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Cub Scouts Contribute Woodworking Skills Building Bat Houses for the BTA

Cub Scouts Pack 652 was looking for a Community Service Project to complete during their Winter Campout in February at Camp Manatoc in the Cuyahoga Valley National Park. Community Service projects and “helping other people” are good for the scouts to learn at a young age since that is a good portion of what scouting is all about. They completed four bat houses to be used at the BTA Century Barn.

Thanks guys, for giving up a winter afternoon to help out the BTA. You do beautiful work!



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President's Message

Melissa Reed

"There is not an important trail in Ohio which is not blazed," said Archer Hulbert. Hulbert, a writer, historian and professor at Marietta College, was referring not to our Buckeye Trail, but to Indian trails blazed by Ohio's white settlers who encountered and used these trails in their new homeland. The Indians, we are told, knew their trails so well that they had had no need for blazes. In his study "The Indian Thoroughfares of Ohio," published in 1900 in the *Ohio Archeological and Historical Society Publications*, Hulbert lists and describes 14 major trails that the Wyandot and other tribes created and used to cross what is now Ohio from Lake Erie to the Ohio River, from present-day Pennsylvania and West Virginia to Indiana. The Buckeye Trail was not laid out on these first trails, but necessarily runs roughly, and sometimes closely, parallel to many of them.

When we hike the Buckeye Trail, we walk on or pass close to other kinds of routes created by our predecessors. One of our mottos refers to linking the four corners of Ohio. In the 19th century, waterways carried travelers and goods to Ohio's four corners. Our two major canals, the Miami and Erie in the west and the Ohio and Erie in the east, join Lake Erie and the Ohio River to form a complete link. Jim Sprague, who writes the point-by-point descriptive logs for our 26 section maps, makes frequent reference to the canals and their features. Jim's evocative descriptions direct us to the facts, legends and picturesque lore of our canal history. We learn that we can enjoy watching large turtles sunning themselves at Lock 15 in the Akron Section, we can stop by the canal inn that later became an Underground Railroad way station, and we perhaps quicken our steps as we pass Bloody Bridge in the St. Marys Section, where a lovers' tryst is said to have led to murder and suicide. Jim mentions many other canal artifacts as well—mileposts, stone blocks, culverts, arches and aqueducts. If you've hiked very much in the east or the west of the state, you've no doubt come upon some of them.

As we walk our trails, we often find evidence of the railroads that began displacing canals in the mid-1800s. A few of us are no doubt old enough to remember when these very railroads were active. But now, abutments that once held a railroad overpass stand crumbling in the woods north of Lockington Reserve. Xenia's many railroad beds now are traveled by bicyclists and hikers, and a replica of an 1880s stationhouse stands in the former Baltimore and Ohio freight yards. This transformation, with its new uses and its nostalgic restorations and re-creations—rails to trails, as we now call it—is replicated throughout our state.

One of the Buckeye Trail Association's goals is to move the Buckeye Trail entirely off roads. In the meantime, we must admit that we are much indebted to the makers of roads. We use many of them. Busy roads can be intimidating to the hiker, but quiet rural roads are pleasant enough. And as we approach the bicentennial of the War of 1812, we can refresh our memories about Ohio's role in that war when we walk on Norwalk Section's Old Military Road.

The Akron Section presents us with these four land and water routes in close proximity. The Buckeye Trail and the Ohio and Erie Canal follow the Indian portage path between the Cuyahoga River and Tuscarawas River. At Summit Lake the three briefly diverge, the canal passing through the lake, the portage trail to the west, and the Buckeye Trail to the east. A road, which appears to be Manchester Road, was built parallel to the portage trail in 1898, and railroad tracks crisscross the terrain.



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On the Trail

Another great year on Ohio's Buckeye Trail is slowly beginning. One of the first signs of spring can be heard rustling in the woods, slowly lumbering out of their burrows, shading their eyes from the glare of the increasing sunshine, Buckeye Trail Adopters are back out on the Trail to assess the impact of winter on their beloved stretch of the nation's longest loop trail. In truth, most Adopters don't really hibernate. It has been a busy winter of hiking through the snow and planning for the year to come. You will see throughout this issue and from the www.buckeyetrail.org/events page that another busy year of building, maintaining, protecting and promoting the use of the Trail is underway. As you read this *Trailblazer* I hope your mind is already spinning with the possibilities that this spring will bring, and I hope that you and your family are able to make time to enjoy the BT.

If your new year's resolution had anything to do with getting outside more, getting back in shape, or spending more quality time with the family then the BT may be your answer. Hiking the entire 1,444 miles of the BT is a great way to lose a few pounds over the course of a couple months. If you can't take off for a couple months to rediscover Ohio by hiking the whole thing there are section hikes and the Buckeye Trail Crew Work Party schedule may suit you. The Buckeye Trail Crew is specially designed to tone muscle, improve endurance and is very therapeutic for the mind as they clear and dig new BT across Ohio's varied landscapes. If travel and camping out under the stars are not for you, then connecting with your local Section Supervisor and Trail Adopters may provide you and your friends that one time opportunity to lend a hand and tackle a locally rewarding project like convincing multiflora rose bushes they should not grow so close to the Trail.

I assume that by reading this far already, you value the existence and the potential of the Buckeye Trail, as well as your membership in the BTA. We strive to provide the citizens and communities of Ohio with a quality hiking trail, and provide you with quality membership benefits such as the *Trailblazer*, organized membership activities including hikes and volunteer opportunities, discounts on Buckeye Trail wear and maps and more. You may agree that the biggest BTA membership benefit is not what you get from the BTA but simply that your affordable \$20 contribution goes towards a great idea that brings you satisfaction knowing you are a part of it.

The BTA is very thankful to have you as a member, but we could use your help this year. I may be a little biased, but why aren't all 11 million Ohioans BTA members? Several million people use the Trail each year in its most popular locations. Our membership remains steady just under 1,000 proud members and I would like your help increasing it significantly. Over the course of 2011 would you share your appreciation of the Buckeye Trail with your friends and family? If you are like me, it is much easier to sell an idea you believe in, so it might not be too hard to convince others of the value and the need. Even a little gentle arm-twisting might be in order. Why do we need more members? We could use the people, the hikers, the volunteers, the awareness and local community members to look after the Trail. We could use the increase in income to further develop and better maintain the Trail and ensure the longevity of the BTA. Most of all, for 51 years now we've been building on the dream of a few individuals, through countless volunteers hours and priceless outdoor experiences, simply to provide something unique for Ohioans to escape to and reconnect with our friends and family, our history, and nature... at no cost. Please help us this year by sharing this value with someone you know.

Looking forward to seeing you on the Trail,



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A new member can be just a hike away . . .



Schedule of Hikes & Events



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

MARCH

March 12 BTA Board Meeting, Command Alkon. 10:00 am. Contact: Melissa Reed, president@buckeyetrail.org

March 17-19 Circuit Hike, Delphos Section. We have been invited to meet with a local store owner in Delphos for lunch. He would like to write an article for the local paper on the Buckeye Trail and our trek around the state. From point 1 to Delphos it is about 13 miles. Weather could play a factor in our plans for March's trek. We should be able to get to at least Mandale. Please RSVP your thoughts and ideas even if you will not be able to make our hike. Many of you may have hiked this trail in the past and can offer ideas.

