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Boy Scouts Celebrate Earth Day

Over 300 Boy Scouts worked on the Buckeye Trail in AEP lands in Noble County over Earth Day weekend, bringing together the BTA Trail Crew and perhaps tomorrow's BTA trail workers.



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BTA Bits and Pieces

Pat Hayes, BTA President

I am writing this article during National Volunteer Week, April 27–May 3, 2008. National Volunteer Week was created in 1974 when President Richard Nixon signed an executive order to establish the week as an annual celebration of volunteering. And every year since that time, each U.S.

President, along with many governors, mayors and other elected officials, has signed a proclamation promoting National Volunteer Week. I have no proclamation to sign, but I do want to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers who work so hard to make the Buckeye Trail the premier hiking trail in Ohio.

Speaking of volunteers, I want to thank several special volunteers who devoted much time and planning to make our just concluded April 2008 BTA Annual Meeting in Napoleon a success. Many thanks go to BTA Vice President Greg Wisniewski for arranging to have our annual meeting at the Church of the Nazarene in Napoleon. It is a large complex with great kitchen facilities and plenty of room for a group of our size. We even had several BTA members camped out in some of the smaller rooms. Mary Hamilton once again shouldered the huge responsibility of making sure we were all well fed during the weekend long event. Special thanks also go to our two Annual Meeting Co-chairpersons, Mary Hamilton and Ruth Brown for seeing to the myriad details that go into making an event like this a success.

I believe we had about fifty members in attendance this year who took advantage of several different hikes on the BTA/NCT, a trip to a glass blowing studio in West Unity, Ohio, a program on the Miami Erie Canal in Northwest Ohio by Stephanie Jaqua, and a program on the Black Swamp by Pete Wilhelm.

By the time you read this, National Volunteer Week will be long past, but the opportunities to volunteer are ever present. There are many weekend and week long BTA work parties scheduled for the remainder of the year so take a look at the Schedule of Hikes and Events in this issue or check out the Events page BTA web site for a volunteer opportunity near you.

Long time BTA Board members Herb Hulls and Jay Holwick chose not to run for board trustee positions this time. Herb has served as a board member since 1994 and Jay has served since 1999. Herb will still be greatly involved in an advisory capacity and he and Susie will still manage the Chuck Wagon. Jay plans to continue as BTA Store manager. I want to thank them both for their many years of service as BTA Board Trustees.



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- Secondly, you could give through your United Way Campaign. If your workplace offers a United Way giving drive and your local United Way includes ESO in its list of charities, you can select it from the list.

Using Earth Share Ohio is an easy method for giving to the BTA through payroll deductions.

www.earthshareofohio.org

BTeasers

Pat Hayes

Q When did an article about the Serpent Mound crypto-explosive Structure appear in the *Trailblazer*?

A It appeared on page 4 of the July 1980 *Trailblazer* Vol. 13 no. 3.

Schedule of Hikes & Events

Always check www.buckeyetrail.org/events.html for last-minute updates

JUNE

June 14 NE BTA Hike, Oak Hill Area, Cuyahoga Valley NP. Leave at 10:00 a.m., from the parking lot, CVNP Plateau Trail (4.9 miles, some hills, considered moderate to difficult by the NP, hike could be shortened). Lunch in Peninsula restaurant. From Peninsula, go west to first road, (Riverview Rd.), south to first road, (Major Rd.), west to first road, (Oak Hill Rd.), south to parking lot.

Contact: Sophia or Larry Morton, 330-794-7059.

June 21-25 BTA Work Party, Old Man Cave's Section *BTA Chuck Wagon Event*

Note: Make your reservations for the chuck wagon early. The food is FREE and is available to the first 25 who make reservations. See instructions for chuck wagon reservations on this page. Check www.buckeyetrail.org for details.

Contact: Rick Adamson, rmadamson@earthlink.net

June 28-30 BTA Circuit Hike,

Whipple Section. Note: There is an additional day's hike planned for Monday June 30 for those who wish to participate. The hike will be from Points 10 to 25 over the three days.

Saturday: Leave at 10 am from between Points 14 and 15 and carpool to point 10. Hike is 13.1 miles.

Sunday: Meet again between Points 14 and 15. We will leave at 9 am and carpool to point 20. Hike is 11.8 miles.

Monday: Leave Point 20 at 9 am and carpool to Point 25. Hike is 15 miles. All three days are on backcountry roads.

Directions: To get to Saturday's and Sunday's meeting point, take I-77 south to exit 16 and turn left to intersection with SR-821.

Take SR-821 south to the town of Warner and SR-530. Turn right on SR-530 and go 0.1 mile to Duck Creek Rd. (T-16) and turn left. Follow T-16 south for about 2.6 miles and park at the Washington County Fish and Game Association property.

If coming from Marietta, take I-77 north to exit 6 and SR-821 north to Duck Creek Rd. (T-16) just before the town of Whipple. Follow T-16 north about 2.3 miles and park at the Washington County Fish and Game Association property.

To get to Monday's meeting point, take I-77 to exit 16 and turn west onto Sherbourne Rd. (T-301). When crossing into Noble County, T-301 becomes Sherborn Hollow Rd. (T-26). Follow T-26 to T-10 and turn right. Take T-10 to intersection with SR 339 and park at church parking lot.

Camping: Wolf Run State Park, www.dnr.state.oh.us/parks/wolfrun/tabid/796/Default.aspx, 740-732-5035. The Park's address is 16170 Wolf Run Road, Caldwell, OH 43724.

Motels: Numerous motels in the Marietta area.

Contact: Chris McIntyre, Chris.McIntyre@fuse.net, 513-310-5860 about ten days prior to the hike so we can get an idea of how many hikers to expect and to notify you of any potential last-minute changes.

July 12 BTA NE Group Hike, Canalways Visitors Center, Cleveland Metroparks.

Leave at 10:00 a.m. 5 miles on historic Ohio-Erie Canal Towpath. Meet on E. 49th St., Cuyahoga Hts. As you drive north, Canal Rd. becomes 49th St. in Cuyahoga Hts. "Up and over" two overpass bridges, bring camera for dramatic photos. Lunch in local restaurant. Reserve.

Contact: Jones, lynnandandy@windstream.net, 330-467-4338

July 19 BTA Annual Picnic. BTA Headquarters on Tappan Lake. See page XX for more information.

AUGUST

August 2 BTA NE Group Hike, North Chagrin Reservation. Hike North Chagrin Reservation and the Mayfield Hts. Wetland. Leave at 9:00 am from Sunset Pond and the North Chagrin Nature Center for a 5-mile hike (shorter hikes available). Lunch at a local restaurant. Directions: Exit I-271 at Wilson Mills Road. E on Wilson Mills Rd. to SR-91 (1/8 mile). Left on SR-91 to park entrance road (About 2-3 miles, also called White Rd). Right on park entrance road and go to the main park road (about 1/8 mile). Turn right to Sunset Pond parking, area which is on the right.

