TRAIL FOR SALE

Trail Council announces new fundraiser
by Bill Metzger

Q. What's one inch long, ten feet wide and costs a buck?
A. An inch of the Montour Trail.

This is the start of the Incredible Inch Campaign. The whole Montour Trail is now for sale. All 3,484,800 inches of it. Every bridge, tunnel, cut, fill, and culvert. It's all for sale and you can buy it. Buy it by the inch, foot, yard, rod, or quarter (39 inches), furlong (7,920 inches), mile (63,360 inches) or league (185,760 inches). No matter how much you buy, it's still the same reasonable price: a buck an inch. (A rod, by the way, will cost you 198 dollars.) And the best part is, your inch runs the whole ten foot width of the trail (or 120 inches wide).

You can be creative: add up the height of your whole family and buy that many inches of the trail, or measure the length of the whole family's feet. How long is your dog? Buy his length in inches of trail. Or, if you're cheap, just buy the length of his tail. Or his ears. Whatever. You get the idea. The beauty of a dollar an inch is that it's relatively painless and everyone can participate.

Inch by inch, dollar by dollar, it all adds up. In fact, if we sold every inch of trail, it would pay for the whole thing. Inches are going to be sold to the membership and the general public at community events and speaking engagements. Or, you can send in the handy coupon on page 7 of this fine publication, along with your check or money order.

President Jack Swisher said, "We're really excited about this campaign. And you should be too! Not only can you buy as many inches as you want (and of course you'll want a lot), but you can sell them too. Or trade them with your friends. Try to get three feet in each community. We will supply you with the "deeds". The rest is up to you.

For your money, you will receive a genuine, simulated hand-lettered, faux-embossed, official looking "deed" (suitable for framing), which will proudly proclaim your ownership of the trail (with the requisite fingerprint). This beautiful document will show the total number of inches you "own" and the township in which they are located.

The inch campaign was the brainchild of MTC board member Bill Metzger, who came up with it after remembering cereal promotions where you could buy a square foot of the moon or a national park. The fund raising committee, principally Jerry Sattinger and Nancy Reed, came up with a campaign and Frank Keppel designed the "deeds".

(This offer not available in any store.)

MTC wins Three Rivers award
by Tim Killmeyer

The Montour Trail Council was among the recent recipients of the 1994 Three Rivers Environmental Award.

On Thursday, April 14, Jack Swisher (above) and Stan Sattinger attended the awards ceremony at the Vista International Hotel in downtown Pittsburgh. On behalf of the trail council, they received from the Pennsylvania Environmental Council and Duquesne Light Co., the trophy shown above and a check for $1,000 awarded in (CONTINUED ON PAGE 4)
Letters

Editor,

In reference to your article, "Are hunters allowed on the trail?", many hunters (wearing blaze orange) who have been using the thousands of acres flanking the Montour Railroad for as long as fifty years or more were equally surprised to see joggers or cyclists in plum or pink spandex on the old railbed.

Regarding the question regarding the man dressed in the surplus German BDU's (battle dress uniform), "What should you do if you see this man on the trail?", you should immediately call the game warden or police because he is:

1. not wearing blaze orange during the gun season as is required by state law.
2. carrying a high powered rifle which is banned for hunting Allegheny County, and
3. using a semi-automatic rifle which is illegal for hunting in Pennsylvania.

If hunters may use the trail "in the same manner that is legal on any street in Pennsylvania," then they would be permitted to carry their firearms loaded and shoot from the trail as long as they are not within a safety zone which would be 150 yards from any dwelling or structure which could be inhabited. The Trail Council officers might wish to be more specific in not permitting the discharge of firearms on the trail, but this would apply, as you are obviously aware, to only the sixteen foot wide strip which constitutes trail property.

While legal hunters do wear a back tag with a number on it, anyone who reports a hunter for illegal behavior might well be advised to first know the game law.

