



MONTOUR TRAIL-LETTER

Volume 12 Issue 6

November/December 2001

MTC Web Address

Visit the Montour Trail
web-site at:
www.montourtrail.org

Mantra of the Month

- "We can do no great things – only small things with great love."

— Mother Theresa

Inside this issue:

Bombardier Day of Caring	4
Eagle Scout Project	6
Collier Parties on Trail	6
Clairton to Large	6
New Board Nominees	7
Friends & Twp. Connect	7
MTC Training Workshop	7

IKEA-Montour 1/2 Marathon results

by Jesse Forquer

For the second year in a row, over 1,000 persons registered for the IKEA-Montour Trail 1/2 Marathon and 5k Run and Walk, held this year on September 8.

The race, now in its sixth year, has raised thousands of dollars for the Montour Trail. In addition to providing gift certificates for the top finishers and covering much of the race expenses, IKEA also supplied an excellent crew of volunteers led by Sandy Grentz.

The winners of the 1/2 Marathon were Laura Hruby (women's division) in 1:22:07 and Dan Lesser (men's division) in 1:11:15. The high humidity was the main reason why the win-

ning times were somewhat slower than last year.

The winners of the 5K were Jennifer Mandril in 18:20 and Paul Friedrich in 15:21.

To the good fortune of our runners, Jim O'Keefe, a Coca-Cola marketing director, asked Tom Daily (co-owner of Burgh's Pizza and Wing Pub in Bridgeville and a member of our race committee) if he knew of a race where they could test-market some new sports drinks. Tom suggested the IKEA-Montour Trail event, Jim agreed, and as a result our runners and walkers were treated to POWERade at water stations and POWERade Light and Dasani water at the finish



Dan Lesser is the first to cross the finish line at the IKEA-Montour 1/2 Marathon in the men's division.

line.

Major sponsors for the race were Computer Associates

Continued on page 5...

Ribs & Beer for Trail volunteers

by John Hooton

Labor Day weekend has special meaning for many Trail-ites. Allegheny County Rib Cook-off draws big crowds and happy volunteers over that four-day holiday and the Montour Trail faithful are in the thick of it. Each year for six or seven years running we staff the beer taps as our contribution to MY-REC's (Mon-Yough Recrea-

tional Council) fundraising blast at South Park fairgrounds. MYREC, in turn, donates a stipend to the Trail (\$4,500 this year), so both organizations benefit.

Pouring beer may seem like an odd way to spend a holiday, but 188 of us do it with gusto and many of us are repeaters for years running. Rib and chicken

vendors, dessert and soft drink stands, T-shirt and novelty hawkers vie for the crowd's attention, to say nothing of ample beer spouts. All the while, the likes of The Temptations, Johnny Angel and the Halos, Sputzy and the Soul Providers, to name just a few, make themselves

Continued on page 8...

THE MONTOUR TRAIL

MONTOUR TRAIL COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Peter Kohnke	President
Bob Boyce	Vice President
Bruce Barron	Secretary
Judy Thompson	Treasurer
Bill Capp	
Jesse Forquer	
Hoyt Hall	
Deborah Hoerster	
Robert Johnston	
Frank Keppel	
Paul McKeown	
William Morphy	
Mike Pucci	
Stan Sattinger	
John Wasco	
Ned Williams	
Andy Yingling	



THE MONTOUR TRAIL-LETTER

is published bi-monthly January through December.
All correspondence should be addressed to:

MONTOUR TRAIL-LETTER
33 STERLING DRIVE
CORAOPOLIS, PA 15108

Or E-mail to: Trailtalk@aol.com

All other trail correspondence should be addressed:

MONTOUR TRAIL COUNCIL
P.O. BOX 11866
PITTSBURGH PA. 15228-0866

MONTOUR TRAIL COUNCIL PHONE NUMBERS:

For information: 412-831-2030
For administration and
business: 412-257-3011
Fax: 412-257-3016

Newsletter Editor	Deborah Hoerster
Circulation Manager	Joan Schweiger

Trail Talk

from the Editor's Desk

Hello! Fellow Trail Members,

Look forward to the month of November, as I am. It's a month full of changes — not just in weather, but also in Trail matters. Board members who have completed their terms step down, while others step up to the challenges they inherit. Friends of the Trail groups wind down their work parties except in Trail sections under construction; these will continue as long as the weather permits. Finally, the end of November ushers in the cold winter winds — a perfect setting for selling fragrant fir trees while providing funds for the Trail.

