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MOON-ROBINSON SECTION OPENED NEARLY ONE-THIRD OF TRAIL NOW COMPLETE

An estimated 350 people came out on a crisp autumn day to attend the third opening ceremony to be conducted on the Montour Trail. The ceremony was held on Sunday, October 10 in a portion of Wickes Furniture's parking lot off Montour Run Road. Over five miles of additional trail became officially available to the public from the Parkway overpass northward along Montour Run to Groveton. Combined with the Findlay section, an unbroken 8 mile stretch of trail is now available for use.



Officials from the local township and state governmental bodies assisted in cutting the ribbon marking the opening of the newest section.

The Allegheny County Commissioner declared Sunday, October 10, 1993, Montour Trail Day in the County and the Robinson Township supervisors did likewise for the Township. The President of the Moon Township commissioners declared this day a historic day for the Airport Region in his opening remarks. Following the opening remarks, those in attendance walked across the bridge with the Montour High School Jazz Band playing to witness the ribbon cutting. Afterwards, those in attendance could walk or ride their bikes on the newly open section.

Acknowledgments were provided to Duquense Light, Golden Triangle Construction, the road departments of Moon and Robinson Townships, and the volunteers of the Trail Council who made this day possible.

NORTH FAYETTE TOWNSHIP TO BUILD TRAIL by Dave Wright

"We're ready when you're ready," said North Fayette Township Supervisor Louis Chauvet. The Township agreed to construct their three miles of trail from Enlow through Imperial to the Washington County line near Route 22. Findlay Township had already committed to constructing their 1.5 mile portion in this section.

The North Fayette supervisors were impressed with how many people used the Findlay section opened this past spring.

Cutting and clearing can begin this winter when the Township road crews are not so busy. We must make arrangements for dumpsters because a lot of trash was dumped around North Star Junction near Santiago Road.

We applied for funding from Allegheny County for trail surface material. Fences, cuivert pipes, and seeds will be supplied by donations to the Montour Trail Council.

Allegheny County and the Trail Council are now purchasing 13 parcels of land in this section that reverted to the original property owners when the railroad was abandoned in 1986. Champion Processing Company has agreed to provide a trail easement through their property after they are done strip mining.

Stan Sattinger and Dave Wright asked North Fayette for their help at a meeting September 10th. Dave presented slides showing previous trail construction and existing conditions on the trail section to be constructed. Gary Klingman and Chris Caruso from Findlay Township answered questions about their experiences with trail construction.

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NEWSLETTER EDITOR SETS FINAL TYPE

This will be the last newsletter that I will be editing. After three and a half years, it is time for someone else to succeed me in my task and put some fresh blood and energy to keep the Trail-letter alive and informing the membership of our successes.

The four years that this organization has been established has been exciting and full of enjoyment. Seeing an idea that I had thought about for many years, and fortunately that others had thought about as well, go from conception to reality was a joy.

We are nearly a third of the way to our goal, and there is much more work to be done to see that the goal is reached. Of the ten candidates for the Board of Directors, six of them will be fresh members, but they all have been actively involved in some part of this great project. This group will get revived energies from these new people and the final two-thirds of this project will move quickly along.

I wish my successor to the newsletter good luck and that the next editor continues to improve on the good thing that has already been established.

Happy Trails,

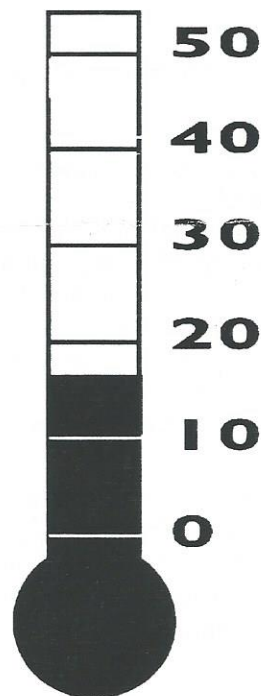
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THE MONTOUR TRAIL COUNCIL NEEDS YOU!!

The Montour Trail Council consists of citizen volunteers who are building and planning community coalitions and public-private partnerships with state, county and municipal governments. What does this mean? We do much with little... for many. Will you consider helping us?