Sincerely,
Michael G. Daniels

Note: The line in the article which states that "hunters may use the trail in the same manner that is legal on any street in Pennsylvania" should have been omitted since, as Mr. Daniels points out, this would mean that hunters could shoot from the trail as long as they are not in a safety zone. This is not permitted since the trail rules state "No Hunting". Hunters are permitted to use the trail to access their usual hunting spots. Also, the 16 foot wide strip which constitutes trail property is only applicable to the situation in Moon, Robinson and part of Findlay Townships. The trail boundaries in other areas vary between 60 and 200 feet wide.

Editor

ATTENTION

Cecil Township has requested that trail users, particularly weekend users, do not park in the Cecil Park parking lots, as they get heavy traffic from people who have rented the pavilions. They have asked that trail users park in the municipal building parking lot adjacent to the park. Thank you.
Calendar

Every Saturday until the grand opening, work party on the new North Fayette/Findlay segment. **WE NEED YOUR HELP!** However many hours you can spare. Meet at 9:00 am at the ballfield end of the completed Findlay section (near the tunnel). Lunch is provided. Call 695-0134 for more details.

**MAY 3** Cecil Friends of the Trail meeting, Cecil American Legion, Rt. 50, 7:30. Call 221-6406

**MAY 14** Clean-up party, Cecil segment, 9:00 am. Meet at Miller Centrifugal Co. Call 221-6406 for more information.

**MAY 16** MTC Board Meeting, Second floor of 441 Smithfield St. across from Kaufmann’s, 6:00pm. All MTC members are welcome to attend. Call Jack at 221-7708 for more info or to get on the agenda.

**MAY 22** Mountain bike ride, in the woods around the Jefferson and South Park sections of the trail. 10:30 am. Bring water and plan on getting wet. Call Tim Banfield 381-3155 to find out where to meet.

**JUNE 4** National Trails Day Time for all of us to get out on the trail and celebrate what we’ve done.

**JUNE 7** Cecil Friends of the Trail meeting, Cecil American Legion, 7:30. Call 221-6406 for details.

**JUNE 20** MTC Board Meeting, see May for details.

**JUNE 18** Cecil segment clean-up, every third Saturday of the month, 9:00 am. See May 14 for info.

**JULY 5** Cecil Friends of the Trail meeting, Cecil American Legion, Rt. 50, 7:30. Call 221-6406

HELP WANTED

As the trail becomes greater in length and the organization becomes larger, it is necessary for more people to take on some tasks to make the workload lighter for everyone involved. Please consider this list to see if you or someone you know might be able to spare a little time to make this trail become a reality a little faster. **EXPERIENCE NOT NECESSARY.**

- **Equipment coordinator/maintainer**—Would work closely with quartermaster in keeping our tractor, chainsaws, portable generators, brush whackers and other equipment in good working condition.
- **Corporate Solicitation**—Volunteers needed to approach companies and corporations who have expressed an interest in donating to the trail. We will train and supply leads.
- **Phone chain person**—To help volunteer coordinator
- **People to supply** their local bike store, sport shop or other local businesses with trail brochures on a regular basis.

Please contact Jack Swisher at 221-7708 if you or anyone you know would be interested in helping us in these vital tasks.

Also, we are looking for people with Citizens Band radio equipment that they no longer use, including radios, microphones, antennas, etc. This equipment will go in our trail truck, tractor, and other equipment to help coordinate trail work on site.

Thank you!

The Montour Trail Council would like to extend its thanks to the following people for taking on some of the tasks which have been advertised here lately. Bill Zinn and Stan Siranovich have taken on the public relations work of press releases and promotion. Christine Bock is the new volunteer coordinator, so if she calls you, please be courteous. John Hooton and Frank Keppel have agreed to coordinate the new display booth which Stan Siranovich acquired from Miles Inc. Paul McKeown is chairing the committee of people supplying brochures to local stores. And Dick Quasey has taken on the quartermaster duties on an interim basis so we can get an inventory.

