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## Highland Wind Application Withdrawn

*By the MATC Wind Committee*

Developers of the Highland Wind Project have withdrawn, at least for now, their application before LURC.

This is the second time in the troubled history of the Highland Wind Project that the developers have withdrawn or put their application on hold. Once again, Angus King and Rob Gardiner have decided that their application is not in fact likely to be approved and that after more than three years of planning they still need more time. Unfortunately, King has indicated his “intent to re-file at a later date.”

In Review Comments submitted to LURC in April, Maine’s Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (MDF&W) has determined that because of adverse impacts to wildlife “the proposed site is not appropriate for intensive wind power development.”

This was a major blow to the application. In a letter to LURC, King indicated that these comments by MDF&W are a major reason for the withdrawal.

Another reason for the withdrawal may have been that LURC issued a Procedural Order in April ruling that “associated facilities” include the cleared area around the base of the turbines, which can be as much as 2 acres per turbine, and turbine access roads along ridgelines.

This meant that the developer must show these in their visual impact assessment beyond the 8-mile limit that applies to the turbine structures. The application before LURC did not address the visual impacts of associated facilities

beyond 8 miles and, therefore, was deficient.

Some intervenors argued to LURC that King and Gardiner ought not be allowed to re-submit and that LURC should deny the application at this point on the grounds that the site is obviously inappropriate and that the developers, are unfairly using the permitting process to wear the opposition down while simultaneously seeking to discover the minimum that LURC will require in the way of environmental safeguards.

However, LURC has accepted the withdrawal without condition. As a result the Highland wind project is again in limbo until a new application is filed and a new 270-day expedited review period will begin.

In the meantime, the MATC Wind Committee will continue to monitor this situation carefully and in particular the moves that King and Gardiner are likely to make with the State agencies—especially for a resumption of the permitting process.

### Wind Power Legislation summarized

*By Tony Barrett*

In the almost four years since the Wind Energy Act (the expedited wind power bill) provisions were prepared and then later passed as emergency legislation, numerous issues and problems have been raised with the expedited wind power approval process and completed wind power projects. Over 15 bills were introduced before the legislature this spring. MATC

supported three of those bills.

**LD 502:** A 6-month moratorium on grid-scale wind projects to use the expedited review process under the 2008 Wind Energy Act. If passed as emergency legislation, it would have put the Highland Wind application ‘on hold’ until other changes in the Wind Act could be enacted.

**LD 1234:** Restore uniform visual permitting standards for wind power projects. If passed, future wind power projects would have to meet the ‘fit harmoniously...’ visual standard applied to all other developments.

**LD 1236:** Amend the “presumed benefits” in the Wind Energy Act. If passed, future wind power projects would have to demonstrate their emission & pollution reduction benefits.

In a very fast work session on May 5th, the Energy, Utilities & Technology (EUT) Committee agreed to combine these three bills and all the other bills that offered changes to the 2008 Wind Energy Act into one bill, **LD 1366**, with its new title, “Resolve, To Clarify Expectations for the 2012 Assessment of Progress on Meeting Wind Energy Development Goals.”

The Wind Energy Act directs the Office of Energy Independence and Security (OEIS—headed by Ken Fletcher, a former representative and EUT committee member who voted for the Act) to review provisions of the Act and report to the Legislature by December 2013.

LD 1366 now directs the OEIS to accelerate its study and report by February 2012 but without spending any additional funds. The amend-

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ment language also does not address all the issues contained in the bills submitted such as the 'presumed benefits' of wind power and the actual performance of wind projects—capacity factors well below promised levels.

Representative Dunphy, whose district includes Highland Plantation, is preparing a minority report that will recommend specific issues and problems be addressed.

We request MATC members to ask their legislators to support Representative Dunphy's minority report/amendment when LD 1366 comes to the House Floor for debate. MATC and its efforts to stop the Highland Wind project will not receive any legislative help this year, but at least issues have been raised and documented.

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## New Whitecap District Overseer plans changes

Within a few days after being elected Whitecap District Overseer at the annual meeting, Ron Dobra had initiated an updated maintainer contact list (after eight email addresses failed); sent out maintainer agreements to those who were not on file, and commenced to advertise and fill three positions.

The district welcomes the volunteer services of Lloyd Dickson, Leeman Brook Lean to maintainer; Mary Ellen BaRoss, Gulf Rim Trail; and Steve Condon, Pleasant River Tote Road.

Ron finished his "out west" series of hikes last summer, finishing the Continental Divide Trail and consequently the "triple crown" of long distance trails (AT, PCT, CDT), so he plans on camping out in the district this summer from his home in Greenville, as well as spending much more time than usual on his own section up Barren Mtn., which he has maintained since 1994.

There will be announcements of forthcoming bog bridge parties on the web page.

The district runs from Route 15 near Monson to the Jo Mary Road. The trail through the district crosses the Barren Chairback Range, Whitecap, and numerous wild ponds and remote streams.

The Gulf Hags Canyon is a popular day hike in the region. The White Brook Trail provides access to Whitecap's barren summit and its views of Katahdin.

# New York State volunteer honored

By Don Stack

Over the winter months the club began a program for volunteer recognition. In each edition of the *MAINEtainer* we will feature a Maine Appalachian Trail Club member. In these articles we will try to inform you about the member, what they do for the MATC, and other items.

The first volunteer spotlight is on Dr. Joseph Biegen of Binghamton, New York.

Currently Dr. Biegen is one of the club's data entry volunteers, entering data from register box cards into a spreadsheet and sending the hikers requesting information about the MATC a brochure and letter. When asked why he wanted to volunteer for the MATC he stated "The AT in Maine was, and is, one of the best maintained sections of the Trail and if people don't help, it won't stay that way. I was impressed with the level of dedication and organization."

Dr. Biegen thru-hiked the trail (North to South to avoid the "herd") in 1993 after "discovering" the AT in 1990 while leading a troop of Scouts to Baxter State Park. Some of Dr. Biegen's favorite places from his thru-hike are "The Saddlebacks, the Whites in NH, the Smokies (though I didn't see much of them as it was raining most of the time). In Maine, perhaps the Bigelow Mts."