Contact: Poppie, poppie50@att.net, 614-565-9752

APRIL

April 2-3 BTA Work Party, Williamsburg Section, East Fork State Park. Contact: Rick Adamson, rickbta@gmail.com

April 9 Meeting and Hike. Meet the BTA Executive Director, Andrew Bashaw. We will have a short meeting, a hike led by Patti Cook, lunch, and a little getting to know everyone. Meet at River Grove Recreation Area, Chestnut Reserved Shelter, North Chagrin Reservation. All members welcome to come to socialize. River Grove Recreation Area is located off Chagrin River Rd. in North Chagrin Reservation, south of Chardon Rd./Rt 6 in Willoughby Hills.

Contact: Liz McQuaid, dreamhikeream@aol.com

April 9-13 BTA Work Party, Belle Valley/Stockport Sections, AEP. *This is a Chuck Wagon Event* Make your Chuck Wagon reservations now. We will camp at Campground D. Contact: Rick Adamson, rickbta@gmail.com

April 21-23 Circuit Hike, New Straitsville Section. We will return to New Straitsville Section and trek through the Wayne National Forest.

Contact: Poppie, poppie50@att.net, 614-565-9752

April 30 Spring Hike, Sinking Spring Section, Fort Hill State Memorial. 11:00 am. Join us for a day of spring hiking at Fort Hill State Memorial. The hike will use portions of the Fort, Deer, and Gorge Trails and encompass about 7 miles (3-4 hours) this beautiful section of the Buckeye Trail. There are options to shorten the hike to 4 miles, so do not let the mileage deter you from joining us! We will see 2,000-year old Hopewell earthworks, rock arches and spring flowers. There will be two steep hills to tackle, and the Gorge Trail can be slippery at times! A great chance for BTA members to strap on their boots and enjoy some fine trails. Be certain to bring plenty of water (2 liters minimum) and lunch.

A favorite southern Ohio hiking destination of mine, many hikers who have not been to Fort Hill are surprised to find that it offers challenging hills, beautiful forest, and a gorge area that rivals anything in the Buckeye State. Spring flowers should be out in all their glory, so bring your cameras. There is a vault (pit)

Chuckwagon Reservations

For meal reservations for the chuckwagon at work parties (where available), contact Chuck Wagon Master, Jay Holwick at: holwick@columbus.rr.com 740-743-3813

toilet on site, and if the museum is open there is a restroom within.

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

Contact: Darryl Smith, preds81@yahoo.com, 513-321-1539

MAY

May 6-8 Hike the Trails Weekend, Belle Valley Section, Salt Fork State Park. Salt Fork State Park boasts 14 different hiking trails, all marked and ready for you to leave behind your footprints? Grab a map, water and your camera and get ready to see spectacular wildlife and blooming wildflowers along the way and maybe sing a song with the residing birdlife. Picnic lunches are available in the morning before you head out. GPS units are available for geo-caching. Hike the Buckeye Trail, which runs from Winterset to the AEP Recreation Lands. Price: TBD.

Contact: 1.800.ATA.PARK (282.7275), the Central location for all Ohio State Parks.

May 10-14 BTA Member's Activity Committee Hike, Bowerston Section. Spring hike: We will base-camp at the Barn and leave each day at 9:00 am to hike a section of the BT. Hikers can hike Tuesday through Saturday or hike only the day their schedule allows. Showers are available at the barn. There will be no cost for BTA members; \$20.00 for nonmembers. Please notify me if you plan on attending so I can schedule shuttles.

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

May 20-22 BTA Annual Meeting, BTA Barn. See this issue of the *Trailblazer* and www.buckeyetrail.org for additional information.

Wanted: Volunteers

OPEN POSITION: ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

BTA needs a volunteer to serve as the Administrative Assistant for a newly formed BTA committee. This committee will track all the active and proposed trail-building and maintenance projects throughout Ohio. We desperately need a person with administrative skills to organize these projects and keep the committee operating efficiently. Attendance at meetings and on conference calls necessary. This can be the opportunity for someone who believes in the mission of the Buckeye Trail Association and wants to help in a way besides building or maintaining trail. If you can help, please contact Garry Dill, BTA Volunteer Coordinator, then321elm@att.net.

OPEN POSITION: PRINTER

BTA needs a volunteer to travel to Shawnee, Ohio one day a month to print BTA maps. The BTA has the printer and all the supplies located in Shawnee. It needs to be done every month, on either the 1st or the 15th. We need someone reliable for this very important task to keep the BTA map supply sufficient. If you can travel to Shawnee on either the 1st or the 15th, every month, and print maps, please contact

Garry Dill, BTA Volunteer Coordinator, then321elm@att.net.

May 26–28 **Circuit Hike, Burton Section.** We should head for Lake Erie and discover what Burton Section has to offer.
Contact: Poppie, poppie50@att.net, 614-565-9752

JUNE

June 4–5 **BTA Work Party, Ballinger Property and possibly Shawnee.** Contact: Rick Adamson, rickbta@gmail.com

June 11 **BTA Board Meeting at Command Alkon.** 10:00 am. Contact: Melissa Reed, president@buckeyetrail.org

June 13–18 **Circuit Hike, Defiance Section.** We can take a weeklong trek in the Defiance Section and arrive in time for the Work Party at Grand Rapids.
Contact: Poppie, poppie50@att.net, 614-565-9752

June 18–22 **Work Party, Defiance Section, Grand Rapids.** We will camp at Mary Jane Thurston State Park. No electric hookups.
Contact: Rick Adamson, rickbta@gmail.com

JULY

July 16–17 **BTA Picnic and Olympics.** The BTA Annual Picnic and the first Olympic event will be held at the BTA Barn. More information will be provided in the summer Trailblazer and at www.buckeyetrail.org.
Contact: Debbie Zampini, half-marathoner@hotmail.com

July 18–23 **Circuit Hike, Location TBD.** In planning stages.
Contact: Poppie, poppie50@att.net, 614-565-9752

AUGUST

August 11–14 **North Country Trail Association's Annual Meeting.** It's in Dayton. Check www.northcountrytrail.org.

August 18–20 **Circuit Hike, Bowerston Section.** We will meet at the BTA Barn and hike from there.
Contact: Poppie, poppie50@att.net, 614-565-9752

BTA Annual Picnic July 16

Just a reminder to all members that this years annual picnic at the BTA Barn will be the weekend of July 16. You are welcome to come on Friday evening and camp or house at the barn and stay until Sunday. The BTA will be providing meat and drinks for late Saturday afternoon.

Debbie Zampini and Byron Guy have a great lineup of activities for us all. See the Summer *Trailblazer* or check www.buckeyetrail.org for details. We've got activities including hiking, swimming at the Tappan Lake Park (fee to enter), boating off the point down from the Barn, and yard games.

Come join us for a great day at the Buckeye Trail Barn for this annual event.

August 26–27 **BTA Board Retreat, BTA Barn.** Contact: Melissa Reed, president@buckeyetrail.org

SEPTEMBER

September 10–17 **BTA Members Activity Committee (MAC) Trip.** We will backpack 50-60 miles of the Appalachian Trail. Backpack a section of the trail north of Damascus, VA.
Contact: John Rethman, ilovehiking3@cinci.rr.com, 513-398-9527

September 21–25 **BTA Work Party, BTA Barn.** Meals will be provided.
Contact: Rick Adamson, rickbta@gmail.com

OCTOBER

October 8–9 **BTA Work Party, Stockport Section, Burr Oak State Park.** Contact: Rick Adamson, rickbta@gmail.com

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October 20–22 **Circuit Hike, Location TBD.** We will plan a hike to end at the BTA Work Weekend site.
Contact: Poppie, poppie50@att.net, 614-565-9752

October 22–23 **BTA Work Party, Location TBD.** Contact: Rick Adamson at rickbta@gmail.com

NOVEMBER

November 5–6 **BTA Work Party, Old Man's Cave Section.** Contact: Rick Adamson, rickbta@gmail.com

November 17–19 **Circuit Hike, Location TBD.** In planning stages
Contact: Poppie, poppie50@att.net, 614-565-9752

DECEMBER

December 10 **BTA Board Meeting at Command Alkon.** 10:00 am. Contact: Melissa Reed, president@buckeyetrail.org

December 15–17 **Circuit Hike, Location TBD.** Final Circuit Hike of 2011.
Contact: Poppie, poppie50@att.net, 614-565-9752

Moved or Moving? Send the BTA Your Change of Address!!

