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Charlie Beaumariage Receives Golden Spike Award



At the recent MTC Annual Dinner, Charlie Beaumariage was honored for his years of faithful service to the MTC with presentation of the Golden Spike award from President Ned Williams.

Charlie's accomplishments for the MTC are many and varied. A number of years ago Charlie took over the job of coordinating lease arrangement for organizations that have lines across MTC property. At that time relations with the company who was collecting the fees were poor and the MTC was getting little value from the leases. As a result of Charlie's effort the lease system is efficient and effective and the MTC realizes around \$35,000 per year from this program.

Charlie has written many successful grant applications, most especially those to the Washington County Tourist Promotion Agency. Among the most visible results of these are the Panhandle connector and both the Paving and Lighting of the National Tunnel. He also engaged a volunteer to prepare a plan and visual presentation of a proposed trail section around the mini-storage facility in South Park. This will be used to help persuade the owners to provide the MTC with an easement through their property.

Charlie has worked as a volunteer on almost every MTC project in the last 8 or more years. He has committed an almost uncountable amount of time to these projects. He has also been the project manager on several MTC projects, the most recent of which is the parking lot improvements made at Hendersonville this year.

Charlie has been a dedicated member of the E&C Committee and served on the MTC Board from 2005-2011. He has done much more for the MTC but space does not permit describing all his contributions to the MTC.

The MTC thaks Charlie for this great commitment and invites all members to thank him personally at cjbeau@verizon.net.

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Wedding on the Trail photo and story by Mark Imgrund

A small intimate wedding ceremony was held on the belvedere of the Chartiers Creek Bridge (right) on November 3, 2012. Most of the approximately 25 guests were ferried to the ceremony by a duo of bicycle rickshaws provided by Green Gears Pedicabs. Although it was an overcast, chilly fall day, the sun broke through the clouds as if on cue, just as the bride Carolyn Joyce made her appearance at the west portal of the Greer Tunnel for the short walk to the center of the bridge with groom Randy Krakoff, and it shone through the rest of the short ceremony.



Mr. Krakoff nicely coordinated their wedding ceremony plans with the Trail Council, keeping the trail and bridge open for passage by other trail users, a few of whom briefly "attended" the ceremony. We wish the newlyweds a long happy marriage, and hope they come back to their wedding location many times in the future. The happy couple is pictured on the left.

Although exhaustive research was not done, it is believed this was only the second wedding held on the Montour Trail, the first being Bill and Pam Metzger early in the trail's existence. If any of our readers know differently we'd like to know about it, and with photographic evidence you might find your way into a future newsletter.

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A Big Thanks to All of You

The time has come for me to hand over the reins [Editors: Kindly indulge me in this slight pun. Thank you.] of the Montour presidency. Unlike that of the United States, MTC presidents currently are limited to a single term of three years. This number may have had its origins in Montour's longstanding mantra that the trail will be finished in three years, as was pointed out by my predecessor Mark Imgrund. In any case, my three have run their course.

The trail's not finished, but we did get it a lot closer. Thanks to the leadership of Tom Prezel and Gil McGurl on the Engineering and Construction Committee, four big gaps have been filled, two branches added, and a host of major and minor improvements completed. We are grateful for the long hours put in by Project Managers Ed Taylor, Dave Oyler, Tim Killmeyer, Dave Wright and numerous others, working with contractors to see these through for you.

Montour volunteerism also firmly put on its hard hat and opened its own heavy construction division. Under the relentless leadership of Frank Ludwin and Bill Capp, John Kozak and many others, more miles of trail than ever before have seen vital rebuilds, new miles built, trailheads re-created, and drainage and lighting projects – all completed entirely by volunteers. This really sets Montour apart from every other trail in the region. I can tell you that other trail managers come to us all the time for advice on how to work with volunteers to build and maintain trail.

