

PRESIDENT

John Hedrick

President: John Hedrick	Prepared by: John Hedrick
Number of Members/Volunteers: 1	Volunteer Hours Reported: 1,258
Number of New Members/Volunteers: N/A	Date: November 8, 2012

Overall 2012 has been a very productive year. This year we became more familiar with our Information Technology system and the introduction of numerous upgrades, such as, a fully automated online credit card transaction capability for donations, dues payments and store purchases. Our membership data base is much more accurate as a result of better member information. The Club's web page allows timely updates of "News Flashes" enabling us to provide faster information to our members.

We dedicated two new shelters along the Tuscarora Trail, the Reese Hollow Shelter and the Spruce Pine Hollow Shelter. We were unable to obtain approval to install and maintain a new shelter along the Tuscarora Trail in the Lee District of the George Washington National Forest. Plans are underway to install another shelter near the Dick's Dome shelter in Northern Virginia. REI has been very generous in donating money to construct our new shelters.

The Lincoln Loggers Crew was very active in obtaining approval to construct a rental cabin in the vicinity of Old Rag. An old log cabin was removed from Hancock, Maryland and will be reinstalled on the Old Rag site. A well has been completed and approval for a septic system has been granted. This work will continue well into next year.

We supported the cities of Luray, Front Royal and Waynesboro in their move to be recognized as an Appalachian Trail Community. PATC volunteers are an integral part of this process.

Bears Den and Blackburn Trail Center continued to provide excellent support to all visitors. These are well-managed facilities that are recognized as great places to stay and hold events.

Our trail and shelter system continues to receive high praise from all hikers. We are quite fortunate to have such a large cadre of volunteers to look after our many shelters and trails.

A relocation of the Appalachian Trail over Little Calf Mountain in the South District of Shenandoah National Park was completed. The trails at Wolf Trap Farm Park are about 80% completed. Our trail crews were most active in special project work and in clearing the many obstacles resulting from the "Derecho" storm. We continue to build and install composting privies at shelters and cabins along with bear poles at our shelters.

Our 84th PATC Awards Banquet was very well attended. Callan Bentley, Assistant Professor of Geology at Northern Virginia Community College was our guest speaker.

Rush Williamson received the Myron Avery award and Pete Brown and Dick Dugan received Honorary Life awards. Our first ever Hawksbill awards were presented. An iPhone APP was implemented incorporating the Shenandoah National Park Maps, 9, 10 and 11. This is a terrific capability and was developed in partnership with International Mapping. An Android version is also available.

Our chapters and committees operate at a very high level of professionalism and are very active in providing opportunities for the public. Our newsletter, The Potomac Appalachian continues to get better and better and each issue brings interesting and informative articles. The Trail Talkers supported many events, including Fort Detrick and Staunton Earth Day, Front Royal AT Trail Town dedication and the Washington DC Travel Adventure Show.

During this year we began a series of informative talks about hiking many of our trails in Shenandoah National Park, Maryland and DC. These talks were conducted at REI stores across our area and have been well received. We will continue to support and expand this program in cooperation with REI.

We have a number of challenges facing us in the coming year. Our financial posture needs to improve now that the revenue from the Virginia Tax Credit program is decreasing. We need to increase our membership rolls, find innovative ways to attract corporate donors, better advertise our cabin rental system and improve our retail and on-line sales. These are not unique challenges and I believe we are up to the task.

The best thing about being your President is the opportunity to associate with our many dedicated volunteers. They willingly spend long hours helping the club accomplish its goals and it is a pleasure to work with such a great group.

Goals for 2013

- Improve our financial posture.
- Actively recruit volunteers for selected positions.
- Foster close, cooperative relationships between trail volunteers, agency partners and the public.

VICE PRESIDENT FOR OPERATIONS

Lee B. Sheaffer, Jr.

Chair: Lee Sheaffer	Prepared by: Lee Sheaffer
Number of Members/Volunteers: 1	Volunteer Hours Reported: 950
Number of New Members/Volunteers: 0	Date: October 23, 2012

PATC has once again had a productive year with much to be proud of. Our trails are still the envy of the trail community and the support for those trails continues to be first rate. The Appalachian Trail has improved with a new reroute up Little Calf Mountain which includes an outstanding view of the surrounding area. The Tuscarora continue to change for the better with major reroutes in the works and three new shelters dedicated this year. While there are still some long stretches without camping or a shelter, the goal of a shelter or camp site every nine miles is getting closer to a reality. Our cabins remain a major area of pride for the club and we continue to improve and expand with a new cabin being built in the vicinity of Old Rag Mountain. Our books, maps and publications are in excellent shape and we have now entered the computer age with our Shenandoah National Park App for various types of smart phones. Under wise leadership from both our Activities and Publications committees, we are reaching out to the public with both helpful information and information about the club. Our lecture series at the area REI stores has been both well attended and a great success.

