joanne for an 8-mile hike at York River State Park. Bring lunch and water. Highlights include river views, a fossil beach and archeological remnants of Taskinas Plantation. Leaving the Bottoms Bridge park-n-ride (exit 205 off I-64) at 8:00 AM for those who want to carpool, or leaving the York River State Park Visitor's Center at 9 AM to begin the hike. Contact Ellie or Joanne if you need

details about the hike or the park-n-ride location (Ellie: 370-2603, Joanne: [jberdall@hotmail.com](mailto:jberdall@hotmail.com)). \$4.00 per car weekend parking fee at York River State Park.

#### **November 14 (Saturday) AT Trail Maintenance Trip**

Join us for our last work trip of the year on the ODATC section of the AT. Bring water, lunch and work gloves. Dress for weather. Send an email to [odatc.trailmaint@gmail.com](mailto:odatc.trailmaint@gmail.com) to register and for additional information.

#### **November 14 (Saturday) Tye River to Montebello Fish Hatchery (B/1)**

If we're lucky and autumn's colors linger, we'll get some of the potentially best leaf peeping views of the valley – The catch is – you'll work for the views! Since this will be a point-to-point hike and the days will be shorter we'll leave town early so we can set our shuttle and be done hiking before dark. Starting at the Tye River, we'll hike about 3.5 miles up to the Priest (elev. Gain ~ 3100 ft) for our first view of the Tye River Valley. From the Priest we'll head south about a mile (elev. Loss~1200 ft) past the top of Crabtree Meadows then hike about 3.5 miles up to Spy Rock (elev. Gain~1260 ft) for our second great view (360 degrees). Getting up / down Spy Rock requires a rock scramble up the side of the rock cliff – not very technical but more than just boulder hopping! The trail down to the fish Hatchery is about 2 miles. We usually stop for dinner at one of the Rockfish Valley's restaurants, so plan your car pool accordingly if you plan to head straight back to town. Because of the elevation gain / loss and rock scramble I'm rating this hike at B1 – not too far but very strenuous. Bring a lunch, snacks, water, etc. Email me at [Dvgrimes.54@gmail.com](mailto:Dvgrimes.54@gmail.com) for more information.

#### **November 18 (Wednesday) Grove Avenue Neighborhoods - RVA (C/4)**

Jack Martin (678-8083 or [rjmartinii@gmail.com](mailto:rjmartinii@gmail.com)) Walk the West End neighborhoods adjacent to Grove Avenue from Hamilton Street to Libbie Avenue for 5 miles. Meet at the intersection of Hamilton Street and Hanover Avenue at 9:50 AM.

#### **November 21 (Saturday) Prince William Forest Park (C/3)**

Aseeyah and Tom Rhinesmith ([solitude1957@hotmail.com](mailto:solitude1957@hotmail.com)) invite you to a pleasant walk in the woods at Washington D.C. area's signature national park. We will be doing a five to six mile hike with a significant part of it along the Quantico Creek. All those interested should meet us at the Manakin / Rockville park & ride no later than 8:00 A.M. If you have signed onto the hike but decide at the last minute to cancel, please contact us on the day of the hike by calling 804 382-6186. See you there!

#### **November 25 (Wednesday) Classic Richmond Neighborhoods RVA (D/4)**

Ted McGarry (218-1238 or [tedmcgarry@juno.com](mailto:tedmcgarry@juno.com)). One in a series of two-hour morning hikes by Richmond native and retired City Planner. Coordinator's Choice: Monument Avenue/ Park Avenue. Hike one of the top ten Avenues in America, Monument Ave. from the Arthur Ashe Monument to Stuart Circle. Return on West Ave. and Park Ave. Meet at the Ashe Monument at Roseneath Ave. at 9:50 AM.

