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### President's Message Summer 2016

Carol Langley, Jim Fritz, Mandy Brink and I participated in the Green Mountain Club's annual meeting at Lyndon State College in Lyndonville Vermont on June 11. The GMC Northeast Kingdom Section and the GMC staff did a great job organizing and presenting a well-run weekend. Among the many highlights of the meeting was the presentation by GMC President John Page of the President's Award to Carol for her many contributions to the Club and to the Connecticut Section as president, newsletter editor, and activity leader. Congratulations to Carol on this well-deserved recognition.

We heard other positive news:

- Recognition of the Long Trail internationally as a premier trail for its beauty and challenge continues to grow. With that recognition comes increased use and of course the need for more trail monitoring and maintenance, As the Connecticut Section has done for many years, we've already completed the Spring work weekends on our full 12 mile section of the Long Trail, led by Trails and Shelters VP Mike Shaw.
- The GMC is getting stronger financially. All long term debts have been paid off, including the mortgage on the headquarters property and the costs for the new Winooski River suspension bridge. The prior year closed with an operating surplus.
- The route across the Winooski River and through the river valley has been secured, which resulted from extensive work to develop and grow GMC's partnerships with several public and private stakeholders.
- The GMC continues to expand its off-trail rental cabin portfolio, which provides new outdoor opportunities and contributes positively to the Club's finances. GMC members receive a 30 percent discount on cabin rentals. On the downside, the Beaver Dam Cabin at Wheeler Pond has been closed due to its deteriorating condition. A replacement is planned, and the Hadsel-Mares cabin at Wheeler Pond is still open and available.

We have a great summer of activities planned, listed in this newsletter. Hope to see you on the Trail!

Jim Robertson

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**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

**Mark Loomis**  
**Meghan Lovegren**  
**John Rockwekk & Maggie Carpentier**  
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**SEE YOU ON THE TRAIL!!**

We are now on Meetup. Please contact Alina Badus at [alina.badus@gmail.com](mailto:alina.badus@gmail.com) or Jim Robertson [jrobert685@aol.com](mailto:jrobert685@aol.com) if interested

**HIKE LEADERS**

All reports must be sent in a Word Document in Times Roman 11. Reports sent from I-phones or I Pads will be returned. Thank you!  
**Carol A. Langley & Celia Campbell-Mohn**

**ACTIVITIES REPORTS**

If your report was not in this issue for an activity that you led it will be in the next!!!

Now the heat is on, slow and steady wins the race.

But remember hiking is not a race or a competition, it is a day to enjoy the great outdoors and return to do it again. Make sure that you are dressed for the temperature and have plenty of fluids.

Hike Leaders if someone is stumbling, grumbling or mumbling you need to find out what is wrong. Remember you should be hiking out with everyone who started the hike.

## **Glastonbury Buckingham Reservoir Hike – February 7, 2016**

Eight GMCers and Arlo the dog enjoyed a five mile hike along woods roads and around Buckingham Reservoir in Glastonbury for our annual pre-Super Bowl hike. The trails in this area, which is owned by the Manchester Water Department, had been traversed by many hikers, bikers and snowshoers in the preceding two days after a 10-inch snowfall and were packed down well. We didn't need snowshoes, and ended up not needing micro spikes or crampons either.

From the parking area at the end of Mountain Road we followed old roads and trails to the reservoir, stopping to take photos with the resident snowman atop the dam. He must have been having a bad day, as he lost his head at one point – we did makeshift surgery to re-attach it but the warm sun was making him a real softie.

After a crossing of the reservoir outlet stream on a log bridge and a long walk along the old Coop Sawmill Road we encountered the only real tricky part of the hike, a stream that could be crossed only by walking across the remaining steel bridge girders (the bridge decking was long gone) or negotiating a slippery hop across snow and ice-covered rocks. A few chose the girders; others found various rock paths to cross the stream. Arlo wasn't so sure about the either method and took a while to be coaxed across, eventually via a rock route that we had seen a mountain biker walk cross, carrying his bike. At that point we decided to head back to the parking area, walking past an area of recent beaver activity, completing the loop. Dave decided to enjoy lunch in the sun by some power lines and do a few extra miles while the rest of the group chatted for a bit before heading home.