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.
Volunteer Profile:
Meet Laura Beauvais

Acting on the advice of a friend who had attended the MTC meeting at Montour High School in January of '93, Laura Beauvais called the local trail people in Robinson Township to see how she could become involved. She soon became a regular at the Saturday morning work parties which prepared the Moon/Robinson sections for their grand opening last October.

Laura is a relative newcomer to the area, having moved here with her family from Massachusetts about two years ago. She now lives in Kennedy Township with her mother and father, Maureen and Bill, and her brother and sister, Jason and Sarah. As a sophomore at Montour High, Laura is active in the Environmental Club and with the Science Olympiad Team. She also participates in the throwing events on the Track and Field team and enjoys hiking and biking.

Burning Bushes planted by Raccoon Women’s Club

On April 9, a group of women from the Raccoon Women’s Club planted flowers and two Burning Bushes at the entrance to the trail near the ballfield at Enlow, Findlay Township. The shrubs were donated by Green Arbor Nurseries located on the hill above the trail. The trail council would like to thank these ladies for doing a wonderful job.

If anyone else has some trees or wildflowers they would like to donate and/or plant on the trail, feel free to contact the trail representatives of these completed sections: Coraopolis, Chuck McChesney... 264-6303; Moon, Dennis Pfeiffer... 262-3748; Robinson, Frank Kepple... 859-3020 or Steve Schotting... 787-2079; Findlay, Carol Weldon... 695-2474; North Fayette, Fred Pollastrini... 695-0134; Cecil, Dennis Sims... 257-2553 or Don Berty... 221-6406.

Award

Awards (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1) for their improvement of environmental quality in Western Pennsylvania, based on community involvement, effectiveness, long term environmental benefits and the value of the program to the region.

The Pennsylvania Environmental Council is a non-profit organization, founded in 1970 to advocate for environmental legislation and to involve all interests in developing environmental policy. The Montour Trail Council would like to gratefully acknowledge them, as well as Duquesne Light for recognizing us with this award.
WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Sally H. Adams
Clifford Ahlin
Dave Carosone
Demetra Dalamagas
Charlotte Dubich
John P. Farkas
Helen Girardi
Bertha Y. Hayes
Robert P. Johnson
Mr. & Mrs. Rodney E.
Johnson
Amy Kovach
Larson Sales Co.
Bob Lee
Jim Logue
Richard Markovich
Mr. & Mrs. David L.
Miller
Marjorie Posey
John P. Richards
Mrs. Ruth Sattinger
Ford & Kelly Shankle
Mr. & Mrs. John Shaver
Susan & Kieth Stepp
Ted Swoger
Ken Trimmer
Dr. & Mrs. Joseph
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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.

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 $5
- INDIVIDUAL $15
- FAMILY $25
- ORGANIZATION $50
- SUPPORTING $50
- SUSTAINING $100
- BENEFACCTOR $250 + 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 (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 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 a United Way donor option where you work.

For Your Safety:
The members of the Forest Grove Sportsmen's Association remind you to stay off the mound separating the trail from the rifle range.

Trail Council receives $25,000 grant

by Tim Killmeyer

The Montour Trail Council was the recent recipient of a $25,000 grant, awarded by the Peacable Kingdom Fund of THE PITTSBURGH FOUNDATION. This latest grant, as well as others received in the past, is due for the most part, to the efforts of Tom Dougherty, who spent countless hours filling out long applications, supplying the necessary supplemental materials, meeting with the foundation heads, and doing the follow-up required for these awards.

This grant, as is the case for most, was awarded strictly for new construction. All operating costs associated with running the trail council, such as stationary, mailings, promotional materials and legal expenses, still come mostly from dues paying members and individual donations. Trail vehicle maintenance and equipment purchases also fall into this category.