#### **November 28 (Saturday) Rip-Rap Trail Loop (SNP; Southern Section) (C/2)**

9.5 mile loop hike using Rip Rap, Wildcat Ridge and Appalachian Trail. For details contact Bill Tennant (282-0590 or [willyten10@aol.com](mailto:willyten10@aol.com))

#### **November 30 (Monday) Petersburg National Battlefield Park - Five Forks Unit - Dinwiddie Co. (C/3)**

Ted Nelson ([theodore.nelson@yahoo.com](mailto:theodore.nelson@yahoo.com)). The Five Forks Battle is called the Waterloo of the Confederacy. The hike is about 7.5 miles with option for lunch afterward. Directions: From Petersburg, take I-85 South to Exit 61 Rte 460 West for seven miles to Rte 627, Courthouse Road. There is a relatively small brown sign indicating the Five Forks Unit. Turn left and go 3 miles on Rte 627 to the Visitors Center. There may be a parking fee unless you have a National Parks Pass. Meet at 9:00 AM.

**December 2 (Wednesday) The Avenues of Libbie and Grove – RVA (D/4)**

Bill Tennant ([willyten10@aol.com](mailto:willyten10@aol.com) or 282-0590). Meet in the parking lot behind the closed Westhampton Theater on Grove near Libbie in the City's West End with optional lunch on "the Avenues". Hike a 5 mile loop through this residential community and explore the campuses of Episcopal and Catholic Schools, Protestant and Catholic Churches and The Country Club of Virginia. All within walking distance of this traditional neighborhood retail center. Meet at 9:50 AM.

**December 5 (Saturday) Dark Hollow Falls/Rose River (C/3)**

Jack Martin (804/678-8083 or [rjmartinii@gmail.com](mailto:rjmartinii@gmail.com)) Leave from Big Meadows in Shenandoah National Park, pass Rose River and the old Copper Mine. Good views from the Appalachian Trail. 6.4 miles, 1,400 ft. elevation change. Bring a lunch. Meet at Oilville Park & Ride off I-64 West (exit 167) at 8:30 am.

**December 7 (Monday) Henricus Park – Chesterfield (C/3)**

Barbara Stewart ([bleafstewart@gmail.com](mailto:bleafstewart@gmail.com), 804 502 8193 day of hike). Bring binoculars, water, snack for a relatively flat walk exploring Henricus Park. This five to seven mile hike is an expansion of hike # 25 in Nathan Lott's *60 Hikes within 60 miles*. To reach the park, take I-95 to Exit 61 towards Hopewell, follow Rte. 10 East only 0.2 miles, immediate left onto Rte. 732 (Old Stage Road). Travel two miles and follow the signs to the Park. Come early and bird on the observation platforms on your drive in. Meet at the Henricus Village parking lot at 9:00 AM.

**December 9 (Wednesday) Cary Street to VCU - RVA (C/4)**

Jack Martin (678-8083 or [rjmartinii@gmail.com](mailto:rjmartinii@gmail.com))

Walk Cary Street to VCU via several Fan District neighborhoods. 5 miles. Meet at the Martin's Food Store 3522 W. Cary St. (Carytown) parking lot at 9:50 AM

**December 14 (Monday) Petersburg National Battlefield Park (C/3)**

Ted Nelson ([theodore.nelson@yahoo.com](mailto:theodore.nelson@yahoo.com)). The hike through the Battlefield Park is about 8 miles. In Petersburg, from I-95 Southbound take Exit 52, take left fork of the ramp to E. Wythe St, (Rte 301 South + Rte 460 Business East), turn left on Wythe St, cross Crater Rd, follow E. Wythe St Rte. 36 East for 2.5 miles before reaching Fort Lee. Meet at the Visitor's Center. There is a parking fee unless you have a National Parks Pass. The GPS coordinates are: 37° 14' 37.87" N and 77° 21' 24.87" W. After the hike, lunch is optional at Andrade's Restaurant (South American cuisine) in Old Towne Petersburg. Meet at 9:00 AM.

