THE RIDEAU TRAIL

NEWSLETTER

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RIDEAU TRAIL ASSOCIATION - FINANCIAL STATEMENT
As of August 31st, 1991.

	Income	Expend.	Total
Operating Account	20,076	12,725	7,350
Publications and Merchandising	9,204	42	9,162
Corridor Preservation Account	1,541	2,801	(1,259)
Total 1991	30,821	15,568	15,253

INCOMING PRESIDENTS REMARKS - On The Occasion of The Annual General Meeting in Westport on 21st September, 1991.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve on the Rideau Trail Association Board during this upcoming year.

When I look at the program for today I am overwhelmed with thoughts of how this Association has grown and matured over the past twenty years. In 1971, what existed as a dream, is now a reality. The Rideau Trail is today the second longest long distance trail in Ontario. Its membership has established and maintained positive working relationships with private and public landowners; it is an organization which , while not wealthy in monetary terms, has established a sound process for financial accountability and planning; it has significant depth in membership and in membership activities such as maintenance, hike organization, newsletter publication, communication, and social events. This Association is a tribute to both those who in 1971 had a vision, (and we are honoured to have many of these people with us today) and to those who in so many ways, have nurtured this vision to make the Association the dynamic, progressive, and evolving organization it is today. If past membership contribution is any indication of the future, this organization is well positioned to retain it's status as a well respected, long distance hiking club.

During the next year there are two issues on which I will be asking the Association Board Members to give consideration. These issues are the development of a five year plan for the Board and the Trail and preparation of an orientation process for new members.

If there are issue you would like the Board to consider, please make your wishes known to one of the Board members.

Betty McIver

President.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - 21 SEP 91

The Association had a beautiful fall day for its annual meeting. This year it was hosted by the Kingston Club and held at The Cove, in Westport. Lynn Nolan of the Kingston club put in a great deal of effort in organizing the day. Attendance was about 100 people which was very good.

The day began with the business meeting. Betty McIver stood in for Nanette Whitwam, last year's president, who was touring in Australia. The main issues of the last year have been the re-incorporation (provincially) of the Association, and the decision (again) not to belong to Hike Ontario. The Association continues in good financial health. Our membership as of Sept., 20 was 971. Awards were presented to retiring board members Ray Forester, Erwin Wendholt and Ron Beacock (in absentia). The second annual presentation of the Outstanding Service Award was made to Ray Forester and Peter Brebner. A large part of the meeting was taken up by the presentation of the End to End awards of which we had 23 this year. The slate of officers for the coming year was elected (see inside front cover for list). The meeting adjourned in time for lunch.

Before lunch a raffle was held for two pairs of binoculars donated by The Focus Centre, Ottawa. The binoculars were won by Catherine O'Keefe and by Betty McIver.

The highlight of the afternoon was the unveiling of a plaque on Foley Mountain near Spy Rock to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the Rideau Trail Association. It is a beautiful site, and a handsome plaque and was arranged for by Allan Tattersall of the Kingston Club.

The unveiling was followed by a choice of hikes. Pearl Peterkin led a historic walk of the village of Westport, and Ray Forester led a group in the Foley Mountain park. The day ended with dinner and speeches at The Cove. The past presidents of the Association had been invited to the dinner and were asked to say a few words.

OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD

OTTAWA CLUB

Peter Brebner of the Ottawa Trail Club was presented with an Outstanding Service Award at the Annual General Meeting of the Rideau Trail Association in September. This was in recognition of the valuable service he has provided both to the Club and to the Association since becoming a member in 1976.

For over ten years Peter has been Chairman of Routes and Negotiations for the Ottawa Club. He has talked with landowners regarding re-routing of the Trail, searched out and marked new routes, and worked diligently in trying to keep motorized vehicles off the Ottawa Club property in the Marlborough Forest. Peter's work with Routes and Negotiations has expanded to include representation on various government committees. He is the hiking representative on the Marlborough Forest Advisory Committee. He is a Rideàu Trail spokesman to the Ministry of Natural Resources and the National Capital Commission. Whenever he hears of a government plan that may affect the location or quality of the Rideau Trail, he makes it his business to investigate, and then to voice the views of the RTA.