Contact: Jan Geho, 440-256-8284

August 2-9 MAC Trip, Wind River, Wyoming. The dates posted do not include travel time. The BTA has hiked here before, and it is one of my most memorable trips. The Wind River Range has several wilderness areas with scenic mountains, streams, and ponds full of trout.

Details for this trip have not been worked out. If you are interested in this trip, please contact me. See the BTA web site for information updates when available. Deadline is June 15 to sign up for this trip. MAC trips are for members only.

Contact: John Rethman, ilovehiking3@embarqmail.com, 513-398-9527

August 23-24 BTA Board Retreat, BTA Barn.

SEPTEMBER

September 6 BTA NE Ohio BTA Hike, Hinckley Lake. Meet at 9:00 am sharp at the swimming area parking lot off Bellus Rd. There are 2 hikes: 3.5 mile Hinckley Lake trail around the lake and a longer hike to Whipps Ledges. (We will send a car to the parking lot on the top of Whipps Ledges). More available if you want.

Contact: Liz McQuaid, 216-941-3443

September 13-17 BTA Work Party, AEP *BTA Chuck Wagon Event*

Note: Make your reservations for the chuck wagon early. The food is FREE and is available to the first 25 who make reservations. See instructions for chuck wagon reservations on this page. Check www.buckeyetrail.org for details.

BTA Barn Directions

Take I-77 south to US-250 east (just south of New Philadelphia). Follow US-250 past Tappan Dam almost to the end of the lake. There is a causeway with a sign that reads "Tappan Lake Park". Turn right (this road also takes you to Deersville). Approximately 3.1 miles from the US-250 turnoff is Beall Rd. on the right. Follow this dead-end road 1.3 mi. It ends at the BTA Barn down a long gravel driveway.

Remember the house side of the driveway is absolutely and strictly off-limits. It is a private residence so please respect their wishes and stay on our side of the driveway and please do not block any roads.

Contact: Russ Johnson, oparuss1@msn.com, 330-666-3409

Contact: Rick Adamson, rmadamson@earthlink.net

September 20–22 BTA Maintenance Weekend, Shawnee and Clendening

Check www.buckeyetrail.org for details. Contact: Rick Adamson, rmadamson@earthlink.net

OCTOBER

October 4–9 BTA Work Party, Paulding County. Check www.buckeyetrail.org for details.

Contact: Rick Adamson, rmadamson@earthlink.net

October 11 BTA NE Ohio Group Hike, Annual Island Trip to Middle Bass Island.

Leave at 9:00 am from Miller Ferry dock. Limit 20 BT members and guests. 6-mile (can add more) easy hike, unspoiled, scenic and peaceful in off season. Lunch is at a local restaurant. We scout and map each island trip for meeting ferry schedules. Directions: Allow 2 hours to drive to Miller Ferry dock at Catawba on SR-53. We'll mail map and details.

Contact: Jones, lynnandandy@windstream.net, 330-467-4338. Reserve by Sept. 8, send check for \$17.00 each (group discount ferry fare and postage) to Andrew Jones.

October 18–19 BTA Maintenance Weekend, Burr Oak and Clendening.

Check www.buckeyetrail.org for details. Contact: Rick Adamson, rmadamson@earthlink.net

NOVEMBER

November 1–2 BTA Maintenance Weekend, Shawnee and Cuyahoga Valley National Park. Check www.buckeyetrail.org for details.

Contact: Rick Adamson, rmadamson@earthlink.net

November 8 BTA NE Ohio Group Hike, Ohio & Erie Canal. Leave at 10:00 am from the Franklin Trailhead at 2328 Center Rd., New Franklin. We will hike 4 new miles on the Ohio & Erie Canal. Lunch is at a nearby restaurant.

Directions: From I-76/US-224, go south on Cleveland Massillon Rd., for about 6 miles to Center Rd. Turn left onto Center Rd. and reach trailhead, (just across RR tracks) in less than 1 mile.

Contact: Phyllis Devlin, 330-864-8872

Chuckwagon Reservations

For meal reservations for the chuckwagon at work parties (where available), call Herb or Susie Hulls at:

Hulls Chuck Wagon
740-585-2603
hulls@frognet.net

DECEMBER

December 13 BTA Board Meeting, Columbus.

December 13 BTA NE Group Hike, Annual Soup Sampler. Meet at 10:00 am. This is an easy 5 mile hike. Soup Sampler is at the Jones' afterwards. Any BT member and guest are welcome.

Contact: Jones, lynnandandy@windstream.net, 330-467-4338

End of Trail

Dana Zintek

The Buckeye Trail Circuit patch is awarded to any person who has completed the Buckeye Trail . . .

This issue's finishers are:

| HIKER | DATE STARTED | DATE FINISHED | MILEAGE OF BT WHEN HIKED* |
|----------------|--------------|---------------|---------------------------|
| Dave Tobiasz | April 2003 | August 2007 | 1444 |
| Denise Tobiasz | April 2003 | August 2007 | 1444 |

*mileages vary because of reroutes and improvements

Dave and Denise Tobiasz hiked the Buckeye Trail with the Cleveland Hiking Club. One of their friends was the leader. Denise enjoyed getting away for the weekend and experiencing the different cultures and flavors of Ohio. Dave's favorite part was finishing the trail.

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Boy Scouts Help with Trail Work

Gary Williams

Over 300 Boy Scouts from the Columbus area recently did a good deed in conjunction with Earth Day weekend. April 19–20, Scouts from 19 Central Ohio troops participated in the annual Spring Camporee on AEP ReCreation Lands in Noble County. This year's event featured a service component as well as recreational hiking and camping, as the Scouts participated in trail building and maintenance on a portion of Ohio's Buckeye Trail.

According to Tom Pauling, Boy Scouts Activities Chairman for the Buckeye District of the Simon Kenton Council, the idea for the program had been in the works for over two years, when he and co-chair Mike Hawk and program chairman Vince Phillips began talks with BTA officials. American Electric Power's (AEP) ReCreation Lands in Noble and Morgan Counties was the best site for the project. This southeastern Ohio location was chosen because of the need for trail work and the availability of campsites. In addition to providing the campsites, AEP also furnished supplies and materials for the campers.

Hopes were high for the project and the turnout exceeded all expectations. In addition to 300 participants connected with a troop, there were also 30 members from the District staff and another 14 from the BTA, for a total of 344. Turnout was so high that Pauling said, "I had to order 50 more commemorative patches—but that's a good problem." BTA State Trail Coordinator Rick Adamson was also thrilled with what he called "the largest single volunteer group since we started."



Leaders commiserate about strategy at the home base. A lot of organization was needed with over 300 participants.