Jim Robertson, Dick Hart, Kevin Vann, Larry Keckler, Dave Wells, Mandy Brink, Tom and Patty Adams and Arlo

## **Old Furnace State Park November 29, 2016**

This small state park is quite a find. It was the first time many of us had been there. The first warning in the book is that there is a spot that can be a dangerous water crossing but for us it was a warm sunny day and the water level was low. We met at the trail head and started our hike by hopping over the boulders across a bubbly stream. The waterfalls, while not a roaring one, was pretty enough. We had a nice climb up Half Hill to the Ross Ledge. There were views of both Half Hill Pond and Ross Pond. We learned that while there is a clearly blazed blue trail, there are many other trails in the park. It would have been fun to take more time to check out some of the other trails, perhaps another hike in the spring. From above we saw a strange looking area bordering the pond. At first we thought it was the pond

because it looked like gray water but it turned out to be a parking lot way below. We walked down to check out both the pond and the boat launch. We thought it might be fun to do a summer hike for both a hike and a paddle. We walked to Squaw Rock Rd and back, stopping along a rock wall for lunch. While the park is named for the Old Furnaces that once operated in that location, we did not see any signs of furnace remains. With a few extra explorations our mileage for the day was 5.3 miles.

Hikers: Mandy Brink, Tom and Patty Adams, Gary Griffin, Don Hagstrom, Jim Robertson and George Jackson

## **Bigelow Hollow State Park January 17, 2016**

Within Bigelow Hollow State Park there are six trails from which to choose, each with its own points of interest. Today it was decided to follow those trails that encircle Breakneck Pond. We began on the white-blazed East Ridge Trail, followed it north for a mile and at the southern end of the pond we turned onto the blue/white-blazed Breakneck Pond View Trail. This trail follows the western side of the pond often with rocky scrambles. We paused frequently to take in the view of the iced over pond and the woods beyond. Across the pond we could see the camping shelter where our lunch stop would be.

The bright green of what appeared to be newly grown rock tripe blanketed a huge rock jumble. This lichen is known to be food of last resort in a survival situation, to stave off starvation. As we were early in our hike with our packs laden with snacks, lunch and warm drinks we needn't resort to this famine food. Then again, just a sample, just a taste.... it was chewy, the taste not at all unpleasant. Supposedly, this lichen is best boiled before eating. This delicacy was best left for those more adventurous with their trail food preferences.

Reaching the northern end of the pond, which was over the state line into Massachusetts, a lone hiker stepped carefully across the fast running brook with a video camera on his hat. It was hoped that he later deleted our group from his video lest we end up on You Tube or in some trail documentary. Crossing the dam and turning south to cross back into Connecticut we found ourselves on the blue-blazed Nipmuck Trail. The Nipmuck closely followed the pond's eastern shore and provided many views of the pond. Coming to the camping shelter, we stopped here for lunch. After a long rest we hiked along the Nipmuck to a connector trail that took us to the park road. Rather than making a long road walk back to our cars, we crossed over to Bigelow Pond and took the yellow-blazed trail along its shore back to the parking area. We estimated that we hiked about 7.5 miles.

Hikers: Mel and Bob Michaud, Dave Wells, Don Hagstrom  
Leader: Sarah O'Hare

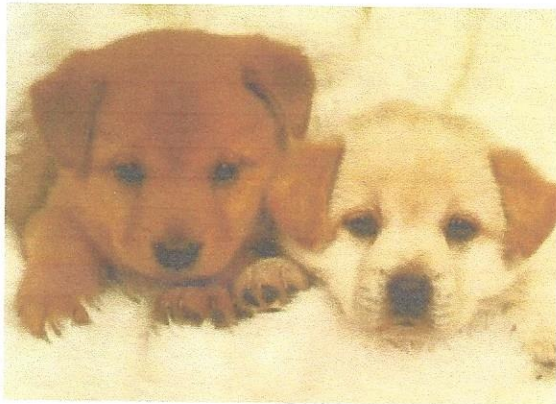
**Bullet Ledges & High Ledges  
Pachaug State Forest  
March 26, 2016**

We decided to do the book review for this hike for Dave Hardy. We started at the trail head off Johnson Rd. The description matched the book well. As we hiked along we looked for the different moss mentioned in the book, one was reindeer moss. Most of us were not sure what that looked like but Bob Michaud knew this particular moss and pointed it out to the group.