The *Trailblazer* will NOT be forwarded to your new address AND the BTA incurs 70¢ charge for each undeliverable *Trailblazer*. Mailing labels is generated 3 weeks before the *Trailblazers* are mailed, so send in your change of address right away!

Email your change of address to: membership@buckeyetrail.org



The Buckeye Trail Crew

The Buckeye Trail Crew is the Buckeye Trail Association's highly skilled volunteer trail building crew that travels around the 1,444 miles of the Buckeye Trail throughout the year. The Crew's main purpose is to build new sustainable BT to replace exist-

ing on-road routes of the BT. Buckeye Trail Crew Work Parties try to emphasize both words—Work and Party. Volunteers spend up to five continuous days at work, building and improving sections of trail, while the evenings are spent gathered together in camp, enjoying lively conversation.

The Buckeye Trail Crew has been organized since 1990, and over the past ten years has donated 37,651 hours of volunteer service towards moving the BT off road. The Crew enjoys traditional trail building relying mainly on the use of hand tools and good old fashioned hard work to create the level tread and primitive trail structures necessary for a positive hiking experience.

How do you become a member of the Buckeye Trail Crew? It's simple! Just show up at any of the scheduled work parties posted on the Buckeye Trail Events Webpage (www.buckeyetrail.org/events.html). No prior trail building experience is required, the Buckeye Trail Crew is an excellent way to learn the skill from those with years of experience. You do NOT need any tools, the crew comes equipped with all the tools necessary for the project. Motivation is the only requirement. People of all ages have been

a part of a work party, doing as much as they feel they can. Working with the Crew is a unique way to discover hidden gems of Ohio, meet like-minded volunteers, and give back to Ohio's outdoor community.

The Buckeye Trail Crew generally works from March until mid-June, then resumes in September through early November, each year's schedule is set in the previous fall. The Crew is sometimes served by the Buckeye Chuckwagon, a full service camp kitchen that fuels the volunteer, check the events page to see if the work party is a "Chuckwagon Event". The Crew starts at 8am sharp until 3pm, make sure you are there before the Crew leaves camp for the worksite. Camping is encouraged the evening before the first day, and the last day is generally a half day. Come prepared for the elements, work as hard as you want, and enjoy the satisfaction of newly built or improved Buckeye Trail.

For more information, please contact the BTA's State Trail Coordinator: Rick Adamson, rickbta@gmail.com.

GET THE PATCH!

For five hours of volunteer service on any BTA approved project the BTA provides the BTA Volunteer Patch, come out with the Buckeye Trail Crew for one day and get yours!



Buckeye Trail Crew 2011 Schedule

See www.buckeyetrail.org/events.html for more details, and last minute updates.

DATE	LOCATION	BT SECTION (MAP)	COUNTY
April 2-3	East Fork State Park	Williamsburg	Clermont
April 2-3	West Branch State Park	Mogadore	Portage
April 9-13	AEP ReCreation Lands	Stockport, Belle Valley	Morgan, Noble
June 4-5	Ballinger Property/ Shawnee State Forest	Shawnee	Adams, Scioto
June 18-22	Miami & Erie Canal w/the BTA Renegade Chapter	Defiance	Henry, Wood
Sept. 21-25	BTA Century Barn, Muskingum Watershed Lands	Bowerston	Harrison
October 8-9	Burr Oak State Park	New Straitsville	Morgan, Athens
October 22-23	West Branch State Park	Mogadore	Portage
October 22-23	Straight Creek Prairie Bluffs Nature Preserve	Sinking Springs	Highland
November 5-6	Hocking Hills State Park	Old Man's Cave	Hocking

TOP: Receiving the well earned BT Volunteer Patch at Straight Creek Prairie Bluffs Nature Preserve Highland County. Photo: Garry Dill. BOTTOM: BT Crew at Rice Property, Vinton County. Photo: Garry Dill.

Meet the Volunteer . . .

Margie DeLong, Bedford Section

Melissa Shaw

Meet the Volunteer will be occasional feature. If you'd like to honor a great BTA volunteer, send in a bio and photos to trailblazer@buckeyetrail.org.

Margie DeLong lives in Lake County and has maintained a section of Buckeye Trail in the Bedford section for 2 years.

Just like so many other retirees, I finally had time to volunteer for an organization I have long loved and supported. I became a member of the BTA around 1986 because I loved the idea of a statewide hiking trail. In 2004 my sister-in-law and I set out to hike the 212 miles of the Little Loop. We completed 87 miles before I had to stop and get my left knee replaced in 2005. Now it seems almost normal but my right knee hurts now and again. So Debbie Zampini gave me an easy assignment in Chapin Forest Reservation (Bedford Section). Since it is part of the Lake County Metroparks, I rarely have any trimming to do. I did meet poison ivy and a phragmite while picking up a few branches and checking out the condition of the blazes. I live in the eastern portion of LeRoy Township with my husband, who retired five years ago. The children are grown and the pets are all gone. Summers are getting busier as each of the five grandchildren reach the age where he/she can stay with us for a week. I love reading, writing, and playing the piano. But mostly I love having time—time to gaze out my windows, time to walk, time to spend with my aging parents.

Keep up the good work, BTA! Long may you exist.



First Annual Buckeye Trail Olympics

- WHERE:** Buckeye Trail Barn near Deersville, directions in *Trailblazer*.
WHEN: July 16 & 17, 2011, during the Annual Picnic. Visit Buckeyetrail.org web site under upcoming events for details as the date gets closer.
WHO: All Buckeye Trail members and family.

Attention section supervisors, gather your maintainers to come and compete in various activities, from skilled to fun, and become the winner of this new annual event, complete with bragging rights for the BTA. Remember, the MORE maintainers you bring, the better your chances to win. All volunteers are welcome to participate in events.

We have nearly completed our schedule of events but are still looking for a few more great ideas for competitions from all of you!

Please contact Byron Guy at oldmanscave@buckeyetrail.org or Debbie Zampini at half-marathoner@hotmail.com with any ideas and to also RSVP for your spot on the Olympic roster. Deadline for registration is June 4.

Because we want the whole family to be involved there will also be a photo, drawing, essay and poetry contest. You need not be at the picnic to enter or win. All entries become the property of the Buckeye Trail and by entering you give permission to have your entry published in the *Trailblazer* and used in promotional ways for the Buckeye Trail. Entries will not be returned. All entries should be mailed to Debbie Zampini, 72 Wayne Lane, Chardon, OH 44024. Please do not email entries.

Photo & drawing contest: 8 x 10 or 5 x 7, no matting or framing necessary. Categories: animals, people, structures, nature, on the Buckeye Trail, misc. Drawings can be in any medium.

Essay & poetry: 1 page typed or printed. Categories: nature, Buckeye Trail, how would I make the world a better place, misc.

Please put your name, email or phone number, age and category on back of entry. Ribbons will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. Age groups will be 0-5, 6-10, 11-15, 16-20 and 21 up. Finger-painting counts so don't forget the little ones. Deadline for entries is July 1.