The trail council would like to thank THE PITTSBURGH FOUNDATION and let them know the money will be put to good use.
**MTC BENEFACTORS**

Each of the following individuals and organizations has given $250 dollars or more to the MTC in the past year through direct membership contributions. To each of you we say thank you; together we are making it happen.

- Allegheny Valley School
- Tim Banfield
- British Airways
- Chartiers Valley Medical Center
- Marshall Fausold
- John Hooton
- Kurt J. Lesker Co.
- Metro Orthopedic & Physical Therapy Inc.
- National Draeger Inc.
- Network Resources
- Dennis Pfeiffer
- Nancy Reed
- Stan Sattinger
- Frank & Elizabeth Sutoni, Jr.
- Swindell Dressler
- Unisys Corporation
- Walden Woods Community Services Association
- Roy Weil & Mary Shaw
- E. S. White
- Richard R Wilson, Esq.

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**MTC SUSTAINING MEMBERS**

Each of the following individuals and organizations has given the MTC $100 or more within the past year through direct membership contributions. Again, we say thank you for making this trail happen.

- Jerry Agin
- Bonnie & Richard Anton
- John D. Babb, Jr.
- James E. & Patricia Ann Bachmann
- CHEMCENTRAL - Pittsburgh
- Tom & Sara Dougherty
- Explorers Club of Pgh.
- Financial Institutional Funding, Inc.
- Viola Manown
- Dave Marschik
- Peter V. Morse
- Susan & David Orenstein
- Almer H. Orr III
- Jack Peth
- Bob & Maryanne Purdy
- Richard L. Quasey
- Rotary Club Of Moon Township
- Dennis Sims
- Robert C. Solomon, MD
- John & Janet Swanson
- Judy Thompson
- Tom & B. J. Wettach
- Women's Club of South Park
- Jim, Ginger, Sam & Mallory Woods

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**Major Donor Campaign set to begin**

by Tim Killmeyer

The fund raising committee has announced that it has moved beyond the planning stages and is beginning the process of launching it’s Major Donor Campaign. This campaign is part of a much larger strategy to raise the $250,000 matching funds needed so that the trail council can start being reimbursed for it’s one million dollar ISTEA allocation. If you recall, ISTEA is a reimbursement program where the trail council has to spend the money first, then turn in a receipt to PENNDOT in order to be reimbursed with federal ISTEA funds to the tune of 80%.

The overall approach of the fundraising committee is to raise the $250,000 in matching funds in three ways. The first is through this Major Donor Campaign, canvassing large corporations and companies for charitable grants. Secondly, they have sent applications for Legislative Initiative Funding. And third, they will be sending applications to acquire foundation grants.

A training session was conducted by Jerry Sattinger and Tom Dougherty in early April for people who will be soliciting funds from major corporations. It was attended by Nancy Reed, Arnie Schulberg, Jack Swisher, Jim Bukovac, John Hooton, Paul McKeown, Bill Metzger and Dick Quasey. Others who have expressed an interest but were unable to attend the first training session are Dick Wilson, Paul Mitasdarfer, Andy Poole, Dennis Pfeiffer and Tim Killmeyer.

The trail council still needs your help! The fundraising committee would like all members of the Montour Trail Council to take a look where they work to find out who the contact person is that holds the purse strings for charitable donations. Then call Jerry Sattinger at 561-5056. She and the fundraising committee will make all the necessary overtures. The committee is also looking for others who would be interested meeting with these “purse string holders” on a face-to-face basis. Another training session will be held soon. Call 561-5056 if you would like more information.

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A photo by Tim Killmeyer

Abo on April 23, while Trout Unlimited was cleaning up Montour Run Creek, members of the Hollow Oak Land Trust were cleaning Montour Run Road.
Cecil Friends organizing completed

by Stan Sattinger

With the recent election of interim officers, the Cecil Friends of the Montour Trail is now officially in operation. It is now ready to pursue its role in supporting, preserving, maintaining, and improving those portions of the Montour Trail in the vicinity of Cecil Township. The operation of the Cecil Friends and its relationship with the MTC are defined in the Friends group’s Articles of Association, which were recently approved by the MTC Board of Directors.