A schedule was set up so that all Scouts could hike as well as work, with work assignments separated roughly by age. Pauling described the exercise as "a pre-shakedown hike for Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico for the older group and a day in the woods and an Earth Day project for the younger ones." After a stirring opening ceremony that included trumpet and color guard, the Scouts hit the trail on the morning of April 19. Many of them went with Buckeye Trail leaders Elmo Layman of Urbana and Jay Holwick of Somerset to clear foliage and remove logs from the trail. Some older Scouts went with Buckeye Trail leader Herb Hulls of Lower Salem to a hillside where benching was necessary to build new trail. And a few select crews assisted Buckeye Trail leader Jim Runk of Manchester in building a bridge across a creek.

Not only were all work goals met, but Scouts also took advantage of educational opportunities, as they were encouraged to identify as many species of wildlife as possible. "I found a cricket!" chirped Liam McCullough of Troop 268 in Worthington. Liam, who is "almost eleven," can tell a grasshopper from a cricket because he studied bugs back in the third grade. The Scouts were assisted in their quest for knowledge by adults employing the Socratic method. Scout leaders, such as Kevin Lines of Troop 734 in Hilliard, answered questions with questions of their own that were designed to guide the Scouts to form their own conclusions.



Mastering trail maintenance techniques, in a genuine celebration of Earth Day.



Adopter's Corner

Jim Sprague, Maintenance Supervisor

At the bridge site, teams of older Scouts worked in shifts to complete a bridge in a single day. Assistant Scoutmaster Jamie Doup of Troop 417 in Upper Arlington said her troop brought 20 Scouts as well as nine adults. While most of them were engaged in clipping foliage, five older Scouts worked on the bridge. Current senior patrol leader Austin Kochs, 15, said his troop was not daunted by the project. "It's similar to an Eagle project we did just last week," he said, adding "and we have good team work—we don't just say 'Hey, you.'"

All participants agreed the event was a success for the Boy Scouts, the Buckeye Trail and AEP, and plans are being made for future cooperative projects. Pauling announced that "I am very happy." Adamson was even more enthusiastic, saying "I can't say enough about how great everything worked out."

I am pleased to present a few more of the Heroes of the Buckeye Trail, Class of 2007. With one exception, Allen Deemer, these names came to my desk after the deadline for the Winter Trailblazer. Allen submitted his adoption time along with his Trail Crew time which is normally recorded elsewhere. Consequently, I missed his Adopted segment time. Probably, still more Trail Adopters remain unrecognized. To all active Trail Adopters, BTA offers a special "Thank You." Without your efforts, BT could not exist.

The totals presented here at the bottom of the table include data presented with the records that were published in the Winter Trailblazer.

Hopefully, we can get everybody's data together in time for the Winter Trailblazer next year. Perhaps, even more hopefully, all Adopters will choose to report all requested information, although I do definitely prefer an incomplete report over no report.

On another subject, next year will be a huge year for the BTA; our 50th Anniversary is coming in 2009. This year, 2008, is the year in that we Adopters should plan to put a little extra care into our adopted segments to have the Buckeye Trail ready for anticipated higher-than-normal use during 2009. While the Buckeye Trail can usually be followed, it must be able to be easily followed without using maps. For that to be possible, the trail on road should exhibit at least one blaze in each direction about every 500' and each turn should be clearly marked. The trail off road should exhibit at least one blaze in each direction about every 100', or every 50' if the trail is not clearly defined.

In addition, the Trail Crew has wisely decided to use weekends on difficult trail segments around the state. Their solution also helps with the fuel problem by dividing weekend work parties into more local solutions. What this means for Section Supervisors or Local Adopters is that the chance for you to attend a work party is relatively improved. In addition, if you have a pet project that you think would enhance your segment/section significantly, bring your project to the attention of the State Trail Coordinators, Jim Runk or Rick Adamson. With luck and good salesmanship, you may get your project on the Trail Crew schedule.

If you cannot get help from the Trail Crew, do not give up. There are still things that you can do. Remember that a Section Supervisor can also call a work party from among his friends or Adopters on his Section to accomplish those larger jobs as well. The State Trail Coordinators can help you provide sufficient tools. Mary Hayes can put your event on buckeyetrail.org for publicity. To add a little spice to the event, BTA has some money available to provide simple picnic supplies for the workers—hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, etc. Remember that many hands make small work of large projects.

See you on the trail.

| NAME | VISITS | TIME WORKED | TOTAL TIME | TRAVEL MILES |
|--------------------|------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| Jay Abercrombie | 13 | 39.5 | 46.0 | 271 |
| Erin Adams | 7 | 14.4 | 18.7 | 172 |
| Mary Baldwin | | | 4.0 | 58 |
| Carl Boesel | 6 | | 2.0 | 80 |
| Carol Bowers | 2 | 10.0 | 12.0 | 184 |
| Don Bowers | 2 | 10.0 | 12.0 | 184 |
| Allen Deemer | 4 | | 10.0 | 180 |
| Phyllis Devlin | 14 | 44.8 | 58.8 | 476 |
| Priscilla Fuhrmyer | | | 6.0 | 45 |
| Matt Funk | 10 | 53.5 | 63.5 | 255 |
| Mike Minium | 1 | 7.0 | 12.0 | 190 |
| Howard Pritz | 1 | 2.5 | 7.5 | 140 |
| TOTALS | 430 | 1139.2 | 2345.6 | 15797 |

Rock Run Work Party in New Straitsville Section

Shannon R. Cook

We arrived at the Rock Run trail work location in the New Straitsville section just before 10:00 am. We walked over the raised shoulder along Rock Run Road and saw the day's assignment, which displayed its obviousness with trickery: a wetland with several small stream crossings and no discernable trail to follow to the other side. After the safety briefing by Andrew Bashaw of the North Country Trail Association we all followed the soon-to-be Buckeye Trail/North Country Trail marked with orange survey tape to get ourselves oriented, then back to the vehicles to pick out our tools, many of which were lent by Wayne National Forest. Andrew opened the majestic green box storing the trail building/maintaining tools and set various tools around his truck. With a little fumbling, we all had our tools. Two Wayne National Forest employees arrived later to chainsaw some trees. After another brief safety demonstration by Andrew we set off with our tools and hardhats. We worked for approximately two hours, bartering tools with trail coworkers as the need arose. "Do you need that mcleod right now? I'll trade you this pulaski and hand pruner for it?" "No, but if you can find me a fire rake, it's yours."

"LUNCH TIME!"