Don't hesitate to get in on all the action at this year's Annual Picnic with the 1st Annual Buckeye Trail Olympics. Check the Buckeyetrail.org web site for updates on the event. A great time is sure to be had by all.

Buckeye Trail Association Annual Meeting

**BTA Barn, Tappan Lake, Ohio
May 20–22, 2011**

Hear Paul Stutzman, hiker, cyclist, and author of the book *Hiking Through*. Mr. Stutzman turned his grief after his wife died into adventure on Appalachian Trail. His thru-hike journal became his book. Mr. Stutzman will be our Saturday night speaker, a special part of the Buckeye Trail Association's 2011 Annual Meeting.

Come spend the weekend off the beaten path in scenic Harrison County at the BTA Barn on Beall Road on Tappan Lake, Friday night May 20 to Sunday May 22.

Come see the improvements we've made to the barn since our last meeting in 2007. For those of you who want to stay at the barn there are finished dorm rooms that have bunk beds. Other housing will consist of trailering on the grounds at the barn (no hookups), and tent camping on the grounds. One cabin at Tappan Lake Park will be reserved for the BTA for a group of 6 people.

Reservations may be made at the Tappan Lake park office (740-922-3649) to have a hookup with your trailer. Two bed-and-breakfasts are in the area: Heavelin B&B, between the barn and Cadiz off SR 250 (740-942-3572), and the Bell's B&B in Deersville. The Best Western in Uhrichsville is another option (740-922-0774).



Directions to the BTA Barn

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.

Many activities are planned for this weekend: hiking, biking, fishing (must have fishing license), pontoon boat ride on Tappan Lake on Saturday afternoon (dress warm), and boating (kayak or canoes if you have) the input area is just down the path from the barn. Sites to see would be the Dennison Railroad Museum, the Reeves Museum in Dover, and the Mooney Warther Train Museum in Dover.



Hikes on the Buckeye Trail at Tappan are scheduled. After the morning meeting on Saturday, we've got a short hike from the barn to Tappan Lake Park campground, this is just one of the trails that the BTA Trail Crew built. Or bring your bike and ride on the Conotton Valley Trail.

Friday starts out with registration beginning at 4:00, with an evening meal at 6:00 pm. Saturday's breakfast will be followed by the business meeting, and then short hikes can be taken before lunch. Longer hikes on the BT at Tappan Lake or a pontoon boat ride, fishing, boating or biking round out the afternoon. As usual, we will have our silent auction, so bring your items to put up for bid. Annual awards will also be presented Saturday evening. We have breakfast scheduled Sunday morning.

Come explore the Bowerston section of the Buckeye Trail and the BTA Barn at the 2011 BTA Annual Meeting.

Buckeye Trail Association Awards and Recognition Nominations

I would like to nominate _____ for the following award (check one):

AWARDS

____ **BOB PATON AWARD (Meritorious Service)**
Honors members who have contributed exceptionally meritorious services to the Association for at least fifteen (15) years. Such services may pertain to trail maintenance, trail utilization and/or administrative or management functions. Recipients must be living at the time of nomination.

____ **PRESIDENT'S AWARD (Volunteer of the Year)**
All active members of the Association are eligible for this award. The nominee shall have either shown exceptional commitment to an assignment(s), or have made some major contribution of special benefit to the Association during the past year. Nominees who would be eligible for a certificate of appreciation can be considered for the President's award.

____ **BILL MILLER AWARD (Conservation)**
Honors any person or group responsible for actions that have notably preserved or restored the natural ecology or beauty of a locality by the Trail, or have brought under control a major threat to utility of the Trail in some locality.

____ **SUPER STAR (Superior Service over Time)**
Awarded to person(s) who have exhibited superior service in appointed or volunteer tasks.

RECOGNITIONS

____ **TRUSTEE EMERITUS (Board Members Only)**
This is the only recognition that is set aside for members of the Board of Trustees. The nominee should have accumulated at least (10) years as Board Member and must have demonstrated consistent commitment and continued service to the Board, the Association, and the Trail, through exceptional diligence at their assignments and at least one notable achievement to their credit.

____ **2000 KM**
For hiking the entire trail on foot and completed in the year 2009 for this year's award.

____ **CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION**
This is presented to any individual, city, agency, business, or organization that has demonstrated exemplary cooperation and diligence to perpetuate and improve the Trail and Association, and must have helped in some significant way to aid the Association attain an important objective.

____ **STAR PERFORMANCE (Leadership Excellence)**
Presented to person(s) who have exhibited leadership in appointed or volunteer tasks.

Please write a brief statement of your reason for nominating this person or group. Include name, address and phone numbers and e-mail for both nominee and nominator.

All nominations must be postmarked by April 15, 2011.

Send nominations to Mary Hamilton, 717 E. Third St., Dover, OH, 44622; or e-mail to hamilton.3310@roadrunner.com.

Meeting Registration

Registration Fee:
\$45.00 per person

Includes meals starting with
Friday Supper;
Saturday Breakfast, Lunch
and Dinner;
Sunday breakfast

Meeting, programs, activities and
snacks and housing at barn.

Send form and check
made payable to
Buckeye Trail Association Inc. to:
Ruth Brown
PO Box 151
2552 State Route 61
New Haven, OH 44850
419-935-0668
bandrbrown@willard-oh.com

Name(s)

Address

City State Zip

Phone

Email (for notification of registration received)

Number of people attending TOTAL \$

INDICATE HOUSING: Tent Trailer Barn Other Cabin

The BTA is Local in Northwest Ohio!

Andrew Bashaw

The Renegade Chapter of the Buckeye Trail Association is a localized effort that is taking on the challenge of the mission of the BTA along the Buckeye Trail in Northwestern Ohio. The Chapter is busily building, maintaining, protecting and promoting the use of Ohio's longest scenic hiking trail for our citizens, communities and partners in NW Ohio. We are providing outdoor recreation, opportunities to volunteer, education, access to the varied resources of the area and local economic benefits from the historic Miami & Erie Canal towns of Junction to Providence along the Buckeye Trail.

This segment of the BT includes Paulding, Defiance, Henry, Lucas, and Wood counties, and includes 43 miles of the Trail mainly along the historic Miami & Erie Canal Towpath following the Maumee River. Our effort represents the first time these canal lands have been cleared and used for the public benefit since they were abandoned in the 19th century. In addition to the BT, the canal towpath is also part of the North Country National Scenic Trail. The Chapter is doing its part to develop a hiking and biking trail that will stretch all the way from Toledo to Cincinnati.

THE LANDSCAPE OF THE RENEGADE CHAPTER

The Chapter's extent is a beautiful area to hike, bike and cross-country ski. Picturesque river vistas appear constantly through the brush as the Trail winds along the scenic Maumee River, and the Miami, Wabash, and Erie Canal. The Maumee River drains a large watershed once known as the Great Black Swamp that empties into Lake Erie. This landscape was the critical western front of the War of 1812. The next historical era began in the mid 19th century when canals were a major national transportation route.

Over centuries this river route has been used by many famous settlers in the "Old Northwest," including the route of Jean Baptiste Bissot, Sieur de Vincennes French Army from Fort Wayne to Fort Detroit in 1712, General Anthony Wayne's Army's march up the Maumee in 1794, Indian traders, French-Canadian traders, flatboat oarsmen and canal boat captains. Long portions of this very route are now open for a new era of exploration by hikers along the Buckeye Trail.