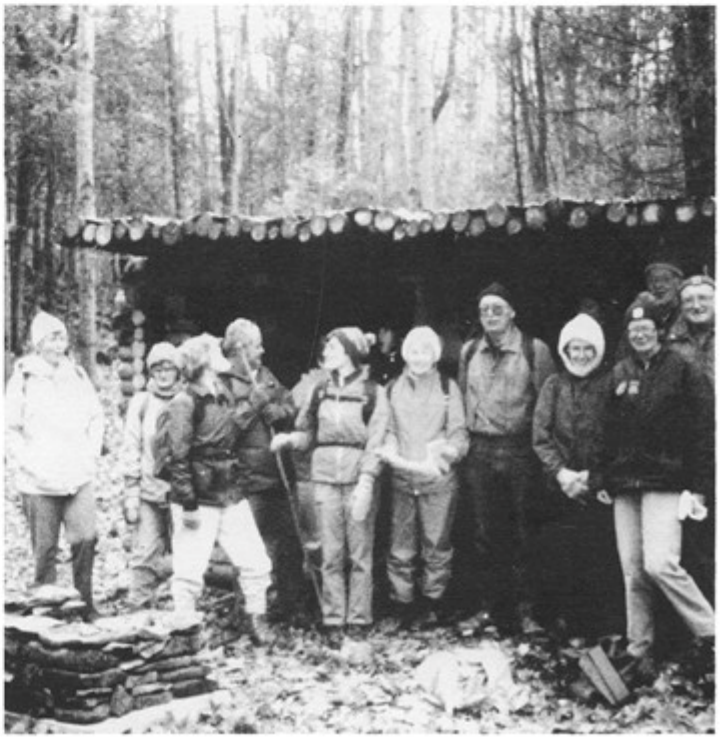
Peter helps in other ways. When the Ottawa Publicity Committee expressed a need for a portable display board, he designed and built it. When someone was needed to make trail markers, he volunteered, and is now cutting the orange triangle markers for the entire Rideau Trail. When the END-TO END certificates were redesigned last year, he volunteered to co-ordinate the lettering of the new certificate. When Ottawa began hand delivery of its newsletter, he encouraged the enterprise and volunteered to deliver those in the area of his home. As a member of the Board of Directors, when he heard there was a storage problem with a large quantity of historical papers, he volunteered to organize and maintain the archives of the Rideau Trail, and is now known as the "Keeper of the Archives".

Wild animals are also known to appreciate his concern. Apparently the Ottawa Club once discussed the elimination of a certain porcupine that was gnawing its way through outhouses and wheeled carts at the Club property in the Marlborough Forest. Peter stood up for the creature, even suggesting that he had as much right to the cabin property as we did. Needless to say, the porcupine was left undisturbed!

Peter has contributed in a wide variety of areas both to the Ottawa Club and to the Association over a period of years, and the Ottawa Club was pleased to have the opportunity to acknowledge his contributions.

CHANGES TO NEWSLETTER FORMAT

You may have noticed changes in the format of the Rideau Trail Association Newsletter. Previously we paid a postage rate of 80 cents per copy because of the size and weight of the Newsletter. With this issue we have reduced the number of pages so as to come within the weight limitation of 30 grams. We have also gone to an envelope, on recycled paper. We now conform to the Post Offices letter rate of 40 cents. As you will notice we are now making use of the top half of the back page for articles and/or photos. We have not changed the size of type but expanded the margins on the sides and on the top and bottom. Accordingly we are able to provide nearly the same amount of reading area as before. Your comments and suggestions will be welcome.



