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Cataraqui Trail at Sydenham Lake.

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New Ottawa Club Meeting Place.

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Loon Lake Lodge, Murphy's Point Provincial Park.

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Bob Tolley on Suspension Bridge, Juan de Fuca Trail.

OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARDS

"Peck"

If you look up his number in the Kingston telephone book you will see him listed as F. L. Peckover, but everyone who knows him refers to him as Peck.

Peck joined the Rideau Trail Association in 1990, and joined the Kingston Executive in 1993 as Publicity Coordinator. In that capacity, he has ensured that Kingston and area newspapers receive and publish details of the Club's program, and a casual perusal of local and special interest newspapers will almost invariably include at least mention of, if not articles on, the Rideau Trail. For this we owe thanks to Peck.

Earlier this year, Peck spearheaded a very well attended Rideau Trail Information Evening, which was widely praised by those in attendance, and appears to have resulted in a number of additional members. Peck followed the Ottawa lead in sending letters to lapsed members, which resulted in 40 additional membership renewals. In addition, Peck has promoted the formation of sub-committees to develop programs to herald the new millenium.

Apart from publicity, Peck continues to be an active hike leader, especially noted for an annual Thanksgiving trip to Rock Dunder. He has developed job descriptions for all Kingston Executive positions, and he has been a meticulous proof-reader of activity programs.

Watson Ogilvie

ROBBERY ON THE RIDEAU TRAIL PRECAUTIONS RECOMMENDED

Kingston Wednesday Walkers were victims recently at a popular parking spot on the Rideau Trail. Entry was forced into four cars. Purses and other personal property were stolen. Some items were later recovered by police and returned to their owners.

It is suspected that members' cars were followed from the Kingston meeting place to the trailhead. The police advise constant vigilance about suspicious vehicles following ours. Another lesson for the future is to leave nothing of value in a parked car even if locked in a trunk.

Bob Chadwick

Peter Andrews

Peter joined the RTA in 1974, and has held a variety of positions including Routes & Negotiations for the Ottawa Club and Ottawa Club Chair for three years, and he has been Maintenance Coordinator for the past six years. Peter has represented the Ottawa Club on the RTA Board of Directors for many years. Among his many activities on behalf of the Ottawa Club, Peter negotiated with the National Capital Commission for the plaque marking the Ottawa end of the Rideau Trail at Richmond Landing.

Known for his "gung-ho" style, Peter has been aggressive at maintenance both on the Trail and off it - he recently developed and mapped the new Schoolhouse Loops which appear in the Fifth Edition of the Rideau Trail Guidebook. He wields a mean machete, and knows how to take care of himself. One January 2nd Peter and his wife Marie were out in Frontenac Park and they got lost. They spent the night by a fire which Peter lit in a tree stump, and strolled out next morning in time for breakfast.

Graham Creedy

Ron Maybury

Ron is a native of North Wales, and indeed has just returned from a trip back to visit. He has been in Canada since 1955, living in the Ottawa area, but joined the RTA only in 1985. He hasn't yet got his end-to-end but has hiked all of the Trail from Ottawa to Gould Lake.

Ron was President of the Association from 1993 to 1995, and as Past President he led the Optimum Route Task Force. He also chaired the Bass Lake strategic planning session, which took the work by Betty McIvor during her term as President and developed an implementation plan which served as the Board's guide for the next three years.

Ron continues to be a key contact in the RTA's link with a variety of organizations including the Eastern Ontario Model Forest, the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority, Friends of the Jock, and the Trans Canada Trail.

Graham Creedy

RIDEAU TRAIL ASSOCIATION FINANCIAL REPORT, AUG. 31, 1998

	BDGT.	ACT'L	BDGT.		BDGT.	ACT'L	BDGT.
	1997-98	1997-98	1998-99		1997-98	1997-98	1998-99
INCOME				EXPENSES (continued)			
Memberships - renewal	10000	10364	9000	Merchandise - guide printing	12000	12406	500
- new	4400	3990	3500	- mktg, shipping	500	0	500
- life	600	900	600	- other	500		500
Total Membership Fees	15000	15254	13100	Total Merchandise Expense	13000	12406	1500
Merchandise - guidebooks	8000	6355	7000	Meetings - AGM	300	100	300
- other	1000	885	1000	- Board	300	166	300
- shipping recov.		20		- conferences	200	0	200
Total Merchandise	9000	7260	8000	Total Meetings	800	266	800
Other - donations	3000	2146	2000	RT Preservation Fund	0	2000	0
- interest	2000	1870	2000	TOTAL EXPENSES	35100	30186	24100
- AGM	300	208	200	NET INCOME	-2800	838	5200
- other		8					
Total Other Revenue	5300	4232	4200				
RTPF - donations	1000	2610	2000				
- interest	2000	1667	2000				
Total RT Preservation Fund	3000	4277	4000				
TOTAL INCOME	32300	31023	29300				
EXPENSES							
Newsletter - printing	4000	2565	4000				
- delivery	2000	681	1500				
Total Newsletter	6000	3246	5500				
Operations - office supplies	1000	842	500				
- mail	800	1231	1000				
- phone	600	616	600				
- copies	500	286	500				
- computer	0	0	0				
- bank	100	84	100				
- awards	200	0	200				
- affiliations	200	30	200				
- publicity	2000	1168	1000				
- insurance	2000	1890	2500				
- legal & taxes	200	82	200				
- training	500	60	500				
- trail	500	0	500				
- GST	400	589	400				
- other	100	199	200				
Total Operations	9100	7079	8400				
Support - Ottawa	3300	1154	3300				
- Kingston	2400	3534	4100				
- Central	500	500	500				
Total Club Support	6200	5188	7900				

BALANCE SHEET AS AT AUGUST 31, 1998

ASSETS

Chequing/Savings	24775
Accounts Receivable	648
GST Receivable	701
Investments RTA	70000
Investments RT Preservation Fund	44039
Inventory, Merchandise	11000
Total Current Assets	151163
Real Estate	1
Office Equipment	2600
A/V Equipment	4000
Trail Maintenance Equipment	1
Total Fixed Assets	6602
TOTAL ASSETS	157765

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Deferred Service Life Memberships	39300
Total Liabilities	39300
Members Surplus, Operating	38948
Members Surplus, Pub. & Merch.	28052
Members Surplus, RTPF	40327
Year End Retained Income	10300
Net Income	838
Total Equity	118465
TOTAL LIABILITY & EQUITY	157765

RIDEAU TRAIL GUIDEBOOK CHANGES

The following changes refer to the Fifth Edition of The Rideau Trail Guidebook, published in 1998. Please be aware that the Fifth Edition of the Guidebook supercedes all previous editions which should no longer be relied upon for current information.