As we all know, Christmas is just around the corner, and a happy tradition for most of us is choosing just the right tree to adorn the house. Once again, MTC will be volunteering to sell IKEA's beautiful fir trees in their parking lot on December 6, 7, 8, & 9. For a small fee, your tree will be wrapped in netting by our volunteers. Money from this wrapping goes directly to the MTC for trail maintenance. Help is needed for all four days (2 to 3 hour shifts). If you are interested, please call Judy Thompson at 412-922-1702.



*Happy Holiday Trails,
Debby*

PS: As of March 2002, the MTC will have a new editor, Dave Pecharka. Thanks Dave and welcome aboard!



Newsletter Deadline

All articles for the
January/February Trail-Letter
will be due **no later than**
December 1, 2001.
Please see Page 2 for
submitting correspondence.
Thank you.

COMMENTS/NEWS

Your opinion means a lot to
us. Send your
Comments or news info. to:
Montour Trail-Letter
33 Sterling Dr.
Coraopolis, PA 15108

or E-mail to:
Trailtalk@aol.com

Thanks!

The Montour Trail Council is an *all volunteer* organization founded in 1989 to convert the abandoned Montour Railroad right of way and the abandoned Peters Creek Branch of the Pennsylvania Railroad into a fifty-five mile recreational trail for non-motorized activity regardless of physical ability or financial wherewithal.

November 2001

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

December 2001

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

Calendar of Events

- * MTC Annual Dinner Meeting – November 11, 2001 at the Findlay Township Activities Center, 310 Main Street, Imperial PA. For reservations, call Judy Thompson at 412-922-1702.
- * Happy Thanksgiving Day! – November 22, 2001.
- * IKEA Christmas tree sale – December 6, 7, 8, 9. See *Trail Talk* on page 2 for more information.
- * Merry Christmas! — December 25, 2001.



Friends' Meetings and Work Parties

- ◆ **MTC Board Meeting**, every third Monday of the month - 6:00 pm at 304 Hickman St., Suite 3, Bridgeville, PA. Turn right off of the Bridgeville exit of I-79. Turn left at the next light, go straight at next light and make left turn onto Hickman St. just after the Post Office. Call Peter at 412-854-1835 for more information or to get on the agenda.
- ◆ **Cecil Events:**
 - Friends of the Trail meeting**, every fourth Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm in the new Cecil Township Municipal Building located beside Cecil Park on Rt. 50. Call 412-257-2553 for more information.
 - Work & Clean-up party**, every third Saturday of the month - 9:00 am. Meet at the Storage shed at Hendersonville. Call 412-257-2553 for more information.
- ◆ **Moon/Robinson Events:**
 - Friends of the Trail meeting**, the Wednesday before the second Saturday of the month at 7:00 pm., at the Forest Grove Fire Department. Anyone from the communities of Moon and Robinson are encouraged to attend. Call 412-859-3020 for more information.
 - Work & Clean-up party**, every second Saturday of the month - 9:00 am. Call 412-262-3748 for more information and location.
- ◆ **Findlay/North Fayette Events:**
 - Friends of the Trail**, call Don at 724-899-3695 or Pete at 412-788-4136 for more information.
 - Work & Clean-up party**, every fourth Saturday of the month - 9:00 am. Meet at the Enlow Ballfield. Call 412-788-4136 for more information.
- ◆ **Bethel Park Events:**
 - Friends of the Trail meeting**, every first Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm in the Bethel Park Municipal Building Council Chambers. Anyone interested in the Bethel Park Trail segment is encouraged to come. For Clifton Road Bridge Committee meetings, contact Peter Kohnke at 412-854-1835 for more information.
 - Work & Clean-up party**, every second and fourth Saturday of the month - 8:30 am. Call Bob O'Connell at 412-833-6259 for location and information.
- ◆ **South Hills Trailblazing:**
 - Friends of the Trail Work & Clean-up party**, last Saturday of every month. All volunteers are welcome. For more information call Paul Mckeown at 412-835-6692.
- ◆ **Fort Cherry Events:**
 - Friends of the Trail Meeting**, first Wednesday of the month at McDonald Borough Bldg., Council chambers at 7:00 pm. **Work & Clean-up party**, (trail clearing from McDonald Trestle to Cecil Twp.) every Saturday this summer. Volunteers are needed. For more information, contact John Wasko at 724-796-3781, or Joe S. at 724-693-2523.

