

THE RESUSCITATOR

THE OH ASSOCIATION 80 Rowley Bridge Road Topsfield, Massachusetts 01983

The OH Association is former employees of the AMC Huts System whose activities include sharing sweet White Mountain memories

Saturday, January 29, 2005

89th Winter Reunion and Annual Meeting

featuring Mac Stott and Rick Wilcox

Nepal Khumbu Trek to Everest 1965 & 2004

Social Hour 5:00 p.m., Dinner 7:30 p.m.

The Sheraton Ferncroft, Danvers

In 1964, one year after the first Americans reached Everest's summit, Mac Stott and his wife Nan started planning a trek to Everest, a trip that would start 20 miles from Kathmandu taking them a distance of 175 miles on foot to the Everest Valley. By the fall of 1965, Mac had tapped every source of information available, studied hand-drawn maps and set off for a trip of a lifetime. Thirty-nine years later, an OH contingent led by Rick Wilcox flew from Kathmandu to the mountain airport of Lukla and retraced Mac's trek including a side trip to Gokyo Lakes, a traverse across the Ngozumba Glacier and a climb up Cho-La Pass.

Join us to enjoy the lively illustrated talks from these two veterans who have entertained us in the past—Mac's Iditerod trips and Rick's OH trek to Nepal's Lo Monthang monastery.

The pre-dinner show will be well worth the trip to Danvers:

Mac will sign copies of his new book *On and Off the Trails*;
OH Ted Vaill's video of the 2004 Khumbu trek will run;
OH Peter Grote's panoramic photographs from Gokyo-Ri and Kalapathar of the Everest Valley will be on display

We are back to the lofty heights of Danver's Sheraton Ferncroft, an easy drive for our Boston-based OH and just off Rt. 95 for those driving down from the north. Same fabulous buffet and deep discount OH room rate of \$79 as last year for those staying over. And why not? What else is going on January 29th? For room reservations call 978-777-2500 and remember to say OH Reunion to get the discount rate. We can't promise the same Sweet Adeline songster convention which filled the halls with warblers last year, but we can be sure to supply our own entertainment during and after our program.

Several OH will receive Honorary Memberships, Ann and Jack Middleton and Pinkham, cook Dave Wilson will be acknowledged for his many years of culinary service, taking his place with other notable longtime cooks Tex and Mel.

Gerry Whiting will give his Maine Initiative report on the progress at Little Leyford Pond Camps and the AMC's latest purchase of more Maine woodlands.

Latchstring awardees and past Honorary Members will be our guests. Dinner with many buffet choices is \$40—\$28 for present croo and children. Can't stay for dinner? You are welcome to drop by for drinks and greetings. All are welcome, friends and family.

Directions to the Sheraton Ferncroft, 15 miles north of Boston:
Exit 50 from I-95 coming from the north or south.

Stay left to Route 1 south. Take first right on Ferncroft Road and the hotel is at the top of the hill



Mark your 2005 Calendar

Winter Reunion—January 29; Spring Brawl—May 14;
40th Reunion of MMVSP Grand Traverse June 25;
Greenleaf 75th Reunion August 13; Oktoberfest—October 1



Steering Committee meetings are open to all. Check www.ohcroo.com for dates and places or call Stroker Rogovin at 781 641 2506 elstroker@aol.com



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The 2004 Latchstring Award Mizpah Springs Crew
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Greenleaf 75th Anniversary Saturday, August 13th

Mark your calendars for an all-time celebration at Greenleaf for Saturday afternoon August 13th. This event will combine the annual OH-at-a-Hut which has been successful for the past two years, first at Galehead, then Carter last September.

The day activities for all will include, but not be limited to, reminiscences and tall tales from veteran crews circa 1948 and 1950's; walks to the North and South Lookouts; personal guided tour of the original septic systems installed by Bruce Sloat in '59; an Eagle Lake bog walk; summit attempts and just general good OH camaraderie. The luncheon buffet will include refreshments and a reunion keepsake. But there's still more. At the 50th anniversary in 1980, Dave Porter created a 50 year history which he later scanned and a saved on CDs. Dave has dusted off his fifty year history and is prepared to add another twenty-five years and will offer his FlipBook CD to any OH attending this August 13th after the event is over and he has the time to compile the new pictures. Dave's only request at this time is: Help Dave Add Crew Pictures from 1980-2005. You can send slides, prints or jpg files to Dave at his home address at 123 Swett Road, Woodside, CA 94062-4706. You can email at davidporter3@earthlink.net, but please use email for questions only since graphic files have a tendency to choke up his emails. Dave will return your originals. Just make sure your return address is clearly spelled out in your letter to him.

What will this gala cost? \$20 (\$15 for OH under 25) gets you lunch, refreshments, keepsake, Dave's CD and priceless schmoozing and camaraderies.

And now for the delicate part—Greenleaf is still the gem of the above tree-line huts, relatively small with 48 beds. There are more OH than there are beds for those choosing to spend the night so the fairest way to accommodate resies is to ask only Greenleaf OH to send in prepaid resies using the enclosed order envelope. Moose will keep all resies in a lockbox under his bed. If he gets more resies than there are accommodations, beds will be reserved for the oldest crews to the youngest crews and the lockbox dough will be returned to those OH who have had the misfortune to be born too late.

Actually, this first-come-with-dough procedure, chances are that the hut will not be sold out after many of you receive this December appeal to part with your dues money, your winter reunion dinner fare and your extra to help the Cabin fund, but it would be advisable to think about guaranteeing that you get that comfy bunk in one of the bunk rooms by reserving now.

Note there will be the spring Resuscitator mailing to advise you of any unsold bunks and you can always go on-line at www.ohcroc.com for a status report of available bunks and a list of who will be there August 13th.