## We're invited to All Trails Celebration and Dedication in Rangeley June 25-26

*Dear MATC folks:*

Please join us for a unique All Trails Celebration in Rangeley, Maine on the weekend of June 25-26, 2011. The term "All Trails" recognizes the broad variety of trails and how they are used in the High Peaks and Rangeley Lakes region.

If you are a trail user, *or* if you want to experience a new kind of trail, *or* if you are interested in the important role of trails for tourism or land conservation, *or* if you want to attend an historic dedication in the evolution of Maine's backcountry motorized and non-motorized trail systems, then you will want to attend this event.

The All Trails Celebration will kick off Saturday with the dedication of the State of Maine's newest multi-use trail corridor, the "West Saddleback Connector."

The dedication ceremony will feature remarks by United States Senator Susan Collins and Maine Conservation Commissioner Bill Beardsley. Dedication participants will include

He has lived most of his life in the Binghamton, NY area having been born in Northport and schooled in Catskill. He went to college at Clarkson University in Potsdam, earning a PhD in Physics and Chemical Engineering. Dr. Biegen currently teaches Engineering and Physics at Broome Community College and Math at Excelsior College. Along with being a MATC volunteer, he also enjoys working with local scout troops, the Children's Home, and raising money for the Cancer Society.

Some of Dr. Biegen's favorites are: movie: The Lord of the Rings, music: Beethoven's Ninth or Eine Kleine Nachtmusik, Book: Bonhoeffer (a biography), trail tool: My stove (I now use a small woodburner; no fuel to carry), trail food: Probably the Mt House freeze dried Hawaiian pork dinner.

Dr. Biegen vividly remembers encounters with wildlife: "When I came to the turn just after leaving Baxter Park property where it abuts the river, there was a moose and her just-born calf. I got out of there fast! No photo even!" He remembers also an encounter with another hiker: "A crazy (like a fox) guy in Shenandoah, I think he wanted to be alone in the shelter, so he was acting nutty. A friend (who I was hiking with for two weeks) wanted to leave but we stuck it out. We called him the 'Yes, Sir' guy because that's mostly what he said at the top of his voice!"

the Appalachian Trail Conservancy, ATV-Maine, and the local trail groups who worked to create the trail.

A public reception will follow the ceremony. These events will be held June 25<sup>th</sup> at the classic Country Club Inn (off Rte. 4 via Mingo Springs or Proctor Roads) beginning at 1:00 PM (ceremony is at 2:00-3:15 PM).

To help you have the best time, area trail clubs will provide group walks, hikes, ATV rides, bike rides, and paddling on nearby land and water trails. Scheduled guided hiking and ATV tours of the new West Saddleback Connector will be offered (sign up Saturday for these tours, as space will be limited).

Rangeley is a gateway to many of the best backcountry trails in Maine. Join us June 25 and 26 to celebrate –and experience – *all* trails, including the Appalachian National Scenic Trail, the new Moose Loop ATV Trail System, the unique Northern Forest Canoe Trail, the Fly Rod Crosby Trail, local walking paths, and many more!

## Four Campsite Committee work trips planned

By Laura Flight

The campsite committee has four work trips planned for the 2011 work season, and any hands are welcome! Many hands do make light work, and it is an enjoyable time working with others as well as a satisfying feeling to accomplish needed improvements. We would especially appreciate folks with construction skills, in particular familiarity with metal roofing, but no prior experience is necessary to participate. There will be jobs for everyone on-site, as well as plenty of materials to shuttle. This year's projects including replacing leaky roof panels on the Pleasant Pond, Baldpate, and Bemis lean-tos, as well as replacing some rotten logs at the Leeman Brook lean-to. The dates are listed below; some are not definitively known, so please check the MATC website ([www.matc.org](http://www.matc.org)) for updates, and/or please contact Laura Flight at [flyrodflight@systemfolder.com](mailto:flyrodflight@systemfolder.com) or 207-215-5306 for more information.

- **July 9:** Pleasant Pond lean-to roof work
- **July 16:** Baldpate Mountain lean-to roof work
- **July 23-24:** Leeman Brook lean-to tree felling and milling for later replacement
- **August 27** (tentative) Bemis Mountain lean-to roof work
- **October 8:** Leeman Brook lean-to log replacement

I remember hair-haloed golden bodies  
Steaming, streaming, sweating, streaked  
Herculean legs in nut gold marble  
Topped by emaciated, early Christian martyr  
torsos  
Stooped, twisted and pack-burdened  
propped with a tree-limb

I remember the cat-piss reek of ancient  
mildews  
steep, humid uphill, no showers and no  
laundry at the peaks  
Now the deodorant becomes too heavy  
and they pack calorie-laden cheese

I remember bandanas

I remember, my three-year-old eyes gazing,  
reflecting up towering legs,  
giants, elementals of the dirt  
then down,  
terminating strangely in scarred, mud-caked  
boots,  
heavy, clunky  
Feet transforming from Earth to flesh, flesh to  
Earth as they rise and fall

I remember dirt ringed necks  
and dirt filmed hair  
like the caked dust around the grease fittings  
on my father's tractor

I remember sensuous stories of pulled pork and  
apple cobblers eaten in Southern towns  
a la mode.

I remember their eyes, slightly feral,  
Too full of dreams  
tremulous smiles, just waking after a long,  
solitary journey

## Thru-Hikers

Eyes too long alone on sun-tipped slate,  
memorizing air, enraptured in silence  
Or the buzz of cicadas  
Eyes always too hot, too cold, too wet or too  
bug-bitten  
Hungry eyes, and sun chapped lips, making  
love to my two day old onion bagel,

encrusted in Hannaford's Crunchy and  
Smuckers' Grape Jelly.  
I preferred strawberry

More than anything  
A three year old celadon nymph, barefoot  
I was determined to live behind such eyes.  
Home again, I begged  
My mother bought me a kaleidoscope of  
bandanas and thick, wool socks

—By Rebecca Clark

## Bigelow District maintenance assignment opening

The two mile section of the upper  
Firewarden's Trail from the junction with the  
Horns Pond side trail to the junction with the AT  
at Bigelow Col is available.

This section was maintained for 17 years by  
Mark Sario who is now one of the Chimney  
Pond rangers at Baxter State Park. This start of  
section is a 2.5 mile hike from the trailhead  
parking area and is generally in good shape.