RIDEAU TRAIL ASSOCIATION OUTINGS

KINGSTON CLUB OUTINGS.
The Kingston Club's schedule of winter outings is shown below. In addition the following items should be noted;

1. All hikes start from the North West corner of "SEARS" Parking Lot.
2. In addition to the hikes listed below, there are hikes leaving from Sears at 1:30 a.m. the first, third and fourth Wednesday of the month.
3. Suggestions for future hikes can be made to Bernie Gates, 389-1835.
4. Car pooling is encouraged to facilitate parking. Drivers would appreciate a contribution towards the gas.
5. Hike leaders are reminded to send their attendance lists to Peggy Harding, 546-7202.
6. Although the hike program generally indicates the strenuousness of the event, hikers are reminded that it is their personal responsibility to confirm with the hike leader before the hike their ability to meet conditions on the trail.
7. Proper equipment and personal conditioning are important on rugged hikes to ensure that all hikers can enjoy the event.
8. Hike leaders are requested to discourage ill equipped hikers from starting on rugged hikes.
9. **HELP!** We need more hike leaders. You can gain experience by assisting an experienced leader on a hike.

Saturday, Dec. 7. Bedford Mills to Westport. 13km. Bring a lunch and waterproof footwear. Meet at "Sears" at 9:00 am.
Leader: Allan Tattersall, 549-4080.

Sunday, Dec 8. Coffee and Desert party.
Contact: Lynn Nolan, 389-8747.

Wednesday, Dec 11. Hike from Abby Dawn Road on the north side of the Glen Lawrence Golf Club. Bring a lunch and meet at "Sears" at 10:00 am.
Leaders: Jim & Hilda Dee, 542-2643.

Sunday, Dec. 15. Hike or ski the Wagon Trail into Gould Lake Barn. Bring a lunch. Meet at "Sears" at 10:00 am.
Leader: Betty McIver, 549-8028.

Wednesday, Jan 1. Bernie's place to hike, ski, skate and partake of seasonal fare. Meet at "Sears" at 1:30 pm.
Host: Bernard Gates, 389-1835.

Saturday, Jan 4. Ski or hike on the Wagon Trail into Gould Lake Barn. Meet at"Sears" at 10:00 am. Bring Lunch.
Leader: Martin Reeve, 548-4960.

Sunday, Jan 12. Ski or hike the abandoned RR tracks from Perth Road East towards Chaffy's Locks. Meet at "Sears" 10:00 am.
Leader: David Roeder, 545-0516.

Wednesday, Jan 15. Ski at 2nd Depot Lake Provincial Park. Bring lunch. Meet at "Sears" at 10:00 am.
Leader: Margaret Page, 389-7840.

Saturday, Jan 18. Ski in the Slide Lake Area. This is only recommended for experienced skiers. Bring Lunch. Meet at "Sears" at 9:30 am.
Leader: Arne Hendrikson, 544-0465.

Sunday, Jan 26. Ski at Charleston Lake Provincial Park. Not recommended for beginners. Bring lunch. Meet at "Sears" at 9:30 am.
Leader: Allan Tattersal, 549-4080.

Saturday, Feb. 1. Snowshoe hike on the Opinicon Loop. Bring a Lunch. Meet at "Sears" at 9:30 am.
Leader: Ray Forester - 542-4385.

Feb 7th - 9th. RTA Ski weekend at Lake Placid.

Wednesday, Feb. 12. Ski in the Wilton Creek area. Meet at "Sears" at 10:00 am. Bring a lunch.
Leader: Bernard Gates, 389-1835.

KINGSTON OUTINGS (CONTINUED)

Saturday, Feb. 15. Ski in Murphy's Point Provincial Park. Intermediate Level. Bring a lunch. Meet at "Sears" at 9:00 am.
Leader: Larry Dyke. 389-6692.

Sunday, Feb. 25. Ski the southern part of Frontenac Park. Intermediate level. Bring a lunch. Meet at "Sears" at 9:30 am.
Leader: Eric Usherwood, 542-9958.

Saturday, Feb. 29. Ski the Massasauga Road Section of the Opinicon Loop. Intermediate level. Bring a lunch. Meet at "Sears" at 9:30 am.
Leader: Keith Bull, 546-9693.

Sunday, Mar 8. Ski or hike from McIvor Road to Eginburg Road. Bring a lunch. Meet at "Sears" at 10:00 am. Pot luck supper after hike. For details - phone Lyn Nolan, 389-8747 before Thursday, March 6th.
Leader: Betty McIvor, 549-8028.