We will continue to move forward on our core areas and our volunteer base has made our operations both successful and a source of great pride. Looking forward, we will continue to do what we do best; maintain the best trail system in the country with the help of all our excellent volunteers.

One area to look forward to is the opportunity to host the 2015 Appalachian Trail Conference. We have approached Shenandoah University in Winchester Virginia as the location for this event and we anticipate holding the conference between July 17 and July 24, 2015. While this may seem like a long way off, there is much planning and work to do to make this event a success. We have already formed a steering committee and we are getting various committees in place to make this event possible. We will need a large number of volunteers in many different areas to make this conference a success. If you are interested in volunteering please let us know at 2015@patc.net

We look forward to another successful year in 2013. This is because we rely on the great work of our volunteers and as in years past our volunteers have exceeded our expectations and made PATC a truly great club to both be in and be a part of.

Supervisor of Trails

Catherine Kelleher

Committee: Trails	
Chair: Supervisor of Trails	Prepared by: John Hedrick
Number of Members/Volunteers: 800+	Volunteer Hours Reported: 76,965
Number of New Members/Volunteers:	Date: November 7, 2012

PATC maintained 1,066 miles of trail in 2012, including 241 miles of the AT and 825 miles of side trails and other trails in Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland and Pennsylvania. There were over 800 overseers assigned to maintain the various trails. PATC now coordinates with 40 different federal, state, local and private land managers.

The PATC volunteers contributed 62,329 work hours and 14,630 travel hours for a total of 76,965 hours worked within our 38 districts. Work along the Appalachian Trail totaled 23,516 hours. The remaining hours were devoted to improving trails in such areas as; Rock Creek Park, George Washington National Forest, Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania, Bull Run Occoquan, Mutton Hollow, Prince William Forest Park, Potomac Heritage Trail and Wolf Trap Farm Park.

During the year the AT was relocated across Little Calf Mountain summit in SNP and the loop trail in Wolf Trap Farm Park was almost completed. Both of these trails will allow hikers to enjoy new scenery and a superb vista via the Little Calf Mountain relocation.

PATC hired and supervised five Ridge Runners to monitor the AT. Their performance has been outstanding and they provided great assistance to hikers and to the surrounding areas. The club continued to install bear poles at various shelters in the area. Routine shelter maintenance was emphasized and all shelters had assigned overseers. Two chain saw certification classes were conducted in SNP; one was conducted by the Forest Service in Edinburg, Virginia and another by ATC. A Rigging Workshop and a Traditional Tools Workshop was taught by PATC volunteers and was well attended. Week long work trips in SNP were staffed by the Hoodlums and the Blue and White Trail Crews.

All of the trail crews were extremely active throughout our area. The following accomplishments are only an example of the outstanding work performed throughout the year. The Cadillac crew worked at Tenfoot Island in the Potomac River, at the Old Rag Cabin site, Massanutten Mountain and numerous other locations. The Massarock Crew continued their overnight work trips in the Lee Ranger District. The Mid-Atlantic Crew spent two weeks installing stone steps along the AT in Northern Virginia. The five year project of rebuilding lower Jones Mountain Trail was completed. The West Chapter continued to work at Cunningham Falls State Park and the North District Hoodlums began a special project to upgrade the side trail to the columnar basalt formation in SNP.

The Spooky Beaver Crew performed excellent trail work at Prince William Forest Park and repaired a 55 foot bog bridge damaged by high water. They also supported an Earth Day event with 75 elementary school children. The DC District Manager obtained grant money to purchase signage and other material for trail erosion control. The DC Crew was most active in their district.

Three bridges in the Maryland Metro area were rebuilt and additional emphasis on trail maintenance in this district was initiated. The South Mountaineers were busy conducted several work trips along trails near Pogo Campsite and repaired fencing at Annapolis Rocks. They and the Yankee Clippers have also been occupied with blow down removal along their many trails. The Southern Shenandoah Valley Chapter and the Charlottesville Chapter performed work along the Ramsey's Draft Trail in the George Washington National Forest. Information Technology improvements involved enhanced District Manager reports, the ability to add work hours on behalf of other volunteers and improved tracking of volunteer work hours.

John Hobler continued to construct and deliver many signs to the district managers. His work is superb and provides the necessary information for the trail visitors.

