



Connecticut Section of the Green Mountain Club

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President's Message, March 2018

I'm looking forward to seeing many of you at our Section's annual dinner and meeting on Saturday March 24 at the Cheshire Grange Hall. If you haven't already registered, there's still time. Contact Activities vice president Dennis Himes at dennis@cookhimes.us and tell him you'd like to attend. The social hour begins at 5:00 pm with dinner starting at 6:00. The Grange will serve their traditional roast beef, or vegetarian lasagna, with all the fixings. We expect to be joined by Marge Fish, the current president of the Manchester Section and former GMC president, who will share information on the fundraising effort for a replacement observation tower to provide an unobstructed vista from the summit of Bromley Mountain on the Long Trail. After dinner and the annual business meeting, Mark Starr will make a presentation on Native American ceremonial stonework.

In the last Trail Talk I mentioned that Dave Hardy, the long-time Green Mountain Club director of Trail Programs, had passed away after a year-long struggle with cancer. Jim Fritz and I attended a celebration of Dave's life in Waterbury Center, Vermont in early January. Despite below-zero temperatures, the turnout of Dave's family, friends and current and former co-workers was enormous. There were several speakers, all of whom did an excellent job of painting a picture of a special person who was so thoroughly dedicated to trails throughout the Northeast. Carol Langley has coordinated with Dave's family in Connecticut to schedule a memorial hike at Sleeping Giant State Park in Hamden on Sunday April 8. We'll hike up the graded Tower Path and up the stone tower for a brief reflection on Dave's life. A longer loop hike will follow for those interested. In addition, the Connecticut Chapter of the Appalachian Mountain Club plans a trail work day in Dave's memory on Saturday May 12 as part of their "Give A Day to the AT" event. Please see our Section calendar for details on both.

We're approaching Spring, which is a great time to get out and hike and wander in the woods. With warmer weather of course, our insect friends come alive. After a hike on the Nipmuck Trail in late February following the spell of abnormally warm weather, I found a tick starting to dine on my dog Molson and found another walking up my shirt. So, increased vigilance and judicious use of repellents are in order. Can't wait for the black flies!

See you on the trail,
Jim Robertson

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are included in each issue. Articles and activity reports must be sent to the editor no later than the tenth day of the month of the publication. Article and activity reports must be sent in a Word Document in Times New Roman, font size 10. Reports sent from iPhones or iPads will be returned

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MEMBERSHIP: When filling out an application to join or renew your membership in the Green Mountain Club, circle *Connecticut Section* on the application to receive, at no extra charge, the Connecticut Section's newsletter and activity schedule.

Dues:

Individual Adult	\$45.00
Family	\$60.00
Senior (70 or older) or Limited Income	\$25.00
Sponsor (Individual/Family)	\$75.00

Send annual dues to:

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NEW MEMBERS: The Connecticut Section welcomes these new members who recently joined:

Brandon Secl and Karl Hager.

We look forward to meeting you at our upcoming events.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

If you change your mind and will not be showing up for an event, please call, rather than e-mail, the activity leader. Some activity leaders do not have smart phones and will not receive e-mails.

APRIL 2018

Tuesday, April 2. Rockland Preserve in Durham. Meet 10:00 am. at parking lot off Rt. 79. Plan to hike 6-7 miles. Leader: Carol A. Langley, 860-877-4449; cosmical14@yahoo.com Level: Easy

Sunday, April 8. Day hike in memory of Dave Hardy. Sleeping Giant State Park. Meet 9:00 a.m. at main entrance off Mount Carmel Avenue for hike up the Tower Path and a brief reflection on Dave's life. For anyone interested, a longer loop hike to follow. Leader: Jim Robertson, 860-633-7279 (home), 860-519-8319 (cell), jrobert685@aol.com, rober2je@westinghouse.com. Level: Easy/moderate

Friday, April 13 to Tuesday, April 17. Grand Canyon trip: This is mostly (if not completely) filled up. There is room for 2 more people who could hike overnight into Monument Campsite for Sunday night only. Otherwise, there is also hiking/camping for other nights based out of Mather Campground. If you're interested, contact the leaders: Mandy Brink, trekeragb56@sbcglobal.net, or Jim Moore, jmoore@acentech.com.

Sunday, April 22. Mattabesett Trail and Bear Hill Loop. Meet 9:00 a.m. at Aircraft Rd. in Middletown. Hike 6.2 miles. Leader: Carol A. Langley, 860-877-4449, cosmical14@yahoo.com Level: Easy.

Saturday, April 28. Day Hike. Stony Creek Preserve, Branford. Approx. 7 miles. Rescheduled from November. Leader: Sarah O'Hare, seohare7@yahoo.com. Level: Moderate.

MAY 2018

Saturday, May 12. Joint trail maintenance with AMC-CT as part of their "Give A Day to the AT" event. This year the AMC plans a project dedicated to the memory of Dave Hardy. Still in the planning stages; call for details. Jim Robertson, 860-633-7279 (home), 860-519-8310 (cell), jrobert685@aol.com, rober2je@westinghouse.com

Saturday, May 19. White Memorial Foundation, Litchfield. Meet 9:00 a.m. Leader: Carol A. Langley, 860-877-4449; cosmical14@yahoo.com. Will observe baby beavers at a beaver lodge. Level: Easy.

Saturday, May 26. Day hike Haley Farm/Bluff Point. Meet 9:00 a.m. at Bluff Point. am. 4-5 miles. Leader: Mandy Brink, trekeragb@sbcglobal.net. Level: Easy.

JUNE 2018

Saturday, June 2. GMC Annual Meeting, Hulbert Outdoor Center, Fairlee, VT. See details at <https://www.greenmountainclub.org/annual-meeting/>

Saturday, June 16. Day hike Upper Race Brook Falls and Mt. Race, 6 June - Day Hike. Upper Race Brook Falls and Mt. Race, Sheffield, MA. An out and back strenuous hike with waterfalls, mountain laurel, and views. Approx. 7 miles. Leader: Sarah O'Hare, seohare7@yahoo.com. Level: Strenuous.

Saturday, June 23. Annual Farmington River Paddle. Meet 9:00 at Rt. 4 boat launch in Farmington. Life jackets a must. Plan to paddle to Curtiss Park. 10 miles. Lunch at Sycamore Tree. If you wish to take out at this point, notify leader in advance. If low water levels, we will walk the Rail Trails in the area. Leader: Carol A. Langley, 860-877-4449 cosmical14@yahoo.com. Level: Moderate

Saturday and Sunday, June 30 and July 1. Overnight backpacking trip in White Mountains. Zealand Trail to AT. Overnight at Ethan Pont Campsite. Out to Route 302, Crawford Notch on Sunday. Leader: Mandy Brink, 860-237-7426 (cell), trekeragb@sbcglobal.net. Level: Moderate.