Even that's only the tip of the iceberg. Much of the immense effort of operating and managing the Trail falls to the Friends Groups listed on the next page, and their leadership. They all do a great job of taking care of issues and the trail itself in their local areas. Perhaps as important, they make it easy for new volunteers to bring fresh talents and skills to help address the variety of tasks needed to make it all work. Friends' events, Cecil (Tails for Trails), Peters (Twilight Trail Walk), and Bethel (JRT Party on the Trail) are a strong focus of local and trail-wide support.

Event directors Tom and Frank Daily (Burgh's Race), Bill and Laura Orr (Half Marathon), Sam Hvitfelt (Tour) and Don Thobaben (Cycling Expo) and their committees deserve thanks for not only raising needed funds, but also for showcasing the Trail to literally thousands of runners and cyclists in the wider recreational world. These events get good press, and are an effective avenue for participants to enjoy the Montour and become interested in supporting it in other ways.

Committee chairs Deb Thompson (IT), Bruce Barron (Membership), and Bill Orr (Finance) worked to bring important elements together to make the MTC organization run as well as it does. Especial accolades are called for Charlie Beaumariage (Real Estate), whose license oversight brought significant funds into the coffers. Appreciation goes to Karen Robbins for handling the thankless jobs of phone calls and portable toilets. Many thanks go to Dennis Sims and his team for continuing to publish the best trail newsletter in Pennsylvania. Most of all, I wish to thank Phyllis McChesney for so well managing MTC's office, always being in such good grace at the center of nearly every storm.

Finally, my heartfelt thanks goes to your MTC Board of Directors and its officers: Tom Prezel (VP), Bruce Barron (Secretary), and especially Deb Esia (Treasurer), who fulfilled their duties with great energy and dedication. They, and all of you, will no doubt help the next Montour president in keeping the trail strong, and guiding it steadily into the complexities of the future.

**The best of Holiday Seasons to All!
President Ned Williams**

Friends' Meetings and Work Parties

MTC Board Meeting:

Every third Monday of the month - 6:00 p.m. 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 Ned at 724-225-9856 for more information or to get on the agenda.

Cecil Friends:

Friends of the Trail meeting, every fourth Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. From May-August, meetings are held at the Kurnick Access area along the trail off Cecil Henderson Road; other months (with the exception of November and December) meet at the MTC Offices. Work and cleanup parties are scheduled as needed. Call 412-496-4308 for more information, or email densimwx@comcast.net

Airport Area Friends:

Friends of the Trail meet every second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Forest Grove Fire Hall, 2044 Ewings Mill Road, Coraopolis, PA 15108. Anyone from the Airport Area is encouraged to attend. Contact Phyllis McChesney at 412 264-6303 for more information. A "work party" is held the second Saturday of the month and more are scheduled when working on special projects. Please call 412 262-3748 to lend a hand.

Bethel Park Friends:

Friends of the Trail meeting, every first Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the Bethel Park Municipal Building Council Chambers. Anyone interested in the Bethel Park Trail segment is encouraged to come. Work and cleanup party, every second and fourth Saturday of the month - 8:30 a.m. Call Bob O'Connell at 412-833-6259 for location and information.

South Hills Friends:

Meeting second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at South Park Township Community Room, located behind the Township Building at 2675 Brownsville Road, South Park, 15129. Work and cleanup parties scheduled and advertised as needed. For more information, contact David Oyler at 412-831-9288, davidoyler@verizon.net, or Paul McKeown at 412-835-6692, mckeownp@comcast.net

Fort Cherry Friends:

Friends of the Trail Meeting, second Wednesday of the month at McDonald Borough Building, Council chambers at 7:00 p.m. Work and cleanup parties, scheduled as needed. For more information, contact Ray Johnston at 724-356-2621.

Peters Township Friends:

Friends of the Trail Meeting, first non-holiday Monday of the month at Peters Township Parks and Recreation Center at 7:00 p.m. For more information on work and cleanup parties, please contact Jim Robbins at 724-941-6132, or for monthly meetings, Mark Imgrund at 724-941-6351 or by e-mail at markimgrund@comcast.net.

The Montour Railroad Historical Society:

The newest Friends group. For more information send email to mrhs@montourrr.com.

