

# THE RESUSCITATOR

THE O H ASSOCIATION 80 ROWLEY BRIDGE ROAD, TOPSFIELD, MA 01983



## Saturday, January 29, 1994 Winter Reunion and Revels Starring Mac Stott "Eyewitness to the Iditarod"

Mac will join us this year to present his narrated slide show of March 1980's Iditarod, the world's greatest sled dog race. From the widely publicized start in Anchorage to the remote checkpoints in Alaska's frozen bush, Mac will recount what he saw and heard.

The doors will open at 5:00 p.m. at Joy Street's Cabot Auditorium with the same fantastic meal as last year.

**Just let us know on or before January 15th by sending your check for \$25 (\$20 for present cross).** Let us know if you prefer a vegetarian meal. We must have your prepaid reservation to make plans with the caterer—walk-ins cannot be guaranteed a meal. This prepayment process worked really well last year and took the guess work out of our preparations. We weren't stuck with unpaid meals and the upgraded fare was a success. So join us for cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and all the good camaraderie at our new January reunion time slot.

The following slate of Officers has been nominated for election at the business meeting:

Secretary  
Josh Alper

Treasurer  
John Messerv

Resuscitator Editors  
Robin Snyder  
Jim Hamilton

Members at Large  
Jen Granducci, Mike Waddell,  
Frank Kallher, Doug Shaffer,  
Stroker Rogovin, Dick Low

**A**nother busy and productive year! Last year's winter reunion was moved to the last weekend in January and was a huge success. It was wonderful to see so many people who were unable to attend in years past. Sorry that our top-billed act couldn't attend. It seems the Watermans are so involved in their back-to-the-land thing that it was virtually impossible to get them to commute from their home in Vermont. Not so with our speaker this January, who promises to make the trek in from Andover, even if it requires a canine team to haul him and his slides. Don't miss Mac Stott and another glorious feast and get together, but remember to make your reservation now so we can plan for the food.

Last year's long winter eventually led to spring, though it took a bit longer last year with all the snow we had. We had a good turnout with some folks who haven't been in these parts for a while. We even invited quite a few extra lobsters than water and are considering asking for the prepay reservations, same as the winter reunion so we can keep a better handle on things. Those who attended this spring received this year's limited edition keepsake of Bob Temple's bandana describing just how to tell the difference between a male and female lobster—crucial crustacean information no self-respecting lobster lover should be without. And the brawl game was a tie, but if we can get more cross from the '70s, we can kick some butt.

Over the summer, the Steering Committee took a few months off, but met with renewed gusto in the fall. Oktoberfest was a small, intimate affair with about a dozen or so folks present to help winterize the Cabin by putting on the storm widows and hauling up the wood from the road. Josh Alper's food was wonderful and skillfully prepared as usual. We didn't put out a special mailing this year, nor will we for next October, but we'd like to see you if you can make it during foliage season. Check the calendar and this spring's Resuscitator for the date.

Changes in the Cabin include a brand spanking new gas stove complete with burners and a griddle that work and don't smell like propane. We disconnected the leaky propane tanks from the kitchen side of the Cabin and installed a large tank near the road with a shut off valve at the porch. Next on the improvement list is rewiring the first floor with a more user-friendly circuit breaker to help bring it up to code and make it easier to open and close the Cabin. The next item is replacing the worn-out furniture and mattresses. Anybody have a bar-co-lounger or laz-y-boy with a few good years left? Give us a call. God, there's even talk about improving the outhouse conditions! We've got the Cabin looking so good that a crack team of graphic designers have incorpo-

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rated it into our new window decal which will be sent together with 1994 membership cards to all dues-paying members this winter. Be the first on your block to impress your friends with this handsome three inch decal and awe them with your translation of the Latin inscription *Solitar Crampus—The Solution is in Sitting Down.*



Those of you who live or work in the Boston area are encouraged to join us at the first Monday of the month Steering Committee meetings at Brandy Pete's. We're always looking for new faces and appreciate any help you can give us, even if you can't make all the meetings. Call me at (617) 266-3322 (W) or (617) 466-6942 (H) if you're coming to town, and we'll confirm the meeting date which always falls on the first Monday of the month, unless there's a Massachusetts holiday, then we meet on the second Monday. Brandy Pete's is on the Broad Street end of Franklin Street just down from the Meridian Hotel and we usually assemble around 6:00 p.m. before moving to our private tables on the mezzanine level.

Jeff Brown, Huts Supervisor at Pinkham, asked us pass the word that the AMC Huts as well as Pinkham, Crawford and Swan's Falls Campground are looking for volunteers to supplement the paid staff at these locations next summer. Responsibilities include public information, retail sales and membership promotion. Volunteers must attend a free training session at Pinkham May 6-8 and agree to provide coverage during at least two weekends. For more details, call Jeff directly at (603) 466-2721.

Just got a call from Chris Hawkeye Hawkins about the Boothman Farm in Randolph going up for sale. Hawkeye and wife Susan would like to keep it in the OH or AMC family if possible. Call him at (603) 466-2636 for all the details.

Looking forward to seeing you at Joy Street January 29. Happy Holidays!

Danese Winck, Chair,  
Steering Committee

# Folgerisms

During Al Folger's memorial service October 5, 1991, Josh Alper remembered "those oft-repeated, sometimes humorous—and sometimes irritating—expressions which were peculiar to Al". Here is a sampling.

Choosing a burk upon arriving at a hut, he always sought what he referred to as an *Himalayas burk*—*alors*.

If the weather was poor on the hike in or if hiking at night, it was *trud* by *brulle* or *the fog was so thick, I had to take a step back to see where I was going*.

Al urged us not to heed signs directing hikers to follow cairns in bad weather, for he had stood behind a cairn in a sudden snow squall for fifteen minutes, and when the cairn didn't move he hiked on by it.

Upon our arrival at the Cabin or at Brandy Pete's, we were welcomed with a hearty greetings and *salutations* or *don't get up, you already are*.

Remembering Al's *Thirst Aïd Kù*—before dinner, Al filled a bowl with cracker shards and opened his jars of Kraft pineapple roka cheese or some cheddar-flavored industrial dairy concoction in what appeared to be a can of shaving cream, then announced the commencement of *beurtos roumat* from his seemingly bottomless flask. Drinking in a hut before dinner, Al's first toast was *carry in, carry on, carry out*. And when approached by liquorless gofers seeking a libation, Al invariably quipped *I'm sorry, the nearest liquor store is closed*.

Al's *olavated coffe* was laced with a shot, the initial drink of which was referred to as *the first semester*. Al cautioned not to graduate before noon.

As he got older, he couldn't carry as much in his pack, and had therefore given up carrying water in favor of more *notable potatoes*.

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## 1994 CALENDAR

January 29

Winter Reunion & Revels

Joy Street

Featuring Mac Stott

(Prepaid Reservations must be received by January 15)

See Reservation form in dues invoice

May 6-8

Volunteer Training Weekend at Pinkham  
for Summer Fill-in Jobs in Huts, Crawford or Swan's Falls  
Call Jeff Brown at PNC (603) 466 2721 for details

May 14

Spring Brawl at OH Cabin—details in next Resuscitator

October 1-2

OH Cabin Work Weekend & Oktoberfest

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## MISSING PERSONS REPORT

Do you know the address of the following OH whose mail was returned?

Thomas Cavilke, Mary & Ash Campbell, Gary Hill, Graham Treiland, Eliza Walker, John Whittier, Don Hanger, Alfred Oton, Eric Anzie