The activation of the Cecil Friends group, as well as the creation of other localized Friends groups as time passes, will enable the MTC to focus more on the business of financing and constructing new trail segments.

Interim President Dennis Sims, Vice President Don Berty and Secretary/Treasurer John Hooton will serve until the first regular election in September. At-Large Governing Board members are Nile Douglas and Morris Deliere. The Cecil Friends group will be generating a 1994 activities plan, which will be submitted to the MTC Board for approval.

All current members of the MTC are automatically eligible for membership in the Cecil Friends at no additional cost. You may obtain a Cecil Friends membership application by contacting John Hooton at 257-4101. Meetings of the Cecil Friends, for the near future, will be held on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 at the Cecil American Legion hall on Rt. 50 in Cecil.

BFI Imperial, donates landfill space

In response to a last minute request by the volunteer construction gang for the Findlay/N. Fayette section, Mike Ileher and Chris Marucci of Browning Ferris Industries, kindly got the O.K. for the MTC to dump five trailer-truck loads of trash at their landfill in Imperial.

If you recall, it was BFI that donated 18 full-size dumpsters and the land fill space to empty them, in 1992 when Findlay Twp. and the MTC were constructing the original Findlay stretch. That donation was worth $10,000. This one is just icing on the cake. Thanks BFI.

Order form for the Incredible Inch Campaign

Disclaimer: You won’t actually own a piece of the Montour Trail, but we appreciate your donation.

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Please fill out this form and return it with your check to:
MTC INCREDIBLE INCH CAMPAIGN
1060 STANFORD RD.
PITTSBURGH PA. 15205

MOON TOWNSHIP
ROBINSON TWP. (ALLEY)
FINDLAY TOWNSHIP
NORTH PATETTE TWP.
ROBINSON TWP. (WASH)
MT. PLEASANT TWP.
CECIL TOWNSHIP
PETERS TOWNSHIP
SOUTH PARK TWP.
JEFFERSON BORO
CLAIKTON
BETHEL PARK
The Rails-to-Trails Conservancy and the American Hiking Association have announced that the second annual National Trails Day will be held on June 4 this year. They report that last year more than 750,000 people attended 2,500 locally coordinated festivities, including a number of events on rail-trails.

The Montour Trail Council would like to invite all its members to come out that day and enjoy the trail. It is the understanding of the Council that many members have not had a chance to use the trail this year or they only use one section all the time. Why not get out and try a section that you don’t ordinarily get to use?

There are eight continuous miles in the Airport area of Moon, Robinson and Findlay Twps. Cecil Township has four and a half miles (including its famous curved tunnel). And Peters Township has the original three and a half miles of its Arrowhead Trail.

The trail council will have informational booths set up at various locations and people will be able to obtain their certificates in the “Buy an Inch” campaign which is described on page one.

So give yourself a break and come out to enjoy what you’ve been supporting these last couple of years!

Don’t take it light - keep to the right, warn to pass

The trail rules become more important as trail use becomes heavier. Most noticeable of late are the people who refuse to walk or ride on the right hand side of the trail. Our trail surface is only 10 feet wide, and on many stretches, there are steep drop offs into a ditch, or even the creek. This makes it imperative that we maintain some sort of order so that runners, bicyclists and young children don’t end up in the drink.

By the same token, all bicyclists, runners, and anyone moving faster than the average walker should give an audible warning to the people they are approaching to pass. This warning can either be a yell (On your left!), buzzer or bell. Not only does it keep you from startling the person you are passing (if you’ve never walked the trail, try it sometime and see if you aren’t startled by someone suddenly turning into you as you pass by (“Hey Jim-Bob, look at dem ducks over there” WHAM!). Be kind to your fellow trail-users and obey the rules. They make it safe and fun for everyone.