Walk along the same path taken by countless ancestors from a simpler, slower time, just 150 years ago. Most of the earthworks are still intact. Join in another exciting year of volunteering and hiking with the Renegade Chapter by contacting Greg Wisniewski, Renegade Chapter President, gwisniewski@napoleonareaschools.org or 419-599-7106. Stay tuned to the www.buckeyetrail.org/events for news of Renegade activities coming in 2011!



Renegade Trail Crew finishes the trail tread and a footbridge during a Buckeye Trail Crew Work Party near Napoleon on the Miami & Erie Canal towpath.

BTeasers

Pat Hayes

Q Who was responsible for the construction of the Buckeye Trail Trail-side Shelter Number 1 and where was it located?

A Wilbur C. Batchelor, retired Ohio State University Professor and Central Ohio Hiking Club member, designed and supervised the construction of a log shelter built of hand-hewn logs salvaged from a pioneer's cabin. The shelter, no longer in existence, was located in Vinton County near the Buckeye Trail Association's Pretty Run property.

Members' Activity Committee (MAC)

John Rethman

Our New Year Hike and campout was January 8 at Hocking Hill State Park. We started at Old Man's Cave parking lot at 10:00 a.m. There were several inches of snow on the ground with more coming down as we hiked, with the temperature was in the 20s. Would you believe 12 people showed up for the hike, and two were new to the BTA?!

The first place we stopped at was at a kiosk that is dedicated to Grandma Gatewood, one of the BTA founders. From there we continued into the scenic gorge. We stopped at the Upper and Lower Falls at Old Man's Cave, the Devil's Bathtub, Sphinx Head, several rock shelters, and then went on to Cedar Falls. This hike is a beautiful hike any time of the year, but the snow and ice hanging from the rocks make it hard to beat a winter hike.

We stopped at a shelter to eat our lunch. We shared the shelter with a Boy Scout Troop cooking a large pot of chicken soup. They offered the hot soup to all of us. After lunch we looped back on the dry boot trail or the horseman's bypass trail. It may not

have been as starkly scenic as the gorge, but a nice hike in the snow with the deciduous trees and the Virginia pines.

When we arrived at our cars, 3 people went home and the other 9 of us, including Scott Hillman a new member, stayed overnight at the campground. We cooked in the small cabin we rented. Everybody brought something to share, and we had plenty to eat. Tents were pitched in the snow, and some had small trailers.

No one else was using the cabin (designed for summer use, no heat) so Chris McIntyre and I bunked in there. That evening as we sat around a roaring campfire the temperature was in the teens. By morning it was 8 degrees. A winter hike and campout is beautiful and very doable when you are prepared. Special thanks to Byron and Jamie Guy, supervisors for the Old Man's Cave section. They led the hike and made all the arrangements for the campsites.

Buckeye Trail Picture Quilt

Thank you to everyone who has supported the Buckeye Trail Picture Quilt Raffle. We are a little over 1/3 of the way to our goal of raising \$1444.00 for the BTA's Trail Preservation Fund. The raffle continues until we reach that goal. If you haven't purchased your tickets yet, please fill out the form below and mail it to the BTA at the address on the form. A receipt will be promptly returned to you.



Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-Mail: _____

- One Ticket – \$5.00
- Five Tickets – \$20.00

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

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



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

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

10 Simple Ways You Can Help Grow Your Buckeye Trail Association

Andrew Bashaw

As you can imagine, one of my main duties as Director is to grow the Buckeye Trail Association in several different ways—members and volunteers, effectiveness, quality and finances. Raising money does not come to me naturally, but as I've said before it makes it much easier when I believe in what I am trying to sell to potential funders. The work of the BTA includes providing a quality volunteer experience, extending and improving the Trail, protecting the Trail corridor and engaging new people. Our goals are more easily achieved by having some funding to invest in our efforts. Because we are a grassroots volunteer organization, the opportunity exists for each member to make a significant impact on the BTA. Is there something about the Buckeye Trail that you believe in? Here are 10 things you can do this year to help your Association:

- 1 Renew Your Membership:** You are the BTA! We appreciate your support. Consider expanding your individual support to a higher level.
- 2 New Memberships:** You care about the BT and what the BTA is accomplishing, I am sure you know of others that you might be able to persuade to take that step into membership, through a little persuasion or even a gift membership to start them out.
- 3 Donating towards the BTA's four funds:** The General Fund, Trail Preservation Fund, Scholarship Fund and BTA Century Barn Fund are all great ways to support the organization and are tax-deductible. If you want the BTA to be able to use your gift toward its greatest immediate needs, the General Fund is choice that allows the BTA that flexibility.
- 4 Enroll in the Kroger Community Rewards Program:** Enroll online at www.krogercommunityrewards.com on behalf of the Buckeye Trail Association using the number 80468 and the BTA will receive a donation every time you use your Kroger Plus Card at participating Krogers.
- 5 EarthShare Ohio:** The BTA is a proud member of EarthShare Ohio, which is like an environmentally focused parallel to United Way. Through EarthShare, employees can make payroll contributions to non-profit organizations they care about. If your employer offers this option, support the BTA, if your employer does not, please contact your Human Resources office and contact us to see if we can sign them up. It does not matter how big or small your employer may be, and there are greater rewards for the BTA if we "bring in" a new business. www.earthshareohio.org.

- 6 Employee Matching Gifts and Corporate Community Grants:** Many large businesses offer to match employee gifts to charities. Before you send in that million-dollar check to the BTA check with HR to see if they will match it. Many will also offer small community oriented grants to non-profits that their employees are involved in. If you have a favorite stretch of the BT you may have the key to several hundred dollars that could go toward a trail improvement. Contact your Section Supervisor who will have a good idea on what Trail needs.
- 7 Bid on the Amazing One-of-Kind BTA Picture Quilt:** Help finish off the Quilt Raffle, made by BTA Volunteers, which will raise \$1,444 for the Trail Preservation Fund.
- 8 Grassroots Fundraising:** Host a garage sale, bake sale, etc. in your community for the BTA. At least one of our members has plans for this year: every dollar for the BTA is stretched to accomplish a lot thanks to our devoted volunteers. If we are going to be grassroots, let's revel in it!
- 9 Estate Planning:** Consider leaving a lasting legacy for the Buckeye Trail and Buckeye Trail Association. This year we will be working to make this option more available to those who want to benefit the BTA for years to come. Consult your estate planner for the most appropriate way for you and your family.
- 10 Donate to the Silent Auction:** Unique local Ohio items, outdoor-related gear, etc. are welcome at the BTA Silent Auction held at our Annual Meeting, this year at the BTA Century Barn near Deersville, May 20-22. Register for the Annual Meeting, have fun, and bid high at the Auction.

For any questions or comments on fundraising, don't hesitate to contact me: Andrew Bashaw, director@buckeyetrail.org, 740-394-2008. Thank you for continuing to support the BTA!



Welcome New Members!