...and the *PREZ* sez...

by Peter Kohnke

BECOMING A LAND TRUST

At our annual dinner on November 11, members of the Montour Trail Council (MTC) will be asked if they approve of a change in the by-laws. The purpose of the change is twofold: to give us official status as a Land Trust, and to more clearly state that we have an interest in lands adjacent to the trail.

Because we were not a Land Trust, the MTC underwent considerable unnecessary expense in acquiring the property on which our trail easement is located. This is the section from milepost 0 to about milepost 7. We knew that this land had caught the eye of someone who wanted it for topsoil and we had to act quickly.

First, using a short-term Allegheny Trail Alliance (ATA) loan, we pur-

chased the land from the former owner. Per our request, the Allegheny Land Trust (ALT) graciously stepped forward and purchased the land from us using Allegheny Regional Asset District (ARAD) funds and a Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) grant that could only go to a Land Trust. The MTC was then able to pay off the ATA loan. The ownership of the land by ALT was not a problem, as their goals are the same as ours. But this additional transfer cost several thousand dollars.

The ALT, in turn, looked at the land, and asked: Who should be responsible for managing this land? The obvious answer was: The Montour Trail Council. So they are going to sell it back to us for \$1.00 in a year! All this could have been avoided had we already been a Land Trust, but prior to this experience, we had no idea that this

might be an issue to government regulators.

The second point of the by-law change addresses the fact that we are maturing as an organization. To implement our linear park concept, we are expressing interest in available neighboring parcels. Such purchases would enhance the 'viewscape' of the trail, and if large enough, a parcel might allow a side loop trail. Or it might just be the land on which an access path is situated. While we have little money that we can devote to this cause at the present time, we should be ready to accept any gifts of land or otherwise for this purpose.

We hope you will join us for our annual dinner and meeting on November 11, and get your questions answered on this and other topics of importance to the future of the Montour Trail.

66 Bombardier employees help Montour Trail on annual Day of Caring

by Paul McKeown

Sixty-six volunteers from Bombardier Transportation of West Mifflin spent their workday as volunteers on the Montour Trail on Friday, September 21, helping to prepare for future trail construction in South Park Township.

Bombardier employees removed trash, trees, branches, and other debris from future trail right-of-way paralleling Piney Fork Road, east of Triphammer Road. The volunteer mobilization was part of the United Way's annual Day of Caring.

Paul McKeown, the Montour Trail Council board member supervising the volunteer activity, said this group was the largest number of persons to perform trailblazing work on the

Montour Trail in a single day. "The work these Bombardier employees performed ordinarily would take several Saturday work parties to complete," he said.

McKeown also acknowledged the assistance of three other businesses: Paliotta Contracting and Duncan Excavating, which permitted the Bombardier workers to park on their nearby properties, and the Trolley Stop Inn, which provided discounted lunches. In addition, South Park Township has agreed to remove the material gathered by the volunteers.

The Montour Trail is one of suburban Pittsburgh's most popular recreational resources, with 30 miles of hik-

ing and biking trail already in use, including two segments in South Park Township. The Montour Trail's main line, when completed, will extend 47 miles from Coraopolis to Clairton as part of the Great Allegheny Passage network of trails connecting Pittsburgh and Washington, D.C.