OTTAWA SECTION

The major proposed route change outlined on Page 118 and shown by a red dashed line on Map 12 has been completed. The Trail no longer goes through suburban Nepean, but goes north to Britannia Bay.

Consequently, the Trail description on pages 118 to 119 between Cedarview Road and Westboro Beach should be replaced by the following:

"The Trail turns left and proceeds north along Cedarview Road to Baseline Road, which it crosses and enters the grounds of the Queensway-Carleton Hospital. From here the Trail is on recreational pathways all the way to Richmond Landing.

"Leaving the hospital grounds, the Trail crosses Richmond Road, proceeds along a large, high berm overlooking Highway 416, and then crosses Acres Road. Turning left, the Trail goes north along the east side of Acres Road to the Watts Creek Recreational Pathway, where it turns right (opposite Aero Drive). Crossing Watts Creek and Carling Avenue, the Trail joins the Ottawa River Pathway which leads past Britannia Park and Mud Lake and eventually to Richmond Landing."

Distances are changed as follows:

Map 12, 82.3 should be changed to 76.0.

Page 119, Westboro Beach distance should now be 83.2.

Page 122 and Map 12, the End of Trail at Richmond Landing should now be 86.8.

Peter Andrews

KINGSTON SECTION

Page 61, East Trail

The second line of the paragraph should read:
"extending west from Bedford Road. It"

Page 62, lines 7-8 should read:

"overlooking Doe Lake and, after 2.5 km, reaches a trail intersection. (The"

Page 63, between lines 1 and 2, add the sentence:

"The main Trail continues straight ahead to another junction."

Page 63, line 8, delete "2.7 km".

Page 63, the sentence starting in line 12 and ending at line 16 should be replaced by:

"Here it turns right to parallel Perth Road for 600 metres and crosses Perth Road at the northern end of a guard rail. Thanks to the generosity of two landowners, there are two signed parking areas at the ends of this guard rail — a small one to the north and a larger one to the south."

Page 65, lines 1 to 5 should be replaced by:

"The Trail turns right and follows Perth Road south for 400 metres. It then turns left off the road and winds".

Page 80. The distance at the end of the text should be "141.9 km", as shown on Map 5.

Page 81. Insert under **Campsites** between Frontenac Provincial Park and Mosquito Lake:

"Primitive campsite, Lindsay Lake
Commercial campsites, Skycroft Family Campgrounds, Opinicon Road"

Map 3. The distance of 59.3 in red should point to South Slide Junction.

Bob Chadwick, Jean Thompson

RIDEAU TRAIL ASSOCIATION END TO END AWARDS 1998

Number	Hiker	Start	Finish	Award	Club/City
238	Barry Edwards	20 July 93	3 Aug 98	Oct 98	Scarborough
239	Douglas Edwards	20 July 93	3 Aug 98	Oct 98	Scarborough
240	Bill Murdoch	1 Sep 96	3 Nov 97	Oct 98	Kingston
241	Valeria Ruttan	23 Sep 97	29 June 98	Oct 98	Kingston
242	Caroline Meyer	Spring 90	Spring 98	Oct 98	Ottawa

ATTENTION ALL OTTAWA CLUB MEMBERS

CHANGE OF MEETING PLACE

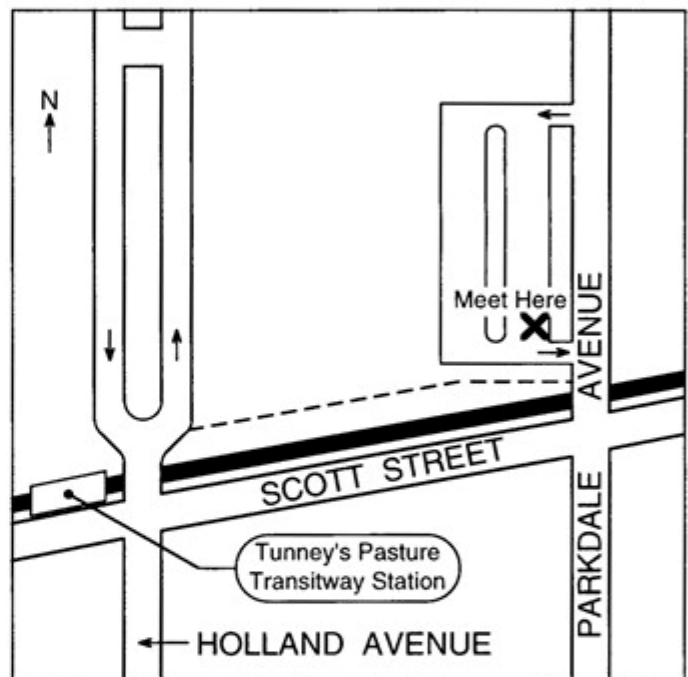
Effective on December 12, 1998 the meeting place for all Ottawa Club activities, except Wednesday Walkers and unless otherwise specified, will be the PARKING LOT OF THE R. H. COATS BUILDING (STATS CANADA) on PARKDALE AVE, A HALF BLOCK NORTH OF THE PARKDALE AVE. AND SCOTT ST. INTERSECTION.

From our previous Booth and Albert location, this new location is a short drive west along Scott Street (continuation of Albert St.). Signs in the parking lot indicate reserved parking, but cars may be parked there after hours (i.e. after 17:00 on weekdays and all day on weekends). These lots are not patrolled after hours and we have been assured by Parking and Administration at Tunney's Pasture that there are no restrictions to parking in the evenings and weekends.

The new meeting place is one block east and a half block north of the Tunney's Pasture Transitway Station which is serviced by OC Transpo buses # 6, 16, 18, 86, 95, 96, 97, 121, and 176.

The change of meeting place is due to a very recent change in Allpark's policy at its Booth and Albert lots. They no longer allow parking at any time without a monthly permit. In choosing this new location we considered factors such as security of vehicles, ease of access by bus users, proximity to frequent destinations, and free parking. Tunney's Pasture was considered to be the most viable solution. Over the next 3 months, the Ottawa Club Executive would appreciate feedback from members on the merits or disadvantages of this meeting place. We are also interested in suggestions for parking lots in a more central location. Please contact a member

of the Executive with any comments or questions. Because we are not yet fully familiar with operations in this area, we would caution members against leaving vehicles in this meeting place when there has been significant snowfall and snowplowing may be required.