Bev and Jerry Starcher

Todd Beery and Family, Bremen

Lynn and David G Bernon Bird,
Worthington

Hugh Burkons and Family,
Mentor on the Lake

Cynthia Coss and Family, Laurelville

Paul Dunfee, Willow Wood

Carrie Dunn, Broadview Heights

Kevin Fink, Solon

Susan Garber, Greenville

Marijan Grogoza, Mansfield

Jackie Hale, South Point

Charles Henry, Dellroy

Marilyn Hoogstraten, Grawn, MI

Will Jorgensen, Maryville, TN

Dawn Kiel and Family, Dayton

Hayley Kosmatka and Family,
Lyndhurst

Alaina Miller, Cleveland Heights

Murray Murphy Moul and Basil LLP,
Columbus

O-K-I Trailblazers, Cincinnati

Lori Rankin and Family, Ashville

Lucas Schwabel, Whitehouse

Theodore Shigley, Columbus

Patrick Simone, Broadview Heights

Kevin Singhaus and Family, Cadiz

Andrea Varney, Streetsboro

Craig and Caroline Vollmar, Harrison

Harry and Sara Weaver, Mentor

Trey Webster, Cincinnati

Justin Williams, Jackson,
Gift from Jessica Williams

2011 Winter Hike at Hueston Woods State Park

Pat Hayes

With temperatures in the teens and snow on the ground on January 17, we had the perfect backdrop for our yearly Winter Hike around Acton Lake at Hueston Woods State Park. The American Discovery Trail Northern Route passes along the western edge of Acton Lake as it makes its way from Oxford, Ohio to Richmond, Indiana.

I arrived at the park lodge around 8:00 am and had breakfast with several BTA members and was pleased to see hikers from all over southwest Ohio show up for the hike. Just before 9:00 am we gathered in the lodge's main lobby so I could explain the plan for the hike and to have the group photo taken. It was gratifying to see more than 60 hikers show up for this annual event on the Monday commemorating Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday. As the hike progressed, the temperature only reached 32° and kept the trails from becoming muddy. We had an enjoyable 11.5-mile hike around frozen Acton Lake and through the snow-covered woods.

Thanks to John Rethman for providing the bean soup and chili, as well as the corn muffins for lunch. John and Darlene Rethman and Mary Hayes served the hot lunch to the hikers as they came through. Thanks to Mary for the brownies, apples, oranges and drinks. Mary also provided transportation from the park office back to the lodge for those hikers that chose to hike part of the way around the lake.

A special thank you goes to Park Manager Mark Lockhart for allowing us to use the kitchen facilities and dining area of the park office building.



The group in the Hueston Woods State Park lodge.



An apt Winter Hike cairn: along the west edge of Acton Lake with the lodge in the background. The snowman must have been built between Thursday, when we flagged the route, and Monday's hike.

Beginning Another Journey

Barb Crompton

As a result of my “Circle Come Full” experience shared with my dad and my son’s Boy Scout troop in 2007 (printed in the Winter 2010 *Trailblazer*), I discussed with my husband about walking the Buckeye Trail in what I would later declare as an homage to my father. However the path didn’t rise to meet me the way I anticipated; I could never decide where to begin, how to manage, or whom to hike with. Excuse after excuse turned to weeks, then months, then a year of delay. At some point I knew I was afraid, not so much of hiking the BT, but wondering if I could complete. It was a daunting commitment and up until then I hadn’t discussed it with many people for fear of locking myself into it. Someone I did discuss it with was Scoutmaster Carlson of Troop 435. Always supportive of any endeavor, he did the best thing anyone could have to get me into gear. He invited me to lead a hike for our Webelo pack so they could meet their hiking requirement. Knowing full well that this was what I needed, I agreed immediately!

Still unfamiliar with the BT, I talked to my resident BT expert, my dad, about where to take the guys. He remembered the last time he hiked, he ended up in Mentor-on-the-Lake, so I began there.

I wanted to be prepared for this adventure with the Scouts. At the Headlands Beach State Park parking lot we found the Bedford-Burton Buckeye Trail sign: *Follow The Blue Blazes*. We would be scouting a BT in the Bedford section. We hiked a loop that led us up the sandy beaches and across Headlands Road via a park service utility road. Once across the street we went onto the Zimmerman Trail, a wonderful piece that wound itself through a forest, up and down steep hills, across footbridges and literally right through the cut trunks of trees that had fallen across the path. The Zimmerman Trail had every element you could hope to offer a group of adventurous, energetic Boy Scouts! But then the trail ended abruptly at Morton Park. The hike had to be a minimum of five miles and this hike ended in three. Rather than bore the guys walking back along the same path on hike day, Dave and I went back to get our car and searched out

more blue blazes. During the walk back to the car I came to the conclusion that I did not enjoy loop hikes. For myself, for future reference, I knew that I would want to cover distance and make time if I was going to hike the BT. I realized that I would have to develop a system that would accomplish both in order to avoid frustrating myself. Back at Morton Park we picked up the trail, in our car this time, as the blue blazes directed us down a side street to and across Corduroy Road, then along a section of Mentor Marsh and a viewing platform, then back up to and along the lake where Lakeview Road petered down into a footpath. The blue blazes now followed the Lakefront Trail of the Mentor Lagoons Nature Preserve. After hiking that for a while we got back into the car and found our way onto Lakeshore Blvd. and driving to the other end of where we presumed the trail would come out, found us pulling into the parking lot of one of my childhood haunts, Mentor Lagoons! The Buckeye Trail comes through here? I just shook my head. I could not believe it (I allow myself these types of moments because I just love epiphanies). I spent many a summer at this place where my father still docks the family sailboat. I had to ask myself, “What is going on?” First Scouting brings me back to the Buckeye Trail, which I did with my dad over twenty years ago, and while preparing a Buckeye Trail adventure for the Boy Scouts it brings me to yet another place from my past. I, of course, had to call my father that second and share this with him. We scouted out the last portion of the hike with one final two-mile round trip hike. Convinced we had an adventurous but safe afternoon planned for the Scouts, and now thoroughly exhausted after 5½ hours, Dave and I drove off into the sunset as we headed for home.

What would come to be known to Troop 435 as the Third BT Hike went off on December 6, 2008 without a hitch! We had 23 hikers in all that day. I’d prepared a scavenger hunt for the guys and it occupied their minds while they hiked the six miles in just over 2½ hours. Knowing that my dad was waiting for me at the other end of this hike got me all warm and fuzzy thinking about the old days on the Buckeye Trail with him and how that time spent together then brought me to this moment now. When my husband surprised me by walking out from the end of the hike to join our son and me for the last mile it made me smile to realize that I just had the opportunity to share in the experience of 16 Scouts, most of whom were walking together with their fathers or mothers, on a walk down the historic Buckeye Trail.

Thanks to my dad, the Boy Scouts were all invited to have lunch provided by Scoutmaster Carlson, in the toasty warm Mentor Lagoon Yacht Club. (A great big hearty thank you to everyone.) It was a perfect way to end a perfect day. Within a few weeks the Vice Commodore of the MLYC called me and invited our Troop to assist with their Opening Day flag raising ceremonies in May 2009, which we indeed did do!

Life provides each of us plenty of opportunities for new or unique experiences most of which we forget to find remarkable. Remember to let all of your experiences be remarkable!



Will You Help the BTA Preserve Pretty Run II?

Andrew Bashaw

Many of you will recall the Buckeye Trail Association's successful conservation effort of 2010, acquiring the 190-acre Pretty Run property. We will never forget the outpouring of support, both in encouragement and financially of our BTA membership and partners. Together we were able to raise over \$35,000 toward the purchase of the property, combined with a successful ODNR Clean Ohio Trails Fund Application, pro bono legal services from Murray, Murphy, Moul & Basil, and a 'bridge' loan from the Conservation Fund we were able to close on the property and protect access to 3.5 miles of the Buckeye Trail, North Country National Scenic Trail and American Discovery Trail. Nearly 2,000 hours of volunteer labor by our Buckeye Trail Crew and Trail Adopters have been devoted to just this segment of the Trail.

In 2011 we are faced with another opportunity that would continue to preserve this important segment of the Trail. Will you help us to preserve Pretty Run II??