We need volunteers for many purposes: laborers of all sizes and skills to help in building and maintaining the trail; writers to help us promote our services; fund-raisers to help us reach out to all our constituents and to encourage investments. In addition, we have urgent needs for the following kind of specialists:

Newsletter Editor

Mapmaker to prepare a detailed listing of entry points, landmarks and crossroads by trail segment

Body specialist to do body work on the truck recently donated by Duquense Light

Equipment Coordinator/maintainer to keep our truck, tractor, chain saws, portable generators, brush whackers, and other equipment in good working condition

Volunteer Coordinator to help us achieve better matches between the many tasks that need to be accomplished and the volunteers who are out there waiting to be called upon

Phone chain person to help the volunteer coordinator

Supply coordinator/quartermaster to keep track of inventories, ordering, and pickup so that our Trailblazers are supplied with the necessary materiel.

Public Event display coordinator to keep track of the display booth, banners, brochures, etc. and to schedule volunteers to man the displays

Marketeer to prepare press releases, handle other media contacts, and distribute Trail user surveys

Please contact Jack Swisher (221-7708) at your earliest convenience if you can help us with any of these critical needs.

Together, we are building a trail. But we are also building a link with each other, our neighborhoods, our environment and our past!

Yes, I Want To Help Build The Montour Trail

- ☐ I want to spread the word. Send me additional flyers
- ☐ I have written my Legislator and County Commissioners asking them to support the Trail
- ☐ My organization would like to provide a letter of endorsement
- ☐ I know a group interested in a presentation
- ☐ I wish to become a member of the Montour Trail Council (membership is tax deductible):

<input type="checkbox"/> STUDENT	\$5
<input type="checkbox"/> INDIVIDUAL	\$15
<input type="checkbox"/> FAMILY	\$25
<input type="checkbox"/> CLUB OR ORGANIZATION	\$50
<input type="checkbox"/> SUPPORTING	\$50
<input type="checkbox"/> SUSTAINING	\$100
<input type="checkbox"/> CORPORATE	\$250

- ☐ I wish to make a tax deductible contribution of \$_____ to the Montour Trail Council to help make the Montour Trail a reality.

(make your check payable to the Montour Trail Council)

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE (day time) _____ (Evening) _____

By applying for membership in the Montour Trail Council, I indicate my support of its goals.

Signature _____

A copy of the official registration and financial information may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll-free, within Pennsylvania, 1-800-732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.

NEEDED: BOOTH FOR PUBLIC EVENTS

Most of our members are acquainted with our old standby—the reliable wooden folding display board that Jack Swisher assembled longer ago than many of us wish to contemplate. Over the four years of the MTC's existence, our display has taken a beating at numerous outdoor events due to engagements with winds for which it was no match. On a recent occasion our old reliable needed heavy repairs after a serious fall brought on by the wind.

We are in need of a light-weight collapsible display case that we can use to continue informing people about the Montour Trail. If you are acquainted with a supplier or would be willing to try to get us a good price for a new display, please contact any Board member or leave a message to that effect at 257-2328.

PROPOSED CHANGES TO BY-LAWS

The Board of Directors recommends that certain changes to the MTC By-Laws be adopted by membership vote at the upcoming Annual Meeting on November 14. These proposed changes include the following:

1. Categories of membership: Article IV, Section 3

Section 3. Types. The categories of membership and the initial annual dues will be as follows: (**Bold-face categories are new.**)

Student	\$5	Supporting	\$50
Individual	\$15	Sustaining	\$100
Family	\$25	Corporate	\$250
Club or Organization	\$50	Honorary	Gratis

2. Size of Board of Directors: Article V, Section 3

Section 3. Size. The Board of Directors shall consist of no fewer than 10 and no more than 18 persons, four of whom shall be Officers of the Council. The actual number of elected Directors shall be determined by the Board of Directors.

(Was: no fewer than 7 and no more than 15. The change is recommended to increase the number of Standing Committees that can be represented at meetings of the Board.)