We stopped at Bullet Ledges for a snack and proceeded onto High Ledges for lunch. High Ledges is a neat spot with just enough of a climb to get your pulse up and high enough for a view of Wyassup Lake. We all looked for the Fire Tower as mentioned in the book. It is our belief that it no longer exists as in all my years of climbing the High Ledges I've never seen a Fire Tower and no one saw it this day either.

After lunch and a few group pictures we looped around the base of the rock formation and headed back on the loop to our cars. The trip back was quicker as we stayed on Legenwood Rd. which is a direct walk back to the trailhead. Between searching for Patty's missing glasses at one point and going a little further than we should have after coming off High Ledges, we clocked in a little over 7 miles. That was certainly enough mileage to justify a trip to Buttonwoods for our first ice cream of the season.

Leader: Mandy Brink: Hikers: Jim Robertson, Patty Adams, Mel & Bob Michaud, Don & Linda Hagstrom, George Jackson, Cathryn Doland & Han Sherman  
Furry Friend Hikers: Molson & Arlo



**Case Mountain Recreation Area Hike  
April 16, 2016**

We had a great turnout for a hike on a nearly perfect early-Spring day, with several Connecticut GMCers and some guests who had seen the hike posted on Meetup.com. Manchester's Case Mountain Recreation Area and the adjoining land in Glastonbury owned by the Manchester Water Department offer many miles of trails spread over thousands of acres. In February we hiked a southerly section around Buckingham Reservoir in Glastonbury. For this hike we followed trails in the middle portion of the expanse. Meeting at the Line Street parking area near Girl Scout Camp Merriewood, our group of a dozen humans and one dog headed out on the Yellow-Black Trail, turning south into the water department property for a few miles before connecting with the blue-blazed Shenipsit Trail. The terrain in this area is an interesting mix of gently rolling hills, small streams and rivulets, and a mix of forest types. Before the deciduous trees have leafed out, I especially enjoy walking on these trails because you can see through the woods easily and get a good idea of the topography. We stopped for a snack break at the intersection of Mountain Road and Coop Sawmill Road, where Abbey shared some delicious banana bread she had baked. Linda took and posted some photos on Facebook, including one of the steel I-beams that are the only remnants of an old bridge along Coop Sawmill Road. In Spring, the skeleton looked much less treacherous than it had in February, when both bridge and the rocks in the stream below were covered with ice.

We then headed north on the Shenipsit over the peak of Birch Mountain (at 778 feet, the high point of our hike) and on to Lookout Mountain, where we found excellent views to the west to Hartford, the Connecticut River Valley and beyond. This was our lunch spot, and provided a great resting place on a sunny day. Dennis broke out some butterscotch chip cookies to share and Molson attempted to provide entertainment by jumping to snare dog biscuits from the air (if watching 90 pounds of Golden Retriever jump can be considered entertaining).

After lunch we headed south on the Grey-White Trail, stopping to investigate an old stone chimney that apparently had been attached to a log cabin (Don noticed the rounded indentations in the remaining chimney mortar), then connecting to the Yellow-Red trail back to Camp Merriewood and our cars. An ice cream stop at Robb's Farm in South Glastonbury capped a great day with a great group.

Hikers: Don & Linda Hagstrom, Bob & Mel Michaud, Alina Badus, Rick Cyphers, Dennis Himes, Kaz Rybak, Abbey Young, Janice & Mike Tirrell

Leader/Alpha Dog: Molson; Associate Leader: Jim Robertson

## **Catskills Winter Weekend January 29 – 31, 2016**

Kevin, Dennis and Jim Moore got in an extra day of hiking by doing Windham High Peak on Friday. There was enough light snow and a fair amount of ice requiring the use of microspikes. The rest of us gathered on Friday night for a lovely dinner together. After studying maps and listening to Jim and Dennis's suggestions for hikes, we settled on three different options for Saturday. There was truly a hike for everyone this weekend.

On Saturday we split into 3 groups. Dennis and Alina headed out for the most challenging hike, doing Wittenberg and Cornell Peaks. The challenge for the day would be to get up the Cornell Crack. Between the crampons, microspikes and a rope that was planted, they were successful. Group 2 headed up Slide Mt, again finding the ice more challenging than the snow. Group 3 hiked Overlook Mt and hiked into the Kaaterskills Falls.