Goals for 2013

- Apply for grant monies to supplement the trail and shelter budget.
- Coordinate with volunteer organizations to accomplish trail projects.
- Recruit, train, motivate, and support trail volunteers.
- Improve PATC support to Manassas National Battlefield Park.

SUPERVISOR OF FACILITIES

Jack Adams, Supervisor

The Headquarters building experienced a significant loss of heating last winter. A subsequent survey of the existing system revealed that it was significantly oversized. A new HVAC system has been installed based on the survey results. The new system is already showing that it will be more efficient. The electricity bills for this summer have shown a savings of over \$1,000 so far. The much needed caulking of the building's doors and windows was also completed. This has ended the incessant problem of leakage during rainstorms. These repairs cost over \$25,000. Thanks go to those that contributed funds to offset a large share of the cost. Hopefully the building will not require significant expenses for a while.

LAND MANAGEMENT

Ric Francke, Supervisor of Lands

Bill Downes, Land Management Committee Chair

Supervisor: Ric Francke; Chair: Bill Downes

Prepared by: Bill Downes Date: 10/31/12

Number of Members/Volunteers: 30

Volunteer Hours Reported: 1,707

The Land Management Committee (LMC) met in March 2012. The meeting was held at the Anna Michener Cabin in Pennsylvania. A total of 14 PATC members attended the meeting. Topics addressed during the meeting included: PATC land management policies and procedures, budgeting for tract management, communications, record keeping, reporting of volunteer hours, road maintenance, property boundary marking and signs, GPS and GIS implications for tract management, tract management plans, mowing, illegal dumping, hunting issues, and neighbor relations. Also new ideas were discussed concerning the recruitment of new tract managers and the potential of developing a Land Management Crew to assist tract managers with projects and maintenance that require more work than a lone individual can perform.

A land management work trip was scheduled in August on the Eaton Hollow Tract. It was not a great success but the committee is going to schedule another work trip in 2013.

Significant investments were made in road maintenance on the Eaton Hollow, Newlin Smith and Mutton Hollow Tracts. A major repair of the bridge on Collie Crest Road which is the access road to the Eaton Hollow tract was completed. These activities kept the roads open for tract, cabin, shelter, and trail overseers and crews. Some of the maintenance was cost shared with our neighboring landowners. Other activities carried out on the tracts this year were mowing, boundary marking, posting signs, maintaining good neighbor relations, and coordinating activities with the cabin, shelter, and trail overseers.

Thanks to all of our Tract Managers, volunteers, and PATC staff for their continuing work to protect the Club's land.

GOALS FOR 2013

Conduct a Land Management Committee Meeting in March.

Recruit additional Tract Managers.

Plan and conduct a land management work trip.

Continue to explore the possibility of establishing a land management crew.

Utilize GIS to map Tracts.

Realize additional income from our tracts through new conservation easements and/or sale of subdivided property.

SUPERVISOR OF ACTIVITIES

Randy A. Motz, Supervisor

Committee: Activities	
Chair: Randy A. Motz	Prepared by: Randy A. Motz
Number of Members/Volunteers: 67	Volunteer Hours Reported: 1,739 (as of 9/30/12)
Number of New Members/Volunteers: 42	Date: September 24, 2012

2012

In 2012, PATC's "Trail Talkers" participated in a total of 25 events, staffed by 67 volunteers. This was two more events than in 2011. Many non-productive events were removed from the list this year, but others were added to take their place. The list of members wishing to be involved with outreach events continue to grow with a total of 406 on the "Trail talker" list.

The Southern Shenandoah Valley Chapter stepped up again this year and represented PATC in a large number of events in their area, giving us additional exposure in their area. Our Boy Scout liaison also continued the club's involvement at several Boy Scout events.

The work of establishing an Activities Committee has been a dismal failure and it is my hope that my successor will have more success in this area than I have had.

The Membership Survey was overwhelmingly successful and the data gathered will be extremely useful in driving the club's efforts in the coming years.

The distribution of Information Packets at events has been with a great deal of satisfaction. These packets were put together as a more efficient alternative to having volunteers mail out information packets to people who requested them at a community outreach event. Though the up-front cost of printing large white envelopes in which to put the information sheets was relatively expensive, this expense was offset somewhat by the reduction in postage costs and costs of the current manila-colored envelopes to mail out information packets after each event; a process that sometimes took weeks to complete.

Goals for 2012

Since this is my last term as Supervisor of Activities, I choose not to speculate on what initiatives the new supervisor will pursue, but it is my hope that whoever that is will continue to participate in the most successful events that we have been a part of over the years.