**December 16 (Wednesday) Town of Blackstone & Bevell's Hardware Lionel model train operating layout. (D/4)**

Bill Weatherford (804-221-0369) will lead a 2+ hour hike in his boyhood town of Blackstone, a tobacco and railroad town. The hike will begin in the municipal parking lot at Bevell's hardware and will wind through the town, stopping downtown for lunch and then back to the hardware to view the model train exhibit. The train exhibit is 20' X 58', and some portions change from year to year. This is truly a highlight for this small town of 3,600 people. The exhibit is open from Thanksgiving to the first week in January, and last year 31,000 people went through the hardware store door during this time.

Bill will coordinate a carpool from the "Park and Ride" at the intersection of US 360 and Route 153, about 35 miles west of Richmond. This carpool will leave at **9:25 AM**. If anyone wants to coordinate a carpool from the Richmond area, email Ted McGarry for posting on the web page. You should plan on leaving Blackstone around 2:30 PM if you plan on seeing everything available.

As you enter the town of Blackstone the speed limit drops to 25 mph, slow down, the police don't have much to do in Blackstone. Just before the first stop light there is a MacDonal'd's on your right (this is the

rest room stop), if you miss this stop go one block and you will see a Hardee's also on the right (your second chance for a rest room stop). We will turn left at the Hardee's, onto Tavern Street, and the municipal parking lot is a ½ block on your right, in front of the Bevell's Hardware. We will meet here at 10:00 AM for a short briefing and begin our hike.

### **December 16 (Wednesday Night) Christmas Lights – RVA (D/4)**

Hank Harman's annual Christmas hike led by Sue and Norm Kropp (276-0070 or [freshair82@comcast.net](mailto:freshair82@comcast.net)). Four mile round trip hike along Franklin St. to the James Center in Downtown Richmond to see the Christmas lights, usually with a return stop for refreshments. Meet in the Lombardy Street parking lot behind St. John's United Church of Christ located between Stuart Circle and Grace Street at 6:50 PM.

### **December 23 (Wednesday) no hike Merry Christmas**

### **December 30 (Wednesday) Pocahontas State Park - South Section - Chesterfield (C/4)**

Jeff Samuels (796-7949 or [jeffsamuels@yahoo.com](mailto:jeffsamuels@yahoo.com)). Hike 5.5 miles in the park's southern section on a mix of wide multi-use trails and unpaved forest roads. Visit the small Gill-Dance Cemetery and Group Camp 7 Lake. Enter the park at the Bright Hope Horse Complex which is directly across the street from the main park entrance on Beach Road (Rt. 655) 4 miles west of Rt. 10 (Ironbridge Rd.). Those without a park pass must buy (bring \$4 cash or check) and display a daily parking pass which can be obtained at the metal collection box 0.3 miles from the complex entrance. Meet at the parking area near the restroom at the far end of the horse complex at 9:50 AM.

### **January 9 & 10 Paul Wolfe Shelter Freezeriee backpacking (C/3)**

Anne Gilson and Beth Kirwin will head up the annual January Freezeriee. It will take place January 9 & 10, 2015. People will get a chance to test out their winter gear. We will meet at the Rockville Park and Ride on Saturday, 1-10-15, and carpool. We will start bonding over lunch at Every Day Cafe in Charlottesville. We will park at Rockfish Gap and hike five miles to the Paul Wolfe Shelter. We might make a stop at the Rockfish Gap Outfitters if there is a need or desire prior to the hike. We will hike out Sunday morning, 1-10-15 and stop for lunch in Charlottesville. Don't be afraid of the cold. Many have braved this trip in the past. Sunday, we will eat breakfast at a diner in Waynesboro. This is a great opportunity to celebrate January birthdays! Join us if you have a January birthday, know someone who has a January birthday...or even if you will celebrate a birthday anytime in 2015...or know someone who will. Contact Beth Kirwin at [elkirwin@gmail.com](mailto:elkirwin@gmail.com) or 804-212-6437 and Anne Gilson 804-245-0596 for meeting time and to join in the fun.