WHAT'S IN IT FOR ME?

I just have this space to fill and, apart from a zillion details, preparation of this Newsletter is nearly finished. It's a big challenge, as always. It would be easy to say "I can't be bothered, let someone else do it.". But I am doing it because deep down I really enjoy it, and I enjoy the appreciation I get for doing it. In fact, the more I put into it, the more I get out of it.

That's probably true of every activity, but it seems to apply especially to volunteer activities. Whether or not you know this from your own volunteer experiences, there is always an opportunity to give of yourself, and to get back more in return. It is a little-known fact of life

that whenever we give freely of ourselves without expecting any return, we get back more than we give!

There are some specific volunteer opportunities in the RTA mentioned on page 13 of this Newsletter, and maybe one of these would suit you. If not, there is something else that you can do. Any time you think "Someone should ...", you can instead think "I could ...". Don't think for a moment that it's too hard, or you're not good enough, or that it's not important or that someone else will do it. You are the ideal person to do it, and the rewards for doing it will surprise you.

John Haley

RIDEAU TRAIL ASSOCIATION — OTTAWA CLUB ACTIVITIES

Effective December 12, 1998, the meeting place for all Ottawa Club activities, except Wednesday Walkers and unless otherwise specified, will be the parking lot of the R. H. Coats Building (Stats Canada) in Tunney's Pasture on the west side of Parkdale Avenue just north of its intersection with Scott Street. See the Notice on page 6.

Transportation is by pooling of private cars, and passengers are asked to contribute to the driver's gas costs. Trail fees in the Gatineau Park are the responsibility of the participant. Parking fees, if any, are shared among the driver and passengers. Leaders, please send sign up sheets to Ruth Hutchinson, 168-2111 Montreal Rd, Ottawa, Ontario K1J 8M8.

For more information about a particular event, call the leader at the number listed below. If you have trouble reaching a leader, or for general information, call the Ottawa Club at 730-2229. See the Summer Newsletter for Activity Levels, etc.

Wednesday Walkers take to their skis as soon as possible. Drivers meet at Tom Brown arena, Bayview at Wellington, at 09:30. Non-drivers should call in advance for information on the meeting place. These are Level 2 or Level 3 outings. Call Nanette 730-5417 or Dorothy 523-4420.

Snow-shoeing

David Spector will coordinate outings on Sundays when conditions permit. Call 829-6802 for details. Meeting place in West End of Ottawa.

Saturday December 5 Gatineau Park

Level 2. Hike or ski depending on conditions. Departs 09:30. Gas \$3.

LEADER: Bud Massé 235-4670

Saturday December 5 Pot Luck Supper

Bring a main dish, salad, appetizer or dessert. Bring dishes, cups, cutlery, beverage. Time 18:30 at Party Room, Queen Elizabeth Towers, 530 Laurier Avenue West, which has a small microwave, toaster oven, coffee pot, fridge. Maximum capacity about 40 people. No registration or menu.

CONTACT: John Cottee 231-5562

OR: Peter Scott 729-4487

Saturday December 12 Gatineau Park

Level 2 ski. Departs 09:30. Gas \$4.

LEADER: Bill Shannon 722-6407

Sunday December 27 Hike or Ski & Chili Party

Level 1. Choice of 10 or 5 km easy hike along Ottawa River Eastern Parkway and roads to Ruth's for a late lunch. Chili will be served. Phone in advance to facilitate planning. Bring a green salad or dessert if you wish, or a small cash contribution will be appreciated. Bring water and munchies for the hike. Departs 10:30.

CONTACT: Ruth Hutchinson 749-0990

Saturday January 9 Gatineau Park

Short Level 3 ski on trail if snow conditions allow.

Departs 09:30. Gas \$3.

LEADER: Bud Massé 235-4670

Saturday January 16 Gatineau Park

Level 2 ski. Departs 09:00. Call in advance to confirm. Gas \$3.

LEADER: Roslyn Bern 819-827-3845

Saturday January 23 Gatineau Park

Level 2+ Ski. Possibly some easy off-trail. Departs 09:00. Gas \$3.

LEADER: Inge Gullon 738-0712

Saturday January 30 Taylor Lake

Level 2 ski. Departs 09:30. Gas \$4.

LEADER: Barri and Dennis Scully 565-7710

Sunday January 31 Lac Philippe to Herridge Lodge

Level 2 ski, 21 km round trip. Departs 09:00. Gas \$4.

LEADER: Geoff Berry 831-5468

Monday February 1 Duck Island Ski Registration

Last date to register for Level 1 short ski & refreshments at the Bennetts. Date, possibly end February or early March, will depend on weather/ice conditions. Gas \$3.

LEADER: Bob Bennett 749-7440

Tuesday February 2 Slide Show, Cake and Ice Cream

Share some of your very best slides from recent hiking activities. Limit 15 slides per individual. Cake, ice cream and coffee will be served. Newcomers welcome. Small contribution requested to cover costs. Emmanuel United Church, 691 Smyth Road, rear entrance, at 19:00.

CONTACT: Ruth Hutchinson 749-0990

**FROM DECEMBER 12, 1998, MEET OFF PARKDALE AVE. NORTH OF SCOTT ST.
UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED. SEE NOTICE ABOVE AND DETAILS ON PAGE 6.**

Ottawa Club Activities Continued

Saturday February 6 Gatineau Park

Level 2 ski, departs 09:00. Gas \$3.

LEADER: Bill Armstrong 737-3567

Sunday February 14 Gatineau Park

Level 2 ski, departs 09:30. Gas \$3.

LEADER: Bev Armstrong 738-0310

Saturday February 20 Gatineau Park

Level 2 ski, departs 09:00. Gas \$3.

LEADER: Alec Bissett 828-4363

Sunday February 21 Green Belt

Level 1, ski if weather permits. Departs 13:00. Gas \$3.

LEADER: Jean Sunter 828-6077

Sunday March 14 Gatineau Park

Level 2 ski or hike according to the weather. Departs 09:30. Gas \$4.

LEADER: John Barron 828-2296

Saturday March 20 Early Spring Hike

Destination to be determined by leader. Departs 09:00. Gas \$4.

