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Shaw (re-elected but not shown:
Pat Hayes, Liz McQuaid

Newly elected officers Secretary
Ruth Brown, Vice President Debbie
Zampini, President Melissa Reed
(not shown: Treasurer Connie Pond)



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President's Message

On a rainy weekend in June of this year, I found myself at a camp near Lebanon, Ohio, among the collegial group of BTA members who attended our Annual Meeting. On Saturday evening Ohio State University's geologist treated us to a slide presentation—one so athletic that slide performance might be a better phrase—on Ohio's geological history. At the time I was still trying to adjust to my new role in this association, as a few hours earlier I had been elected your president. My immediate predecessors, Pat Hayes and, before him, Herb Hulls, gave acts hard to follow, but I will give it my best try.

A week later, on June 19th, our executive director, Andrew Bashaw, and I attended the opening of the lockkeeper's house in New Bremen. As those of us who hike in western Ohio know, the trail here runs for much of its way along the Miami Erie Canal. In Auglaize County, where New Bremen is located, the well-maintained trails on the toypath are a pleasure to hike. After the opening ceremonies, Andrew and I toured the exhibits at the house and visited with two of BTA's good friends, Neal and Allison Brady, who brought us up to date on activities in the county. Neal is executive director of the Miami Erie Canal Corridor Association; Allison holds the same title in Auglaize County's Heritage Trails Park District.

In July I met at the Barn with other BTA trustees, staff and committee members for a weekend of developing strategies on how to advance and improve our functioning as an association. Rory Robinson of the National Park Service, facilitated the meeting. He helped us to articulate our mission and guided us in formulating concrete steps to better realize the potential of the association. All of us left the two days of sessions with assignments and will meet again to report on progress. You will be hearing more on that and will, I trust, reap the benefits of a better-functioning BTA.



From Past President Pat Hayes

It was somewhat intimidating to follow Herb Hulls as BTA Board President; after all, Herb had been President for 11 years. Herb's long service and guidance to the association made my job so much easier.

I was grateful that my time as President coincided with great events such as the BTA's 50th Anniversary celebration, hiring an Executive Director, purchasing the 190 acre Pretty Run property in Vinton County, and signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the NCTA to foster better cooperation between our two organizations. I'm not taking any credit for the progress made during the past 3 years except for good timing. I thank the Board and Staff for their support and unselfish efforts.

However, after 3 years of serving as President, I thought it was time to let a new President take the reins and guide the Board. I did choose to remain on the Board for another term.

I wish our new President, Melissa Reed, and Vice-President, Debbie Zampini, all the best and expect them to lead the association to even greater achievements.



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On the Trail

Over time I have thought of my work for the Trail in terms of sales. It seems I am always attempting to sell someone on the idea of the Buckeye Trail. Whether it is negotiating new trail to be built with a landowner, encouraging folks to join the volunteer corps, asking for support, or promoting its use, I am in the business of selling the idea of the Trail. I couldn't sell something I didn't believe in myself though, and I'm certainly not the only one out there promoting the Trail, its extension and use. What are we really selling though? With newsletters, websites, emails, even Facebook, we're reaching out to the public to do a variety of things, but if the Trail is not being enjoyed then our work is for nothing.

For me, I imagine the experience of a small campfire along the Trail, the morning mist blowing in off the lake, or experiencing nature again through a child's eyes. This is what I feel like I am selling, this is what the Buckeye Trail Association, its members, volunteers and partners are providing for all Ohioans and visitors, free of charge.

The more we do, and the better we do it, the more of these experiences there will be for ourselves and others. I was very impressed with your BTA Board and Staff this summer. Over 25 people took a long weekend away from home and devoted it to thoughtfully planning the future of the Buckeye Trail Association. Your BTA continues to evolve and adapt and I am consistently humbled by the amount of time, effort, and support the BT Community devotes to the Buckeye Trail.

Now is a good time to share your thoughts on the future of the Buckeye Trail. You may contact me directly if you like . . . or check www.buckeyetrail.org and find out who your closest Section Supervisor is if you have some ideas for the Trail near you. As we navigate through our strategic planning plans our minds and ears are open to your suggestions and perspectives on how the BTA can do more, and how we can do it better.

Above all, as the summer turns to fall, look at your calendar and carve out some time with your friends, family, or just yourself to create an unforgettable experience on the Buckeye Trail. Put down the newsletter, turn off the computer, lace up your boots, grab a map, and send us a picture or story of your latest adventure on the Buckeye Trail.

Not sure where to go and what to do?

Visit our events page for opportunities to get out and hike and volunteer, <http://www.buckeyetrail.org/events.html>.

National Public Lands Day is September 25th, visit www.publiclandsday.org, to find a sponsored event near you.

Find us on Facebook, and ask the folks there!

Looking forward to seeing you on the Trail,



Andrew Bashaw

BTA Executive Director

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Schedule of Hikes & Events

Always check www.buckeyetrail.org/events.html for updates

SEPTEMBER

September 25–2 BTA Work Party, West Branch State Park – Mogadore Section

Saturday-Wednesday: We will construct new off-road trail around Michael J. Kirwin reservoir at the park.

Camping: We will camp at West Branch State Park where all the sites have electric. All sites and facilities were rebuilt about 5 years ago. There are flush toilets and showers.

Directions: From Akron, take I-76 toward Youngstown approximately 15 miles. Take exit 38B for OH-5N/OH-44 N / Ravenna 0.2 miles. Merge onto OH-44N/OH-5E/Ravenna Louisville Rd. 0.5 mile. Merge onto OH-44N/OH-5 E/OH-5 Bypass via the ramp to Warren/Chardon and continue to follow OH-5 E 6.6 miles. Turn right at Rockspring Rd. for 0.3 mile. Turn first left road, Copeland Rd. for 0.6 mile. Copeland Rd. turns becomes Esworthy Rd. Follow BTA signs to campground. *Sorry, the Chuck Wagon will NOT be there.*

Contact: Rick Adamson, rickbta@gmail.com

OCTOBER

October 3 Buckeye Trail Work Day, Bedford Section.

Sunday: We will work 2:00-3:30 pm. Meet at the Mentor Marsh House, 5185 Corduroy Road, Mentor. Enjoy the beauty of the upland woods along the Buckeye Trail as we work on fixing problem areas along the BT. Tools provided; wear sturdy footwear and bring gloves. Co-sponsored by the Cleveland Museum of Natural History.