New Thoughts, New Ideas, New Faces. Make a difference - the Montour Trail half marathon and 5k needs you for the 2013 event.

Time involvement is steady, yet minimal throughout the year, although there are certain peak times throughout when deadlines must be met. 1-2 weeks before the race is when time commitment is crucial to ensure proper coordination.

Volunteer Race Director to manage all aspects of race creation and organization. Oversee all committee heads, recruit volunteers, recruit and work with sponsors, report to the board of directors, oversee race budget, coordination of race course setup and tear down, arrange for race supplies, file necessary paperwork for certification/sanctioning.

Volunteer Race Registration Director to manage all aspects of race registration including online setup, entry form distribution, entering manual race entries, coordinate ordering and distribution of race shirts/giveaways. Must be able to work in a fast paced, time sensitive environment on race day and packet pickup to handle problems and answer questions and make sure all participants are properly registered in the correct race.

Volunteer Marketing Coordinator to manage all aspects of marketing the event. This would include but not be limited to posting updates through email distribution, Facebook page, and Twitter updates, publishing race information on running and athletic calendars and coordinating with local media and newspapers to promote the race.

Interested candidates should contact Bill Orr at race@montourtrail.org or 724-695-2638.

Montour Trail Logoware Makes Great Christmas Presents!

Visit the Montour Trail store to get clothing, hats, water bottles, mugs and more emblazoned with the trail logo. We've even got a dog shirt, a onesie, and a teddy bear. The gear is provided through CafePress, and most orders ship within 24 hours.

To get there, visit the Montour Trail website at www.montourtrail.org, and click on "Store" in the menu bar.



10th Annual Tour The Montour – Spectacular by the Tour Director, Sam Hvitfelt

Saturday morning started with a pelting rain, but it was not enough to deter our dedicated and happy throng of riders. The rain stopped by 7am and the day simply continued to improve from there – turning on the sun in the late morning for our TENTH Annual Tour the Montour on September 22nd, 2012 !

Aside from marking a milestone anniversary, here are some other items to note about this year's event:

- We had a record number of riders again this year. up 20.5% to a record breaking 671 registered riders !!
- Excluding folks too shy to claim their age, our eldest participant was 80 and our youngest rider was just past the 12-month mark
- Women make up 42% of our participants; men are still holding their own at 58%
- Riders from Louisiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas and West Virginia joined in the fun
- Forty-two folks knew the rain wouldn't last and signed up on the day
- King and Queen of the Mountain challengers attempted the summit again this year, with Curt Brown and Lili Leisk took home bragging rights and some cool jerseys
- This was our first year offering packet pickup at REI prior Thursday before the ride – 148 riders came to collect their ride bags and t-shirts that night.

A big THANK YOU goes out to our wonderful group of volunteers and sponsors !! The 2012 Tour ran like a well-oiled machine this year. Riders were well-supported and enjoyed an extensive lunch at Brothers Grimm at Mile 3. Our sponsors Brothers Grimm, The Oakdale Diner, Mediterra Bakery, Moon Giant Eagle and Anthony's Original Wholesale Produce kept everyone's energy levels up with their yummy food. Again this year, The Enlow Station ice cream shop provided free cones for riders who pedaled out to Mile 7.6 and beyond – a treat no other local ride can boast. Tim Killmeyer's Collector's Edition 10th Annual Tour T-shirts (in color this year) were a hit once again !! T-shirts are only guaranteed for pre-registered participants, so there is distinct benefit for registering before the deadline.

While we cannot thank our generous sponsors enough – we can certainly try ! Many thanks for their financial support go out to our wonderful title sponsor Thermo Fisher Scientific, and our presenting sponsors Brothers Grimm, REI, AeroTech Designs, Nova Chemicals, Wojanis Hydraulic Supply and WYEP 93.1fm. Additional and much needed support came from our sponsors AFG Retirement Income Planning, Huntington Bank, Chairman of the Boards, Gordon's Terminal Service, Holy Trinity Knights of Columbus, Lanxess, MarkWest, Trek, Day Apollo VW Subaru, FedEx Ground, Mueller Appraisal Service LLC, Somma Funeral Home, Park West Supply, Signal Graphics, Western PA Wheelmen, Pittsburgh Airport Authority and Original Shake and Twist !!! You'll find the names of all fantastic sponsors proudly emblazoned on our T-shirts.