Wednesday, Mar. 11. Ski or hike the Trail from Gould Lake Road to the Barn. Bring a lunch. Meet at "Sears" at 10:00 am.
Leaders: Jim and Hilda Dee, 542-2643.

Saturday, Mar. 16. Hike the Maple Leaf Road section of the Trail. Bring a lunch. Meet at "Sears" at 9:30 am.
Leader: Mike Amodeo, 634-1847.

Sunday, Mar. 22. Hike the Abandoned RR track from Bottings Road along the north shore of Sydenham Lake. Bring a lunch. Meet at "Sears" at 9:30 am.
Leaders: Paul & Eva Smith, 542-6003.

Saturday, Mar. 28. Hike the south shore of Amherst Island. Bring a lunch. Meet at "Sears" at 9:00 am **SHARP** to catch the 9:30 ferry.
Leader: Jean Thompson, 544-0340

Sunday, Apr. 5. Hike the Trail on the west side of Gould Lake. Bring a lunch. Meet at "Sears" at 9:30 am.
Leader: Patricia Lynn.

Saturday, Apr. 11. Hike with Ann Robertson on the Kingston Field Naturalist's Property. Bring a lunch. Meet at "Sears" at 9:30 am.
Leader: Johanna Koeslag, 384-5384.

CENTRAL CLUB OUTINGS

During the period of this Newsletter outings will normally be cross country skiing, however, should conditions be unfavourable, alternative measures will be made to provide enjoyment of the outdoors. For information on any outings or transportation, call John Miller - 267-1493.

Sunday, Dec. 15. Ghost Town Hike.
Hike part of the trail south of Murphy's Point Park, looping past "Town of Prior Beings". Meet at Conlon Farm at 9:00 am.
Leader: Dorthy Hudson.
For details call John Miller 267-1493 or 264-8338.

Sunday, Jan. 19. Merrickville/Rosedale Section. Bring cross country skis and hiking boots, together with a good lunch. Meet at Conlon Farm at 9:00 am.
Leader: Peter DeLepper - 269-4700.

Sunday, Feb 16. Murphy's Point Provincial Park. A joint outing with the Ottawa Club. A pleasant day's skiing on rolling landscape, not difficult, so come on out, bring a lunch. Meet at Murphy's Point Park Ski Lodge at 10:30 am.
Leader: Don Sherwin - 268-2447.

Sunday, Mar. 15. Frontenac Provincial Park. Hike the Arkon Lake Loop. Approximately 15 km. Hiking boots with good sole and ankle support needed at this time of year. Bring a lunch and meet at Conlon Farm at 9:00 am.
Leader: John Miller - 267-1493.

OTTAWA CLUB WINTER ACTIVITIES

The winter activities are mainly, but not exclusively, ski outings; there are no ski outings scheduled in March because of the uncertain weather and snow conditions. The rendezvous point is at Booth and Albert as usual. Please be on time. Private cars are used and hikers are asked to make a contribution to the drivers' gas cost. This suggested contribution is specified where it is more than $3.00. In some cases, the Gatineau ski outings also involve a park admission fee. Some outings will be followed by an optional refreshment stop. For specific information on individual events, phone the leader indicated, and for more general information, or if the leader is not available, phone Bill Grant, Activities Coordinator at 820-0697. Please read the descriptive details, so that you will not be disappointed. End-to-End hikes will resume in the spring.

Once again we are grateful for the willingness of the club members to volunteer to lead these activities and request participants to make their job as easy as possible.

Wednesday Walkers. Every Wednesday there are ski outings during the skiing season and walks at other times. These outings tend to be vigorous and are not for beginners. The meeting time and place is 9:30 a.m. at Booth and Albert. Call Dorothy Belter, 523-4420 or Nanette Whitwam, 231-5417

Sat., Jan. 4 Nakkertok Ski Club
Start the new year off right with our second annual ski outing in this excellent ski area, north of the City of Gatineau, near St. Pierre de Wakefield. For more advanced skiers. There may be a small admission charge. Gas cost is $4.00. Bring lunch and warm clothing.
Booth and Albert 9:30 a.m.
LEADER: Phil Herbst 828-0386