Registration Required: Please call Becky Donaldson, 440-257-0777 to register.

Contact: Bedford Section Supervisor, Debbie Zampini, 440-567-1894.

October 9–10 BTA Maintenance Weekend, Burr Oak State Park, New Straitsville Section.

Camping: Camping at group

area above Campground #3 (between Glouster and McConnelsville on S.R. 78). Camping area as pit toilets, electric outlets, and a hot shower will be provided. **SATURDAY DINNER SUPPLIED**; contact Jay Holwick (holwick@columbus.rr.com, 749-743-3813,) by October 5.

Contact: Rick Adamson at rickbta@gmail.com

October 15–16 BTA Circuit Hike, New Straitsville Section. Friday: 9:00 am: Leave from at Park Office, Point 9, Burr Oak Lodge Road off SR 78. We will carpool to start point at Point 1. Hike 9.4 miles.

Saturday: We will continue from our camping location to Point 19, 9.3 miles

Camping: Point 9, Dock #2, about 9.4 miles Burr Oak Park map.

Contact: Bruce “Poppie” Purdy, poppie50@att.net

October 16–20 BTA Work Party, Wolf Run, Belle Valley Section. Note: Please check the www.buckeyetrail.org for Chuck Wagon availability. Contact: Rick Adamson, rickbta@gmail.com

October 23 BTA Fall Hike, Fort Hill State Memorial, Sinking Spring Section.

Saturday: Leave at 11:00 am: A day of fall hiking at Fort Hill State Memorial. The hike will use portions of the Fort, Deer, and Gorge Trails and encompass about seven miles of hiking along this beautiful section of the Buckeye Trail. We will see 2,000 year old Hopewell earthworks, rock outcroppings, and some small arches and fall flowers. There will be two steep hills to tackle (400 and 300 feet climbs), and the Gorge Trail can be slippery at times! The hike should take three hours.

Fort Hill is a beautiful place, and should be spectacular in the fall. This is one of my favorite local hiking destinations because of the cardio hills, arches, rock formations, and the beautiful Baker Fork gorge.

There is a vault (pit) toilet on site, and if the museum is open there is a restroom within.

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

Fort Hill State Memorial, 13614 Fort Hill Rd., Hillsboro, OH 45133, 937-588-3221

Contact: Darryl Smith. Preds81@yahoo.com

October 30–31 BTA Maintenance Weekend, Fort Hill State Memorial, Sinking Spring Section. Contact: Rick Adamson at rickbta@gmail.com

NOVEMBER

November (Date to be Determined) Circuit Hike, Shawnee Section.

Friday: 9:00 am – Leave from Point 17 at SR 125 Trailhead Parking. Our starting point is Point 14 Shawnee Section, Ben’s Happy Trail Campground. Hike is 8.7 miles.

Saturday: We will continue from our camping location to Point 25 Shawnee Section, about 9.3 miles. Camping: Point 19, Camp #7, Shawnee Forest. *Note: One driver to Point 14.*

Contact: Bruce “Poppie” Purdy, poppie50@att.net

DECEMBER

December 11 BTA Board Meeting, Command Alkon.

Meeting at 10:00 am. Contact: Melissa Reed, president@buckeyetrail.org

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

New Address for Shows & Exhibits

sne@buckeyetrail.org

Meet Some New Board Members

BYRON HENRY

From Newark, married with three kids. Maintains BT in the New Straitsville section. Worked throughout the state on work parties. Would like to see the Buckeye Trail become more off-road with campsites, and become one of the premiere hiking trails in the world.



BYRON M. GUY

Lives and works in the beautiful Hocking Hills region. Co-Section Supervisor of the Old Man's Cave section. In September, took over the Troy section of the BT where he has been working with the Five Rivers Metroparks to increase blazing to make the BT more visible in the Dayton area. Currently working with Jim Sprague and Co-Section Supervisor Jamie Guy, his brother, to get the Pretty Run Property open to hikers, adding 3.3 miles of off-road trail soon to be certified NCT.

MELISSA SHAW

From Fairborn. Enjoys hiking and backpacking the BT I can see and learn about the state of Ohio. Believes we have a wonderful opportunity to educate and grow our Trail community through youth engagement. Enjoys every year working the BTA booth at Adventure Summit. Takes the opportunity to get the word out about the Buckeye Trail so that others can use this fantastic Trail (and hopefully volunteer to build and maintain it).



DEVIN ATKINSON

Parent and grandparent, Scioto Trail Section Supervisor. Was appointed to the BTA Board to fill the vacancy left by Chris Wisniewski.

The Mapmakers

How many hikers, over how many years, owe their personal exploration of the four corners of Ohio to the Buckeye Trail Section Maps? How many of us have arrived safely home after a wonderful trail experience because of the dirty, sweaty, folded up section map in our backpack? How many have learned something new about Ohio's history and geography that was described in the map log or seen something that was identified in the log that you might not have otherwise noticed? I imagine that many of you are nodding your heads.

We all owe a lot of gratitude to the Buckeye Trail Map Committee that has consistently volunteered to produce 26 up to date, durable, affordable, and informative section maps for many years. You won't find their names on the maps, but Jack Watkins and Josh Gille are two devoted volunteers that have done more than most to promote the Buckeye Trail and its use.

A torch is being passed, Jack and Josh are stepping down from the Committee and leaving a legacy in capable hands.

JACK SAYS IT BEST:

"I have decided now is the time for me to step down as the Chair of the Map Committee. Now that the transition to a digital format is running smoothly with Richard Lutz and Darlene Karoly working very well with Jim Sprague, it definitely is time. I really, really loved working on the maps using the old "cut and paste" method of putting the map together with Josh, using Jim Sprague's wonderful descriptive logs. The logs are the heart and soul of our maps, and set our maps apart from any other trail maps that I know of. The new digital system is wonderful and Richard and Darlene are great examples of true BTA Volunteers! That is what they are—no one asked or begged them to help out, they actually came forward voluntarily, and for that, I am thankful.

To all the BTA members, the Buckeye Trail is a wonderful trail and I know that with all the volunteers on board, it will continue to grow and become even better in the years ahead. Working for the good of this trail has been a wonderful experience over the years, made even better by the friendships I have made with everyone I met! Thank you all! I will definitely miss every one of you!"

Sincerely,

Jack Watkins, BTA Volunteer



As Jack noted, both he and Josh worked together with their tried and true method of cutting and pasting the maps together to prepare them for the printer.