September 24, 2012

Montour Trail Council
304 Hickman Street, Suite 3
Bridgeville, PA 15017

Dear Montour Trail Council:

My children and I had an opportunity to participate in the Tour the Montour ride this past weekend. We have done the ride once before as a family, but after this weekend's experience I had just had to write. We thought the value delivered was exceptional. We appreciated the nice t-shirts, the drawstring bags, the ice cream cones and the fine lunch provided, and thought it was a great bargain for the family rate.

Also, I know how much goes into an event like this, and appreciated the level of organization and terrific staff/volunteers. Finally, I have observed the innovations you continue to make every year: the REI packet pick up, the ice cream, the bags, the King of the Hill, and the lunch at Brothers Grimm, which was lovely. It all added up to be the best event ever!

Just wanted you to know we noticed your great accomplishment! Thanks for the tremendous efforts!

Sincerely,

The Donahue Family

Jennifer
John *Matt* *SYLVIA*

Please don't forget to mark your calendars for and even better event next year at the 11th Annual Tour The Montour on September 21, 2013 !!

On behalf of the Exceptionally Talented Tour The Montour Planning and Execution Team (Phyllis McChesney, Tim Killmeyer, Dave Mueller, Dennis Pfeiffer, Don Thobaben, Noel Letterio, Cyndi Fink, Bud Halpin, Teresa Gallagher and Mark Imgrund), we'd like to thank all of our 10th Annual Tour's volunteers, sponsors and participants !! We're all looking forward to doing it all again next September – see you there !!!

Left: A personalized thank you from the Donahue Family of Oakdale.



King and Queen of the Mountain challenge Curt Brown (top) and Lili Leisk (bottom).

Planning for The Second Annual Pittsburgh Cycling Expo Has Begun

The First Expo was such a success, they are going to do it again on Sunday, March 24 at the Airport Marriott. Make plans to attend and look for more details in the next Trail-letter.

Meet the Trail Builders: John Kozak

If you'd love to help build and maintain the Montour Trail but don't know how to operate the equipment, John Kozak of Upper St. Clair has a message for you: it's never too late to learn.

John started volunteering on the trail about 12 years ago.



Having switched from daily running to biking "when my knees started complaining," he frequently rode the Montour Trail both in the Moon Township area, where he was working for Eaton's Cutler-Hammer division as a computer systems engineer, and in the

South Hills near his home on weekends.

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"I started as a Bethel Friends volunteer," John recalled. "I figured that giving a couple hours on an occasional Saturday to help maintain something I used was reasonable."

Although John has always enjoyed tinkering with machines—starting with bicycles in his youth and then moving on to automobiles—he had no background in using the heavy equipment involved in trail building. But he was anxious to learn, and the trail's maintenance experts were happy to train him.

John's first major assignment was on construction of the segment in Bethel Park and Peters that connects the Arrowhead Trail with Route 88 in Library. "I was semi-retired by then so I had some free time," he explained. "I participated in some of the early tree and brush clearing projects in Bethel Park. When it was decided that volunteers would build this section of trail, I saw a chance to learn to operate equipment."

Under the tutelage of the "jack-of-all-trades" and MTC board

member Frank Ludwin, John learned how to drive a tractor and a roller. Since then he has been in demand, participating in numerous trail volunteer projects where an equipment operator was needed. "I know I'm a quick learner," he laughed, "even if I'm the only one who says it."



Frank Ludwin, Doug Ettinger and John Kozak mounting lights in the National Tunnel.

Over the years, John has gained the MTC's appreciation as a reliable volunteer willing to go far beyond his own backyard. He has worked on projects in Imperial, McDonald, and Cecil as well as near his home and is currently assisting trail construction in South Park Township.