LEADER: Ken Buckingham 234-5543

Sunday March 21 Hike on the First Day of Spring!

Level 1 short walk of about 6 km somewhere on the fringes of Ottawa, depending on ground conditions. Departs 10:30. Gas \$3.

LEADER: Bill Grant 820-0697

IMPORTANT NOTICE

**OTTAWA CLUB ACTIVITIES NOW
DEPART FROM PARKING LOT OFF
PARKDALE AVE. NORTH OF SCOTT ST.
UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED.
SEE DETAILS ON PAGE 6.**

INDEPENDENT ACTIVITIES

The Rideau Trail Association accepts no responsibility for the following notices, provided for the information of RTA members, or for the activities to which they relate.

Adirondack Club of Ottawa

Has an ambitious program of high end hikes in the Adirondacks and locally. Hikers are welcome to join in their activities.

CONTACT: Cliff Daly 834-1851

Ottawa Ramblers Club

Good Friday April 2 to Easter Sunday April 4

The Club invites RTA members to participate in Easter Weekend hiking trip. Details of destination and costs available in January 1999. Carpool transportation will be made available. Assured reservation deadline will be March 14, 1999.

CONTACT: Gregory Stack 741-5378

Saturday May 15 to Monday May 17

Victoria Day Weekend Adirondacks Hiking

The Ottawa Ramblers Club invites RTA members to participate in a Victoria Day weekend hiking trip to the Adirondacks. Costs for lodging, meals (taxes and gratuities included) at Whiteface Chalet is about C\$170 per person double occupancy. Carpool transportation (C\$15 per person) available. Assured reservation deadline is April 30, 1999.

CONTACT: Gregory Stack 741-5378

Ottawa Orienteering Club

Interested in Map and Compass? Do you know how to find your way independently out of doors and off-trail? Have you tried ski orienteering in the winter season? Newcomers are welcome. A club member will introduce you to the sport.

CONTACT: Orienteers Inf-O-Line 226-4616

OR: Bert Waslander 234-6966

The Great Rideau Trail Ottawa Club Super Hike Proposal - Victoria Day Weekend, May 15-17, 1999

It is proposed to organize a hike of the northern third of the Rideau trail - 90 km, end-to-end, in one three day weekend in May. This would be similar to hikes organized by various Bruce Trail Clubs. This would be a challenge to the stronger hiker who wants to cover the distance - about 30 km each day. However, a hiker who wished to walk only a part of the distance would be able to drop out at any of the checkpoints.

Before proceeding further with our plans, we would like to hear from Club members. Would you find this interesting? Would you participate, or wish to assist with organization or planning? Anyone out there with relevant experience?

Please call with your ideas and comments.

CONTACT: Ruth Hutchinson 749-0990

OR: Peter Scott 729-9557

**See Page 11 of the Summer Newsletter for details of Ski
& Hike Activity Levels and Participants' Responsibilities**

RIDEAU TRAIL ASSOCIATION — KINGSTON CLUB ACTIVITIES

The meeting place for all activities, unless stated otherwise, is the northwest corner of Sears parking lot, before the departure time indicated. Wednesday walkers depart at 13:30, except on the second Wednesday of the month, when an all day outing is scheduled. Bring lunch, water and sunscreen. Wear strong footwear and come prepared for weather changes. If in doubt about your ability to cope with the outing, call the leader in advance. Car pooling will be organized. Contribution towards gas is indicated for each hike and includes entrance fees to Provincial Parks and Conservation areas when applicable. The contribution indicated is for the round-trip. Leaders are reminded to send attendance lists to Helga Wennerstrand, 207-67 Village Drive, Kingston, Ontario, K7K 6K6. Members willing to be leaders for the Spring season, or who wish to suggest new locations to hike, are encouraged to contact Carol Cain at 548-4556 or Audrey Sanger at 384-6244 before the end of December. Please see page 11 of the Summer Newsletter for Activity Level details, etc.

Saturday December 5 Rideau Trail

Hike the Opinicon Loop with trail blazer Al. Level 2+. 12 km. Departs 09:30. Gas \$4.
LEADER: Allan Tattersall 549-4080

Saturday December 5 Dessert Party

You've worked hard on Al's earlier hike and deserve your just desserts (ok, bad joke). Join friends and fellow hikers at our Annual Dessert Party. Bring your favourite after-dinner delight and meet at St. Lawrence Place. Coffee and tea provided. Starts at 18:30. See you there!
CONTACT: Audrey Sanger 384-6244

Wednesday December 9 Little Cat Creek Cons. Area

Hike or ski, dependent upon conditions, with a lunch stop at the Outdoor Centre. Level 1. Departs 10:00. Gas \$2 (includes contribution to entrance fee).
LEADER: Bob Chadwick 352-1052

Sunday December 13 Little Cat Creek Again!

Same as December 9 only on Saturday! Wouldn't want to disappoint the 9 to 5'ers, like me! Level 1. Departs 10:00. 15+ km. Gas \$2 (as above).
LEADER: Stan Huff 549-2081

Saturday December 19 Gould Lake Cons. Area

Bring your snowshoes and/or hiking boots and join Muckluck Seeley on a scope of the Mine Loop and various other trails dependent upon conditions. Level 2. 10 km. Departs 09:00. Gas \$4 (includes entry fee).
MUCKLUCKER: Gloria Seeley 546-2503

Sunday January 10 Lemoine's Point Cons. Area

Ski or hike the Conservation area from the south parking lot. Bring a lunch to enjoy at Lynn's place. Coffee/tea provided. Level 1. Departs 10:00. Gas \$1.
LEADER: Lynn Nolan 389-8747

Wednesday January 13 Rideau Trail

Ski or hike from Railton Road to Sydenham and return with a stop for lunch at a restaurant/tea room. Level 1. Approx 11 km. Departs 10:00. Gas \$3.
LEADER: Watson Ogilvie 530-2378

Saturday January 16 X-C Ski Clinic, Frontenac Park

Join Anne Turnbull, 1st Women's Certified cross country ski coach, in a demonstration of waxing and maintenance of your skis followed by a ski in the park. Level 1-2. Departs 09:15. Gas \$4 (includes park entrance fee).
CONTACT: Carol Cain 548-4556