It features 2400' of elevation gain, including  
one of "Maine's steepest miles" from the Moose  
Falls campsite to the junction with the AT.  
Additionally this assignment will include check-  
ing on the Moose Falls campsite. This section  
needs blowdown removal and cleaning of the  
many waterbars that were installed by trail crews  
during the past ten years. I will coordinate  
volunteers to help with any other major projects.

Applicants should be willing to commit to  
making at least 3 trips per season, Spring, Sum-  
mer and Fall to clear waterbars and blowdowns,  
do annual brush clipping as needed and blazing  
every few years. Just three tools are needed on  
most maintenance trips, a small handsaw, hand  
clippers and a short hand hoe.

Anyone interested in this assignment may  
apply ASAP and I will contact all applicants later  
this spring.

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“Looking to hang around this summer? Consider helping to replace one of three leaky roofs!” In this photo: Adi Levy and Kate Locke at Chairback Gap lean-to, September 2010. Photo by Laura Flight

# 2011 MATC annual meeting tackles a bevy of trail issues

President Lester Kenway called the 76<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of MATC to order with 87 members in attendance.

**Recording Secretary's Report:** Janice Clain presented the minutes of the 2010 Annual Meeting as published in the *MAINEtainer* and posted on the MATC web site. Don Stack placed a motion, seconded by Elsa Sanborn, to approve the Secretary's minutes. Club members voted to approve the motion.

**Treasurer's Report:** Elsa Sanborn presented the Treasurer's Report. She noted a total of \$508,234.00, a milestone for the club. Assets include guidebooks, some merchandise, and some property, such as trailers used by the Trail Crew. The Stewardship Fund stands at \$330,484. Elsa noted income of \$235,571 from grants, guidebook sales and donations. Club members voted to approve the report as presented.

**Corresponding Secretary's Report:** Lester reported that the Corresponding Secretary, Phil Pepin, was not able to attend the meeting.

**Budget for FY 2011-2012:** Tom Lewis presented the budget for the 2011-2012 fiscal year. The proposed budget totals \$263,000. Tom noted that the budget for last year was \$240,000 and that the club actually spent \$200,000. The core budget was \$200,000 for expenses, with \$45,000 designated for the Highland Wind Power proposal opposition, some of which has been carried over to next year. Tom also reminded that, with approval of the Executive Committee, some funds were transferred last year from the Stewardship Fund to the Wind Power account.

Tom also explained that about 60% of club monies are from public sources and 40% from private sources. The Finance Committee has been trying to shift that ratio.

The Executive Committee voted at its March meeting to approve the proposed budget.

Bill Millis place a motion, seconded by Bruce Grant, to approve the 2011-2012 budget as presented by the Finance Committee. The membership voted to accept the motion.

**Trail Crew Center Project:** Lester Kenway presented an update on the Trail Crew Center Project. He showed a slide presentation that traced the history of the Trail Crew and its work. The Trail Crew was founded 1975, so has been in existence for about half the duration of MATC. The purpose of the Trail Crew is to complete large projects to preserve and improve the AT, projects that are beyond the capacity of regular volunteer maintainers. Lester said there is enough work to keep two crews busy for 70 years.

The MATC Trail Crew is the only one along

the length of the AT that is completely managed by volunteers; all other trail crews have paid staff to manage their operations. The Trail Crew is funded through grants and has enjoyed full financial support for 20 years.

The Trail Crew history has included a series of base camps that have offered a variety of challenges, including periodic searches for a new facility, inadequate water, wall tents for housing, limited parking, storage in temporary shelters, properties in poor condition, and owners who needed additional commercial insurance, which the club has had to pay. After experiencing all the listed challenges, the Trail Crew Committee determined that there is a need for a new permanent facility. In addition to housing the crew and its equipment, this facility can be used for chainsaw training, the winter social, meetings, and trail work training. It also can be rented to other groups that hold a similar mission to that of MATC.

Lester showed photos of other facilities that have served as a model for the proposed plan for the MATC Trail Crew Center. These included the Bowdoin Outdoor Center, built by Renner Architects, the Randolph Mountain Club Center, and the Green Mountain Club Visitor Center. Lester also listed the advantages to the club of building the facility: it will find new supporters, discover potential donors, provide new visibility for MATC and increase MATC assets. The proposed center will include a meeting center,

storage and garage area, and three buildings for crew quarters. The Base Camp Committee has made plans to build a facility that meets the needs of the Trail Crew and allows for use by other club entities

Lester pointed to models of the site and proposed buildings. The main building includes kitchen facilities, meeting space and showers. Lester pointed out a row of windows at the roof line of the main building to provide ventilation, as the facility will not rely on air conditioning. There is a covered area linking the main building to the garage so that vehicles can be loaded in all types of weather. The simple garage has no insulation but does include a wood stove and a large space for drying clothing and equipment. The crew quarters will sleep 12. This aspect has been the most controversial as the Base Camp Committee has been developed plans, and a final design has yet to be accepted.

MATC has leased 65 acres in Skowhegan for 99 years, with no payment for the first 30 years. MATC member Chris Dorion, a geologist, has visited the site and observed 12 feet of sand over clay. Julian Wiggins, also an MATC member, has offered his services as surveyor.

The cost estimate from the architect for the five buildings is \$1,400,000. The entrance road and utilities add \$366,000 and another \$333,000 for incidentals. Advisors recommend a maintenance endowment to match the cost of buildings, adding another \$1,400,000. Such an endowment



*Maintainer Workshop and Winter Social: The first winter maintainer workshop was deemed a success with about 60 members attending (double the pre-registration) at the Skowhegan Community Center. After the morning workshop conducted by Lester Kenway – sharing various trail maintenance and construction tips – all were invited for lunch. Tony Barrett Photo*

provides enough funding to maintain the facility for 100 years. Costs for fund raising add 10% to 20% to the total, bringing the proposed capital campaign goal to \$4,400,000. To an audience question Lester replied that this sum does include furnishings.

MATC has contracted with Alicia Nichols, a fund raising consultant from Newport, to direct its campaign. The next step is to conduct a feasibility study, which will identify key campaign leadership, confirm top donors and estimate indications of support, and will substantiate whether MATC's preliminary campaign goals can be achieved. Lester said that the Base Camp Committee was not in a position to announce a capital campaign at the time of the Annual Meeting, but he did announce the beginning of the feasibility study.