Editor's note: If you would like to see your favorite volunteer featured in this feature, please send a picture and a story about him or her to the newsletter editor.

GlaxoSmithKline (GSK) Corporate Work Party – Orange Day

On September 20, 2012 eight (8) employees of GlaxoSmithKline (GSK) and four Airport Area friends held a GSK Corporate "Orange Day" work party. This year, the work party concentrated on extending the existing park at mile "0" about 90 feet. One crew replaced 150 feet of old deteriorated "three high" split rail fencing with new "two high" posts and railings in the existing park. In addition, 100 feet of new fencing was installed in the new extended park. Also, Airport Area Friend John Shaver headed a crew to place about 3,600 square feet of fertilizer and grass seed on the new expanded park. Since then, the grass has come in very well. The new extended park will be ready in the Spring for everyone to enjoy. A big thank you goes out to GSK for their work on this very demanding project.

The GlaxoSmithKline office is up Fed/Ex Drive from the trail Gazebo at 1000 GSK Drive in Moon Township. GlaxoSmithKline is one of the world's leading research-based pharmaceutical and healthcare companies



Airport Area Friends – Far Left D. Francis Pfeiffer, Far Right Frank Keppel
Orange Day GSK employees (left to right): Rich Parrish, Ann Linkimer, Missy Loughman, Karen Haas, Mary Smith, Scott Breisinger. (Missing from the photo: GSK - Bill Kerr & Paul Sklar & Airport Area Friends – Phyllis McChesney & John Shaver)

Note: From Mile "0" for 1,100 feet there originally was an unusable very deep depression in between the trail and Montour Road. Over the years hundreds of truckloads of dirt have been obtained to fill this void. Airport Area Friend Allen Prevendoski led the efforts to obtain this fill over the last three years. Forty six (46) parking spaces now have been placed on this filled area and the park as mentioned above has been extended 90 feet.

How Much Did You Volunteer in 2012?

The MTC intends to recognize people who volunteered their time in 2012, along with financial donors, in its 2012 annual report. If you would like to be on this list, please send an e-mail during January 2013 to board secretary Bruce Barron at bruce.barron0@gmail.com (that's a zero, not a letter O, in the e-mail address). Give your name, number of hours worked in 2012 (minimum 10), main activity(ies), and someone in MTC or Friends group leadership who is aware of your work. This documentation of in-kind contributions to the trail is very helpful when we seek public and foundation support. Thank you very much!

MONTOUR RAILROAD HISTORY

The Montour Railroad Telephone System (Bob Ciminel ©2012)

Although the Montour Railroad used a telegraph system between Montour Junction and Imperial in its early days of operation, the additions of the Mifflin Extension (1914), the Muse (1921) and Westland (1928) branches required a more complex communication system to control operations along the 42 miles of main track, mine sidings, and branches.

The answer was a party-line telephone system connecting the entire railroad to the dispatcher's office at Montour Junction. The system originated in 1903 when the Pittsburgh Coal Company created the Montour Telephone Company and installed 105 miles of telephone line to connect its mines and headquarters building in downtown Pittsburgh. It was a simple matter to piggyback the railroad's telephone system onto the network.



Montour Railroad Phone Booth at Scott Station
(Trail MP 5) A Gene Schaeffer Photo

The 1940 Montour Railroad Employee Timetable lists 48 telephones installed between Montour Junction and Mifflin Junction. The major sidings had telephones at each end, and additional telephones were installed at North Star Junction, Clinton Block Junction, Gilmore Junction, Muse Junction and Library Junction, plus the stations at Imperial, Champion and Southview and the mines on the Solar Branch, McDonald Transfer and at Hills. On the Library Branch, the telephones at Gould and Pennmont allowed Montour and Pennsylvania Railroad train crews to contact the Montour Dispatcher for authority to operate on this jointly used track. The track was owned by the PRR, but that company only used it to service the Bertha Consumers and Knothole mines at Gould. From the east end of Salida Siding to Mifflin Junction, the telephones connected with to Pittsburgh & West Virginia Railroad Dispatcher, who controlled the P&WV-owned track the Montour train crews used to access Mifflin Yard. The telephone at the west end of Salida Siding, allowed P&WV train crews operating between Salida and the Pittsburgh Terminal No. 8 Mine at Coverdale to receive their train orders from the Montour Dispatcher to run on the Montour tracks and reach the mine.