The Buckeye Trail Preservation Committee has begun to prioritize projects around the state, our No. 1 priority is now our opportunity. The current landowner of the Pretty Run II property has committed to sell these integral 40 acres to the BTA if we are able to raise the needed funds. Our fundraising goal is \$40,000. Do you think we can do it?

The mission of the BTA calls us to build, maintain, *protect*, and promote the use of the Trail, and our vision is that of a dedicated, recognized and *protected* Trail, creating a legacy for present and future generations. Not only are we protecting the Trail we walk, but we are preserving the corridor through which it passes—everything that hikers use the Trail to experience. The Pretty Run II project is exceptional in a number of ways:

- It will preserve $\frac{3}{4}$ mile of existing Buckeye Trail, and access to 3.5 miles of the existing trail.
- Our Trail winds in and out of it 3 times from our recent Pretty Run I project
- It provides an open camping area for larger groups
- It is a strategically located trailhead, the only one between Hocking Hills State Park at Ash Cave and Tar Hollow State Forest through northern Vinton County
- An original restored 1839 log cabin exists on the property, an aesthetic asset to the Trail experience plus an important chronicle of early Ohio settlement
- Besides the open camping area, the entire 40 acres is under the canopy of mature hardwood forest
- The seller is a friend of the Buckeye Trail
- It will consolidate the four separate parcels of the Pretty Run I project by filling in the central piece

These are the reasons that the Pretty Run II property is our highest priority, we want to preserve the property in the state it is in for the enjoyment of all. The risk is that the property will be for sale to anyone, the mature forest is tempting for its timber value, and there are no guarantees that a future landowner will be as friendly to the Buckeye Trail as the current one.

The Buckeye Trail Preservation Committee has a working policy that every trail preservation project be solved on a case-by-case basis. There is no singular way to preserve and extend the BT all around our 1,444 miles. In the case of both these Pretty Run projects, simple land acquisition has been our only opportunity; in the future we will continue to pursue conservation easements and other means where appropriate.

We hope that you will continue to support the BTA in its conservation efforts with a similar level of support as we witnessed with the Pretty Run I project. Was it a onetime success for the Buckeye Trail, or the beginning of movement to preserve and extend the BT towards our vision of a completely protected trail?

To see the Pretty Run I and II projects for yourself, join us for short hike and presentation on Sunday April 17! Details and directions will be posted on www.buckeyetrail.org/events soon.

Donations to the Pretty Run II project can be made to the Buckeye Trail Preservation Fund.



Restored 1839 Log Cabin on the Pretty Run II Property.

Trail Heroes of 2010

Jim Sprague

First	Adopt-a-Trail Program				Trail Crew Program			
	Site Visits	Work Time	Total Time	Travel Miles	Party Days	Work Time	Travel Time	Travel Miles
Dianne Abney					1	6.75		
Chris Adamson					1	7.25	5.00	
Rick Adamson					6	48.50	21.00	1050
Jeff Bartlett			32.25	480				
Preston Bartlett			80.00	1190				
Andrew Bashaw					2	12.75	4.00	150
Roxann Baumgartner			18.50	47				
Mel Beers	2	14.00	92.00	389				
Estelle Benner					4	24.25	12.00	
Floyd Benner					3	17.75	12.00	650
Carol Bowers	1	3.83	6.00					
Don Bowers	1	3.83	6.00	98				
Jack Brennen	10	46.00	82.50					
Rutan Brock	2	3.75	4.75	60				
Jim Brown					4	31.25	5.00	400
Nancy Burkholder					4	27.00	5.00	286
Char Callahan		3.00	5.50					
Justin Carnahan	1	2.50		12				
Randell Collins	1	2.50		10				
Andrew Cook	1		2.50					
Patti Cook	12	9.00	10.50	190				
James Cunningham	2	4.50	22.00		1	6.67		
Lisa Daiber	11	49.45	59.08					
Allen Deemer					2	8.25	2.00	100
Friend of DeLong			2.50	40				
Margie DeLong			4.75	88				
Ed Denk					1	7.50		
Garry Dill	2	11.00	34.30		13	84.75	10.00	800
Aine Donovan			4.00					
Charlie Downard					3	21.75	1.50	60
Erich Drescher					7	50.75	14.00	840
Woody Ensor	116		100.00	1179				
Ray Ferrell	20	52.25	72.48	640				
Amy Fyn					7	50.75	14.00	
Earl Garn	3	21.00	48.00		19	128.75	15.50	851
James Gilkey					12	82.50	25.20	1110
Dan Givens	8	16.50	21.50	12				
Bruce Grashel	1	4.50	8.50	202				
Fred Guthrie	1	2.50	3.50					
Byron Guy					6	45.75	9.00	160
Jamie Guy					6	45.75	9.00	220
Carl Hall					4	22.25	2.00	88
Mary Hamilton					6	37.50	8.00	360
Pat Hayes	10	39.30	315.27	1663	14	89.00	20.58	1062
Byron Henry	17	78.50	257.17	714	9	60.75	6.00	270
Charles Henry					5	34.50	4.00	180
Chessie Henry	3	5.00	27.00	274	1	6.67		
Mark Henry	4	20.00	78.50	118	4	20.50	6.00	440
Sandra Henry	9	44.67	124.76	626	4	19.50		
Brian Holbrooks	1	2.50		4				
Jay Holwick			19.50	240	4	26.50	4.00	200
Herb Hulls	4	19.50	26.75	217	19	128.75	11.50	510
Susie Hulls	2	8.00	11.25		19	129.75	11.50	
Paul Imhoff					4	20.00		

First	Adopt-a-Trail Program				Trail Crew Program			
	Site Visits	Work Time	Total Time	Travel Miles	Party Days	Work Time	Travel Time	Travel Miles
Randy Ives	4	6.50	11.50	224				
Bill Jindra	5	20.00	58.50	380				
Russ Johnson					2	15.75	2.00	40
Jody Keller	2	6.50	8.50	52				
Seth Keller	2	6.50	8.50					
Austin King	1	2.50		16				
Tristin Knott	1	2.50		13				
Harold Koutz					12	73.00	15.00	456
Anna Kovacevic			5.00	96				
Jack Krueger	5	17.92	21.75	160	4	20.00	2.00	120
Joe Krueger	5	19.25	22.75	120	4	21.75	2.00	120
Barbara Kurtz	7	9.00	98.50	649				
Robert Kurtz	7	9.00	98.50					
Nick Lawhorn	`	2.50		16				
Elmo Layman	6	32.00	96.50	294	10	55.75	19.50	824
Pat Lindahl			2.50	71				
Robert Lisey					1	7.75	1.00	30
Andrew Ludwig	1	2.50		30				
Eric Ludwig	1	2.50						
Richard Lutz					1	8.00	6.00	350
Liz McQuaid		3.00	5.50					
Bob Merkle	13	58.00	104.00	1650				
Shane Moody	1	3.75	4.75					
Sophia Morton	1	2.10	3.77					
Larry Morton	2	3.18	6.10	88				
Brian Myers					2	14.50	4.00	240
Scott Pendleton	8	30.75	38.75	290				
Jason Pohlod					3	21.50	6.00	
Poppy Purdy	1	7.00						
Melissa Reed					5	30.00	5.00	
John Rethman					4	23.25	6.67	340
Quincy Robe	8	30.00	23.50	250				
Del Ruckle					5	36.50	12.00	580
Jim Runk	2	11.00	35.75	360	26	169.00	40.50	2031
Tom Rutter					1	7.25	0.33	
Steve Schick					1	5.00	5.00	
Bill Schultz	2	14.00	24.00		4	29.50	7.00	380
Mark Shelton	16	31.08	40.43	251				
Richard Sidwell	1		6.00					
Rachel Smith					1	7.00		
Todd Smith					5	35.25	6.00	300
Jim Sprague	25	125.58	418.42	2118	19	112.50	55.00	2736
Paul Starcher	1	3.75	4.75					
Susan Stover			130.08	761	7	50.25	9.00	345
Loren Swager	1	2.50		30				
Kevin Tuttle					2	15.75	2.00	48
Dave Ward	1	2.50	3.50	32				
Dean Ward	1	2.50	3.50					
Dustin Ward	1	2.50	3.50					
Les Weidenhamer	11	31.42	33.08	164				
Andrew White					2	13.50	2.00	100
Susan Whitted					3	19.25	4.00	240
Gene Wimmer					7	50.75	10.50	158
Greg Wisniewski					1	2.00		
Jeff Yoest					1	7.75	3.50	300
Debbie Zampini			462.70	4371				
Marie Zangmeister					3	19.50		
Dana Zintek	19	87.46	107.57	648				