Saturday January 23 Frontenac Park

OK! So you are now an expert on how to take care of those skis, now let's have a practice run with Ski Patroller Peter Burbidge. Ski the Corridor Trail and Little Salmon with a lunch stop at Campsite 6. Level 2+. 15 km. Departs 09:00. Gas \$4 (includes Park entry fee).
LEADER: Peter Burbidge 634-1877

Sunday January 24 Parrot's Bay Conservation Area

Snowshoe the trails with Parrot's Bay resident Bernie (that's Bernie, not Barnie!) or bring hiking boots in case old man winter is fickle minded. Level 1. Departs 10:00. 6-8 km. Gas \$1.
LEADER: Bernie Gates 389-1835

Saturday January 30 Gould Lake Conservation Area

Ski the Wagon Trail and portions of the Rideau Trail with Bobcat Tolley. Level 2+. Approx 15 km. Departs 09:00. Gas \$4 (includes entry fee).
LEADER: Bob Tolley 542-9626

February 5 - 7 Friday to Sunday

Winter get-away weekend - Hotel L'Esterel, Laurentians. See notice on page 15 of Fall Newsletter et je vous souhaite du bon temps chers skieurs!
CONTACT: Dale Ross 384-2959
Allan Tattersall 549-4080

Sunday February 7 Frontenac Park

Ski or hike the Salmon Lake Road with a brown bag lunch at the Park Visitor Centre and more skiing after for those who can't get enough. Level 1+. 10+ km. Departs 09:00. Gas \$4 (includes Park entry fee).
LEADER: Skats Sanger 384-6244

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Kingston Club Activities Continued

Wednesday February 10 Cataragui Trail

Cross country ski or hike to Sydenham, along the old railway track (Cataragui Trail) with a lunch stop at a cafe/restaurant. Level 1. Approx 10-15 km depending on whether a ski or hike is determined. Departs 09:00. Gas \$3.

LEADER: Margaret Page 389-7840

Saturday February 13 Depot Lake Cons. Area

Ski the area's lakeside trails and enjoy the scenery over lunch. Level 2. 15 km. Departs 09:30. Gas \$3.

SKI BOSS: Dale Ross 384-2959

Sunday February 21 Little Cataragui Cons. Area

Join Peggy and ski the Little Cat with lunch in the Outdoor Centre. Level 1. 10 km. Departs 09:30. Gas \$2 (includes entry fee).

LEADER: Peggy Harding 546-7202

Saturday February 27 Mystery Excursion

Ski, snowshoe or hike; destination dependent upon conditions. Level 2+. 12-15 km. Departs 09:00. Gas TBA.

LEADER: Allan Tattersall 549-4080

Saturday - Sunday February 27 - 28
Weekend Nature Retreat
Murphy's Point Provincial Park
See details on page 11 of this Newsletter
ORGANIZER: Carol Cain 548-4556

Sunday March 7 Rideau Trail

Hike the Billy Greene Road from Maple Leaf Road to woods. Easy terrain, approx. 12 km. Level 1. Departs 09:30. Gas \$2.

LEADER: Peck Peckover 544-9190

Wednesday March 10 Spin the Bottle

Spin the bottle on which Conservation Area to hike and Mother Nature will help in the decision process. Level 2. Departs 09:30. Gas TBA.

LEADER: Bob Chadwick 352-1052

Saturday March 13 Rideau Trail

Be adventurous once again and join Watson on a hike (perhaps a ski) at an undisclosed location (we don't know!). All depends on the weather gods and conditions. Level 2+. Departs 09:30. Gas TBA.

LEADER: Watson Ogilvie 530-2378

RIDEAU TRAIL ASSOCIATION CENTRAL CLUB ACTIVITIES

The meeting place for Central Club activities is Conlon Farm in Perth, unless otherwise indicated. To reach this recreational area, take the main street (Gore Street) south-east through Perth to County Road 10, turn right (south-west) towards Westport, then take the third road to the right (Conlon Drive) to the Conlon Farm parking area.

Sunday December 6 Murphy's Point Provincial Park

Round Lake Loop. Hike or ski this newest trail in the Park, depending on conditions. Level 2. Meet at Conlon Farm at 10:00.

LEADER: Ken Parkes 546-9449

Saturday January 16 Central Club AGM

The Annual Meeting will be held at 10:00 in McMartin House, 125 Gore Street at Harvey. All RTA members in the Perth, Lanark, Smiths Falls, Westport and neighbouring rural areas, and any other interested members, are requested to attend if at all possible, so that we can hear your comments on how the Central Club may best serve your interests. Bring your lunch; coffee will be provided. Following the meeting, there will be a ski outing (Level 1-2) at Murphy's Point at 13:30, led by Don Sherwin.

CONTACT: John Miller 264-8824

OR: Don Sherwin 264-0759

Sunday February 21 Mount Pakenham

Ski the groomed trails at this popular resort with the Central Club (we'll pray for lots of snow!). Bring your own nutritious lunch or indulge yourself in the junk food at the cafeteria. Level 2. Meet at Conlon Farm at 09:30 or Pakenham ski lodge at 10:30.

LEADER: Bob Pelletier 267-3630

Saturday March 6 Foley Mountain

Ski or hike (early spring?) in this scenic area near Westport. Level 1-2. Meet at Conlon Farm at 10:00.

LEADER: Ken Parkes 546-9449

Sunday March 28 Carp Ridge

This will be an exploration hike in this scenic area of woodlands, rocks and beaver ponds, north of Old Highway 17. Level 2. Meet at Conlon Farm at 10:00.

LEADER: Dave Miller 826-2336

Saturday April 17 Trillium Trail

Hike a section of the old Glen Tay to Havelock CP rail line (now part of the Eastern Ontario Trails Alliance network) between Maberly Station and Sharbot Lake. Level 1-2, 17 km. Meet at Conlon Farm at 10:00.