According to Tim Sposato, a former Montour employee, the original telephones were located in boxes mounted on the telephone/telegraph poles that lined the railroad. These telephones were eventually installed in telephone booths to protect them (and the users) from inclement weather. The telephone booths, which were patented in 1894, were built on site or in the Carpentry Shop at Montour Junction and maintained by the Bridge & Building Department. A pair of wires ran from the nearest telephone pole through the rear wall of the telephone booth to a double-fused knife switch. The fuses protected the booth and telephone from current surges caused by lightning strikes. Each telephone booth contained a set of dry cell batteries for power and a small magneto (generator) for the ringer. A door equipped with a standard Montour switch lock was used to keep unauthorized people from using the telephones.

Because it was a party-line system, closing the knife switch allowed anyone to listen in on conversations. A hand crank and a series of long and short rings (ring code) provided the means for contacting the various telephones in the system. The ring code identified the party being called. For example, the ring code for the Dispatcher at Montour Junction was different than the code for the Yard Master at Champion. According to Tim, these "crank phones" were still in use at Montour Junction when the railroad discontinued operations, and were used to communicate between floors in the office building and with the Engine House, Car Shops, Champion Yard Office and the foreman's office at the Champion Coal Washer.

Fortunately, Gene Schaeffer, a former Montour Railroad Dispatcher, took a photograph in 1975 of the telephone booth that was formerly at the west end of Scott Siding, located along Montour Run Road, east of Trail Milepost 5.

Tim and the folks at the Age of Steam Roundhouse in Sugar Creek, OH, have built an authentic replica of a Montour Railroad telephone booth (right) from photographs (and memories). The knife switch and insulators came from the telephone booth located at Jewell, and the telephone was a gift Tim received from Jim Lane, a former Montour Railroad engineer.



If it were not for Gene's photographs and Tim's dedication, these remnants of the Montour Railroad would have gone the way of so many other things that represented the railroad before its skeletal backbone (the Montour Trail) became the only permanent part of the railroad left to future generations.

Bob Ciminel is the founder of the Montour Railroad Yahoo group http://finance.groups.yahoo.com/group/montour_rr/ There are currently 321 members from across the country. You are encouraged to join. There is a wealth of information about the Montour Railroad at this location and you can pose questions of its membership, from whom you are sure to get an answer.

Welcome New Members

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

New Members

Archie Andrews
Richard Barone
Andrew Bobyak
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Rusty Click
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The Montour Trail Council extends condolences to our good friends Tom, Dan and Frank Daily and families on the loss of their mother Jean Daily.

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Groundbreaking for Southpointe Connector.

A small get-together was held on Saturday, October 6 at Hendersonville Park to mark the 20th anniversary of the opening of the first section of the Montour Trail. This first section ran 4.4 miles from Cecil Park to Hendersonville. Part of this ceremony was a ground-breaking for the Southpointe Connector, a trail that will run from the Montour main-line about 1/2 way between I-79 and Papp Road, up the hill to Klinger Park and out to Klinger Road providing direct access to Southpointe. Construction of this trail should begin in the spring. The rocks you may have seen along the trail in this area are to be used for this project.



and Dave Poe from the Tandem Connection, unknown shoveler, and Cecil Twp. Supervisor and Montour Trail board member Frank Ludwin. Out of sight is Congressman Tim Murphy .

Participating in the ground-breaking from left to right: State Rep. Jesse White, Cecil Twp. Supervisor Andy Shrader, Dale Risker, President Southpointe Marcellus Chamber of Commerce, Larry Maggi, Chairman Washington County Commissioner; Seth Fosmire

Happy Holidays from the Montour Trail Council