From the Four Corners of Ohio, we say "Thank YOU", to both Jack and Josh!



**Jack Watkins,
Buckeye Trail Association's
Chief Cartographer**



Jack's first Buckeye Trail Crew Work Party, Bowerston Section, Clendening Lake, 1989 (Jack back, center).

Buckeye Trail Association Picture Quilt Raffle



The Buckeye Trail Association is holding a raffle for a BT Picture Quilt to raise funds for Trail Preservation. The winning ticket will be drawn when \$1,444.00 has been raised (\$1 for each 1,444 miles of the BT).



The quilt was made through the efforts of several BT members. Mary Hayes printed the pictures on the fabric. Wilma Layman embroidered the Section names and titles on the picture squares. Leslie Floyd created the center section of the quilt, pieced the quilt together, and prepared it for quilting. Kathy Balmert was paid to machine quilt, but donated a lot of her time as well.

The picture does not do the quilt justice.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-Mail: _____

One Ticket - \$5.00

Five Tickets - \$20.00

You may also purchase tickets
on-line with Pay-Pal at:

<http://www.buckeyetrail.org/raffle.html>



Make Checks out to the Buckeye Trail Association, Inc. and mail this form and your check to:

**Buckeye Trail Association
Quilt Raffle
P. O. Box 254
Worthington, OH 43085**

A receipt with your portion of the raffle ticket will be promptly returned to you.

The Maintainers' Corner—Blazing Primer

Jim Sprague, Maintenance Supervisor

This article is intended for anybody who either marks or intends to mark the route of the Buckeye Trail. I said anybody. I really meant everybody. As I wander about the State, I see many blazes. I also see long stretches of trail without blazes. I see many novel attempts at blazes. In other words, I see many blazes that do not conform to the simple rules I am going to provide below.

BTA recommends latex paint because it is easy to deal with. A little latex paint on your hands or nose is easily removed with a little water. Brushes can be cleaned after you return home. Your brush is then ready for reuse. Those results cannot be obtained as easily with oil-based paints. However, if you are comfortable with the mess and can afford frequent new brushes, oil based paint will work very well.

The color of the paint used to make the blaze is an obsolete color identified by Sherwin Williams as "Sweeping Blue". Although the color is obsolete, Sherwin Williams, as well as other companies such as Lowe's or Home Depot, will mix the color on demand. Mix the color into an Exterior Satin base. The Satin base gives a better appearance with a slight gloss that holds up better than does a flat base.

Do not use spray paint. Sometimes an otherwise well-meaning Adopter decides that spray paint will work better than the latex paint. It does not. Spray paint does not cover as well. Spray paint is not available in any color that even begins to resemble "Sweeping Blue". And spray paint is expensive!

Since Adopters almost always apply paint on tree bark or weathered surfaces, surface preparation is helpful . . . and controversial. Many Adopters are proud to say that they never prepare the surface. I am not one of them. I like to use a product made by Stanley Tools that they have named the Stanley SurForm Shaver. The Shaver has a curved cutting surface that makes good contact with irregular surfaces. I find that the tool is light, easy to use and inexpensive. The tool is adaptable to the many different types of bark that an Adopter may find ranging from the thin, not quite smooth, bark of young maples to the hard, irregular bark of an older red oak. Other useful tools include the Draw Shave that does have specialized uses. In my opinion, the Draw Shave is too heavy, inflexible and expensive for a place in my kit.

A new Adopter receives a paint kit and some instruction usually from his Section Supervisor. Often the kit contains a cheap 1" brush. Assuming that you are using latex paint, I recommend that the Adopter obtain a sash brush 1½" wide that is designed for latex paint. A brush this wide will spread just enough to make a blaze 2" wide. Years ago, I thought that the 2" brush would be better. *Wrong!* The result has been many blazes that are nearly 3" wide. That result is not good! Use plenty of paint on your brush to produce an excellent, square-cornered blaze!

A single blaze is the bread and butter marker on trail. It signifies that the trail continues. The dimensions of the blaze are 6" tall and 2" wide. Each corner should be square. Those specifications should be met as exactly as possible. Make a template from a metal sheet if necessary to get the dimensions right. Place the blaze in line with the trail direction so that you will see it easily as you approach it.

You should be able to see a blaze, either looking back or ahead, most of the time. Clearly, the frequency of blazes depends

on location. For example, trail on road or multipurpose trail may be as rarely as at intersections. On road favored by the presence of utility poles, mark every second or third pole. However, on a little used trail in dense woods, blazes should appear at least every 50'. A trail that appears over-blazed in winter often is inadequately blazed when the forest is under full canopy. The Adopter should always favor enough blazes for the worst conditions that the hiker may encounter.

The second blaze of importance is the double blaze. This blaze comprises two of the simple rectangles placed one above the other. Both marks are in line with the trail. This particular form of the double blaze is often considered the turn signal on the Appalachian Trail. However, the blaze strictly means "Alert! The trail is about to do something that may not be obvious!" If the trail will turn abruptly, a single blaze should be seen nearby as a confirmation blaze. Nearby is a relative term. Translated, the confirmation blaze should be located prominently within the next 25' to 50' in a wooded environment or the next telephone pole on road.

Along the BT, the most common turn blaze is the offset blaze. The lower mark is in line with the trail. The upper mark is offset in the direction that the trail will turn. In the example shown, the trail will do a right turn. Since the offset blaze is derived from the Alert blaze, its construction is similar. The upper mark should be placed clearly above the lower mark. The most common mistake that you will see is the upper blaze offset but with its base near or below the top of the lower mark. As long as you understand its meaning, the blaze has done its job. Did I mention arrows? Do not paint arrows! Turn blazes are not needed just because the trail turns. Their primary use is to guide a hiker through intersections.

The alert blaze is most often used at obscure intersections. For example, imagine that the trail has been following a woods road and then leaves the road as the road turns. Although the trail does not turn, it will do something to which the hiker should be attentive. Similarly, imagine that the trail as a footpath crosses a broad skid road or ATV trail in an open field or broken woods. If the trail continuation is obscure, as it sometimes is where BT is not used a great deal, the hiker must be aware that the obvious route may not be the route of the trail.

The alert blaze is also used in woods or fields on objects that are too small to hold an offset blaze. Trees must have attained a diameter at least 6 or 8" before an effective offset double blaze can be painted. If you find an alert blaze on saplings, look for the confirmation blaze to determine the direction in which the trail goes.