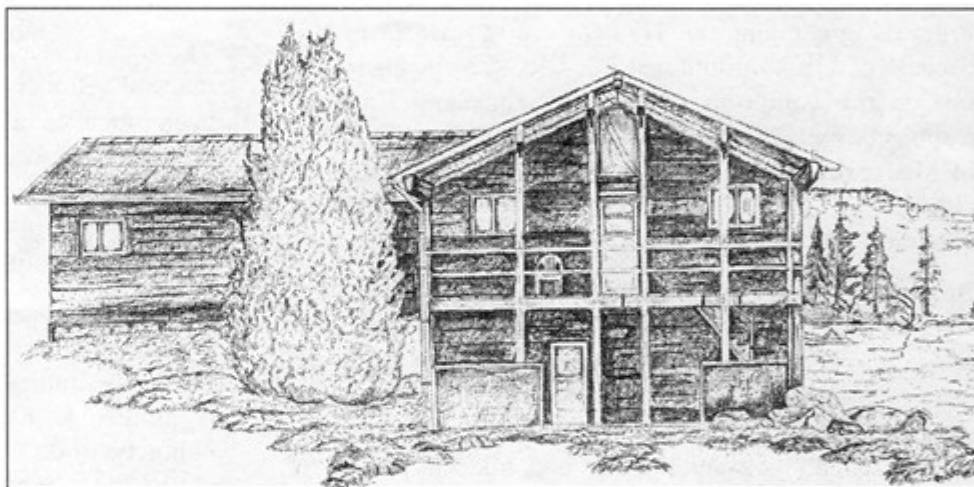
LEADER: Wanda Pelletier 267-3630

WHAT'S NEW AT MURPHY'S POINT?

Yet another busy camping season has gone by here at Murphy's Point Provincial Park. Thanks to a massive ice storm clean-up effort, the campground was open just in time to accommodate record-breaking numbers of campers and day-users. Our trail system, however, was another story. To the dismay of some campers, our point trail system was not open until part way through the summer. The 'storm-of-the-century' also put a snag, literally, into our Millennium Trail plans. We now hope that the proposed trail, including four hike-in campsites, will be officially open in the year 2000. The Millennium Trail will be a 12 kilometre, figure-8 loop trail that will start at the Lally Homestead. It will cross the Rideau Trail, thereby giving Rideau Trail hikers access to the Lally Homestead and Silver Queen Mine site and the opportunity to hike a rugged trail through the south end of the Park, which will include some spectacular viewpoints over Big Rideau Lake as well as interesting terrain through pine-oak forest and a large wetland complex.

About 30 km of ski trails will be maintained again in cooperation with the Tay Valley Cross-Country Ski Club, who have coordinated volunteers for a much-needed clean-up effort, thanks again to 'ice-storm '98'.

As an extension of our Natural Heritage Education program, our Loon Lake Lodge and Education Centre is now available to groups for overnight accommodation and educational programming. Open from September until the end of April, the Lodge can comfortably accommodate 20 people with room for groups of up to 30. Amenities include a fully equipped central kitchen/dining area, small TV lounge, central washrooms, laundry facilities, and meeting facilities with slide/overhead projectors, flip chart and video projection unit. Groups can cook their own meals or opt for our nutritious meal plan. Recreational facilities include snowshoes, volleyball, and access to hiking and cross-country ski trails. Our interpretative staff offer indoor and outdoor program packages, e.g. our Weekend Nature Retreat. Clients have included scout groups, youth groups, companies and other clubs. We will also be offering two week-long Elderhostel programs this coming winter and spring. For more information on Loon Lake Lodge or for a copy of our brochure, please call the Park at 267-5060.



Tobi Kiesewalter

RTA KINGSTON CLUB NATURE RETREAT WEEKEND SATURDAY FEBRUARY 27 & SUNDAY FEBRUARY 28 MURPHY'S POINT PROVINCIAL PARK

Enjoy an all-inclusive overnight stay at Loon Lake Lodge, Murphy's Point. On Saturday, explore and experience the wonderful setting of a natural environment with a Park Naturalist on a guided ski or snowshoe tour. A fine dinner awaits you on your return to the Lodge. An evening program can be selected conducive to your tastes (such as a slide show), followed by an evening skate on the shores of Loon Lake or perhaps you would prefer to howl up some coyotes or hoot in some owls. How about a sing-along by a bonfire or by the fireside in the rustic, pine interior of the Lodge? The next morning will bring a feed of flap-jacks to get even the Paul Bunyans amongst us going. You can have another guided adventure or plan your own ski or snowshoe trip before heading back for lunch. The cost for this weekend retreat is \$65 and includes one breakfast, two lunches and one dinner, guided trips and a slide presentation. (Bring your sleeping bag and toiletries!) For more information on the Lodge's accommodations and a registration form, please contact Carol Cain at 545-6467. The itinerary for this weekend was not complete at the Newsletter deadline, but you can expect a full weekend with plenty of fun. Bookings will be on a first-come, first-served, payment in full basis and space is limited.

CATARAQUI TRAIL UPDATE

The 104 km Cataraqui Trail which uses the abandoned CNR right of way (ROW) between Smiths Falls and Napanee is not yet officially opened on any section, although some sections are already well used, including about 6 km which is now part of the Rideau Trail.

The Board of Management has been meeting monthly since March 1998, as has the Executive Committee of the Board. Progress has been continuous but slow. Jim Blain and Don Coulter most ably represent the interests of hikers as well as the RTA on the Board along with representatives of the snowmobiling fraternity, cycling (Doug Knapp), nordic skiing (Cookie Cartwright) and horseback riding (Paul Dean). In addition, the Board has representatives of farming, adjacent landowners, municipalities, the owner (the Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority, or CRCA) and the Southeastern Ontario Rails to Trails Association (SEORTTA).

Progress in readying the Trail for use is slow, primarily because of a lack of funding. The CRCA owns the ROW, but on the condition that it not incur any financial responsibility. This falls instead on the voluntary Board of Management which must raise the necessary base of close to \$1,000,000 required to develop the ROW to a condition appropriate to a four-season, multiple-use trail.

Before any section can be officially opened it must have a smooth, level surface, secure barriers to motor vehicles, and signs identifying the trail and advising of permitted uses, at all road intersections, all problems such as drainage (related to beavers and collapsed culverts) solved, fencing between the trail and adjacent properties repaired or replaced, and numerous other details attended to, some large (such as dismantling the wooden bridge over the Opinicon Road and its replacement by a ramp) and some small (such as trimming back encroaching vegetation). As well, some of the thirteen bridges along the trail have to be structurally upgraded, and all need handrails and decking before they are safely useable.

On the financial front, approximately \$40,000 has already been raised by the various proponents (RTA, SEORTTA and the two snowmobile clubs), and Friends of the Environment (Canada Trust) has donated \$5,000. As well, we have received \$56,000 from the Trans Canada Trail Foundation, with follow-ups of \$104,000 promised. Collectively these are a good start, but only about 25% of the anticipated total cost of development. Our Finance Committee (which badly needs more volunteers) has its work cut out for it.