On Sunday we were looking for an easier hike. Dennis suggested the Stone Chairs. What a great hike this turned out to be. The group loved it. The Stone Chairs are an extensive group of chairs, towers, steps and walls built out of the Slab Stone in the Catskill along the Pecoy Notch Trail. We were able to sit in the chairs, feeling like kings and queens. Jim Moore and Dennis went on to hike the Twin Mt while the rest of us headed out to the cars for home. We loved our weekend of hiking and feel like we have discovered a whole new area to explore in the future.

Thank you to Dennis Himes and Jim Moore for suggesting this great area for hiking.

Thank you also to Dennis Himes who did his own write up for the weekend from which I was able to use in doing the write up for our weekend.

Co-Leaders: Mandy Brink, Jim Moore. Hikers: Dennis Himes, Tom Adams, Patty Adams, Mike Shaw, Adam Shaw, Kevin Burke, Jim Robertson, Carol Langley, Brian Mooney, Scott Black, Mark Stone, Alina Badus

## **Vin Gormley Trail, Burlingame State Park, RI January 3, 2016**

It was encouraging to see the turn out for this hike, especially all the young people. Hiking is alive and well at all levels. We met at the picnic area in Burlingame and made introductions. We were happy to have some Boy Scouts in training for Philmont as well as Mandy's nieces up from PA. Tom and the boys took the lead. Our first greeting was from a territorial goose who came honking when we passed by his house. He was as good as any watch dog.

The Vin Gormley trail is delightful. It is an 8 mile trail, gentle on the feet and good for the soul. We hiked about 5 miles and found some nice logs for lunch on this pleasant sunny day. There were many small bridges and walkways built by the AMC. Thank you AMC for keeping our feet dry. We stopped at the covered bridge for a group picture before finishing. The trail takes you through the campground and then back into the woods. Mandy who was dealing with a bad knee, hiked 7 miles while the rest finished the 8. Thank you to Linda and Gary who hiked with me (Mandy) at a turtle pace and for Patty who hiked quickly ahead to pick me up in the car. The Boy Scouts added 2 extra miles by hiking the Nature Preserve for their merit badge. Once again we had a great day of hiking with a great group of people.

Co-Leaders: Mandy Brink and Patty Adams. Hikers: Bob and Mel Michaud, Tom Adams, Doug Spracklin, Ian Spracklin, Ethan Wiggins, Gary Griffin, Don and Linda Hagstrom, Cathryn Dolan, Han Dolan-Sherman, Maggie Black, Kelly Black, Erica Black and Emily Black.

## **Spring Backpacking Weekend April 8-10, 2016**

We almost got a winter camping weekend in April! Five of us met at the parking area on Water Street in Falls Village, CT on a chilly and overcast Friday afternoon. We shook our heads at the weather forecast (how cold can it get in April!?) and decided to brave the elements anyway. Thanks to Woody and Don H, who had scouted the area earlier that week, we knew that we couldn't park at the north end of River Road any more, so Linda was kind enough to shuttle us to the start of our hike even though she had decided not to hike that weekend (wise woman!).

A nice short walk brought us to Silver Hill Campsite, our home for the night, where we met up with Angel. A few snowflakes and the dropping temperatures persuaded us to go to bed early, after a quick walk to help us warm up again. We woke up to a cold morning on Saturday (26, according to Jim's not-very-high-tech thermometer), took down camp and continued northward. The trail was in great shape, not muddy or icy at all, and it was nice to be able to see the shape of the landscape through the woods, as the trees had not leafed yet.

I have been told as part of my GMC hike leader training that it's Ok to lose up to 10 percent of your group, as long as you bring white-out to erase the names. I regret to inform the club that I lost a full 50 percent of my starting group for this hike: Sarah and Woody had planned for only one night in the woods (wise people!), and on Saturday afternoon Don decided to also head home (wise man!). Jim, Angel and I continued on to Sharon Mountain Campsite. It dropped down to the low 20s that night, and we woke up stiff and partially frozen, thinking wistfully about Sarah's drinking

hot coffee and reading the newspaper in her warm house with four walls. All three managed to return to civilization, though, with no visible signs of frostbite. At least we didn't get rained or snowed on!

Brave souls: Don Hagstrom, Sarah O'Hare, Don "Woody" Woodbridge. Survivors: Alina Badus, Jim Robertson, Angel Vega. Huge thanks to Linda Hagstrom!