As an Adopter, this primer should make your painting work more efficient as well as more helpful to the hiker. As a hiker this information will, hopefully, make your hiking experiences along the trail more pleasant. By the way, if you see blazes that differ markedly from those described here, please report the condition and the location to info@buckeyetrail.org. Your remarks will be referred in confidentiality to both the Adopter and his/her Section Supervisor.

Missing Trailblazers

Patrick Hayes

I am searching for old *Trailblazers* and BTA maps to compile a history of the BTA. If you can help with an old issue, please contact me or send directly to me:

Patrick Hayes
5317 Royal Acres Dr
Lewisburg OH 45338

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Also looking for older maps of the BT. *Any help on this project is appreciated.*

Have You Hiked the Whole Buckeye Trail?

What is it? A patch for any hiker who has completed the entire Buckeye Trail.



How do I get a patch? By hiking the Buckeye Trail, of course. After finishing the Buckeye Trail, contact me at the address below and I'll send you a questionnaire or download a form at <http://www.buckeyetrail.org/circuit hike.html>. Fill it out and a patch will be sent to you in 10 business days.

Can I get more than one patch? The first patch is free; any extra patches are \$3.00 each.

Who is eligible for a patch? Any person who has completed the Buckeye Trail any time in the Buckeye Trail's history. As long as you finished the entire Buckeye Trail, no matter what its length was when you finished.

We want to know. Just fill out the questionnaire. BTA is interested in people who have hiked the whole Trail.

Dana Zintek, zintronics@aol.com, 330-928-8931

Discount on Blaze Paint

WHAT Either Sweeping Blue 2408 or Yuma Green 2090 or brushes or scrapers

WHERE? Any Sherwin-Williams store in Ohio

HOW? Mention BTA Account No. 9321-7886-6. You pay, then turn in receipts to get reimbursed

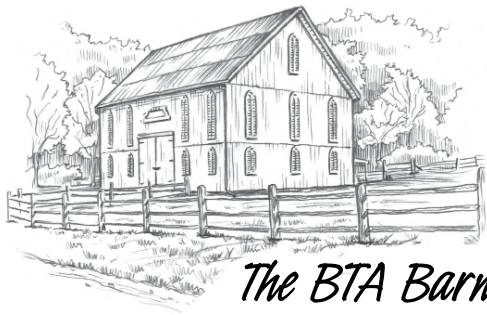
REALLY? 25% Discount and you pay no tax

Maintainer's Log

The BTA web site has a Maintainer's web page. It has some basic info about maintaining, requests volunteers, and has a download for the maintainer's annual log.

<http://www.buckeyetrail.org/maintainers.html>





The BTA Barn

Massive Improvements at the BTA Barn

Mary Hamilton

Gospel Road came to the BTA Barn July 12-13. Gospel Road is a mission work camp from Catholic churches and schools in the Columbus Diocese. Five girls and three

boys plus two adult leaders cleaned, cleared, painted and built at the Barn under the direction of BTA Barn Chairman Russ Johnson.

In the two days Gospel Road was at the Barn, the group built a split rail fence, washed and finished floors, walls and picnic tables, installed fire alarms, and cleared the outside area. They dug a drainage ditch, installed outdoor steps, and even pulled weeds from the stone path to the Barn.

As a reminder to all membership, the BTA Barn is the setting for the Annual Meeting in 2011. The Barn Committee hopes that two more dorm rooms will be finished in time for the Annual Meeting. If you are willing to build, contact the BTA Barn Committee through www.buckeyetrail.org so we can put you on the contact list when we have work parties. With your help, we can get this accomplished.

BTA Century Barn was built by the Beall family in 1888 on Tappan Lake near Deersville. It is being restored by Buckeye Trail volunteers. Much restoration work has been done, but we have big plans to do more. It is very near to the Buckeye Trail, and will soon be connected by BTA-built trail to Tappan Lake campground. The Barn will serve as a hostel and camping for BTA members and visitors, and a meeting space for BTA and other organizations.



You never know what you will find in the middle of the forest. Patti Cook, Andrew Cook and Debbie Zampini hiked one of the backpacking loops at Zaleski State Forest for a trail monitoring project for the ODNR in July 2010.

BTA Scholarship Winners



Steven Trostel, one of our 2010 BTA Scholarship winners from Piqua. Steve completed his first degree in 1989 from Hocking Tech and now is pursuing a bachelor's degree from Ohio University to further his study in natural resources.



Levi Farley from Paulding received a BTA scholarship in 2010. This is the second year for Levi to receive the honor. He is in his second year in Wildlife Management at Hocking College.

BTeasers

Pat Hayes

Q *Fred E. Morr, Director, Ohio Department of Natural Resources appointed a BTA member to what position effective October 1, 1967?*

A *Fred E. Morr appointed Robert R. Paton as the first State Trail Coordinator. Duties of the job included cooperating with the BTA in development of the trail and also in developing the hiking and riding trails in the state parks and forests of Ohio.*

The Sky Dance of the American Woodcock

Paul Knoop

It is early evening and the sun has just slipped below the horizon. We are standing in an unmowed meadow at the edge of wet woodland. A small flock of red-winged blackbirds fly overhead seemingly impatient to reach their evening roost. The air becomes still and earthy odors arise from the moist grasses which surround us. The melodious call of a song sparrow filters to us from a nearby thicket and a lone cardinal emits a clear whistle from the top branch of a dead tree.

We continue to stand quietly as the light on the western horizon diminishes and twilight sets in. Suddenly from the thicket there is a rush of wings as a small chunky bird flies past. In the now failing light we notice short, rounded wings and long bill. The wings produce a twittering sound as the bird flies past and disappears in the dim light of the meadow. In eager anticipation we face the meadow and wait for the familiar sound. Then we hear it! The loud, rasping, emphatic “peent” of the American woodcock.

The woodcock has evoked curiosity because of its secretive, retiring habits. Even in the heart of its range in eastern North America where it is common the woodcock is a shadowy apparition, keeping to itself in boggy woodlands, slipping about in the near dark. It is the rare person who gets a really good look at a woodcock and this usually occurs in early spring (March and April) when courtship activity is at its peak. The performance of the male woodcock is an extremely complicated bit of animal behavior and to see it one must be willing to brave the damp, cool air of an early March evening. The performance starts just as the sun sets.