The bartering process had to wait. We all walked back to the trucks, grabbed our lunches and then hiked along the new section of the Buckeye Trail/North Country Trail to a small scenic pond where we sat and ate lunch. It's always fun to work on one area of the trail and then walk the entire section to see the progression. The new trail could be seen, but still needed some work. After the revitalization of energy from lunch (my revitalization consisted of two peanut and apple butter sandwiches and an orange-pineapple soda) we commenced working. The trail had come together exquisitely nice. The loppers and pruners defined the width and height of the trail corridor, the fire rakes cleared the trail of debris and Japanese honeysuckle, the pulaskis pulled up roots and stumps and benched into hillsides where slopes were encountered, and the mcleod cleaned up the benching into the hillsides where the pulaskis had previously been and stamped down the freshly turned soil on the trail. We finished the section of trail early, so we began to clean the portion of trail that climbed to the lake where we ate lunch. When we reached the lake, we rested for a moment and talked before trekking back to the vehicles where the day began. We all talked for another half an hour, reminiscing the day on the trail before departing.

Trail Work Parties aren't all about building trail. They reveal the accomplished product of teamwork in as little as one afternoon, they are a great place to meet new people, and also the satisfaction of knowing that when the next hiker, hiking this por-



April 12 Rock Run Work Party in Perry County

A member of the Trail Crew builds trail near point 22 of the New Straitsville section. The one-day event involved clearing, chainsawing and benching.

tion of the Buckeye Trail, approaches and sees this newly made portion of the trail, of which he/she may have even heard horror stories from past hikers' experiences, he/she will walk with comfort, peacefulness, assurance, and possibly most importantly, the sense of knowing that people care and can make a difference.

Welcome New Members!

Bev and Jerry Starcher

| | |
|-------------------------------|----------------|
| Will Baughn and family | Delphos |
| Roxann Baumgartner | Euclid |
| Martin Burke and family | Cleveland Hts. |
| Tom Burns | Columbus |
| Camp Asbury | Hiram |
| Margaret Campfield and family | East |
| Fultonham | |
| Robin Clark | Delphos |
| Matthew Collings | Berea |
| Shawn Crow and family | Belle Valley |
| Edward Denk | Lakewood |
| Bryce Dooley and family | Springfield |
| Charlie Downard | Bowling Green |
| Bryan Dyer and family | Huber Heights |
| Cindy East | Athens |
| Jerry Eddy | Lakewood |
| Jenna Encheff and family | Genoa |
| Barron Farrier | Granville |
| Bernie and Sandy Fox | Troy |
| Barbara Funk | Lancaster |
| Judy Hayes | Newark |
| Hocking Hills Tourism Assoc. | Logan |
| gift from Carl Boesel | |
| Barbara Houser | Cincinnati |
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| Gene Swager | Cloverdale |
| Robert Sytek | Hilliard |
| Gary Uszak | Amherst |
| Jason and Emily Valentine | Columbus |



BTA Accepts Award from Wayne National Forest

Andrew Bashaw (center) accepted the “Working Together On The Wayne National Forest” award presented each year to an organization for its partnership with the Wayne National Forest. He accepted the award for the BTA earlier this year and is presenting it to Pat Hayes and Rick Adamson.

Discount on Blaze Paint

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Northwest Ohio's 2008 BTA Annual Meeting

Ruth Brown

The 2008 BTA Annual Meeting was held in Northwest Ohio at the Napoleon's Church of the Nazarene April 25-27. This location provided a great opportunity to experience the new trail that has been built along the Miami-Erie Canal towpath along with the rich history of the canal and the Black Swamp, which covered much of the area at one time.

Friday evening began with a presentation on the Miami-Erie Canal by Stephanie Jaqua who brought canal history alive as she had worked on the canal boat in Grand Rapids performing historical interpretation. Stephanie started with a short video to set the stage. Many of the canal workers came from Ireland. She emphasized the hard labor that went into the building of the canal as all of the work was done by hand with picks and axes. In order to bring to light the tough work it took to dig the canal, Stephanie compared it to the Trail Crew's building of new trail. Canal workers, however, encountered more severe obstacles than trail workers, such as diseases malaria and cholera. At times as many as 100 workers would drop dead from disease epidemics. Her program took us back in time.

Saturday started with the annual business meeting, opened by Andy Small, Mayor of Piqua.. A highlight of the meeting was when Andrew Bashaw, Regional NCTA Coordinator for Ohio and Pennsylvania, presented the BTA with the "2008 Working Together on the Wayne National Forest" award. The BTA received this award for its partnership with the Wayne National Forest.

Results of the Board and Officer elections:

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Melissa Reed - Elected
Susan Stover - Elected
Ruth Brown - Reelected
Connie Pond - Reelected
Adrian Vanko - Reelected

Hikers of Every Stripe Enjoy a Canal Towpath Hike

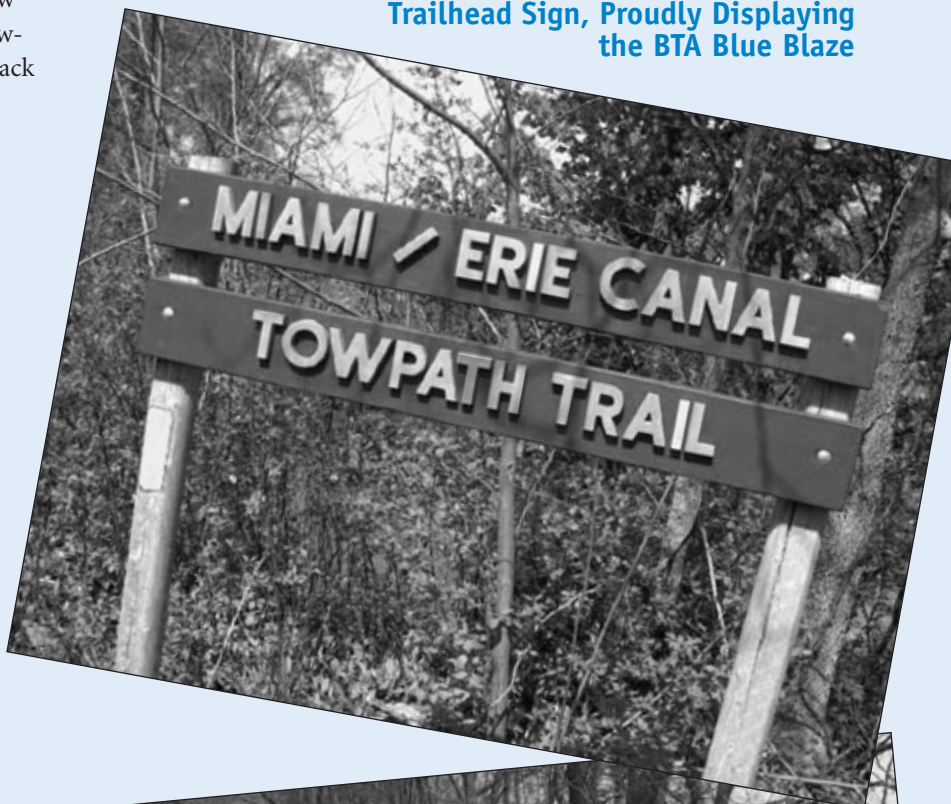
For the Annual Meeting, hikers young and old, fleeced and bare-armed, hatted or not put feet to Ohio ground in celebration of Ohio's Buckeye Trail.