In Memoriam: Harold Koutz

Harold Koutz, one of BTA's most avid and accomplished backpackers, died on December 5, 2010. Harold was 58, from Grandview Heights, Ohio, and died at the Koutz family farm in Adams County. Harold was a 1970 graduate of Grandview Heights High School and Ohio State University in 1975. A retired Major, US Army, he was a veteran of Desert Storm and served in Korea. Harold was a longtime Boy Scout leader and Eagle Scout. He was an avid lover of outdoors and hiking, helping to build trails for many national organizations.

Harold was a lover of backpacking and joined us on several of the BTA work parties and week-long BTA trips. He was one of our most knowledgeable backpackers, a lightweight enthusiast, and we could always rely on Harold for help when out on the trail.

For all of us who backpacked and hiked with Harold, he will be greatly missed.



5 Rivers Metroparks Installs New Signs on the Buckeye Trail

Brent Anslinger

Thirteen new interpretive panels will be placed along the NCT in the Dayton, Ohio Region this spring as part of the NPS Connect Trails to Parks Program. A statewide and local panel will provide education about the trail and connect people to other local sites including those of the Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park. Be sure to check out the panels during the NCT Conference this August in Dayton!"

Highlights of the BTA Board Meeting—December 11, 2010

STATE TRAIL COORDINATOR'S REPORT — RICK ADAMSON/JIM RUNK Mogadore Section— Nearly one mile of trail has been completed on the north side of the Michael J. Kirwin Reservoir in West Branch State Park. The Army Corps of Engineers has given the BTA permission to keep going.

COMPUTER SERVICES — STEVE MILLER Steve reported that he has been working with Bev Starcher and can now scan and email all renewals and memberships to Steve.

TRAIL PRESERVATION FUND Adrian Vanko had BTA car stickers to sell for \$20 with the proceeds going to the Trail Preservation Fund.

TRAIL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE — DEBBIE ZAMPINI Ruth Brown reported that Rick Adamson, Bob Brown, and her had attended the Firelands Rails

to Trails Board Meeting on October 7. The idea of the BT sharing some of their trail when all parts are connected was presented. The reaction of their board was very favorable. Ruth will keep an eye on the progress of the parts that need to be connected and keep the board updated. A complete written report Trail Preservation Committee is included with the minutes.

BTA LOGO — DARLENE KAROLY Look for an updated BTA logo and typeface on maps along with the logo and typeface will be used on all Buckeye Trail literature.

MAC — JOHN RETHMAN The spring trip in 2011 will be from May 9-15 and the fall trip from September 10-17.

The next meeting will be on March 12, 2011 at Command-Alkon in Dublin.

BTA Funds Report

TRAIL PRESERVATION FUND

11/1/10-1/31/11

Daniel Clark

Maurice Maddock

Alan Knowles

Donald Mong

Rainard Beer

R. E. Merkle

David W. Ambrose

Carroll County OHC

Wilbur Priver

Donald D. Beattie

George Rahlfs

Paul and Donna Floyd

Western Reserve Trail Running

Edward D. Gallagher

Leo Deininger

Patrick Flinn

Joellen Reikowski

Bronson Funke

Ohio Horseman's Council, Inc.

Mike and Judy Shumway

James Crabtree

R. L. Schweller

IN MEMORY OF HAROLD KOUTZ

Herb and Susie Hulls

Delbert Ruckle

Mary and Pat Hayes

William T. Schultz

GENERAL FUND

10/1/10-12/31/10

Rick Adamson

Key Bank Foundation, matching gift

from Rosemary Stigel

Mary Hamilton

Mary and Pat Hayes

Ruey Hodapp

Don McHugh

Johnson-Kazar Foundation

Lyn Jones

Don McHugh

Bob Merkle

Bob and Connie Pond

Subestco Services (Steve Miller)

BARN

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Phyllis Devlin

James Gilkey

Don Mong

SCHOLARSHIP

10/1/10-12/31/10

Scholarship Funds Available through the BTA

Attention Students, Parents of Students, and Grandparents of Students: the Buckeye Trail Association has scholarships available!

The purpose of the Buckeye Trail Association Academic Scholarship is to encourage and assist an applicant pursuing or continuing a career related to the outdoors, such as forestry, outdoor education, natural resource management, conservation or environmental studies.

The BTA Academic Scholarship is open to any BTA member or student whose parent, guardian, or grandparent is a BTA member. The applicant must be a student who has applied for admission to a post high school educational program, as described above, which is at least two years in length.

Please visit <http://www.buckeyetrail.org/scholarship.html> for more information or contact Elmo Layman, Scholarship Chairman, through www.buckeyetrail.org.

End of Trail



Dana Zintek

This issue we award three patches to:

HIKER	DATE STARTED	DATE FINISHED	MILEAGE OF BT WHEN HIKED*
Gary K. Calvert	April 1989	March 15, 1992	1,200*
Karen Krauss	August 15, 2003	September 7, 2009	1,400
Ted Krauss	April 11, 2003	September 7, 2009	1,400

*mileages vary because of reroutes and improvements

Karen and Ted Krauss were part of the "F Troop" organized by the Cleveland Hiking Club. This is the sixth group within the Cleveland Hiking Club to hike the BT. They both cite the completion of the trail as their favorite part. In addition they gave several suggestions to improve the trail that will be passed on to the right people.

Gary K. Calvert had hiked the Laurel Highlands, Long and Appalachian Trails before he set out to do the BT. The Cleveland Hiking Club started a circuit hike so Gary joined in. Gary mentioned that hiking the BT was different from his previous backpacking trips, but he enjoyed it just as well. He would like to thank all the trail maintainers and other volunteers that make the BT work.

BRAMBLE #57

by Dana Zintek

Apologies about Bramble #57's mistake; correction is posted at www.buckeyetrail.org

1. WEBB
2. FLOOD
3. HANGGLIDER

BRAMBLE: NOWELL

WINNER: James Gilkey from London, Ohio

Buckeye Trail Association

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BRAMBLE #58

by Dana Zintek

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

For a chance to win the book
The Last Season by Eric Blehm, the story of
a backcountry ranger's disappearance

Send your answers to:

Dana Zintek
2369 Suncrest Drive
Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio 44221

Answers must be postmarked by May 1, 2011.

1. Bullseye producer

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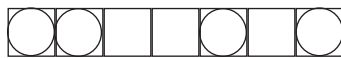
2. National forest

A Y N E W



3. Tent on map

P I N G C A M



3. Cemetery near Charloe

S K E E B A L L



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



What is a hiker's favorite insect?