3. Vacancies on Board of Directors: Article V, Section 5.

Section 5. Vacancies. The Board of Directors shall have the power to fill each vacancy on the Board, and the person so appointed shall serve until the expiration date of the unexpired term. If at any time the Board has fewer than the maximum number of Directors, the Board may, at its option, appoint members to increase its size within that limit.

(Was: "...if at any time the Board has fewer than the maximum number of fifteen (15) Directors....". This change is recommended to remove the need to amend this Article if the Board size is again amended by a change to Article V, Section 3.)

4. Date of Annual Meeting: Article IX, Section 1.

Section 1. Annual Meetings. The annual membership meeting of the Council shall be held in November of each year at a date, time, and place designated by the Board of Directors. The Secretary shall insure that written notice is sent to each Member at least fifteen (15) days in advance of each Annual Meeting.

Was October. This Change is recommended in keeping with Board experience that Trail openings and other ceremonies tend to occur in October and conflict with the scheduling of the Annual Meeting during that month.

FUND-RAISING CAMPAIGN

by Jack Swisher

The Montour Trail is starting a major fund-raising campaign to raise both capital and operating funds. The major goal is to raise the \$250,000 needed to match the \$1,000,000 ISTE A reimbursement which was programmed for the Trail. Most of our past fund-raising activities have focused on charitable foundations. Thanks to a few dedicated volunteers we have raised over \$600,000 from foundations which has enabled us to acquire the right-of-way and construct 13 miles of trail. Unfortunately, there are only a limited number of foundations and we therefore must expand our efforts to include corporations, businesses, and individuals.

The Montour Trail Council is looking for volunteers to help in this very important task. We need volunteers to help solicit funds, identify potential donors, organize fund-raising events, and provide administrative support. We are also looking for business and civic leaders who are willing to help with our fund-raising efforts. For example, while a corporate executive might not have the time to solicit funds he/she could greatly help us by 'opening doors' and introducing our fund-raisers to the proper people. If you feel you might be interested in helping out in any of these areas or you know someone who could help us, please call Jack Swisher at 221-7708.

Trail Facts:

The eight mile section of trail between PA Route 51 and the Enlow Ballfield crosses Montour Run nine times. Passes through the Enlow Tunnel which is 560 feet in length. At several locations stream bank protection has been placed using broken concrete from nearby construction at the Montour Run Road Interchange with the Parkway.

BALLOT FOR ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

In accordance with the by-laws of the Montour Trail Council, the Nominating Committee has selected the following slate of candidates to fill ten vacancies on the Board of Directors. Six of these positions carry three-year terms covering the period from January 1, 1994 to December 31, 1997. The remainder will hold shorter fill-in positions for other terms which be determined by a drawing of straws after the election from those elected.

HOW TO VOTE:

Either bring the ballot with you to the Annual Meeting on November 14, 1993, or pick up a ballot as the meeting. If you cannot attend the meeting, mail your ballot to:

**Richard R. Wilson, Esq.
Vuono, Lavelle, and Gray
2310 Grant Building
Pittsburgh, PA 15219-2383**

All ballots will remain confidential. They will be opened and counted at the Annual Meeting. Staple or tape your ballot shut and mail it in.

Check the appropriate space below to vote for the candidates, or write in other candidate choice(s) in the appropriate spaces, provided the person has expressed willingness to serve. Please cast nine votes

<input type="checkbox"/> Tim Banfield	<input type="checkbox"/> Bill Metzger
<input type="checkbox"/> Don Berty	<input type="checkbox"/> Bill Morphy
<input type="checkbox"/> Tom Dougherty	<input type="checkbox"/> Dennis Pfeiffer
<input type="checkbox"/> John Hooton	<input type="checkbox"/> Dick Quasey
<input type="checkbox"/> Peter Kohnke	<input type="checkbox"/> Dave Wright

VOTE YES FOR KEY 93

Key 93 is a measure appearing on the November 2, 1993 ballot to invest in Pennsylvania's heritage. It is a \$50 million bond issue that provides funding to improve and protect the State's recreational, educational, historical and natural heritage. The proposal has been approved for the ballot by overwhelming bipartisan support in the General Assembly and by the Casey Administration.