On October 10, a work crew of mostly stalwart RTA volunteers focussed its attention on the stretch of trail between Sydenham and Harrowsmith, trimming trees and small stuff crowding the rail bed, and constructing a dry limestone retaining wall where the bed threatened to collapse into the valley below. Unfortunately, only one team (of four) was able to complete its assigned section due to time constraints, so a second effort will be mounted in November. This is all a prerequisite to grading and rolling the surface, which is itself a prerequisite to the official opening of this section hoped for next spring.

At a recent meeting of the Board two very significant decisions of interest to RTA members were made. The first is that the trail will be restricted to non-motorized use with the exception of snowmobiles. The five designated uses are therefore bicycling, hiking, cross-country (nordic) skiing, horseback riding, and snowmobiling.

The second decision concerns the ongoing financing of the trail. Rather than compulsory trail passes which had been proposed (along with the headache of enforcement), the Board decided that voluntary memberships of \$20 per adult and \$30 per family would be a better plan. The Board is optimistic that most trail users will recognize their responsibility to help pay for the trail.

As mentioned above, our Finance Committee has the greatest and most urgent need for public support. If you have any interest in perhaps getting involved in this committee or just questions about this new trail, please contact either Don Coulter (542-9998) or Jim Blain (359-6282). They would love to hear from you.

Doug Knapp

HIKING IN THE CANADIAN ROCKIES

The Skyline Hikers of the Canadian Rockies, a non-profit organization established in 1933, will again in 1999 offer five 6-day wilderness camps, July 12 to August 9, 1999. The cost of about \$525 per person covers transportation from Banff to the trailhead, camp staff, all meals, tent accommodation, and guided day hikes.

The 1999 brochures should be available in early January from Harry Moerschner 705-445-0267 in Collingwood, or direct from the Skyline Hikers 403-282-2752 or e-mail "skyliner@connect.ab.ca".

Reservations should be made early because these trips are popular and numbers are limited.

IN MEMORIAM - TONY HYAM 1932-1998

Tony passed away unexpectedly in Ottawa last summer after enjoying energetic vacations in Greece and British Columbia. He was a life member of the Rideau Trail Association and a proud holder of a Rideau Trail end-to-end certificate awarded at the 20th anniversary AGM in Westport in 1991.

Tony was born in Hull, Yorkshire, in which large English county he became the top sprinter. Before joining the RTA, Tony had been a leading member of the Ottawa Outdoor Club (Civil Service Recreational Association) since 1962 and of the Ottawa Ramblers which succeeded it. He led weekend hikes in the Gatineau Park and twice yearly expeditions in the Adirondack Mountains.

Building upon his experience on the Rideau Trail, Tony made good use of his retirement years to cover long stretches of the Appalachian Trail (over 1,000 miles or about half of it) and the Bruce Trail (550 km or about two-thirds of it). He had planned to complete the remainder of the Bruce Trail in the Fall of 1998.

A number of us from both Kingston and Ottawa were fortunate to benefit from Tony's infectious enthusiasm and cheerful company by joining him on some of his many expeditions. Our sympathy and condolences go to Grace, devoted spouse of 22 years and keen hiking partner since they met as members of the Outdoor Club.

Bob Chadwick

The Ottawa Club also records with regret the passing of former RTA member Sylvia Sutton, and extends its condolences to her family and friends.

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WILL YOU PLEASE HELP?

The Kingston Club needs a person or couple to take over the Newsletter printing liaison and bulk mailing task. Potential volunteers please call Bob Chadwick 352-1052 for more information.

The Ottawa Club has vacancies including the position of Vice Chair on its Executive and one non-Executive position. If you are interested and willing to help please call Human Resource Coordinator Bill Grant at 820-0697 or Ottawa Club Chair Lisa Buchner at 729-4487.

LES SENTIERS DU PARC DU MONT-ORFORD

HIKING IN THE EASTERN TOWNSHIPS OF QUEBEC

In mid-October, 22 RTA members from the Central and Ottawa Clubs journeyed to Mt. Orford Provincial Park, just west of Sherbrooke, Quebec, to hike in this glorious corner of L'Estrie in La Belle Province. We stayed at the Centre d'Arts within the park boundaries, host to musicians during the summer months, including, in the past, the illustrious Orford String Quartet. During the week, we had the Centre to ourselves, staying in the excellent and economical hostel accommodations (Auberge La Grande Fugue) usually occupied by purveyors of classical music. On the weekend, we were joined by a delightful and friendly group of choral singers and chamber musicians.

For four days in glorious late fall weather, we hiked much of the 65 km network of trails within the park, which were suited to hikers of all levels, including some challenging climbs to the four main mountain peaks. Several of the group hiked most of Les Sentiers de L'Estrie traversing the park from south to north, crossing Mt. Orford (853 m) and Mt. Chauve (600 m), which dominate the area. This trail demonstrated the fury of last winter's ice-storm, with the deciduous trees above 400 m in elevation showing much devastation.

Our trip was augmented by excursions to some of the charming and historic villages in the area, including Magog, North Hatley and Knowlton, practicing our French, sampling the very reasonable restaurant fare, and window-shopping (hikers are too frugal to actually buy anything!). We also visited the Benedictine Abbey of Saint-Benoit-du-Lac, on the shores of beautiful Lake Memphremagog (near the home of Mordecai Richler), where we were treated to the singing of Gregorian chants by the monks during Vespers. On one special evening, we were entertained with gusto by a talented member of our group, George Pancyr, on the flamenco guitar.

It was a very successful trip, thanks to organization by Wanda Pelletier and coordination of the hikes by Ken Parkes, both of the Central Club. Vraiment, un beau voyage de randonnee.

Don Sherwin

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Want to Travel the Rideau Trail in Winter?

RTA member looking for other interested participants to snowshoe the Rideau Trail from end to end. If you are interested, please call Bill Murdoch at 389-3023.

HIKING IN B.C. —JUAN DE FUCA TRAIL

A chance week in B.C. How best to enjoy — hike, bike, kayak? And how best to pack? We set off with backpacking gear for maximum flexibility, but included bike helmets and locks.

The economics of rental were interesting. If we had not taken our own, full hiking gear would set each person back the price of a luxury hotel room per day. Two bikes equaled a rental car, and kayaks were \$20/hour. Value improved with weekly rates, but still required a wealthy masochist!