## **Upcoming Programs - Sue Kropp, Contributor**

**November 10, 2015** - David Spears, the State Geologist since 2009 will speak on the geology of western Virginia specifically as it relates to the Appalachian Trail. Geology controls the topography, and therefore played a large role in the location of the trail. This is our opportunity to find out what lies below our feet (besides rocks, lots of rocks). Come join us at our new meeting location, The Discovery Room at the Science Museum of Virginia, 2500 West Broad Street, Richmond VA 23220-2057. Snacks to share are always welcome. Join us at 6:30 for some socializing time before the meeting begins. For more information contact Sue Kropp at: [odatc.programs@gmail.com](mailto:odatc.programs@gmail.com).

**January 12, 2016** - For those of you who did not attend the Biennial ATC Conference in Winchester, VA this past July, are in for a real treat. Our very own Hank Harman will repeat his presentation given at the conference on "Hiking the AT in the 1940's". This will be a real eye-opener to see how far we have come

(or not) in equipment and technique. Hank will delight us with a few stories of his hiking experiences on the AT at age 16. Don't miss this 75 year veteran of the AT.

All general club meetings are now being held on the second Tuesday of January, March, May, September and November at The Virginia Science Museum located at 2500 West Broad Street, Richmond VA 23220-2057.

The meetings officially begin at 7PM, but members are encouraged to arrive 30 minutes early for socializing. Snacks to share are always welcome. For more information contact Sue Kropp at [odatc.programs@gmail.com](mailto:odatc.programs@gmail.com).

## **Welcome to New Members**

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

**Bettsie Adamson**  
**James Snell**

**Jane Campbell**  
**Pam Tauer**

## **2016 – 2017 ODATC BOARD NOMINEES**

Nominees for the 2016-2017 Board of Directors have been selected for the following positions. The club membership will vote on the nominees at the November 10 general meeting.

President – David Grimes  
Treasurer – Jack Martin  
Secretary – Sue Kropp  
Membership – John Spindler  
Programs – David Olli  
Activities – Jim Hunt and Ted McGarry  
Land Management – Mike Shelor  
Outreach – Aseeyah Rhinesmith  
Newsletter – Brooks Godwin

Thanks to all who have volunteered to serve on the ODATC board!!

If you would like additional information please contact the current board member (names included in the Walker), Karl Huber at [odatc.landmgmt@gmail.com](mailto:odatc.landmgmt@gmail.com) or Theresa Duffey at [odatc.president@gmail.com](mailto:odatc.president@gmail.com).

## **INFORMATION KIOSKS - EAGLE SCOUT PROJECTS**

ODATC now has 2 very nice information kiosks located at either end of our trail section. Both were Eagle Scout projects completed by 2 fine young men from Richmond based Troop 760. The first located at the southern end at Reid's Gap was completed in 2014 by Stephen Purdue. The second located at Rockfish Gap was completed in August 2015 by James Scott. Under the guidance of club member and scout leader Richard Brett and several other troop leaders, Stephen raised the funds needed for his project and James was able to use ODATC funds obtained through the LL Bean grant program as well as raised additional funds for his project. The process to obtain permission to construct these kiosks on federal land was quite the learning process for all involved, with Stephen being the one to experience the full effects of the federal

review process as his project was the first proposed. Karl Huber and Dave Grimes have been developing updated trail maps and other informational posters for these kiosks. Despite the long wait for approvals, the completed project will benefit all who hike along our trail section.



### 2015 ODATC Board of Directors

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Board meetings are typically held the first Tuesday of February, April, June, August, October, and December. Meeting dates are occasionally changed so please contact the president for times and location. All meetings are open to the membership.



## *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](mailto:membership@appalachiantrail.org) or use this link to their website: <http://www.appalachiantrail.org/donate/join-renew>.

## ***THE WALKER***

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