Sat., Jan. 11 Gatineau Park
Take advantage of the good skiing conditions at this time of year with a vigorous ski outing. Lots of hills. Not for beginners. Bring lunch and warm clothing.
Booth and Albert 9:30 a.m.
LEADER: Don Mitchell 749-9537

Sat., Jan. 18 Gatineau Park
A vigorous ski outing. Not for beginners. Bring lunch, warm clothing.
Booth and Albert 9:00 a.m.
LEADER: Dorothy Belter 523-4420

Fri., Jan. 24 Pot Luck Evening
Roger McCullough will be hosting a potluck evening at 6 Tammela Court, Ottawa (Greenboro district) at 7:00 p.m.
To confirm attendance, call Roger at 731-7596 or Bill Grant 820-0697 by Jan. 22nd or earlier if transportation is needed.

Sat., Jan. 25 Gatineau Park
A ski outing, about 15 km. on trails of intermediate difficulty. **Not for beginners.** Bring lunch, warm clothing.
Booth and Albert 9:00 a.m.
LEADER: Alex Bissett 828-4313

Sun., Jan. 26 Earth Star Loop, Marlborough Forest. A moderate ski on flat ground. Bring lunch for a campfire at the shelter, and wear warm clothing.
Booth and Albert 9:30 a.m.
LEADER: Nanette Whitwam 231-5417

Sun., Feb. 2
A short afternoon ski outing for the less experienced (about 4 km.) followed by a refreshment stop at Erl Cassells'.
Booth and Albert 12:00 p.m.
LEADER: Erl Cassells 820-8157

Sat., Feb. 8 Gatineau Park
A vigorous ski outing in the Park. Not for beginners. Bring lunch, warm clothing.
Booth and Albert 9:30 a.m.
LEADER: Bev Armstrong 738-0310

OTTAWA CLUB WINTER ACTIVITIES CONTINUED.

Sun., Feb. 9 Kettle Island, Ottawa River
Ski, walk, or snowshoe on the river, conditions permitting. Refreshments at the Bennetts' afterwards.
Booth and Albert 12:30 p.m. or go directly to the Bennetts' at 1:00 p.m.
LEADER: Bob Bennett 749-7440

Sat., Feb. 15 Moonlight Ski in Gatineau Park. Bring food to cook or heat, beverage, and a candle. Dress warmly. For intermediate skiers.
Booth and Albert 6:00 p.m.
LEADER: Margaret Lafrance - but telephone Bill Grant 820-0697 for information

Sun., Feb. 16 Murphy's Point Provincial Park
A joint outing with the Central club. A pleasant day's skiing on rolling landscape.
Booth and Albert 9:00 a.m. **or**
Murphy's Point Park Ski Lodge 10:30 a.m.
CONTACT: Bill Grant 820-0697
or John Miller 1-267-1493

Sat., Feb. 22 Schoolhouse Loop
A short ski outing for moderate skiers and warm-up at the school house. Bring lunch, warm clothing.
Booth and Albert 10:00 a.m.
LEADER: Andrew Oakes 225-8982

Sun., Feb. 23 Gatineau Park
A two or three hour afternoon ski, on the east side of Meech Lake. Some hills. Bring snack. Park admission charge of $5.00.
Booth and Albert 1:00 p.m.
LEADER: Elizabeth Mason 729-6596

Sat., Feb. 29 Walk in the Woods
Celebrate Leap-Day with a pleasant walk in the greenbelt, conditions permitting. Snow shoes or good winter boots or moccasins. Bring a snack, if you wish, but refreshments afterwards, if possible.
Booth and Albert 12:30 p.m.
LEADER: Bill Grant 820-0697

Fri., Mar. 6 Newsletter Deliverers' Soiree
All RT newsletter delivery persons and others willing to volunteer for this twice-yearly activity are invited to an evening of discussion and refreshments. Come and meet your fellow volunteers.
283 Avondale Ave. 7:30 p.m.
CONTACTS: Elizabeth Mason 729-6596
Don Mitchell 749-9537