Team leader, Paul Miller, stands beside a scrap pile cleaned from future Trail right-of-way in South Park.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Membership Chairman

Jerry Agin

Edwin P. Bacheson
David Blistan
Susan, Scott, & Nathan Bly
Charles N. Bosco
Joseph Carberry
Committee to Save Our Homes
Anthony Delitto
Norman DeWind
Jeff & Sharon Evans
Grace & Harry Forbes
Barbara Fried
Marlene L. Galluze
David W. Healy
Carl Henn
Daniel D. Herchenroether
Buddy Jones
Ron Kean
Ralph P. Krichbaum
Anthony & Bonnie Liberatore
John S. Miller

Mike Morgan
Brenda Nestor
Richard F. Purtell
Christine Ruperto
Sanko family
Ronald Saputski
Marji Soave
Mary Ellen & John Staab
Marsha Walter
Paul Wuenstel

The Montour Trail Council would like to welcome these new members and thank them for their support. We would also like to thank all our members who have renewed their membership and remind all that a growing membership is one of the criteria foundations look for when we apply for grants.

BENEFACTORS

Thank You!

Anthony Delitto

IKEA/Montour Trail...

...continued from page 1

Eagle Physical Therapy, Elite Runners and Walkers, Kaufmann's, Ohio Valley General Hospital, Robinson Town Centre, and Ventana Hills Apartment Homes. In-kind services were provided by Great Harvest Bread, Interstate Communications and Electronics, and the Salvation Army.

The event couldn't take place without the support of the police departments and emergency services. Our special thanks go out to the Police Departments of Findlay, Moon, North Fayette, and Robinson Townships and the emergency medical services from Mercy Mobile, Robinson EMS, and Valley Ambulance.

Stay tuned for information on our next race, the Burgh's Pizza and Wing Pub 10K Run along the Cecil section of the Montour Trail, scheduled for April 2002.



Laura Hruby wins 1/2 Marathon in the women's division.

Yes, I want to help build the Montour Trail!

- ☐ I want to spread the word. Please 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.
- ☐ **STUDENT/SENIORS** \$15
- ☐ **INDIVIDUAL** \$25
- ☐ **FAMILY** \$35
- ☐ **SUPPORTING** \$50
- ☐ **SUSTAINING** \$100
- ☐ **BENEFACITOR** \$250
- ☐ **LEADERS CIRCLE** \$500 + up

(Membership is tax deductible)

- ☐ I wish to make an additional 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 (daytime) _____ (evening) _____

E-MAIL _____

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 tollfree, within Pennsylvania, 1-800-732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.

Please fill out this application and return it with your check to:

MONTOUR TRAIL COUNCIL
P.O. BOX 11866
PITTSBURGH PA. 15228-0866

DON'T FORGET! The Montour Trail Council may be designated as your United Way Contributor Choice option #3308, or Combined Federal Campaign Contributor Choice option #9308, where you work.

Eagle Scout Project prepares for Montour Trail construction

by Paul McKeown

For his Eagle Scout project, Boy Scout Adam Miller of Mt. Lebanon's Troop 65, organized a group of volunteers to prepare about 1.25 miles of former railroad right-of-way for construction of Montour Trail. This trail segment will link the Arrowhead Trail in Peters Township to the Library Trestle crossing over Route 88 in South Park. The work involved removing trash and trimming trees. The engineering design of this trail segment and the decking on the adjacent trestle is par-

tially completed and construction possibly will begin in 2002.

Anyone who would like to perform volunteer work for the Montour Trail Council is urged to contact Paul McKeown at 412-835-6692 or at mckeownp@libcom.com. In addition to physical labor, other volunteer jobs include fundraising, staffing informational booths at events, writing newsletter articles, marketing, engineering and legal work.



Boy Scouts Mike Greenfield (right) 17, and Steve Revitsky (left) 17, remove a discarded stove from MTC property while Scoutmaster Mr. John Neuhaus (center) looks on.

Collier parties on the Panhandle Trail

by Ned Williams

The very active Collier Township group had long planned a big Trail Party for Saturday, September 15. It nearly got cancelled, as were so many other events that weekend, but Collier Township supervisor Doreen Ducsay persevered. "People need to come out and celebrate," she said. "We need to be together, and remember what a good community we have here." It turned out to be a welcome relief from the September 11 news stories, and an almost spiritual gathering of area residents, trail users, volunteers, and many others who attended the event.