OFFICERS

Pat Hayes - Reelected President
Greg Wisniewski - Reelected Vice President
Ruth Brown - Reelected Secretary
Connie Pond - Reelected Treasurer

Afternoon activities included the choices of hiking or the glassblower shop tour. Hikers had the marvelous opportunity on different hikes to walk the new trail on the canal towpath that the Trail Crew has made a priority the last four years. One group saw a bald eagle. There were also some early spring wildflowers,

Trailhead Sign, Proudly Displaying
the BTA Blue Blaze



including white trout lilies, toad trillium and white trillium. The weather couldn't have been more perfect for an afternoon of hiking along the scenic Maumee River.

Randy German, Henry County Engineer, and Glenn Miller, Napoleon City Council president, spoke briefly. Then Pete Wilhelm presented a slide program on the Black Swamp in Northwest Ohio. The swamp came after the ice age. At one time the Black Swamp was the largest deciduous one in the United States. It was an obstacle to westward migration into Northwest Ohio. The area was once covered with huge trees like the Burr Oak and entire sections of tall grass. Settlement came after 1830 when the Indian tribes like the Ottawas and Wyandots were forced to leave to go farther west. The forest was gradually cut down, supporting over 400 sawmills. After the Civil War, the water level was lowered by digging deep drainage ditches. Tile production became an industry as tile was used in the fields for drainage. At one point there were 1800 miles of drainage ditches in the Black Swamp area. By 1890, 90% of the forest had been cut down. Today Northwest Ohio is a rich farming area.

After the program Jim Sprague gave the trail crew awards and Mary Hamilton presented the other awards. And the results of the silent auction were divulged, along with the drawing of raffle tickets for two BTA walking sticks made by glassblower Bill McKinney.

The meeting closed Sunday morning after breakfast at the Day Lodge at Mary Jane Thurston State Park. People left the meeting with more knowledge of the Miami-Erie Canal and the Black Swamp, along with experiencing some of the newly built trail or seeing how glass is blown.

The BTA commends the Napoleon Church of the Nazarene for letting us use their whole church for the meeting. Also we thank Greg Wisniewski for he and all the work members of the local chapter did in getting the trail ready, blazing the trail and setting up and leading the hikes. Thanks also to Mary Hamilton for taking care of all the weekend's food.



Aqueduct along the Canal

Meet the New BTA Board Members

MELISSA REED

Melissa joined the BTA at the 2006 annual meeting at Piqua, her hometown. She returned to Piqua after living in New York and practicing law as an employee of the City of New York. While in New York, she was a member of BTA's trail partner, the North Country Trail Association.

In 2006 she attended several BTA work parties; last year she enjoyed five. She maintains a trail segment in Lockington, and has represented BTA at the Adventure Summit exposition in Dayton for two years. She is currently a member of the tree committee of the City of Piqua, and is certified as a master gardener in Miami County.

SUSAN STOVER

Susan is from Dalton, and has a tremendous passion and appreciation for trails. She has the ability and experience to research, review and write trail descriptions. She loves to explore points of interest and share with others. She participated in an extensive review and compilation of the history of Mohican State Park, and met and spend a day with the original landscape architect of the park, Joe Jesensky. She served as activities coordinator and was a trail guide for the Mohican Trail Club.

She brings trail-building abilities and sweat equity to the BTA, and has an extensive business background including administrative, planning, and organizational skills. Susan's time spent with the BTA allows her to give back to those who came before her. She thinks the BTA generates community involvement by bringing people out to work parties and teaching younger generations the importance of volunteerism. The BTA promotes outdoor activities and provides the opportunity to explore new places, things, enjoy nature and to meet new people. She would like to see the BTA grow and expand its membership by targeting younger people.

Historical Cemetery along the Towpath Trail



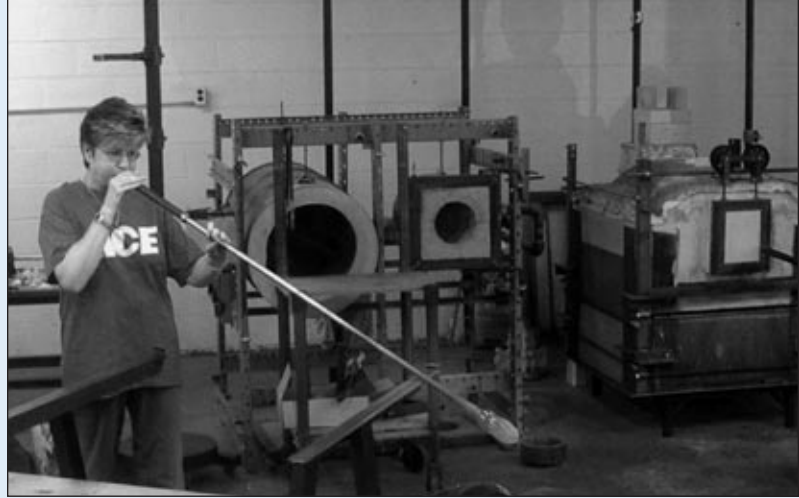
Visiting a Glassblower for the Annual Meeting

Mary Hayes

An option for Annual Meeting-goers who chose not to hike Saturday afternoon was a tour of a glassblower's shop. Bill McKinney and his wife Michelle own and operate Glass Pieces, a glassblowing business in West Unity. About 20 meeting-goers went to West Unity for a demonstration and tour. The McKinneys met at Bowling Green State University, where he had taken a glassblowing course because he had been fascinated with old glass bottles during his childhood. He would find bottles in the streams or fields and try to research where they came from. Even though Bill became a history teacher, he still wanted to be independent. A building in town that held a former egg factory became available, and the McKinneys made the decision to open their business. Both Bill and Michelle are accomplished glassblowers.

The McKinneys have two ovens for creating glass pieces. One oven is dedicated to clear glass and the other oven is for the colored glass, one color at a time. The pieces that are created are either functional, such as vases, bowls, and candy dishes or artistic such as ornaments, marbles, flowers, paperweights, and other decorative items.

The process for creating a glass-blown piece is as follows: The end of blowing rod is heated in the oven and then dipped in the melted glass. The rod is removed from the oven and placed



The Art of Glass

Janet, an employee of the shop, gave us a glassblowing demonstration.

on the turning stand. In order to keep the piece even and consistent, the rod is turned continuously. Sometimes damp newspaper is held and the piece is turned in it to cool and shape the piece. A very small breath is blown through the pipe and enters the glass. The air pushes the warm glass and forms a bubble at the base of the glass piece. This is when the piece starts to take shape.