To questions regarding cost estimates and how they compared to other similar facilities, such as Maine Huts and Trails cabins, Lester assured that the numbers are comparable. He reminded the group that the main building is like the Maine Huts main building, except that their unit is off the grid. He noted that the more buildings a site contains, the more the cost goes up. He also reminded that Maine Huts and Trails have people there for one or two nights, while the Maine Trail Crew will have them for a whole season. He emphasized that the \$1.4 million estimated cost is for five buildings.

When asked if there is any provision for tent platforms for use by other groups and as a means to provide revenue, Lester replied that tent platforms have been considered as a fallback plan. He also repeated that MATC does want to make the facility available to other groups; as there is no place for other trail building and maintaining groups to send their people for training, MATC would offer its facility to groups with a similar mission and for a modest fee. There is no plan to charge the kind of fees that Maine Huts and Trails charges.

**Nomination of Slate of Officers for 2011 – 2012:** Representing the Nominating Committee, Dave Field presented the slate of officer candidates:

President, Lester Kenway; Vice President, Tony Barrett; Recording Secretary, Janice Clain; Corresponding Secretary, Dick Doucette; Treasurer, Elsa Sanborn; Overseer of Lands, Dave Field; District Overseers, Rick Ste. Croix, Ron Dobra, Peter Roderick, Dick Fecteau, Tom Gorrill; Directors, Dennis Andrews, Bob Cummings, Craig Dickstein, Laura Flight, Bruce Grant, Dan Simonds, Don Stack. Dave explained that one candidate withdrew his nomination for director after the slate was published in the *MAINEtainer*. The Executive Committee will, as detailed in the club constitution, fill the vacant slot at its next meeting.



*A snowshoe tour of the new Trail Center site on the land leased from Somerset Woods Trustees was held at the traditional Winter Social pot luck dinne. Members were entertained by a slide show recounting of the Maine AT winter section hike accomplished by Peter Roderick and Laura Flight. Tony Barrett photo.*

Dave called for a vote of the entire slate. Paul Meguire and Don Miskill placed the motion and second in favor of the slate. The vote was to approve.

**Appreciation for Departing Executive Committee Members:** Lester presented a token of appreciation for those leaving the Executive Committee. They included Bill Eddy, Julian Wiggins, Steve Clark, and Bill Millis. Steve Gaffney and Phil Pepin were unable to attend.

**Walter D. Green Service Award:** Peter Roderick presented the first Walter D. Green Service Award. The award is named for the first club president, a Broadway actor and maintainer who gave exceptional service to the club and to the AT. The award, in the form of a personalized trail sign, is given to a volunteer who exceeded expectations or who performed an unexpected service to the club or to the Trail. Members of the Executive Committee are not eligible for consideration. As this is the first time the award is given, the committee that developed it will meet again to more clearly define its criteria.

The recipient of the Walter D. Green Award for 2010 is Geoff Shadman, who was nominated by Dick Fecteau. In his off duty hours from his position as Horns Pond Caretaker, Geoff constructed 22 water bars and 176 stone steps. He also maintains three sections of trail in three different districts. An article he wrote, accompanied by photos, appeared in the *ATC Journeys*

magazine last winter.

**President's Report:** Lester Kenway presented the President's Report. The Executive Committee meets every other month except in July. Discussions of the Highlands Wind Power Project have been a focus of several of the last year's meetings, with reports from the highly qualified Wind Power Committee. Executive Committee meetings also include a report from Club Coordinator, Holly Sheehan, who has been writing and submitting many grant applications, seeking funding for the Maine Trail Crew and the CARE Program. Another topic of frequent Executive Committee meetings is the proposed Trail Crew Center. The CARE Program and the Maine Trail Crew both report regularly to the Executive Committee.

June of 2010 saw the MATC 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration in Skowhegan and the signing of the lease with Somerset Woods Trustees for the Trail Crew Center.

Lester reported on membership initiatives, including an application for a Community Foundation grant to be used to "replenish" membership. The club will learn in June whether it has received the grant. The revitalized Development Committee, under chairman Tim Fortune, is also working on strategies to increase membership.

In November, representatives of The Trust for Public Lands and the Maine Appalachian Trail

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Land Trust reported to the Executive Committee on its Forest Legacy Project, which would preserve Crocker Mountain and would further protect the Trail. MATC has also been working with Maine Huts and Trails, which wants to establish a fourth hut and extend its trail through Caribou Valley. Discussions have stalled because Maine Huts and Trails allow motorized grooming, which is not allowed by the National Park Service.

February saw the annual Winter Social, combined with the first Maintainers' gathering. Volunteer maintainers commented favorably on their opportunity to hear about best practices and to share experiences and tips with other maintainers.

MATC members attended meetings of the New England Regional Partnership Committee in Lowell, Massachusetts, in March, and one in Vermont in the fall. MATC has to obtain permission from NERPC if it relocates a trail or establishes new trails. A new trail from Gorman camps to KI Road and a relocation of the Trail on Pleasant Pond Mountain to avoid ledge traverses have both received approval by the RPC.

The Executive Committee has been actively involved in the budget process, and gave its approval to the budget approved by the membership earlier in the meeting.

In the past year, Tony Barrett conducted a review of the club's committee structure. The general conclusion of that study is that the club doesn't have enough volunteers to fill out the membership of all those committees. The original goal was to have each Executive Committee member serve on one committee, but the current situation is that Executive Committee members have multiple committee obligations. This point led to a report on databases of members and potential members and how to use those databases to enhance communications. Bruce Grant and Stan and Michelle Moody have been working to get information on the databases available and are considering how to better use them. The ATC database currently is not in a usable, collected format.

Lester noted that the Local Management Plan needs to be updated to meet current situations. This has been an on-going project, with Lester working with Dave Field.

Lester noted the new volunteer recognition and emphasized that the club is looking to show appreciation for members' efforts.

A recent discussion of the Executive Committee has been a proposal to list all or part of the AT in Maine with the National Registry of Historic Places. There is no question of eligibility, but ATC officials will have to decide where to start and what evidence to submit to support the appli-

cation.

The CARE Program and the Maine Trail Crew both report regularly to the Executive Committee.