Supervisor of Communications

Jim Tomlin

Committee: Supervisor of Communications	
Chair: Jim Tomlin	Prepared by: Jim Tomlin
Number of Members/Volunteers: Seven	Volunteer Hours Reported: 110
Number of New Members/Volunteers: 2	Date: October 30, 2012

Report for 2012:

The hours reported are for the committee chair alone. Other hours are reported respectively by the editor of the Potomac Appalachian and chair of the IT committee.

The Potomac Appalachian newsletter staff, led by Rachel Levin (see separate report), did an outstanding job in 2012, high quality, on time, and under budget.

The PATC website, under the management of Kit Sheffield and Lee Manning, also soared to new heights in 2012 (see separate report from IT Committee) and continues to add new features.

Other communications-related activities in 2012:

We met our 2012 goal of recruiting a new Public Affairs committee chair to assist with the coordination of PATC-related news items.

A new PATC membership brochure for public distributed was designed, written, and printed, through the work of many individuals, led by the Supervisor of Activities.

Goals for 2013:

Build a foundation for the Public Affairs committee to begin working with all groups within PATC to provide a single, effective voice for PATC in the media and public.

Continue to enhance the PATC web site and Facebook page, adding more news, photos, and pertinent information.

SUPERVISOR OF MEMBERSHIP

Alan Day, Supervisor

Committee: Membership	
Chair: Alan Day	Prepared by: Alan Day
Number of Members/Volunteers: 3	Volunteer Hours Reported: 600
Number of New Members/Volunteers: 1	Date: November 1, 2012

New Members meetings

Held ten meetings with 25 participated in 2012. Construction on the Beltway and at Tysons makes attending a meeting at PATC in Vienna difficult. While the electronic conferencing system has been available, no one has dialed in to use it. (The conferencing system is used by Council & ExCom meetings regularly.)

Membership category review

There is dissatisfaction with the current membership structure. It is perceived as being overly complicated without providing any significant distinction between categories. There are differing dues for some of the categories but the differences are not really significant. A small ExCom group examined this issue without coming to a recommendation for Council for change. Any proposed change ought to make automating the cabin reservation process more member-friendly. PATC has complicated rules for who can rent a cabin when that makes using the bed & breakfast COTS software system difficult to automate.

New Member contact information to committee chairs

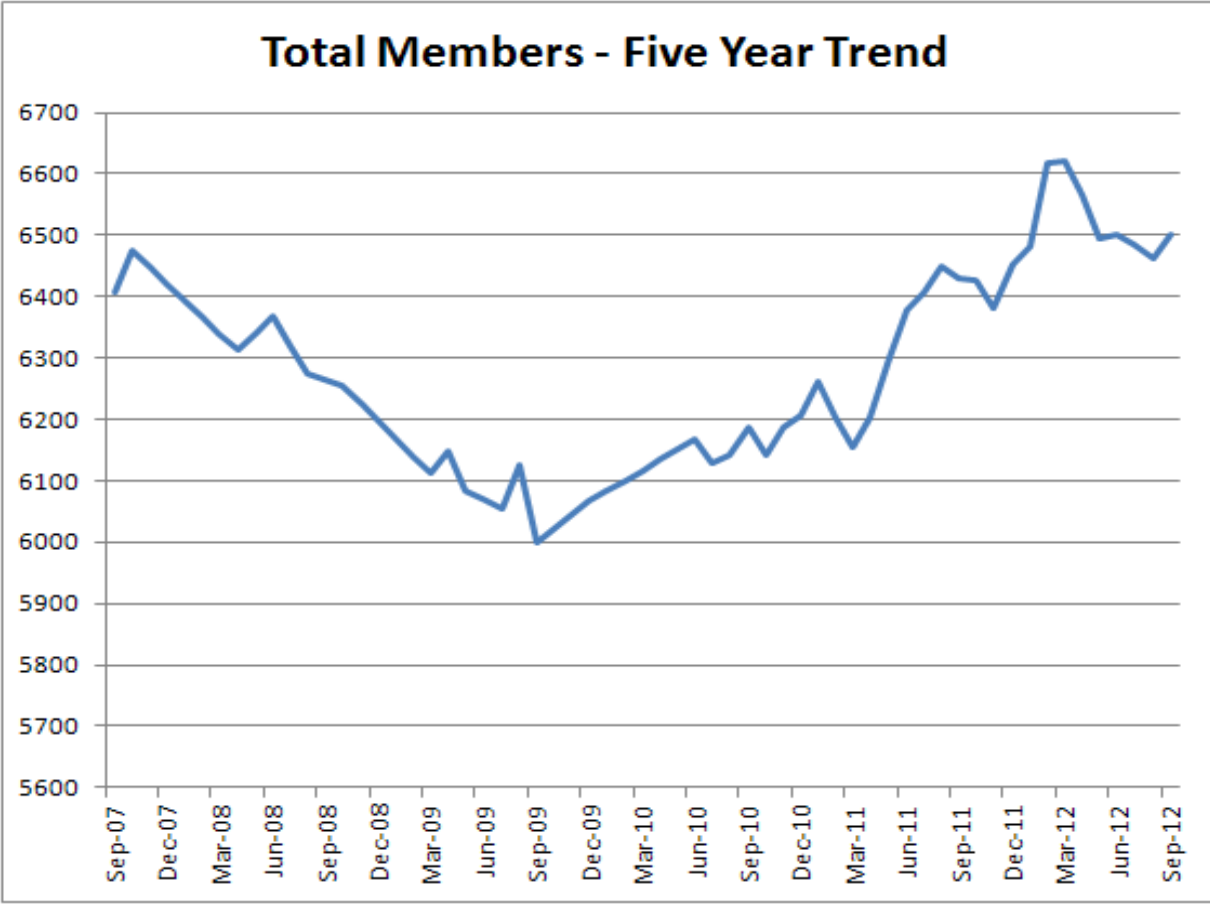
The iMIS system creates monthly reports to the committee chairs with the interests and New Member contact information that they have requested. This helps match up interests and locations that make participation easier.