Fri., Mar. 20 Slide Show Evening
The Simpsons will again host a slide show at 7:00 p.m. Address - 1206 Placid St. (west end, north of Baseline Rd.). Bring slides of hikes on the Rideau Trail or hikes by Rideau Trail members in other places. Numbers limited so phone **by Mar.17.**
CONTACT: Bill Grant 820-0697
or
Ed Simpson 828-1679

Sat., Mar. 28 Ottawa River Parkway
A **walk** (one-way) of about 13 km on the northernmost section of the Trail.
See the Ottawa River in early spring.
Of interest to members who wish to start or complete hiking the entire trail.
Perhaps refreshments afterwards. Bring a lunch, wear appropriate clothing.
Booth and Albert 10:00 a.m.
LEADER; Johanna Ede 731-1541

FRONTENAC PROVINCIAL PARK
WINTER 1991-92 WILDERNESS SKILLS

If you enjoy being in the outdoors cross country skiing, ice fishing, snowshoeing, or just being out for a winter hike taking pictures, then join the Ministry of Natural Resources at Frontenac Provincial Park for a winter of outdoor activities. The Wilderness Skills Program teaches outdoor enthusiasts hands on experience and valuable outdoor skills. Register early as space is limited, Please call - 1 -613-376-3489.

Date	Program	Presenter
Jan 11	Cross Country Skiing & Waxing 10:00 am - 3:30 pm	North Ridge Wilderness Paul Copland
Jan 12	Cross Country Skiing & Safety 10:00 am - 3:30 pm	Canadian Ski Patrol System
Jan 18	Ice Fishing 10:00 am - 3:30 pm	Loyalist Sports Fishing Assoc. Paul Davey
Jan 19	Snowshoeing 10:00 - 3:30 pm	Canadian Snowshoer's Assoc. Ed Grenda
Feb 2	Winter Trip Planning 10:00 am - 3:30 pm	Queen's University Bert Horwood
Feb 8 to Feb 9	Winter Camping & Ice Fishing Weekend Feb 8th 10:00 am to 9th Feb 3:30 pm.	Harbourfront Canoe School Steve Magee
Feb 15 to Feb 16	Winter Camping Feb 15th 10:00 am to 16th 3:30 pm.	TrailHead Jillian Ball
Mar 1	Winter Photography Workshop 9:30 am to 3:30 pm.	William Reynolds
Mar 9	Wilderness Survival for Children 10:00 am to 1:30 pm.	Frontenac Park Staff
Mar 10	Smokey the Bear Fire Protection Program. 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm	Frontenac Park Staff
Mar 15	Canoe and Paddle Workshop. 10:00 am to 3:30 pm	Kijik Canoe Company Jim Chatsick Mike Dearborn

CENTRAL CLUB 1991/92 EXECUTIVE.

Co-Chairman	John Miller	267-1493
Co-Chairman	Dorothy Hudson	
Secretary/Treasurer	Ian Cameron	
Trail Maintenance	Ron Sherwin	
Publicity	Mary Weiner	

END TO END AWARDS - 1991

This year the list of End to End award winners was substantial. Twenty-three end to enders by the time of the AGM. (I have heard from two more, who will receive their awards next year). The deadline for submitting accomplishments to receive the award in any given year is August 15th. The certificates for the past few years have been hand coloured and lettered by a calligrapher, Hilary Fowler. This takes time, as does compiling the list of end to enders and contacting the Kingston and Ottawa clubs to arrange for presenters.

This years award recipients included some who took the slower approach such as Don Cutts, who was on the first Rideau Trail hike in July 1971. Several started in 1988 with the end to end hikes arranged by Bill Grant; Alex Bissett, Gerry Schut, George Anderson, Janet Anderson, Tony Hyam, Grace Hyam, Jim Dee, Hilda Dee, and Marg Lafrance, who led that first 1980 hike. Those who took the faster approach included a group of Venturers from Barrhaven, the 133rd Venture Company: Peter Gordon, James MacCrostie, Jeff Greenall, Ken Wilson and Duane Goodwin, who hiked the trail from Aug 17th to Aug 31st, and Mel Goddard from Brampton who hiked the trail July 10th to 20th, The others were Moira Drummond, Marion Dunning, Ann Bolster, Geoff Berry, Mary Williams from Hamilton, Betty McIver and Bud Masse.