### **Laurel Marsh & New State Trail April 3, 2016**

A blustery early spring day was the venue for this hike. One brave soul- Sarah O'Hare joined me. The Laurel Marsh Trail skirts alongside the marshlands of the Hockanum River, then under two highway bridges, over the bike path. There were a few birds but most were hiding in the Cattails because of the strong wind. All along the trail there are benches for wildlife watching.

As we were finishing the trail Sarah spotted a otter/beaver just as he slide down the bank into the river.

We then crossed rte. 44 and started on the New State Trail. This trail hugged the banks along the river where we saw ducks, daffodils, tiger lilies. Many hours of trail maintenance was evident with the many bridges and walkways. We even had a 12 ft. ladder to climb on a bank along the river, At this point we started to see canoes and kayaks Sarah remembered reading that there was the Hockanum River Race.

As we approached a bridge to cross the river there were gentlemen dressed in gear to make a rescue if necessary. We visited the Sycamore Park & Daffodil Island, soon the hum of I-84 was getting louder and we couldn't help to wonder where we were going but soon the trail took a left onto the bike path alongside rte. 44 which led us back to the parking lot. We then found a picnic table in the sun which was where we had lunch. This was a very nice and easy hike which I will probably do again in the fall, hope more hikers will come.

Hikers: Carol A. Langley & Sarah O'Hare

### **Nipmuck Trail in Ashford May 7, 2016**

I had planned a 7.8 mile hike along the Nipmuck in Ashford through Natchaug SF and Yale Forest, but (probably because it was raining) no one else came.

There was a maybe, so I waited in my car a while at the southern end, and when no one showed decided I'd drive to

northern end and do an out and back from there. However, my car wouldn't start, because I'd been waiting with the lights on. So I did an out and back from the southern end. When I got back my wife came and gave me a jump. I'm going to reschedule this hike, because it really is a nice section of trail.

Hikers: Dennis Himes

### **Central Park New York May 14, 2016**

As planned we all met at Union Station in New Haven and rode the Metro-North into Grand Central Station. Map in hand we negotiated our way up 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. till we reached the south entrance of Central Park. The distance from the North to the South entrance is only 2.5 miles but there are several ½ crossovers as we soon found out.

We walked by the Hallett Nature Sanctuary, Zoo and up to the Alice in Wonderland Monument where we did photos. We passed by the Obelisk and into the Great Lawn where there were people having picnics children having field games. The Shakespeare Gardens were lovely and the benches were part of the wood fencing.

Music was in the air as local musicians played their instruments. . The atmosphere was very festive and inviting. Bill and I decided to make use of a bench and have lunch while the youngsters in our group moved on to do more of the park and find food for their lunch. AS promised they did return and claim the "OLD FOLKS".

We then walked to Strawberry Fields which is in memory of John Lennon, here a guitarists played his old songs.. Our next visit was Belvedere Castle which gave a spectacular view of the New York City skyline.

Time to start back! As we past one of many Water Fountains in the park we saw our third wedding of the day. Central Park is a real gem and a place that should be on everyone's bucket list. Bill and I finally accomplished our goal to see the park.

Thank you all for making this a special day!!!

Hikers: Carol A. Langley, Bill Falconer, Paula Drivdahl (my daughter) Kristen Cathryn Dolan and her children Han & Jane who decided to stay in the city after the rest of us boarded the train.

## **Extended Pemi Loop (including Owshead)**

**May 27-30, 2016**

Over Memorial Day weekend a group of us did an extended Pemi Loop, including Owshead (but not Zealand). This was a Connecticut Section of the GMC hike. I (Dennis) was officially a coleader with Alina, but in reality Alina was our leader and I assisted her with my knowledge of the area, having been on all the peaks and most of the trails.

Also with us were Jim (at first) and Al. Al is actually from Vermont, not Connecticut, but found out about the hike from the GMC website.

It was warm for Memorial Day Weekend. Every day of the hike the weather forecast was for scattered showers and possible thunderstorms, but we had neither while we were on the trail for any of the days. Alina & I brought microspikes since we'd heard there were still some icy sections, but they were entirely unnecessary. The only ice we saw where some isolated patches.

**Fri: Lincoln Woods to Garfield Shelter -- Flume, Liberty, Little Haystack, Lincoln, North Lincoln, Lafayette, North Lafayette, and Garfield**

Friday was our most ambitious day, fourteen and an half miles over Franconia Ridge and Garfield. We had a little drizzle early in the hike, but that was it for rain. There were views, albeit hazy, all along the exposed parts of the hike. Even though it was Friday, it was Memorial Day Weekend, so we were surprised we didn't see more people. When we first arrived on Lafayette, for instance, we had it all to ourselves.