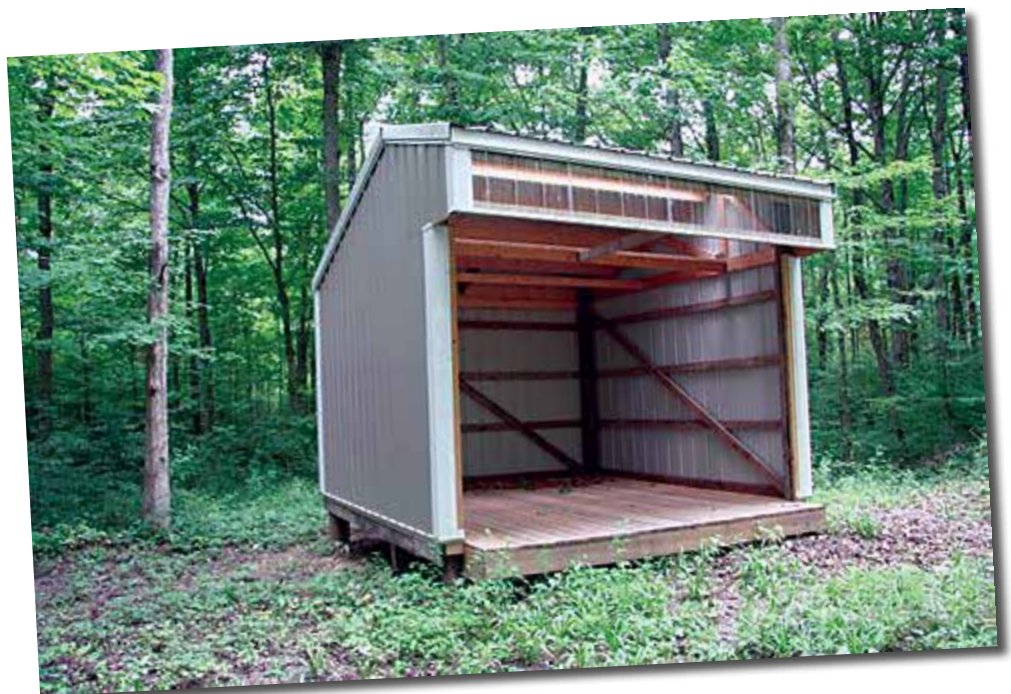
The stage for this performance must be a bit of open space, preferably on some knoll, a mossy spot or mowed meadow. Here within hearing of his mate the male woodcock performs. First he struts around on the ground, with tail erect and spread, and with bill pointing downwards and resting on his chest. As he turns in a circle he emits the previously mentioned “peent” and will continue to do this at intervals of every few seconds. This call note will be repeated 50 to 100 times or more and then suddenly, without warning, the small bird mounts into the sky and, rising at an angle, he circles higher and higher until he looks like a mere speck in the sky. All during this upward flight he whistles continuously and emits twittering, musical notes.

At the apex of his climb he produces his true love song; a soft, hauntingly beautiful series of soft notes that drift to earth on the moist evening air. These notes have an ethereal quality and anyone sensitive to “the songs of the earth” is deeply touched. At the completion of the love song the bird flutters downward, circling, zigzagging, and finally landing at or near his starting point. He soon begins again on the “peent” notes and the whole act is repeated again and again until total darkness brings the performance to a halt.

Once heard and observed the perceptive person will never again want to pass the spring season without experiencing the “sky dance” of the American woodcock.

New Shelter on the Buckeye Trail

Located at Point 6 on the St. Marys map along the Buckeye Trail in Shelby County, is the BT's beautiful new shelter. It's so new, it is not yet mentioned in the narrative on St Marys map. We can thank Jim Runk, who funded the project. Look for it near the footbridge on your hike through St. Marys!



A Hiker Discovers the Buckeye Trail

Excerpts from the Hiking Log of Bruce “Poppie” Purdy

I discovered the Buckeye Trail Association after becoming a Scout Master. The Scouts planned to earn their Backpacking and Hiking merit badges. The Hiking badge required five 10-mile hikes and one 20-mile hike. I searched for hiking trails in Ohio to get our 10 miles, and the internet brought me to the Buckeye Trail. I ordered the book *Follow the Blue Blazes*, maps and 10-mile patches, then added a BTA membership to the order.

I decided on a 10-mile loop in Hocking Hills State Park. The morning of the hike, January 10, 2009, we had icy rain but the outlook was for warming, so we forged ahead. It was a tough hike with a group of inexperienced hikers, but the trail had just had a maintenance crew and was in excellent condition. It was an excellent hike with the exception of the weather. Each Scout earned a Buckeye Trail 10-mile patch for his achievement. Afterwards, I was sold on the Buckeye Trail and ordered more maps. I was “patch-goaled” at this point, with my eye on earning patches. I ended up hiking 132 miles of trails in 2009.

In November and December, my son and I hiked three hikes in the Scioto Trail section before I took the Scouts out on a winter campout. One pre-hike, I stuck my thumb out—and got a ride. All were very enjoyable, on well-marked trail through the State Park and State Forest on foot trails, horse trails, and service roads. I was now ready for the Scouts but nervous about the clear-cut area and the 20 miles required in the hiking requirement.

I decided on a hike: from Woods Hollow Road to the camp at Stewart Lake (points 19-22 on 2005 Scioto Trail section map—Buckeye Trail has since been rerouted). I talked another adult leader into running the camp for us; this way, the Scouts would not clean up camp or cook—just hike. The second leader could also meet us on the hike about every 5 miles with hot chocolate and food. The Scouts would get their 20 miles for the Hiking merit badge and also the 25K Buckeye Trail patch.

First, I wanted the patch. Second, I always wanted to hike under the I-71 Bridge at Ft. Ancient. With those two goals in mind, I realized that the Buckeye Trail runs right through Ft. Ancient. I started my planning. I completed a goal by hiking under the I-71 Bridge. I stopped to enjoy the sight along with several birds. I had wanted to do this for several years but had not had the time or health. Now even my doctor says he can see the difference in my appearance and health since I started hiking. I would have called myself crazy if I had tried this a couple years ago.

Next stop was Ft. Ancient. I passed through the Morgan campground for lunch. I joined the LMSSP bike trail—mile after mile of beautiful scenery on both

sides as it follows the Little Miami River. The trail was a former Penn Central RR acquired by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. The trail now runs about 70 miles north to Springfield. I headed south to Lebanon and through town to my motel, then found a pizza parlor in town for dinner. It stormed all night and there was a slight drizzle in the morning, but not enough to worry about. The heavy rain held off until I was finished with my hike, when the skies opened with a downpour. I was thankful. I awarded myself with the 50K patch and planned my next hikes for 100K.