This year's hikes are starting the End to End all over again so we may have a good crop next year as well.

RICHMOND LANDING PLAQUE RENEWED.

This year has seen the installation of a new plaque marking the Kingston end of the Rideau Trail at Elevator Bay. At the same time, the plaque which was placed by the NCC at Richmond Landing in 1983, marking the Ottawa end of the Trail, has been restored. The NCC marker was originally painted brass. However, the paint had been flaking off for some time and the NCC no longer had the resources to restore it. Tom Bach, the former Trail Maintenance Chairman of the Ottawa Club took this on as a personal project and spent long hours scraping the remaining paint off the marker by hand. The original brass is now exposed. The plan is to let it weather down to match to match the metal which has been exposed over the years by the flaking paint. The Ottawa Club would like to thank Tom for taking on this task and to remind our members that all the work on the Clubs is done by volunteers like Tom, who give their time and expertise.

SECRET CEMETERY IN THE FOREST?

For some time, certain members of the Ottawa Club who frequent the Marlborough Forest have known of the existence of a strange pioneer cemetery hidden in the woods. The only written reference to this cemetery of about twenty graves is in Walker's "Carleton Saga".

In our last summer hike, near the Earth Star Loop, I discovered what looks very much like a second, smaller cemetery consisting of half a dozen graves very similar to those in the cemetery mentioned by Walker. The graves have longitudinal piles of limestone rocks about 6" high.

According to Walker's book, such cemeteries are evidence of the settlement of the area in the early part of the last century. He theorizes that these "vanguard pioneers, may well have died of the fever or of starvation". As there is virtually no soil above the limestone, they are buried in shallow troughs and then covered with stones. Headstones have disappeared.

W.G. Grant.

RIDEAU TRAIL - AUDIO VISUAL SHOW.

The Rideau Trail Association annual meeting in Westport in September included the first showings of the new Rideau Trail audio-visual package. This show includes 80 slides, all taken by members, synchronized with a script and background music. The script was written, and the slides selected, by Michal Ann Crosley; narration was done by Christian Hackbusch. The background music was provided by Larry Crosley, who also did the synchronization of slides and tape. The Association thanks all these professional friends for a superb job.

Based on the original set of slides assembled by Moira Drummond and updated by the Ottawa Club, the show traces the Rideau Trail from the Kingston end in the spring through to the Ottawa end in the fall, and also shows some winter scenes. It portrays the various activities of the Clubs, including hiking, skiing, canoeing and even trail maintenance, as well as natural and historic scenes along the Trail.

Copies of the show have been made for both the Kingston and Ottawa Clubs. It is ideal for presentations to exhibitions, shows, and fairs, or to any sort of group of club, whether recreational, environmental, or service oriented. If you belong to such an organization, keep this in mind the next time your group is looking for a speaker. The packaged show runs for 8 minutes; for longer presentations, a copy of the script accompanies the show and presenters can run the slides without the tape, add their own comments, and pause for viewers' questions. To book a showing of the Rideau Trail audio-visual show, contact Roger Mc Cullough of the Ottawa Club at (613) 731-7596 or Jean Thompson of the Kingston Club at 544-0340.

TRAIL MAINTENANCE.

Having enjoyed many hours hiking along the Rideau Trail, I felt a mild obligation to assist in trail maintenance, So when volunteers where asked for, I requested "my own" section of the trail. To my great surprise I was assigned an 18 km section of blue markers in the Merrickville - Burritts Rapids area.