Overnight fare includes the aforementioned buffet and refreshments, keepsake, Dave Porter commemorative CD, refreshments, dinner, blanket folding demonstration, hearty breakfast and teary send-off from the current crew—\$75 total. Oh, and this is an all-OH hut night, no goofers just Greenleafers! We've reserved the whole hut so all checks are made out to the OHA, not the AMC.

MMVSP 40th Saturday, June 25 Grand Traverse & Alpine Picnic

The Trustees of the Mount Madison Volunteer Ski Patrol (MMVSP) have announced that planning is nearly complete for the 40th Anniversary Grand Traverse & Alpine Picnic to be held, rain or shine, on Saturday, June 25, 2005. Events will include the traditional T-shirt and flag-festooned caravan to the Summit of Mt. Washington, the Grand Traverse of New England's 6,000-Footers, and adjournment to Bald Crag for an Alpine Picnic Luncheon and various Patrol Celebrations. A massive induction of new initiates will highlight the festivities. Mark your calendar and start planning your luncheon and libation menus now.

An air of tense expectancy is spreading as news of this event is released. As in the past, the Trustees are preparing special invitations for delivery by mail, courier and diplomatic pouch to prominent past and present local, regional, national, and international officials and dignitaries. With contingents from the Patrol's U. S. Western Division, Canada and Europe already making plans to attend, this is an event not to be missed! A formal invitation, further information and detailed instructions will appear in the Spring 2005 Resuscitator and at www.ohcroc.com.

Mizpah Wins Latchstring Award

At the annual End of Summer party August 25 and 26, the Mizpah croo was awarded the prestigious hut award for their team chemistry that enabled them to run a smooth operation while providing a warm and personal experience for the guests. They handled several adverse situations from systems breakdowns to medical emergencies with grace and composure. Congratulations to HM Jon Cotton (who also hosted us at the Carter OH night in September), AHM Cricket Arrison, Jeremy Taylor, Nina Barrett, Ben Rattigan and naturalist, Benny Taylor. The entire crew is invited as our guests to the winter reunion at the Ferncroft January 29, 2005.

In Memoriam

Nick Howe wrote an obit for fellow Jacksonite Willie Harris who died the first of October. Read Nick's ohcroc.com full remembrance of Willie who was a WWII Normandy Beach combat vet, truck driver for Joe, weatherman at the Obs when Jack Paar owned Channel 8 and all-around Jackson personality.

OH friend Nelson Gildersleeve died June 19th at age 85. He was a member of the original Mount Washington Volunteer Ski Patrol for forty-years and a member of Friends of Tuckerman. He was a friend of OH skiers and attended several of our winter reunions. A September memorial service in Tuck was attended by Sheldon Perry and Doug Hotchkiss.

Charles "Ted" Bauer died June 28, 2004 at 85. Ted Bauer worked at Lakes in 1940-41. After the huts, he served as a naval aviator in WWII and then moved to Texas to cofound AIM Management Group which became the seventh largest mutual fund company in the world. He maintained a summer home in Rockport and became a generous contributor to Roxbury Latin, Harvard University and the University of Houston. Thanks to Ted's lead gift to the OHA portion of the AMC Capital Campaign, the OH raised over \$2,600,000. He leaves his wife Ruth, a daughter, two sons and three grandchildren.

OH Fund of the AMC Capital Campaign

84% of the total of over \$2.6 million pledged has been collected so far, with pledges continuing to be paid off on schedule. This is by far the highest rate among all different funds of the Campaign. AMC would like to once again thank the OH for their continuing dedication and support to the huts and trails they helped to create and sustain, and to the Maine Woods Initiative. Our lead gift provided the major funding for the acquisition of Little Lyford Pond Camps in Greenville.

OH Authors Publish Two New Books

Come to reunion and buy an autographed edition of Mac Stott's book *On and Off the Trail: Seventy Years with the Appalachian Mountain Club*. Loaded with Stottisms. Take \$2 off the retail price and get it for \$15!

Honorary OH Brad Washburn's new book, *Washburn: Extraordinary Adventures of a Young Mountaineer*, is a special collection of three of Washburn's rare early works—back in print after nearly 70 years. Written by Washburn when he was just 16, 17, and 20 years old, these classic tales of mountain adventure offer insight into the incredibly accomplished author, photographer, and mapmaker that he would become. Get this one online from the AMC www.outdoors.org and we might have some at reunion as well.

Here are my 2005 \$20 dues

payable to The O H Association.
Present 2004-2005 croos are exempt from first year dues payments. Dues and OH cabin overnight fees help maintain the OH Cabin and help to fund the website, the Resuscitator, End of Summer Party, Hut Framing Project and reunions

Sub Total

Here's something EXTRA for the Cabin Sub Total

Sign me up for Winter Reunion at \$40 (\$28 for present croo and kids)

Sub Total.....

Make \$79 overnight resies directly with Ferncroft by calling 978-777-2500 and tell them you want the discount OH rate

I'll be there for the day festivity buffet at Greenleaf August 13 and understand there will be further notice, but here's my \$20 (\$15 for croos 20 and under) in advance

Sub Total.....

Reserve a bunk at Greenleaf. I worked there in _____. I understand if the hut fills up, my deposit will be returned. \$75 covers the luncheon festivity buffet, dinner, overnight and breakfast

Sub Total.....

GRAND TOTAL.....

ALL checks are made out to The O H Association except for direct resies with Ferncroft

Tell Patrolman Brian Fowler, I'll be at the MMVSP Grand Traverse June 25 and look forward to my invitation

I'm emailing Emily my news or writing it on the inside of the flap

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