As of July 2010, I have hiked the Buckeye Trail from Old Man’s Cave to the Goodseed farm outside Peebles—132 miles more than qualify for the 100K patch. I have also hiked in the Loveland, Troy and Medina sections. Counting other hikes I’ve done in my travels, so far I have hiked over 300 miles in 2010. My plans are now to hike the Buckeye Trail in the Williamsburg, Akron, Caesar Creek, New Straitsville, and Shawnee Sections through December. This will give me another 150 miles in 2010. The total distance I hiked on the Buckeye Trail in 2009 and 2010 will equal over 362 miles, which will give me the 500K patch. My current goal is to complete the Buckeye Trail by the end of 2012. Anyone interested in hiking with me, please contact me at poppie50@att.com.

(See the Schedule of Events on page 4-5 of this issue and www.buckeyetrail.org for Poppie’s Circuit Hikes.)



Poppie on the Trail

Poppie shows how a Buckeye Trail hike is done. You hike, then pose for a photo, and enjoy the entire experience.

Big Boost in BTA Purchase Power

The BTA Clean Ohio Trails Fund Application for the acquisition of 190 acres in Vinton County has been approved. BTA will receive aid toward the purchase of the Pretty Run property, that is a piece of a larger goal to connect Tar Hollow SF and Hocking Hills SP/SF.

Now, 3.5 miles of the Buckeye Trail, North Country National Scenic Trail, and American Discovery Trail have been protected, along with the landscape that hikers go there to see. Thanks to everybody connected with this purchase and fund application process: we've learned a lot more about protecting the Buckeye Trail and the land and the processes we can go through. Thanks to you we've been able to reach out to partners such as the Appalachian Ohio Alliance and strengthen our relationships on real projects. Thanks to you the BTA has taken this challenge as an opportunity to form the Trail Preservation Committee to handle this scope of work more proactively in the future.

I won't name everyone here, but thank you very much for your letters of support, your guidance, your patience, your willingness to seize the opportunity and take a risk. Thanks for all those who helped supply the detailed information for the challenging grant application. Thanks especially to all the sweat that has gone into the Trail there on the Pretty Run, building and keeping it open in difficult terrain/vegetation.

So, what do we do now? Well, go hike it of course!! ... After that we should look to the Trail Preservation Committee (with your input) for its recommendations.

BTA Funds Report

See www.buckeyetrail.org about donating to the Buckeye Trail Association's funds

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MAC Committee Report

John Rethman

This year will be the third year that the Buckeye Trail Association has backpacked a portion of the Buckeye Trail. The trip is open to all, BTA members and non-members. Backpacking portions of the BT was started to celebrate our 50th Anniversary in 2008. The trip has stayed popular because, with proper planning, the Buckeye Trail can be backpacked with a large group. Also in most cases, hikers can stop or start the trip on any given day during the backpack. If you don't have the time to commit to a week of hiking or you're not sure if you can handle 50+ miles of backpacking, this trip could be for you.

This year's spring backpacking trip was from Shawnee State Park to Fort Hill, 60 miles. We had four full-time hikers and three part-timers. We started at Shawnee backpacking loop trailhead off SR 125. (We had a late start because we spotted cars to accommodate.) The first day was only 5.0 miles. We camped at Ben's Happy Trails Riding Stable and campground. You could not ask for a better campground host and owner Ben Thompson. He had a nice place to camp behind his office and across the creek that had shelters and toilets. He wouldn't take money for the small tents we were using. Then he said we could use the office, it has toilets, a TV and a phone. Cell phones didn't work down there.

That evening a Trail Angel arrived in the person of Jim Runk. He camped with us and shared his libations. In the morning Ben invited us for coffee and the weather report, as it was raining. We were there two hours. What a great first day—one Trail Angel and one super great guy for a camp host.

After our late start, we hiked 9.1 miles to the Ballinger property, property that was donated to the BTA. It has a large field for camping. Next day was dry and cloudy. Within 30 minutes we took shelter from a quick storm that ended within 15 minutes. One hour later, another storm, but this time with lightning and thunder. This was a soaking, dangerous storm and we had nowhere to take shelter. What seemed like hours of hiking in the rain we came upon a church with a shelter, where we stayed for at least an hour. We decided to go on because we were getting cold;

it was still raining but the lightning and thunder had stopped. I didn't have a Plan B yet for that night, but came up with one. We had planned on hiking 11.9 miles that day to a farmer's property near Davis Memorial. But 0.5 miles away was Mineral Springs Campground. We rented a cabin there and washed and dried our clothes, took showers and slept in dry beds.

I had needed a campsite near Peebles to make this trip work. I knew of a trail and campsite that the Adams County chapter of the NCTA and the BTA had constructed at the Good Seed Farm, about 3 miles west of Peebles on old SR 32 and right on the BT. This campsite worked great. Here we lost one hiker but had gained two. That night Jim Runk, our Trail Angel showed up again.

Our next day's hike was 8.0 miles to Serpent Mound, where we camped nearby. (I have another story about this night but will share it at another time. All I will say is we gained one local maintainer and talked to a group that was celebrating the New Moon, they were Black Witches, that predated the American Indians.)

We finished by hiking 11.9 miles to the parking lot of Fort Hill. Fort Hill is an excellent place to day-hike. We drove to the Shawnee S.P. campground cleaned up and had dinner at one of our favorite places in Portsmouth, the Scioto Ribber. If you go there don't miss the murals on the floodwalls.

All in all, a fun and successful backpack. And proof that it can be done. A hiker can backpack a great multi-day hike on Ohio's Buckeye Trail.

A Call for BTA Volunteers

We are basically an all-volunteer organization with most of the effort going toward the building and maintaining of the Buckeye Trail. I know that we never forget the folks who work more behind the scenes (including the editor of the *Trailblazer*) but since becoming the volunteer coordinator, I have come to realize that we do not really ask for help from all the people who have skills we desperately need but who do not have the physical ability and/or time to participate in trail-building or maintaining. I do not pretend to know what skills are out there but if you will tell me what you can and like to do I will find a job for you. We need people to prepare and give presentations on the Trail, photographers to take pictures for those presentations, people to build paint kits, grant writers, and many other things that I cannot think of sitting here.