Key 93 will increase funding for RIRA (Recreational Improvement and Rehabilitation Act) which has been instrumental in getting our project off the ground. Other items that could be eligible to apply include the preservation and rehabilitation of historical sites, and moneys for the enhancement and restoration of wild and natural places.

This bond issue will be important to the success of the rails-to-trails movement in the state. So remember to VOTE YES FOR KEY 93.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING MONTOUR TRAIL COUNCIL

The annual meeting of the Montour Trail Council will be held at 1:00 PM on November 14, 1993 at the Airport Ramada Inn. The Ramada is located at 1412 Beers School Road about 1/2 mile from Business Route 60. A map is enclosed with this newsletter. The meeting will begin at 1:00 PM in Ballroom "C" with a cash bar and dinner will be served at 2:00 PM.

The program will include the election of officers and directors, a review of 1993 accomplishments, recognition of achievements, and future plans.

For dinner we will have the soup of the day, tossed salad, either baked stuffed chicken or broiled fresh salmon steak with shrimp and mushroom sauce, carrots with a pecan glaze, baked potato, and assorted cakes and pies for dessert.

If you will be able to attend the meeting, please complete the attached form and mail it by November 5, 1993. If you have any questions please contact Jack Swisher at 221-7708.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

TOTAL ATTENDING: _____

ENTREE CHOICE	Price	#	total
Baked stuff chicken breast:	\$14.00	_____	_____

Broiled fresh salmon steak:	\$18.00	_____	_____
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Grand Total enclosed: _____

Make your check payable to the Montour Trail Council and mail it along with your reservation to:
**Jack Swisher
709 Dutch Hill Road
Oakdale PA 15071**

FORMATIVE MEETING FOR CECIL FRIENDS GROUP

Over the past year the Board of Directors has become aware of a need to create regional groups that would be affiliated with the Trail Council. These Friends of the Montour Trail groups would help maintain, monitor, and improve existing Trail segments while the main MTC organization would continue to acquire right-of-way and build new Trail segments.

The membership of each group would be composed mainly of citizens of the region who take pride in having the Trail in their community and are willing to volunteer their time and effort in its behalf. Membership in any of the Friends groups would be an option arising from basic membership in the MTC. One would need not be a Friends group member to offer volunteer services, but it is the Friends group that would generate MTC-approved plans for efforts benefiting the affected Trail segment.

Plans have been made to establish the Cecil Friends group as a prototype for what would hopefully become a network of Friends groups distributed over the entire 55-mile length of the Trail. Toward this end, an organizational meeting of the Cecil Friends of the Montour Trail will be held at 7:30 P.M. at the Scout Building adjacent to the American Legion in Cecil on Friday evening, November 12.

We hope that everyone interested in the betterment of the Cecil Segment will attend.

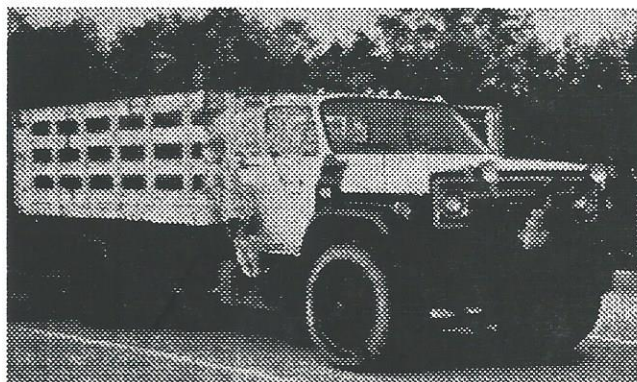
DUQUESNE LIGHT DONATES TRUCK by Bill Morphy

Duquesne Light Company has donated a truck to the Trail Council. The truck will make construction and maintenance chores by the volunteer crews much easier.

The heavy duty truck is a 1980 GMC, equipped with automatic transmission, power lift tailgate and snow plow. It is being replaced in Duquesne Light's fleet by a new truck.

The donation, valued at \$4000, was made possible by the following Duquesne Light departments: Community Relations, Budget and Work Order, System Operations, Nuclear and Western District.

The Montour Trail Council also is grateful for the truck loaned to us on numerous occasions by Duquesne's Western District.



MTC's new truck donated by Duquesne Light.

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