Most of the festivities were held just off the Panhandle Trail near the two

old quarries, which adjoin the trail about a half-mile west of the Walkers Mill trailhead. These have been the focus this year of an immense cleanup and landscaping effort on the part of Collier Township Panhandle folks, making the grounds now quite attractive. Needless to say, the eighty-foot-high rock faces are also spectacular, which gave volunteer rock climber, and cave expert Chuck Hilpert an idea. The terrorist attacks happened just days before, so he went out and borrowed a forty-foot American flag and hung it from the rocks, providing the perfect backdrop for the whole event. "We figured it (hanging the flag) would take a couple of us about two hours," he said, grinning. "It took four of us nearly four

hours! But it's nice to see Old Glory up there."

The most popular of the afternoon's many activities were tours of a small trailside cave, led by Hilpert. He took nearly fifty groups of first-time explorers, clad in jeans and hardhats, out of the afternoon sunshine and into the eighty-foot-long cave. Despite the final ten-foot belly crawl, everyone coming back out was impressed. Other volunteers set up and supervised a 'rock climbing for kids' - on a real rock cliff face. Many other community volunteers led various activities and served hot food, drinks, and treats. Of course, there were lots of people out for a cool-but-sunny walk or a bike ride on the Trail, of which 6.5 miles are finished, nearly to McDonald.

Clairton to Large

by Bill Capp

State Representative, David Levdansky recently toured the section of the Montour Trail between Clairton and Large with MTC board members Paul McKeown (far right), Bruce Barron (center), and Bill Capp (not shown).



State Rep. David Levdansky (left), Bruce Barron (center), and Paul McKeown (right) tour the Montour Trail.

A contractor has started construction of

this trail segment and of a trailhead parking area at the Clairton end. Construction will also include stream bank stabilization along Peters Creek.

Representative Levdansky is a strong supporter of trail development and is eager to see the Montour Trail completed in his area.

A concert capped the mid-afternoon. Food and beer were available all day, but after sunset, the hot cider tasted great. The evening was lit up - literally - by two huge bonfires, as the Celtic "Wild Geese Band" set just the right musical tone: a mix of Irish traditional and American, both mournful and strengthening. The spirits of the crowd were lifted by the soulful music, by being in a beautiful place under the stars, and by a tangible sense of connection with each other: a community of people on the trail.

New Board Nominees

Of the four persons nominated to join the Montour Trail Council board as of 2002, two are seasoned veterans, while the other two are first-time board members who have demonstrated their significant value to the MTC during the past year.

Former MTC president **Dennis Pfeiffer** and **John Hooton** have agreed to return to the board following a one-year layoff (required under the MTC by-laws when a board member has completed two full terms). Pfeiffer, a data communications engineer for PNC Bank and a Moon Township resident, has been involved with virtually every aspect of trail management as a tireless participant in both the MTC and the Allegheny Trail Alliance. In fact, we don't think he has missed a meeting during

this year off the board!

Hooton, a life insurance agent and financial planner who lives in Peters Township, has been an avid bicyclist since his three children, now grown, were young. One of MTC co-founder Stan Sattinger's initial volunteer recruits in 1989, John has made major contributions to the organization's fundraising and community relations efforts. He also helped secure the MTC's current Bridgeville office, in the same building as his own professional office.

Amy Riechman, a school administrator and Leukemia Society fundraiser, volunteered to help the MTC a year ago and ended up as coordinator for the highly successful first annual Burgh's Pizza and Wings race on the

by Bruce Barron

trail last spring. A Bethel Park resident, Riechman is still a devoted runner despite the birth of her second child on September 20.

Joe Seibel of North Fayette has blessed the MTC with his project management skills since retiring as director of public works for the Borough of Green Tree. A frequent trail walker, Seibel attended the founding meeting of the Fort Cherry Friends of the Montour Trail and has since drawn on his professional experience to oversee the laying of surface material and various other trail improvements.

The four nominees will officially stand for election at the MTC's annual dinner meeting on November 11.

Bethel Friends & Peters Township work to connect Trail

by Bill Capp

Ever since the first section of the Bethel spur was finished, volunteer workers on the Trail have been fielding questions about when "that other section" would be done. That "other section" was the .08 of a mile linking the Bethel Trail to the Arrowhead Trail. Many of those who asked the question did not realize that this section was not only in another township, but also in another county. They only knew that all the railroad ballast with which it was strewn made it rough for both walking and biking.