MATC has offered three chainsaw safety classes, which Craig Dickstein would report on later in the meeting.

District Overseers have helped Lester produce a new 5 Year Plan, a step that is needed to maintain funding from ATC for the Trail Crew.

Finally, Lester said that he spoke on behalf of MATC at the KI – Jo Mary gate-keepers' annual end of season meeting. While those representatives of North Maine Woods interact regularly with MATC volunteers and Trail Crew, they are often unaware of the Trail itself, its needs and its users. Lester was able to give them information to help them understand MATC's goals and procedures.

In summary, Lester said he tracked his own MATC volunteer activities in the previous year and calculated that he attended 47 meetings, spent 40 days on the Trail and put 10,000 miles on his vehicle.

**Trail Reports:** District Overseers presented reports of activities in their districts accompanied by slides assembled by Dave Field.

Tom Gorrill and Mike Ewing oversee 47 miles from Route 26 to Route 4, with many miles of side trails in the Baldpate District. 31 maintainers in that district devoted 1500 hours to trail work. Tom announced that Peter and Janet Roderick are leaving their assignment in the Baldpate District so Peter can concentrate on his own Kennebec District. He also noted that several former trail crew members have maintaining sections in this district.

In the last season, trail crews completed the



*Retiring Overseer Julien Wiggins is thanked by President Lester Kenway at the MATC annual meeting. Tony Barrett Photo.*

Moody Mountain relocation necessitated by a mud slide in 2008. They also installed water bars on Old Blue and continued work on a relocation on Baldpate.

Tom was most impressed by the efforts of members of a Freshmen English class from Dirigo High School who helped on a project on Sabbathday Pond. Canadian teenagers from Camp Tekakwitha, in Leeds, helped on projects in this district, as well as in the Bigelow District. Tom was also pleased to welcome the renewed participation of the Bates College Outing Club, which is responsible for a four mile section in this district.

Projects for the coming season include a temporary relocation made necessary by construction on Route 17.

Dick Fecteau reported on activities in the Bigelow District, which extends from Route 4 to the Long Falls Dam Road. 28 maintainers in this district devoted 2080 hours in 84 work trips. Dick was able to work with a local ATV club, which hauled in materials for bog bridging on Eddy Pond. MATC agreed to take on management of the Abraham side trails and campsite. Dick and volunteers cleared the trails and burned the old fire warden's cabin. A new campsite will be built next season. The upper half of the Firewarden's Trail is ready for use.

Camp Tekakwitha campers helped to build a new moldering privy at the Spaulding Mountain lean to. Dick gave high praise for these Canadian youngsters who have contributed countless hours to the AT in Maine.

As he reviewed the slides of sections in this district, Dick noted the high elevation gains that place special challenges to several maintainers. As noted earlier in the program, Geoff Shadman single-handedly constructed a number of water bars and stone steps in his off-duty hours as Horns Pond caretaker. He also spent many hours ridge running the length of Bigelow ridge, monitoring trail conditions, interacting with hikers, and cleaning privies along the way.

A new campsite on Flagstaff Lake constructed by MATC and the Bureau of Parks and Lands includes two tent sites. It will be managed by BPL. Here too, the Camp Teki girls helped with construction using materials brought in by boat.

Dick reported that the Conference Bridge rotted out and will need to be replaced this year. Dick is looking for used pressure treated utility poles for that construction and asked the membership for information. Another project will be the removal of the badly damaged fire warden's tower on Bigelow. There are also plans to place a 2000 mile marker at Old Man's Head on Bigelow.

Peter Roderick reported on activities in the

Kennebec District, which stretches from Long Falls Dam Road to Route 15 in Monson. Craig Dickstein, whose home is located on the AT, assists Peter in this district. The Kennebec District has seen many problems with beaver, and has become known for its bog bridging and relocations to avoid the “critters.” Peter and his crew are designing one elevated bog bridge because of beaver. Dana Hall, who maintains a section in this district, provides bog bridging materials from his saw mill

Peter announced that one of his maintainers, Carey Kish, is still looking for information for his *Maine Mountain Guide*. He noted that Stan and Michelle Moody have helped with chain saw work for a camp group. The Maine Outing Club maintains a 10 mile section here. This group was recognized in 2007 for its long commitment to the AT.

Peter mentioned once again a relocation planned for this season on Pleasant Pond Mountain.

Julian Wiggins gave an update on the White Cap District, from Route 15 in Monson to the Jo Mary Haul Road. He is assisted by Bruce Grant. This slide presentation began with a view of the new signboard installed by the Piscataquis County Tourism Board at the entrance to the Hundred Mile

Wilderness. That organization also placed a new kiosk at the Gulf Hagas parking lot.

One of the projects for last year was the completion of the Chairback Gap lean-to restoration. A group of volunteers, some working through the Hard Corps program, replaced the roof of the lean-to in a work trip as part of the Millinocket End of Trails Festival.

This section, too, is in need of bog bridging, and Julian spoke of several projects scheduled for the upcoming season.

Rick Ste. Croix reported for the Katahdin District, which extends from the Jo Mary Haul Road to Baxter Peak on Katahdin. The district has 10 maintainers who cover 55.7 miles of the AT, 4 miles of side trails and 7 campsites. Last season 46 individuals contributed 549 volunteer hours to trail maintenance. One maintainer accesses his section by boat to Mahar Landing. LL Bean maintains several miles of trail and campsites in this district. One maintainer here has had the same section for 41 years.

This district saw a relocation around Grassy Pond, in Baxter Park, to take the Trail off the Park Tote Road. The Maine Trail Crew spent a week on Nesuntabunt constructing a water bar and stone staircase. The MATC Trail Crew and Baxter Park Trail Crew also worked on stone steps on the Hunt

Trail.

Rick announced that Dan Day is giving up his Hunt Trail assignment. This section has the most dramatic elevation gain of all the maintainer assignments on the AT in Maine.

Bill Millis conducted an auction of a Dana Design backpack donated by Steve Inness. The backpack went for \$85 to Tim Fortune.