The glassblower follows a process of heating the glass, turning, blowing, and shaping over and over until he/she is satisfied with the piece. The actual top of the piece is attached to the blowing rod. It gets transferred to another rod when the blowing part is completed. At that point special tools are used to shape the opening at the top of the piece such as the vase. When the shaping is finished, the glassblower carefully detaches the piece from the rod and as a last step, marks the glass with an identification mark. Each glassblower has their own mark. Then the finished piece is placed in a cooling oven to allow the piece to cool.

Bill showed us what happens when too much air is blown into the glass. He blew several breaths through the rod into the glass while turning the rod. The glass expanded to almost 18 inches long and about 6 inches wide. And then he smashed the piece to show us how flexible and smooth the glass actually was. The glass pieces were very thin and the edges were so smooth that they wouldn't cut a finger.

The McKinneys teach a variety of classes. They have several employees; some have been with them for over 15 years, and others are fairly new. There is a showroom with many colorful glass pieces available.

Everyone who attended enjoyed the visit and came away with a better understanding of how glass is blown.

Will Work for Blue Shirts

New Blue Shirts are awarded at the Annual Meeting for work on the Trail Crew.



2008 BTA Awards Presented at the Annual Meeting

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Lisa Daiber has shown outstanding service and exceptional dedication to the BTA in producing each issue of the *Trailblazer* since 2002. Each and every issue of the *Trailblazer* calls for a substantial number of hours spent to make the issue the best possible with the resources available. This carries added responsibility with the *Trailblazer* being the official publication of the BTA.

SUPER STAR AWARDS

Bill Schultz for his many years of serving as a Board member, maintains 6 miles of hilly trail in the Scioto Trail Section, member and ardent worker of the trail crew, and still serves as the Chairman of the Trail Preservation Fund. Bill quietly makes the organization work with his hours of dedication.

Les Weidenhamer, who works diligently with landowners, ODNR, private companies to obtain property rights, problem solving and construction of culverts along the Miami and Erie Canal Towpath in Paulding County. He convinced a drainage tile company to donate the tile for culverts, and then got a crew of 5 men for 5 days to install them in a deep ravine, and back-filled it with dirt, then planted grass.

Joe Kruger, who has worked extensively in securing funding for the improvement of the BT through Henry County, including funding for several bridges and installation of them. As commissioner for the newly formed Henry County Parks, he has also provided funding for a \$60,000 box culvert that will be installed by Gerken Paving at their own expense. As a side note, he has taken out large trees by himself using slings, block-and-tackle and whatever else it takes to get the work done.

STAR AWARDS

Devon and Henry Atkinson, who several years ago took over a new piece of trail in the Scioto Trail Section and have maintained it in an exemplary manner ever since. When the landowner logged part of the trail, they moved it so that it remained open and passable. When there was an area of confusion as to the location of the tread in an open area they brought it to the attention of the Section Supervisor, suggested a remedy and then implemented it.



Connie and Mike Snyder who have conscientiously maintained a segment of trail in the Scioto Trail Section. What really makes them unique, however, is their role as “trail angels” on the BT. They have picked up thru-hikers on the BTA, NCT and American Discovery Trail, all of which go through their segment. They have done this for years, brought them to their house, fed them, washed their clothes, provided a shower and a place to sleep and then put them back on the trail where they picked them up. On several occasions they have even gone back out and picked them up again for a second or third night.

HONOR ROLL FOR 250 HOURS

Joe Shetter, supervisor for the St. Mary’s Section. His 250 plate will be placed on the wooden plaque displayed at the barn.

PARTNERSHIP AWARDS (FOR CONTINUED OUTSTANDING SUPPORT AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE BTA)

- *ODNR Division of Forestry* for working with the BT in allowing the trail to be placed in their areas.
- *ODNR Division of Parks* for allowing camping privileges for the trail crew when developing trail.
- *American Electric Power* for trail placement throughout the recreation area, plus the generous funds allotted to the association.
- *Baughman Tile Company* for donation of all the tile culverts used in Paulding County
- *Gerken Paving* for installation of tile culverts with their equipment donated free of charge.
- *Hawks Pizza and Drive-Thru* (Clark Hogan, proprietor) for all the food and ice cream served to the many volunteers that have worked on the towpath trail in Henry County.



(Left) BTA Superstar: Bill Shultz accepts his Superstar Award from Mary Hamilton at the Annual Meeting.

(Above) BTA Partnership: Hawks Pizza and Drive-Thru has provided meals at BTA Work Parties. The owner accepts a Partnership Award from Rick Adamson.

Highlights of the BTA Board Meeting, March 1, 2008

STATE TRAIL COORDINATOR

- As a result of recent flooding some damage on some segments of the trail along the Miami Erie Canal in Northwest Ohio will need to be repaired.
- A bridge will be built in the Cuyahoga Valley by Boy Scouts. All of the materials will be donated by the National Park Service.

BTA/NCTA NEWS

- The BTA received the Working Together on the Wayne National Forest award for its partnership with the Wayne. Andrew Bashaw accepted the award for the BTA and formally presented it to BTA at the Annual Meeting.

BTA MAPS

- Maps to be printed in 2008: Shawnee, Bedford, Delphos.



Highlights of the BTA Board Meeting, April 26, 2008

STATE TRAIL COORDINATOR

- Plans for the swinging bridge across Blue Creek in Paulding County had been completed by the engineering students at Ohio Northern University and were in a notebook available for people to look at.

PUBLICITY

- See www.getoutzine.com, a web-based magazine edited by Mary Reed. BTA can post some events there; www.buckeyetrail.org for complete list.

TRAIL MAINTENANCE

- Maintainers encouraged to report the maintenance work they do. Accurate reporting gains BTA knowledge on the Buckeye Trail.
- Get the Buckeye Trail into good shape for BTA's 50th Anniversary in 2009.
- If maintainers need any help with trees on their section of trail, they should contact Pat Hayes (patioh@woh.rr.com), Jim Runk (jimsrunk@wmconnect.com) or Rick Adamson (rmadamson@earthlink.com).

SYMPOSIUM

- Rory Robinson, who works in the Cuyahoga Valley National Park, spoke briefly. He is an Outdoor Recreation Planner and is involved with the Rivers, Trails & Assistance Program. He encouraged people to consider attending the American Trails 19th National Trails Symposium in Little Rock, Arkansas, November 15–18.

A Canal Towpath is Perfect for Hikers

The Buckeye Trail honors Ohio's canal history by adopting towpath for the trail. It's perfect!

Barn Talk

Russ Johnson,
BTA Barn Coordinator

Spring has sprung and with it brings warmer weather. I will be asking for help to finish up a few projects that are hanging unfinished, so to speak, and I would like to get them finished up before the year has past.