Now, finally, there is an answer to the

question. Peter Kohnke secured permission from Peters Township for the Bethel Friends to work on the section.



Senator Tim Murphy (center) presents DCED Grant check to MTC members, Mike Pucci (left) and Ned Williams (right) at Peters Twp. Commissioners meeting.

Mike Pucci drafted the grant applications; Bob O'Connell led the work parties in the prelimi-

nary work, and Peters Township workers removed brush and debris that the Bethel Friends accumulated. Most critical however, were the efforts of Senator Tim Murphy and Representative John Maher to secure the grants which will result in that section being completed next spring. Senator Murphy recently presented a \$33,000 check, representing the DCED (Department of Community and Economic Development) grant to the Montour Trail Council at the Commissioners Meeting in Peters Township.

MTC Training Workshop a success

by Ned Williams

On Saturday, Sept. 22, MTC held a training workshop at our offices in Bridgeville. Attended by new board members as well as some other interested Trail members, the workshop gave insight into the mission, organization, and ongoing challenges of the Montour Trail. Organized by Dick Quasey and Ned Williams, the not-quite-daylong workshop featured a presentation by engineer Dave Wright

on trail development status, and a session by treasurer Judy Thompson on MTC funding history and financial status. A big highlight was a look back at the beginnings of the Montour Trail Council, as particularly well told by former president Stan Sattinger.

After a delicious lunch, generously provided by Judy Thompson, a fruitful discussion of issues and challenges along

the trail was led by board member Paul McKeown. President Peter Kohnke, who had earlier opened the day with an introduction to the MTC as an organization, wrapped it up with a look at MTC's goals and future activities. An open discussion of these activities was engaged in by all.



MONTOUR TRAIL COUNCIL
P.O. BOX 11866
PITTSBURGH PA 15228-0866

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

NON-PROFIT ORG.
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
PITTSBURGH PA
PERMIT NO. 2524



*Wishing you a warm and fuzzy Holiday Season
from the
Montour Trail Council*

25213-11866-34



PAGE 8

Cecil Twp.'s Indian Summer Festival

by Dennis Sims

Cecil Township celebrated its 14th annual Indian Summer Festival the last weekend of September under bright, sunny skies and cool temperatures. The pleasant weather was a vast improvement over last year's unsettled showery conditions. Even though there were fewer vendors this year, the visitors to the Festival were plentiful. Something new this year was a climbing wall next to the main concession stand that drew the attention of the younger set.

On a more somber note, Saturday's opening ceremonies made mention of the tragic events of September 11th and the colors hoisted up the flagpole that day was a family heirloom of Frank Ludwin. The heirloom — a World War I era flag — is only displayed on special occasions.

As usual, the Cecil Friends of the

Montour Trail were there, staffing the information booth, renewing old acquaintances as well as making new ones, and accepting donations. The Friends would like to take this time to thank Mary Ellen McKenna, Joan Dristas, Ed Zupancic, Dennis Sims and most importantly, Hoyt Hall for manning the booth over the weekend. (By the way, a belated happy birthday to Hoyt, who turned 75 in September.)



Hoyt Hall providing information to visitors

Ribs & Beer...

...continued from page 1

heard from ten-foot high speakers. You have to be there to see it and feel it!

The whole event has created a much-copied "industry" in this and other areas, but this event remains true to its founding concept. MYREC is a non-profit effort to provide free summertime entertainment in McKeesport, Boston PA, and adjacent communities for seniors, children, and the general citizenry alike. This event is MYREC's principal source of income. Without MYREC, who else would bring Tommy Dorsey, Mellon Jazz stars like Joe Negri, Maureen Budway and Roger Humphreys, local stalwarts like Rick Purcell Band and oldies "Magic Moments"? Kids get free popcorn at the free Wednesday movies and a petting zoo.

We, as trail volunteers, get to know each other and work together, sometimes in a free-pouring frenzy. Here's a puff of beer foam to them and their "Day Captains": John Wasco, John Hooton, Dennis Pfeiffer, and rookie Frank Ludwin. See you next year!