**Contact me by e-mail then321elm@att.net or mail:
Garry Dill, 923 Augusta Glen Drive, Columbus, OH 43235**

Allow me some time to work on it (remember I am a volunteer too) and I am sure I can find a job for you.

2010 BTA Annual Meetings Memories

The 51st BTA Annual Meeting was held June 11-13 at Geneva Hills camp in Hocking Hills. It began Friday with dinner and Bob Pond and Russ Johnson's presentation "Walk with the Ancients" detailing their hiking adventure following the route the ancient Hopewell people would have walked from today's Chillicothe to Newark. Along the way they studied the culture of these Native Americans. It was amazing what the ancient Hopewell people knew about moon and universe.

Saturday BTA member Jay Abercrombie led our traditional early morning bird hike. Following breakfast we held our annual business meeting. Byron Guy, Byron Henry, Melissa Shaw, Pat Hayes and Liz McQuaid were elected to fill the five positions on the Board. BTA Executive Director Andrew Bashaw spoke about his earnest belief that the BT is a good idea and that it continues to be developed with the help of all volunteers. The BT connects people, history, landscapes and cultures around Ohio. Andrew stated in his report that over the past ten years, the Buckeye Trail Crew has donated approximately 5,582 person days, or 37,651 volunteer hours with a state value of \$451,806 and a federal value of \$753,010.

Afternoon storms kept most people off the trail Saturday, but we had alternatives including a ride on the Hocking Valley Scenic

Railroad through prominent old coal and railroad towns Nelsonville and Haydenville.

Our featured evening speaker Dr. Dale Gnidovec honored us with his presentation on the Geology of Ohio. We followed geological periods highlighted by features including Black Hand sandstone at Old Mans and Ash Cave, Nelson Ledges in Geauga County, flint at Flint Ridge for arrowheads, hanging rock in Jackson for iron ore, clay for the brick industry, salt in mines under Lake Erie, and the glacial grooves on Kelley's Island. Ohio iron ore was used to make the USS Monitor during the Civil War. Mastodon bones have been found at 180 different places on Ohio. The curator at Orton Geological Museum at Ohio State University, Dale encouraged everyone to come there. Native Ohio stone was used to build Orton Hall, where the museum is housed.

Following the program, Mary Hamilton presented the BTA Awards. Then the results of the silent auction were given. One unique item in the silent auction was a BT afghan crocheted by a dedicated and quite talented member.

The meeting ended with breakfast and one last hike led by Byron and Jamie Guy through Pretty Run, the scenic property the BT purchased. Great meeting, great people. Beautiful Ohio.

Highlights of the BTA Annual Business Meeting— June 12, 2010

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION

Melissa Shaw, Byron Henry, Byron Guy, Liz McQuaid and Pat Hayes were nominated for Board positions. The floor was opened for nominations. The five were unanimously elected. Their terms expire 2013.

Devin Atkinson was previously appointed to the BTA Board to fill the vacancy of Chris Wisniewski.

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Elmo Layman presented scholarships to Levi Farley, who had just finished his first year at Hocking College, and Steve Trostel.

MAC COMMITTEE

The fall MAC trip will be backpacking at Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore, September 11-18.

BT QUILT

Raffle tickets are being sold: 1 ticket for \$5 or 6 tickets for \$20. When the amount of money from the raffle tickets reaches \$1444 (one dollar for every mile on the BT) the drawing will be held.

2011 BTA ANNUAL MEETING

May 20-22 at the Barn

2011 NCTA ANNUAL MEETING

August 4-7 at Wright State University in Dayton. Kathy Hamilton is in charge of the arrangements; BTA volunteers will be needed.

BTA Awards at the 2010 Annual Meeting

Mary Hamilton

CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION

- Jan Geho for her excellent work in maintaining a portion of the BT in the Burton Section
- Jen Brumfield for her hard work in getting the kiosk in Brecksville

SPECIAL CERTIFICATE AWARDS

For their dedication to BTA's 50th Anniversary celebration. Many hours were spent in publicizing and making arrangements for all the festivities that surrounded the event.

- Ruth Brown
- Bob Pond
- Connie Pond
- Liz McQuaid
- Greg Wisniewski

1400 MILE AWARDS

- Joyce and Peter Cottrell
- Bob and Connie Pond

250 HOUR AWARDS

- Harold Koutz
- Melissa Reid

FRIENDS OF BTA

- Ben Thompson of Ben's Happy Trails campground, who allows thru hikers to camp there, and extends services beyond normal call of a campground. He was most hospitable to members of a recent MAC trip that these people won't forget.

PRESIDENTS AWARD

- Jack Watkins has served as member and chair of the Map Committee, coordinator of new maintainers and any BTA volunteer. Jack recently retired from the Map Committee and helped in bringing the new map format by using computer technology. Jack will be missed by many at the meetings.

SUPER STAR AWARDS

- Patti Cook for her work as maintainer and Work Crew member, hike leader, preparation, setup and explanation of the BT at two nature centers for the BTA 50th Anniversary, hosting and setting up interviews with local newspapers.
- Gary Williams for his work publishing the 50th Anniversary booklet, contacting newspapers to promote BTA and encouraging BTA members to promote BTA through the media.
- Adrian Vanko for his service as vice president and BUFILO (finance) Committee member. He is also a long-time Trail Crew worker. Adrian also hosts the BTA Board meetings.

TRUSTEE EMERITUS

- Liz McQuaid has served the Board since 1995. Most recently her efforts as Chair of Shows and Exhibits Committee have brought a new look to our display. Liz is a leader in many capacities for BTA and the Northeast Ohio Chapter.

Highlights of the BTA Board Meeting—May 22, 2010

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- Pat Hayes received an email from Sean Collins stating that he will build a bridge for an Eagle Scout Project in the Cuyahoga Valley behind the Summit County Engineers' Building.
- Devin Atkinson was appointed to fulfill of Greg Wisniewski's Board Member term after Greg resigned. The term expires in 2012.

STATE TRAIL COORDINATOR'S REPORT

- Co-Coordinator Jim Runk reported that Melissa Reed, Elmo Layman, Greg Wisniewski, and he had done maintenance on the trail so people could get through where there was damage near Newport in the St. Marys section. The state will fix the damage.