**CARE Committee Report:** Dick Fecteau presented the report for the CARE Committee. The mission for the CARE program is to provide stewardship, outreach and environmental education to hikers on the AT in Maine. Its goals include teaching Leave No Trace knowledge, ethics and skills; deterring environmental impact, checking on illegal fires, lost persons, injuries and nuisance problems. As part of that mission, the CARE program provides pre-season outreach to organizations sponsoring youth groups and information for them to plan camping and hiking trips with the intention of lessening the impact on natural resources.

Caretakers and ridge runners begin their season with a 4-day training in early June. They meet again as a group for a mid-season mixer at Horns Pond where they mix compost and share their experiences at their own sites.

CARE personnel in 2010 were: David Gantz at Piazza Rock, Geoff Shadman at Horns Pond, Krisdin Diehl at Gulf Hagas, and CJ Manza at Abol Bridge. They interacted with a total of 9115 hikers last season.

For this season, Adrienne Tausers will be at Piazza Rock, Jonathan Lemberg at Horns Pond, Krisdin Diehl at Gulf Hagas, and CJ Manza at Abol Bridge. Information regarding pack-in dates is available on the MATC website.

**Campsite Committee Report:** Laura Flight presented an update for the Campsite Committee. She pointed out a campsite information page for maintainers on the MATC web site. This link provides a campsite assessment form. The website will also list work dates for shelter projects.

The Campsite Committee is currently assessing campsite capacity. They will use data from the study to determine a plan of action.

Laura offered maintainer tips for campsites. She noted that water damage and ground creep are the major issues. She showed slides of problems presented by plastic panels on roofs, where cracks and tree/branch damage cause leakage. She said the Campsite Committee is planning to replace plastic roofs with metal over the next five years. The committee is also examining signage in a study this year. She also explained that the committee needs a privy czar.

Laura presented a slide show of the Chairback Gap work over the last two years. In



*Overseer Dick Fecteau takes advantage of a sunny April day to meet with maintainers at the annual MATC meeting. Tony Barrett Photo.*

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two trips in the 2009 season, volunteers replaced the shelter floor. In 2010, with the help of 8 thru-hikers who, as part of a Hard Corps team organized by Paul Renaud, transported new roof materials in and old out, volunteers replaced the shelter roof. Work trip plans this season include the Pleasant Pond lean-to on July 9, Baldpate lean-to roof on July 16, Leeman Brook July 23-24 and again on October 8, and the Bemis lean-to in late August.

**Trail Crew Report:** Lester Kenway reported on the Maine Trail Crew activities. Last year's staff, crew leaders Chris Binder and Matt Coughlan, and crew coordinator, Amanda Royce, will all return for the upcoming season. Of the four SCA interns who worked on the crew last summer, one will return this year as an assistant crew leader. Margaret Snell and Ron Dobra have helped to secure four new interns for this summer and Holly Sheehan has been the contact person for volunteers to fill out crews.

Last season was a good year for crew volunteers, with 26 who helped fill 45 of 48 available slots. Lester was pleased that 10 of the 26 (36%), were from Maine. The blend of interns, paid leaders and volunteers proved to be a good system for the crew. The two Maine Trail Crews completed 269 stone steps and 40 water bars, providing erosion control in difficult areas. In addition, MTC continued its partnership with MCC, which is able to use Public Lands Corps funding grants designated for youth serving groups. Three MCC crews completed 220 stone steps and 17 water bars on sections of the AT. They were able to finish work on the north slope of White Cap, a project that has been in progress for 17 years. They and the MTC also spent time on Baldpate, bringing that project, begun in 2002, to within "striking distance."

Projects for the coming season are listed in the *MAINEtainer* and on the club web site. They include stream bank stabilization on Nahmakanta Stream, erosion control on West Peak of White Cap, on Saddleback, Old Blue, and on the Hunt Trail, treadway improvement on the Moody Mountain relocation and elevated bog bridging at the Carrying Place on East Carry Pond.

The Trail Crew will again be based at the Sheep Farm in Garland.

**Kennebec River Ferry Report:** David Corrigan, reporting on the Kennebec Ferry, said 2010 was good year, with reasonable water levels. The ferry season extended from May 28 to October 1. Dave reported 1387 hikers, his highest number since taking on the position. He did note a

higher number of forders this year because of low water; he estimated 2-3 % who chose to ford rather than use the ferry service.

David has a three year contract from ATC through 2013. Craig Dickstein helps one day a week. The schedule for this year is available on the MATC web site. David is operating the ferry mornings from May 27 to July 14, mornings and afternoons from July 15 to September 30, and again for mornings only from October 1 to October 10. He is also operating on call for pre-season; as that service is not supported by ATC, hikers who choose to avail themselves of the service will have to pay "out of pocket."

David reported that the ferry service is well respected in the local community. He also asked that MATC members remind thru hikers to use the post office in the town of Caratunk, which stays open thanks to hiker mail drops.

**Wind Power Committee Update:** Tom Lewis and Tony Barrett presented an update from the Wind Power Committee. The focus of that committee has been the Highlands project, along with monitoring legislation related to wind power. Tom said several bills are pending. The committee is concerned for the cumulative effect of wind power projects that will impact the Trail, and feel that only legislation will lessen the threats to the AT.

The Highlands Wind Power project will be reviewed under regulations set by the Wind Energy Act of 2008. This act set a target for what the state wants to see for wind power generation, a goal of 3000 megawatts of wind energy by 2020. To realize that goal will require 1000 wind turbines, sited in approximately 30 projects. The Wind Power Act also created an expedited process which streamlined obtaining approval and eliminated the requirement for rezoning, a regulation that helped the opponents in the Redington case. To oppose construction of this project so close to the AT, MATC has had to narrow its focus to visual impact, and will seek a determination from LURC of undue impact on a scenic national resource within 8 miles of the site. In a step intended to show its cooperation with opposition groups, Independence Wind, developers of the Highlands Project, removed nine turbines from the front row of towers on Stewart Mountain, to reduce visibility and place towers more than eight miles from Avery Peak. MATC maintains that the turbines have the greatest negative impact on Little Bigelow. LURC just accepted that point. MATC and other environmental groups have also maintained that it is not just the primary facilities for energy generation that are objectionable, but also the impact of associated facilities, such as roads, clearings and transmission lines. To prove the point, opponents

cite the impact of the Kibby installation, both daytime and night time. The developers have countered citing what they consider preferential treatment towards MATC and its co-intervenors.