Unfortunately, Jim realized early on that this was a more ambitious hike than he was good for, and the way this hike was planned bailing was easier sooner than later, so he went down Liberty Spring Trail. I was running out of water around North Lafayette in spite of having 3 liters, and was prepared to do the short whack to Garfield Pond if necessary, but we came across a small spring. We spent the night in Garfield Shelter, which I never had to before.

**Sat: Garfield Shelter to 13 Falls Tentsite -- Owshead**

On Saturday most of the trail we hiked was new to me. I had been to Owshead before, but from the south. This time we descended into the wilderness from the north via Franconia Brook Trail, set up our tents and hammock at 13 Falls Tentsite, and then went south along Lincoln Brook Trail with lightened packs. It was a bit wet in parts, but otherwise LBT was easy to hike. The climb up Owshead Slide was not. It seemed harder than I'd remembered, but that last time wasn't the day after the kind of hike we'd had on Friday. There were better views from the slide than my first time, at least.

During my previous time on Owshead the old summit was still the official summit, but the controversy over the correct summit had started so I'd taken the herd path to the new summit. Now that the new summit is the official summit you wouldn't know you were on the old summit unless you knew to look for the nails in the tree.

There were more people than we'd expected on Saturday.

On our way back, to our great surprise, we lost the trail. It hadn't seemed sketchy on the way down, but soon after we

got to the bottom of the slide and started north on Lincoln Brook Trail we could not figure out where the trail went. We ended up whacking along the brook, with this guy Seth who was going to go to 13 Falls later with his group and also needed to know where the trail was. We were figuring we would definitely recognize where the trail hugged a washed out section of the bank. Before we got there, though, Seth announced that he'd found the trail, and we had no more trouble getting back to 13 Falls. 13 Falls was full that night.

**Sun: 13 Falls Tentsite to Guyot Shelter: [Galehead], South Twin, North Twin, South Twin again, Guyot's SW peak, West Bond**

On Sunday we climbed back up to Garfield Ridge on Twin Brook Trail. After we got to Frost Trail I was done redlining for the trip. I decided to skip Galehead Mtn., and continued to Galehead Hut, where I hung out while Alina and Al did Galehead. The hut's on self-service, but they had a lot of freshly baked treats.

After Alina and Al met me at the hut we climbed up South Twin, which was very crowded, and then dropped some gear for the out and back to North Twin. On NT we went out to the western outlook where we saw Garfield in a cap cloud but everything else clear (if hazy). After we got back to ST we did the easy hike along the ridge to Bondcliff Trail, over the southwestern summit of Guyot, and down to Guyot Shelter. We set up there, then Al and I went up to tag West Bond. Alina came a little later and met us on the summit. On the way back down I felt about a half dozen rain drops.

I had figured out before the hike that the only peaks I needed for my second round of the NH4Ks were Owshead and West Bond, so on WB I celebrated finishing that. I've now been on each of the 48 at least twice. Although there were a lot of people at Guyot that night, the shelter wasn't full.

**Mon: Guyot Shelter-Lincoln Woods: Bond & Bondcliff**

It rained off and on that night, but had stopped by the time we got up. We were expecting our weather luck to end, though, because we saw a forecast for rain when we were at the hut on Sun., and the Guyot caretaker had told us that rain was on the way. As it was, though, there were a lot of clouds both above us and below us, but we saw no rain at all.

The views on Monday were the best of the trip, because we had both an overcast and a partial undercast. There was a cloud on the eastern slope of Bondcliff which kept looking like it would engulf it, but never did. When we got to Bondcliff I finally got the classic photo taken on the rock jutting out from the cliff. The other two times I'd been on the rock I was alone.

We then did the long hike out. It actually got sunny when we were on Wilderness Trail. I also realized on WT that we'd never come across the confusing brook crossing on Bondcliff Trail I remembered from the other time I'd gone out that way. It must have been reworked.

This was a great trip. Definitely one of the top ten hikes I've ever done. It was great to spend some quality hiking time with Alina before she moves across the continent, and to get to know Al.

Hikers: Alina Băduș, Jim Fritz, Al Hermsen, and Dennis Himes

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