- The dorms at the top of the stairs need the paneling put up and the floors sanded and sealed. After the floors are finished, we need to build a few bunk beds in each room.
- The restrooms need a little sealing on the walls where they were never finished. The showers need to be caulked and trim needs to be put up around the doors.



- We also need to put up as much of the old Barn siding as possible so we can figure how much more we need.

I know it does not seem like much but with a little help from each of you we can accomplish each of them. Dates will be on

the website and if there is an extra period I do my best to mail each of you. So please come down and give us a hand. If you have any

questions contact me at oparuss1@msn.com or 330-666-3409.

I would like to thank each of you that send us your donations to help with the funds we need to accomplish these tasks. Remember that your donations are tax-deductible. Hope to see you at the Barn.

BTA Annual Picnic

For members and guests

Saturday, July 19, 2008

*BTA Headquarters on Tappan Lake
83949 Beall Road, Cadiz*

Fun

Food

Meat, drinks, and table service provided. Please bring a covered dish to share.

Serving at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday

Bring your campers and tents and camp on the grounds for the whole weekend and enjoy Tappan Lake. Dorms also available (bring sleeping bag or cot). Don't forget your hiking boots to hike the BT in the area.

Bring your canoe or kayak.

Hikes, horseshoes, fishing, bird watching, swimming for children at the barn (there will be a pool provided).

Swimming is available at the Tappan Lake park for a nominal fee.

Frolic

Please RSVP to Mary Hamilton
oldbag@wiltshire.net or 330-602-4071
(so we know how much food to buy)

Friendship

Avoiding Our Two Left Feet

Rick Adamson

I read this piece in another newsletter. Here trail builder and landowner negotiator Mary Kunzler-Larmann offers advice to both hikers and trail builders, aiming to keep us from stumbling into social gaffes that alienate our neighbors and permitting landowners. We all would do well to heed her advice.

NEW SURROUNDINGS

In the state of Ohio where we are building new trail or maintaining existing trail, the trail corridor sometimes bisects active farmland. The trail and trailhead parking areas are often visible from and close to homes and farm buildings. No longer will we be hidden in the seclusion of the woods. While the corridor is public land, in some instances the trail passes literally in a front or back yard. Our challenge is to make the trail as non-intrusive as possible to our rural neighbors and we must make ourselves aware of their perspectives.

A great deal of work needs to be done in developing parking areas and signage to direct the behavior of trail users. At the same time, we as trail workers will be most visible to local residents and what we do will “set the tone” for their expectations of the trail and the hikers who will follow us.

A NEW TRAIL RUNS THROUGH IT

Regarding a new trail in an area, here are some of the concerns of our trail neighbors:

- Illegal or unsafe parking on roads
- Using private driveways for parking or to access the trail
- Trespassing onto private land
- Littering
- Concerns about the safety of their children
- Being prevented from their own traditional uses of the corridor, now a trail

In summary, here is not much optimism and are many concerns. We must work proactively to make these landowners our supporters, not our adversaries.

RURAL PARKING PROTOCOLS AND SAFE PRACTICE

- Highway Law: All vehicle wheels must be completely off the pavement.
- Safety: Preserve good sight distance—do not park in a dip in the road, just over a hill, or on a curve.

- Good Manners: Parking in front of or close to a house or farm buildings is viewed as poor manners and perhaps suspicious. Take care not to block farmlands or access to fields.

Remember that rural roads were built during the days of the wagon and horse, and NOT the automobile. (In fact, if you look at a county or state map from the mid-1800s you will find that many of today’s roads existed then.) In the last 150 years, nearly all that still carry traffic have been widened and paved. But improvements haven’t kept up with ever-increasing vehicle size and driving speeds.

Today large trucks and large farm equipment could be encountered on these roads. These vehicles often need the entire width of pavement (or more) on their side of the road. There is no room for them to “move over” if you or your vehicle are partly on the pavement or too close to it. Add to this the high volume of traffic, often SUVs or large pickup trucks, and vehicles traveling at high speed and you have a dangerous mix. Today both the speed and volume of traffic are far in excess of what road design accommodates. If you have a door open into traffic, to put on gear or get equipment, you can be killed or cause a serious accident.

THINK BEFORE YOU PARK

Park where there is good sight distance, well off the pavement, and move to the passenger side or rear of your car to change footwear or unload gear. Just apply good common sense. It is not proper to park in front of a house in the country, especially not at the edge of a lawn. Unlike most urban streets, there is no curb. A strange car parked close to a lawn or house is viewed as an intrusion and possibly suspicious. You may be asked to move and, in any case, it will adversely affect how many country residents view our organization and hikers in general.

We need also to be aware of farm lanes and tracks (they may be faint) that indicate where a farmer is accessing a field adjacent to the road. If a hiker has left a car blocking field access, going off for a short time or the day, this can cause serious complications. The farmer cannot finish the chores or fieldwork intended, and may not even be able to turn large equipment around. Farming is a hard life, and we cannot dismiss their concerns.

Please be aware of your surroundings at all times and considerate of our trail neighbors.

State Trail Coordinator's Report

Rick Adamson

It has been five years since I became the State Trail Coordinator for the Buckeye Trail Association. Time moves very quickly. Upon entering into this new position, I set some personal goals for myself. Five years ago, when I was asked to become the State Trail Coordinator, I had no idea the meetings involved. My estimate would be more than twice as meeting as there are work parties. I have been called many things during those five years, nearly all of them have been good and I have learned much. I have many to thank for their dedicated support. Instead of naming them all and thanking a chance of leaving someone out I just want to say a big thank you to all who have assisted the BTA and especially those who have supported the Trail Crew and all the Trail Crew members themselves.

One major accomplishment is getting about 25 of 100 miles of the BT/NCT off-road along the western edge of the state. The BTA was invited to move the BT/NCT from backcountry roads to the old abandoned Miami-Erie Canal towpath from Grand Rapids to Piqua by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. Three years ago we had the largest work party ever consisting of over 128 volunteers plus some who did not sign in. I was told that record would never be beaten. Well, in April it was shattered. The tally of volunteers working on the Buckeye Trail in one work party was 344 which were the Boy Scouts of America AND their leaders including council leaders from the Buckeye District Simon Kenton Council. Permission was given to them in writing to copy our maps covering the work sites and also to copy our volunteer patch with some changes denoting the April 2008 Buckeye Trail Camporee.