The Highlands developers resubmitted their permit application on December 28. LURC recently determined the application complete, which triggers the 270 days within which LURC has to determine its ruling. There is a hearing on the case the week of July 18, with several days of testimony, cross-examination, and public comments. These are usually evening sessions. Tom stated that we can expect a decision this summer. He recommended that members keep checking the web site for details and updates. He further urged that members write letters to legislators and use the web site as a tool for communication from members to the Wind Power Committee.

Bill Plouffe, club member, ATC secretary and Drummond Woodsum lawyer, represents MATC in hearings. ATC and MATC appear as intervenors, along with several other environmental organizations. One very vocal group has been the Friends of Highland Mountains, which circulated a petition at this meeting.

Tom announced that club members should expect a letter from the Wind Power Committee asking for extra funding.

Tony spoke on legislative efforts to slow the development of wind power projects in environmentally sensitive areas. He cited several developers, including Iberdrola, Caratunk, Independence Wind, and First Wind, which all have plans for the areas set aside by Governor Baldacci's Wind Power Task Force as expedited lands for wind development. Tony spoke of the Wind Power Conference, held in February, at which individuals and groups reported their concerns regarding wind power development. Tony said there are currently twenty bills in the legislature that deal with wind power. While most Maine citizens want clean renewable energy from wind, there is strong concern for the irreparable damage to the environment, for the cost / benefit ratio and for the places developers have selected for their installations. While the public cite the turbines installed in Kittery and Saco, they may not be aware that these wind power installations only produce a small percentage of the power promised to the citizens of those cities. In fact, they have cost much more to install than what they have given back. Tony also referred to visits to large wind sites in California, where high costs for construction have yielded low benefits in power generated. He noted the need to educate citizens on the real data, and referred to the Friends of Maine Mountains web site, which lists the relevant facts. He said the Wind Power Committee will keep the MATC Executive Committee up to date with information on wind power developments.

Rebecca Clark commented that a real problem is roads on the ground and the need to clear trees to build those roads. She said the cleared area around each wind turbine is two acres plus the clearing for roads getting to them.

When asked which legislative committee deals with wind power, Tony informed that it is the Energy, Utilities and Technology Committee.

When asked about statistics on the wind power sites already in operation, Tony noted that there is a big difference between potential capacity and realized capacity. He said that the Kibby installation is producing about half what developers promised, and that most sites are generating about 15-20% of advertised capacity. He also said that companies are not required to reveal that information, to which Dick Fecteau noted that the information is available on the FERC web site, which gives production data for all energy facilities for the nation. David Corrigan announced that he has created a blog with informa-

tion on wind projects.

When Dick Fecteau asked regarding the status of other interveners, Tony informed that NRCM has already withdrawn and that some others feel there is a size and scale for the Highlands Project that could be acceptable. He said there has been some talk of a financial mitigation fund, and added that MATC has taken one of the strongest positions among interveners. He said the developers have promised payments to locals to help convince them to withdraw their opposition.

Tony said the Wind Power Committee will continue to send e-mail “blasts” to club members.

**Corridor Monitoring:** Dave Field spoke on the corridor monitoring program. There are 70 sections, and only 7 are currently unassigned. The NPS lists 31,646 acres of lands in the AT in Maine, and all are maintained by volunteers. There are 2042 ATPO boundary monuments. Monitors

located 250 monuments last year. They cleared nearly four miles of boundary, and spent 387 hours on corridor monitor duties. MATC volunteers occasionally get some help from NPS through ATC; an ATC boundary crew cleared and blazed 4.3 miles last season.

ATC also carries out natural heritage monitoring, but as of yet doesn't do much with cultural heritage monitoring. ATC also oversees the MEGA-transect project. This is a monitoring of environmental impacts north to south (Maine to Georgia) using a transect of the trail length.

Dave said he has field books available for any monitors who need them. He said all corridor monitors must attend a workshop to get an assignment. Dave will schedule two training sessions in the coming season, one on June 4 at Blackbrook Notch, and one on June 11 on White Cap.

The American Hiking Society is bringing a group to Maine in the last full week in July. They plan to work near Moody Mountain. Another group will work August 3 -12. In addition, Dave is organizing a work trip August 12-14 to camp near Surplus Pond and to work clearing boundaries and removing a building.

On another matter, Dave reported on the old logging road near Eddy Pond, which snowmobilers use. The state has classified it as an official ATV trail, and it has become a difficult political issue. Snowmobilers wanted the right to cross the AT and senator Snowe added a rider to a bill by which a portion of land would be transferred to the state by NPS. The National Park Service agreed to transfer a 100 foot corridor along an old logging road to provide the West Saddleback Connector as a multi-use trail. The deed was signed and filed in December 2010.

Dave announced a “Celebrating All Trails” event on June 25 in Rangeley. He also announced publication of his *History of the AT in Maine*, a work for Acadia Publication, to appear on June 27.

He showed a list of all monitor sections with indication of open sections, and invited all members to help protect the beautiful trail in Maine.

**New England Regional Office Report:** Matt Stevens, from the New England Regional Office, supported Dave's call for corridor monitors and spoke to the importance of that work. He commented that, in spite of the recent close call on a shutdown, the government operates on a continuing resolution, although funding is never certain.

Matt spoke of the “A Trail to Every Classroom” program, in which two Rangeley teachers participate. He referred to Hawk Metheny, regional director, who is based in Hartford, Vermont. He



*Geoff Shadman, Walter Greene award winner, was the 2010 caretaker for Horns Pond and Ridgerunner for the Bigelow Preserve. See story on the next page.*

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encouraged MATC members to attend the Biennial meeting at Emory and Henry College July 1-8. Information is available on the ATC web site. At least three members, Bruce Grant, Don Stack, and Tony Barrett, said they are planning to attend.

Finally, he commented that former MATC ridge runner Dave Taresevich will staff the front office at ATC.

### **Chainsaw Training and Certification:**

Craig Dickstein spoke on chainsaw training. He said the training MATC organizes is designed to protect volunteers, and is part of a US Forest Service Worker Safety Program. ATC sponsors and funds the service, which carries no cost to volunteers. It also provides personal protection equipment free of charge. MATC does require a deposit to hold the participant's spot, but that fee is returned at the time of training.