MAP REPORT

- Jack Watkins will be retiring as the head of the cartography team. Josh Gille will also be retiring from the team. The board and staff thanked Jack for all the time and work he had done over the years. Replacements will be appointed for the positions.

Lamentations of a Maintainer

Jeff Yoest

“Well, if you can’t say anything nice, don’t say anything at all.”

Such was the description of an off-road length of the BT along Piedmont Lake posted on the internet by a thru-hiker traversing the North Country Trail last summer. Unfortunately, those remarks were directed to my section of the BT. Not what a maintainer likes to hear, especially when one makes the two-hour drive to work on it and thinks his/her trail is in good shape. My feelings were a mix of anger and embarrassment.

Some offered consolation in the fact that last spring and summer’s weather conditions were perfect for a bumper crop of weeds and brush. Even so, I just could not understand how my trail could warrant such disparaging comments. After all, I was just there the previous November. All deadfalls had been removed, it was well blazed and, considering everything, very easy to follow and a pleasant walk.

So, this past autumn, I took advantage of the good will of Herb Hulls, Earl Garn, Mary Hamilton, Byron Henry, and a local, all who generously volunteered to help me get my Piedmont section in good condition. Downed trees and heavy brush were cleared and removed, we swept the trail of debris and by the end of the day, I could proudly challenge anyone to criticize the Piedmont section of the Buckeye Trail. I returned again in November to do some added maintenance, confident that all was well.

Feeling personally responsible for the bad press given the BT, I resolved that I would endeavor to return in the spring and summer, as recommended by Jim Sprague. He contends it is necessary for maintainers to make their visits a minimum of twice during the growing season. In the past, I had limited my visits to the autumn and winter.

I made my visit the last of May.

Wow.

Was this my trail? I could not believe what had happened since November. Numerous large deadfalls were everywhere blocking the path. The bare trees of November had leafed out and had bent over the trail under their new load of green. Low, wet areas, aided by sufficient sunlight, had exploded in luxuriant waist-high weeds, in several places so thick I missed the familiar route of my trail.

May was not the pleasant experience of November. Horseflies and their nasty bites. Eyeball dive-bombing kamikaze gnats. Stinging nettles. Poison Ivy in full bloom. Sweat soaked clothes. It was a midwestern jungle . . . most unpleasant. I left discouraged and overwhelmed, accomplishing just a fraction of my intentions.

As much as I hated to admit it, it was now easy to understand the remarks of my critic. I was simply unfamiliar with summer conditions. I’m a cold weather guy. I hate hot weather. I do my hiking and camping in the cold seasons. Another of my oddball traits. Normal people hike in the summer.

As a recent trustee on the BTA Board, at almost every meeting, discussion centers on how do we better address the Her-

culean job of keeping the BT in good condition. The problems are legion . . . not enough maintainers, maintainers who don’t do their job (the same problem with some Section Supervisors). There’s the issue of a dearth of members in rural areas that need the most attention and the ongoing battle with Mother Nature, who is constantly undoing our work. I’m sure these challenges will continue to be a concern in the future.

Now being an “enlightened” maintainer (took long enough), I better understand the requirements of keeping an off-road section of trail in good condition. Haphazard visits, especially in autumn and winter, just will not suffice. There are the seasonal issues described that must be attended to in the spring and summer.

We are all volunteers. We don’t get paid for our efforts and we all have other commitments and demands on our time. That’s part of the challenge in finding enough people to do what needs to be done along 1440 miles of trail. For the BT to be the trail we envision, we need to plan and make a priority of doing the best we can. We also need to help each other. For those of us with sections deep in wood or field, we often just can’t do it alone. I have never been in any organization where others are more willing to help. Ask for it. I have found the leadership of this organization to be very responsive to individual needs. Communication with your section supervisor and state trail coordinators can offer solutions to the frustrations we all will encounter.

Fellow maintainers, the Buckeye Trail could not exist without you. Although any effort helps, do the best you can. You’re not alone out there!

BRAMBLE #55

by Dana Zintek

1. Colonel highway

G L E N N

2. Seneca Lake campground

M A R I N A P O I N T

3. Grandma Gatewood shoes

C H U C K T A Y L O R S

After fighting with his wife the overnight hiker was...

S E N T P A C K I N G

Winner:

Pat Hayes of Lewisburg

Welcome New Members!

Bev and Jerry Starcher

Elizabeth Boltuc	Broadview Heights
Jessica Bouldrey and Family	Napoleon
Adam Bovia	Albany
M Douthitt and Family	Columbus
Ellen Fitch and Family	Wyoming
Joyce Gilliland and Valerie Powers	Strongsville
David Green	McDonald
Heath Hall	Powell
Andrea Irland	Peninsula
William Jackson	Dundee
Michael Kerchenski and Family	Aurora
Kurt Kline	North Canton
John Knouse	Athens
Kay Kravcisin	Mantua
Eric Laroche	Columbus
Alexander Miller	Albany
Ruth Morley	Cincinnati
Jim Parsons	Fleming Island, FL
Donna Rahe and Family	Wadsworth
Scott Ranly	Minster
Michael Ruthem	Wheeling, WV
Jason Schurtz	Reynoldsburg
Timothy Sidloski	Wadsworth
Martha Snee and Family	Columbus
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BRAMBLE #56

by Dana Zintek

Use the clues to unscramble the
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by Jordan Fisher Smith

Send your answers to:
Dana Zintek
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Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio 44221

Answers must be postmarked by November 1, 2010.

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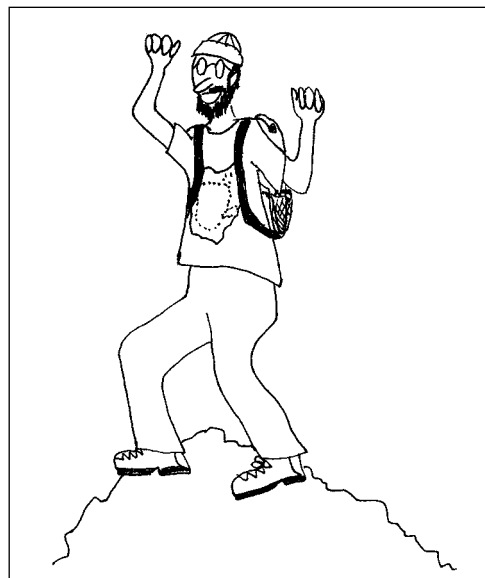
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Now arrange the circled letters to form
the answer to the cartoon.



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