Away from the tourist area in downtown Vancouver we were lucky to find good mountain bikes at \$20 for the weekend. The perfect vehicle for Stanley Park and environs. Vancouver is quite bicycle friendly, but we were glad to make the downtown tour on Sunday.

The only day with a sprinkle of rain found us admiring misty waterscapes en route to Vancouver Island. We had heard of the Juan de Fuca Trail, opened in 1995 to relieve pressure on the over popular West Coast Trail of the Island's Pacific Rim. This trail, stretching 47 km along the Juan de Fuca Strait from China Beach to Port Renfrew, unlike its famous Northern neighbour, does have some car access points. Not exactly car camping, since beach camps (to avoid forest degradation) are a steep kilometre below car parks, but this does provide opportunity to hike from base camps. An enterprising first nations group runs a bus shuttle between sections.

Again economics factored. Bus fare for two from Victoria exceeded the cost of car rental — we squelched masochist tendencies and rented. Despite Robert's complaints about my 3.5 lb tent (he would have been glad if he had had to carry it!), day hiking enabled us to enjoy this magnificent area to its fullest. The Trail is visually stunning but has no easy sections. Each foothold is up or down the fiord-like valleys, on loose peat moss or mud, and over gargantuan tree trunks and beach boulders. It is 12 km between camps on the most difficult section. Knowledge of tide tables is essential to avoid being marooned at high tide. Orange balls denote exits from beach to forest, and the Trail is excellently marked and maintained. Sturdy (if unstable) suspension bridges span rivers and serendipitous logs span chasms as well as forming incredibly long stairs to climb gullies.

Also known as the Marine Trail, every turn reveals the startling beauty of beaches and bays meeting dramatic waterfalls with lush vegetation of temperate rain forest, and old growth trees towering hundreds of feet. We discovered some of the blobs floating in the sea were not

seaweed or logs, but frolicking seals. Killer whales too, are frequently sighted. On the Trail, very large fresh droppings witnessed overindulgence in the prolific berries. Surely no human would be so indelicate? Answering growls came from the beach. We practiced backing slowly, speaking softly, as recommended. One should drop articles to distract, a camera would be fine! Bears do not climb as well as humans — not really an option with those tree trunks anyway. If actually attacked, scream and struggle for all your might! Cougars are present, but rarely seen, so no advice was offered in an encounter.

We did not reach the epitome of the Trail known as Botanical Beach — said to be the most spectacular and have the most amazing rock pools filled with marine life. In a sense we are glad; this was quite the most glorious hiking we have encountered, and definitely unfinished business!

Margaret Milne and Robert Tolley



HIGHLIGHTS OF RTA BOARD MEETING OCTOBER 17, 1998

K&P Right of Way (ROW) - Bell Property

Municipalities through which the K&P ROW passes have not shown much initiative in pursuing acquisition for trail development. This inaction could well result in the loss of this valuable resource both to the Rideau Trail and to the Trans Canada Trail. The RTA Board will lend its weight to ongoing efforts to acquire the K&P ROW.

The Rideau Trail Guidebook

The Task Force reviewing the Guidebook has been authorized to produce as a trial a limited number of text supplements of a reverse-direction description of the Trail, with a view to possible recommendations of such a reverse-direction description in a future edition of the Guidebook. The Task Force is continuing its review of all aspects of the Guidebook, and RTA Members are again being encouraged to express their views either directly to the Task Force members (see Fall Newsletter, page 4) or through their Club Executives.

Insurance Coverage

Insurance will be renewed through the RTA's existing broker with the inclusion of Directors' and Officers' Liability, in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws of the RTA, and adequate coverage for inventory.

RTA Membership

The Board is concerned with a decline in membership in the RTA. This past summer letters were sent to 278 Members who had not renewed. Some 40% of addressees responded by renewing their memberships. Nevertheless membership has continued to decline.

Investigation of means to actively recruit new members, including non-members who turn up for activities, is to be pursued. All Members can aid in this endeavour by spreading the word amongst their acquaintances and expressing their ideas to Club Executives.

Jock River Crossing

The Board has authorized the Ottawa Club to spend up to \$1500 to construct a seasonal crossing south of Jock Trail (see map 10 of the Guidebook, Fifth Edition).

Initiatives for the Millenium

Clubs have been encouraged to consider and develop ideas for Millenium Projects for review by the Board at its meeting in April 1999.

Allan Tattersall

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE RTA AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Rideau Trail Association was held on October 24, 1998 at The Royal Canadian Legion Hall in Westport.

President Graham Creedy reported on a productive year, noting that most of the strategic issues identified in 1993 have been dealt with. Membership remains an issue and is being addressed at the Association and Club levels. Activities this year included clean-up after the ice storm, publication of the Fifth Edition of the Guidebook, production of an Executive Handbook as a central source of RTA information, conclusion of the establishment of archives at Queen's University, and the establishment of the RTA web site. Special thanks were expressed to all involved, particularly to Gerry Hinderks & Linda Hayes, Caroline Meyer, Bob Chadwick, and Tom Bach.

Treasurer Rolf Calhoun presented comprehensive financial details highlights of which appear on page 4 of this Newsletter. Many thanks to Rolf for his consistent and thorough attention to these important details. Eva Smith reported on membership numbers, which are receiving ongoing attention.

Pearl Peterkin presented a report from Trail Coordinator Linda Hayes. Work following the ice storm has been reported in the Newsletter; Trail users were reminded to be vigilant as branches and trees continue to fall. Owners of land crossed by the Trail have all been identified and permission ensured. Plastic Trail markers are being tried by the Kingston Club.

Allan Tattersall reported on Rail-to-Trail developments, notably the Cataragui Trail (see page 12). Bill Grant discussed activities of the Guidebook Review Task Force, and invited comments on this from all interested Members. He expected the reverse-direction Trail description to be available in December at a cost of \$4.

The proposed Board of Directors (see page 2) was elected for the coming year. Presentations included three Outstanding Service Awards (see page 3), five End-to-End Awards (see page 5), and a Certificate of Appreciation for retiring Secretary Caroline Meyer.

Corresponding members of the respective Clubs were encouraged to meet and exchange ideas during lunch following the meeting, and this was followed by enjoyable activities led by Don Cutts, Bob Bradley, and Bob Chadwick during the sunny afternoon, and well-earned drinks and dinner to round off the day.

John Haley

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