There are three levels of sawyer certification: A, the apprentice sawyer; B, intermediate sawyer, and C, instructor. Craig said the program needs more instructors, and called for anyone interested in that level to contact Lester Kenway for more information. Certification is valid for three years. To be fully certified, a sawyer must also hold current first aid and CPR training. Michelle Moody has organized FA/CPR certification training; a training program took place on April 10, in Augusta. Michelle emphasized that CPR training must be from a recognized program.

Craig reiterated that NPS requires certification for all federal employees who use chain saws. "When we volunteer on National Park lands we are considered employees, in order to be covered by NPS insurance. Yes, volunteers are covered by their own insurance plans, but private insurers will try to transfer costs to another provider, so we need to have the NPS certification. In case of injury to another party, the federal government will back a lawsuit for injury to someone else on the trail."

MATC has trained 118 sawyers since 2004, and 65 are currently certified.

Craig noted that Peter Jensen has organized a one day recertification process. To qualify, a sawyer must be a current level B sawyer and must show proficiency.

The next sawyer workshop was scheduled for April 16-17, in Windham. At the time of this meeting, the program was fully registered and had a waiting list. A fall session is scheduled for October 1-2 at the site of the new base camp, in Skowhegan. It is almost fully subscribed. Due to limited ATC funding, MATC may not be able to have two instructors for the fall session. Craig said there are not enough spots for the sawyers who

need to be recertified. When asked the cost of the weekend to the organizer, Craig said instructors are paid on a daily rate, which runs about \$2000 for a two day program with two instructors.

Craig has a list of certified sawyers who are willing to help others who aren't certified. He will serve as a liaison between maintainers and sawyers willing to assist others. He asked that sawyers who are willing to help contact him. Information is available on both the ATC and MATC web sites.

When asked why certification can't be for a longer period, Craig replied that the three year certification is a US Forest Service regulation.

**Open Forum:** Lester called for an abbreviated Open Forum for member questions and concerns.

Michelle Moody asked which relocations require ATC approval, to which Lester explained that anything more than 500 feet long requires the NEPA process.

Ron Dobra asked how many maintainers and monitors haven't signed an agreement and what the liability is if members haven't signed a maintainer/monitor agreement. He also asked who keeps those signed copies. Dave Field said he keeps the signed agreements for monitors and overseers keep those for maintainers. Rick Ste. Croix reminded that a new agreement was established last year, and suggested that all maintainers should renew their contracts. Maintainers should contact their overseer to obtain an updated agreement.

When asked if the club has a mechanism to back up electronic files, Lester replied that the club web site has the capability to back up files on its server. Stan Moody is working on that situation.

Bruce Grant reminded the group that the New England Regional Partnership Committee (NERPC) is looking for more people to participate. Many issues can be handled though RPC, including funding for chainsaw training.

With all reports presented, Paul Johnson placed a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Michelle Moody, and the meeting ended at 3:01 pm.

Following the general meeting, members had time to meet with overseers and new members met with Lester.

Respectfully submitted,  
Janice Clain, Recording Secretary

## **Geoff Shadman honored with first Walter Green award**

The first Walter Green Award Winner is Bigelow Preserve trail maintainer & stonemover Geoff Shadman. He was the 2010 caretaker for Horns Pond and Ridgerunner for the Bigelow Preserve. Geoff is also a MATC member and trail maintainer for the trail section between Horns Pond and the Range side trail. During low visitation periods, Geoff stayed busy by bringing his rock bar up the mountain to move some rocks. By the end of the season, Geoff had constructed 22 water bars and 176 stone steps—all during his off-duty time or free days, working as a volunteer. At the Annual meeting, Geoff received the first Walter Green award for volunteer work exceeding the expectations for the assignment.

Walter Green was MATC's first President who was an extraordinary volunteer. The Walter D. Greene Award is presented at the Annual meeting to recognize extraordinary effort or achievement by ordinary volunteers of the Maine Appalachian Trail Club.

Please submit names of MATC members who have exceeded expectations of their assigned duties in 2011 to recognize one-time or recurring work, for example:

- Writing a funding grant, or
- Making an effective presentation, or
- Helping with an emergency trail location, or
- Working on trail-related legislation, or
- Spending time with the Maine Trail Crew, or
- Accomplishing trail maintenance/repair beyond expectations.

Send your nomination(s) to Peter Roderick, [roderick1027@fairpoint.net](mailto:roderick1027@fairpoint.net), 207-293-2704.

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## **Wilderness First Aid July 2 - 3**

**MATC is offering a Wilderness First Aid course at the Maine Trail Crew base camp in Garland on July 2 and 3. This class is meant for hikers and trip leaders who want to learn basic first aid skills for short trips with small groups.**

**The two-day course will be taught by instructors from SOLO, a school that also trains EMTs and rescue teams. The focus of WFA is on basic skills for medical and environmental emergencies in the backcountry: response and assessment, survival skills, soft tissue and musculoskeletal injuries. For more details open: [www.soloschools.com](http://www.soloschools.com)**

**\$135 covers tuition, meals, and camping. Contact Elsa Sanborn to register.**

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## Three register box helpers needed

The Maine Appalachian Trail club maintains 15 register boxes along the trail. Each one of these boxes needs a register box monitor and also a data entry volunteer. The monitors are asked to keep the box supplied with blank cards and pens or pencils and to gather the cards and send them to a data entry person for that register box.

Depending upon the location of the register box, this task may require only a couple visits per year or once a month. The data entry volunteer sends those who have requested information about joining the MATC, a brochure and application, and enter the names and addresses into a spreadsheet.

We currently have three register boxes in need of monitors. These boxes are located on the Mount Abraham side trail, on the bank of the Piscataquis River, and on Nesuntabunt Mountain. Additionally we currently have a need for one more data entry volunteer. This latter job is done right in your home and thus can be done by those who want to help the MATC even though they don't live very close to Maine. We currently have four volunteers assisting the club with this task who do not live in the State of Maine, but enjoyed their hike in this State so much they want to continue to help out the club in all of its endeavors.

To volunteer or for more information please contact Don Stack, 11 Patten Farm Rd., Buxton, ME 04093 or by email at [donstack@sacoriver.net](mailto:donstack@sacoriver.net) or by phone at (207) 749-0370.

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