As late as Saturday morning, the day of the largest work party assembled, nine BTA Trail Crew members had some very serious doubts about overseeing the work of over 300 people at five different work site locations across 23 miles of off-road trail. At the end of this VERY long day the Trail Crew participants were ecstatic. We could not believe the discipline and the amount of work that was completed. We gave them much more work than they could handle. Or so we thought. All of it was completed on time. Since the work site was through American Electric Power (AEP) property, ReCreation Land, AEP provided all the materials needed to construct a 25-foot long bridge over a creek in a deep ravine. About 0.25-mile of trail was constructed with most of it being benched into a steep slope. The brush and overgrowth had to be cut back in two other very long areas. As more scouts and their leaders registered we had to find more work for them and we directed them to a third area that needed to be cut back. I had to break up two of our Trail Crew members to handle the overflow. After all the patrols returned to the campsite at campground "K" and verbal reports were taken by the council leaders

from the troop leaders and from the BTA Trail Crew members, it was apparent all had gone much better than expected. There were no discipline problems, no running around and no getting lost. All had their assignments and followed through until completed. Then nighttime came. Do you know what 344 people sound like after dark when the BTA Trail Crew goes to bed early? Keep in mind, nearly all of them are from Franklin County and the Columbus area. City folk! Now they are all out in the woods with no streetlights, no television, and no computer games or working cell phones. Once again the BTA Trail Crew members were apprehensive about what was about to transpire. Fear not, as all were as worn out as we were and not a sound was heard after 10:00 pm except for the soft droplets of rain that fell well into the night putting us all fast asleep.

This experience with the April 2008 Buckeye Trail Camporee exceeded all our expectations in such a big way we are willing to do it again in two years. All the hard work and planning for this was two years in the making and it came off without a hitch. There were no injuries except a minor one with a first aid member who cut her thumb as she was whittling a piece of wood.

I asked for ten Trail Crew members but only got nine. Ten would have been nice but we made it work. Actually eleven were needed. In two years, when the call goes out, please step up to the plate and practice your leadership abilities with the younger generation. Show them that the BTA and you care.

On another note... This is the first of a two year experiment having two maintenance work parties going on at the same time in opposite sides of the state. This is planned to get more volunteers out working in the woods with off-road trail. The first trail maintenance work weekend party was a huge success bringing out a total of 34 volunteers over a two-day period. *THIS IS TERRIFIC!*

As always, please check www.buckeyetrail.org before coming out to any work party as the latest updates will be there.

Wild Neighbors

Paul Knoop, Jr.

CAROLINA WREN

Thryothorus ludovicianus

LIFE HISTORY FACTS This small woodland sprite is the largest and most distinctly red-brown of the several wrens found in Ohio. It is non-migratory and is commonly seen in Hocking County during the winter season. The distinct white eye line above the eye is a dependable field mark.

As with other members of the wren family this bird is always full of energy, remarkably quick and active, constantly in motion, consumed by curiosity and very adept at concealment. If your home has a brush pile or two, a brushy thicket or old woodshed or outbuilding, you most likely have Carolina wrens. Mouse-like, they search every nook and cranny for spiders, spider egg cases, daddy longlegs, sow bugs, small insects and their eggs. On frequent occasions the male bird will mount a small tree or building top, throw his bill skyward and emit a remarkably loud, clear song, “teakettle, teakettle, teakettle.” This song can be heard throughout the year.



As April arrives nest-building gets underway. Both birds work feverishly hauling in long dead weed stalks, bulky mouthfuls of dry leaves, pieces of cast-off snake skin, feathers, roots and grasses. The nest is large and bulky and was formerly placed in a tree cavity, stump, upturned roots of a fallen tree, hole in a bank, a brush pile or old woodpecker hole. In today’s world they often nest about buildings, in a small basket, hanging pail, open bag, rafters, pockets of old clothes, mail boxes, etc. Five or six eggs are laid, the young hatch in 13 or 14 days and parents feed them a high protein diet of spiders and insects.

HABITAT Carolina wrens live in woodlands, undergrowth near water, fallen tree tops, brush piles, rocky places in woodland, thickets, shrubby places in yards and gardens.

HOW YOU CAN HELP Be aware of this bird’s presence around the home and admire its perky behavior and pleasing song. Maintain a brush pile or two in the backyard, conserve thicket areas and maintain undergrowth in woodland and along streams. In winter provide a mixture of peanut butter and beef suet in a hanging screen feeder.

BET YOU DIDN’T KNOW

- An adult Carolina wren weighs about 0.25 to 0.75 ounce.
- The Carolina wren is one of very few birds that sing 12 months of the year.
- One banded Carolina wren lived to the ripe old age of 6 years.
- During severe winters local populations of this bird are decimated.

Dear Landowner on the Buckeye Trail,

On behalf of the entire Buckeye Trail Association, we want to thank you for allowing the BT to cross your property. One of the primary goals of our association is to get as much of our trail "off-road" as possible, and by letting us use your land you're enabling us to reach that goal.

If you are thinking of selling your land, the Buckeye Trail Association would be very interested in buying it to protect our trail.

There is another way that you can help us protect the trail on your property. Through a "Conservation Easement" you help protect the trail while getting property tax breaks and in some cases, debt reduction, and you still have complete control of your land.

Please check with your legal advisor if you are interested in either of these options. There are also other options we could discuss.

Contact: The Buckeye Trail Association at P.O. Box 254, Worthington, Ohio 43085 or Jim Runk at Jimsrunk@wmconnect.com or 937-289-2481; or send an email to info@buckeyetrail.org

Yours Truly,

Pat Hayes,
President
Buckeye Trail Association

Jim Runk,
Property Manager
Buckeye Trail Association

Donations to BTA Funds

TRAIL PRESERVATION FUND

02/01/08-04/30/08

William T. Schultz, Chairman

This will continue our efforts to preserve the trail and acquire additional land and easements.

Jim Hoops
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Philip Potter
Ronald Wolford

BARN

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Mary Hamilton

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BRAMBLE #46

by Dana Zintek

Use the clues to unscramble the BRAMBLES about the Buckeye Trail.

Now arrange the circled letters to form the answer to the cartoon.

1. S. Park NE

CHATNBREWS
W E S T B R A N C H

2. Lodge at Cedar Creek

ADY
D A Y

3. P.S.

PENCILSTRICE
P I C N I C S H E L T E R



What did the nude hiker carry for protection?

B A R E S P R A Y

WINNER:
GARY EVANS
COLUMBUS

BRAMBLE #47

by Dana Zintek

Use the clues to unscramble the BRAMBLES about the Buckeye Trail.

For a chance to win a trail pack first aid kit,

Send your answers to:

Dana Zintek
2369 Suncrest Drive
Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio 44221

Answers must be postmarked by August 1, 2008.

1. Slippery road?

K I D S



2. Trailside museum

L E E N L E N G H



3. St. Michael's

R U C H C H



4. Decrepit toilet?

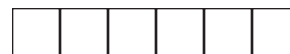
T I P



Now arrange the circled letters to form the answer to the cartoon.



What did the newlywed backpackers become when the limo failed to show?



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