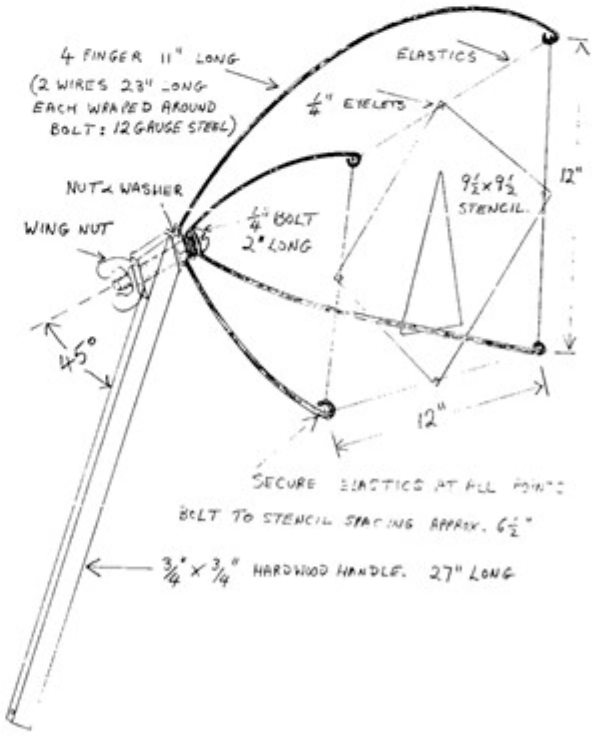
I was looking forward to this new venture, and on the first day arrived early with markers, paint and clippers. Starting down the Dwyer Hill road I soon realized the primary ingredient for the new venture would by garbage bags. As I turned into Burritts Rapids I saw no markers for two intersections, so I got out the stencil and four thumb tacks. Unfortunately the poles at the critical corners were cement. So much for the thumb tacks, I thought. I tried to hold the stencil against the pole with one hand and spray with the other. Modest success, however I now had a blue hand, this wont look very good walking through Burritts Rapids with a blue hand, I thought.

The next section of the trail was much easier and I had time to contemplate the cement poles. What I needed was a large artificial hand which could be held at a safe distance from the spray.

After a little experimentation, I formed a four fingered device out of black farming wire on which the stencil was suspended on light elastic bands. This assembly was then mounted at about 45 degrees on the end of a 2 foot pole. The mounting head is rotatable to allow angled painting. This device I found to be very satisfactory, and I am now completely rid of the blue hand disease.

John Le Geyt

(692-4966)



HEARD ON THE TRAIL.

"We agreed at the start that we would walk on trails today rather than bush-wack and we spent all day bush-wacking trying to find one".

"I'll give up hiking if, during a hike when it is time to consider going back to the car or continuing on, I can't remember where I parked the car."

Patrick: "Please God, help us." Robina: "She's not available".

"Let's take a short-cut." "Why not, we've got lots of time."

TRAIL RE-ROUTING

Extensive re-routing has been necessary between Narrow's Lock and the Three Buoy's Marina. The trail has been well signed but the map has not yet been re-drawn. The description, now incorrect, is on pages 72 and 73 of The Rideau Trail Guidebook.

WALKING OPPORTUNITIES

OTTAWA AREA - "OTTAWALK" has weekly outings which are free and open to all. If interested call 235-3007.

DOWNHILL SKIERS

OTTAWA AREA - Downhill skiers in the Ottawa Area looking for company on small group outings contact M. Sinclair 224-7416.

SUBSCRIPTION APPLICATION: Membership year is from April 1st to March 31st. Your membership in the Rideau Trail Association provides the financial support essential for the continuous maintenance, improvement, extension and protection of the Rideau Trail network. As a member you will receive the quarterly newsletter and special mailings, as well as voting rights in local club and association activities. **To join or renew complete the form below, place it in an envelope and mail to:**

Rideau Trail Association
P.O. Box 15
Kingston, Ont.,
K7L 4V6

Ottawa Phone Number: 613-567-2229
Kingston Phone Number: 613-545-0823

( ) Annual Family Membership	$15.00	PLEASE CHECK New( ) Renewal ( )
( ) Patron (life membership)	200.00*	
( ) Guide Book Members	15.00	Name _____
Non-Members	20.00	
(plus $2.00 postage & handling)		Address _____
( ) Car Sticker (FREE to new members)	1.00	
( ) Crest	2.00	City _____
( ) Enamelled Pin	3.00	
( ) Rideau Trail Wall Map	10.00	Postal Code _____
(includes $4.00 postage and handling)		
( ) Donation to RTA	____*	Telephone _____
( ) Donation to the Corridor Fund	____*	
Prices subject to change		
TOTAL	____	