iMIS zip code pilot: Wolf Trap Trail Performers

In 2011, PATC used the iMIS database to contact members in the Vienna, Reston, Falls Church, McLean, Great Falls, & Fairfax area to recruit them for building a hiking trail around Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts. Of the 53 people who requested to be put on the work trip mailing list, 42 have participated in at least one work trip since the establishment of the crew in July 2011. The trail is being hiked around the entire periphery of the park.

Awards Banquet & Annual Meeting 13 November 2012

Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority Executive Director Paul A. Gilbert will be the keynote speaker.



SUPERVISOR OF MARKETING

Shirley Schulz, Supervisor

Committee: Marketing	
Chair: Shirley Schulz	Prepared by: Shirley Schulz
Number of Members/Volunteers: 19	Volunteer Hours Reported: 1130 (2012 eye)
Number of New Members/Volunteers: 19	Date: October 21, 2012

Year's Accomplishments:

Ads/Features in each months PA promoting PATC products/events

Initiated, created, organized PATC "Hiking with the Experts" events at area REI stores. There were 16 events with an average of 40 participants at each event. On average 20 non-PATC member participants at each event provided their email addresses for PATC info packets.

Created one page PATC overview handout with PATC books/maps on reverse for use at events/activities.

Created holiday promotion with free PATC item to incent holiday buying; advertised online, PA, Facebook.

Advertised PATC hikes weekly in Wash Post Friday Weekend Hike Listing.

Evaluated resale item list to discontinue slow selling items.

Created PATC display for Charlottesville Airport display; it ran June, July, August 2012.

Setup rotation of featured cabin on homepage to change monthly.

Created new map set for sale: Tuscarora Maps

Created PATC rack card featuring PATC and the Shenandoah map apps. These are distributed to REI stores, Eastern Mtn Sports, Hudson Trail etc.

Met with top 3 wholesale accounts to review relationship, new products/revision, and service levels. (ATC/REI, Aramark, SNP).

Initiated wholesaler email blast with new product/revision information. Snail mail to those without email addresses. This was sent each time a new product was available.

Goals for 2013:

Expand and continue PATC “Hiking with the Experts” events at REI stores both in number, location, content and volunteers.

Continue monthly ad in print/online of PATC product.

Update the PATC rack card with new features throughout the year.

Continue PATC hike listing in Wash Post Weekend.

Recruit volunteers with marketing experience.

Expand online feature cabin info as possible.

Meet with top 5 wholesale accounts.

Continue new product/revision info email/snail mail blast to wholesale clients.

Continue work on PATC product catalog.

Treasurer's Report

Jay Jupiter

Committee: TREASURER	
Chair: JAY JUPITER	Prepared by: JAY JUPITER
Number of Members/Volunteers: 1	Volunteer Hours Reported: 760
Number of New Members/Volunteers:	Date: October 4, 2012

The Treasurer developed several initiatives this year. The PATC initiated usage of a credit card providing several hundred dollars in cash rebates and also allowing for greater accountability and ease of transactions for PATC purchases by Committee Chairs. The PATC also opened a new bank account which reduced banking fees for transactions and created dedicated funds for grants and donations and liquidity.

PATC also retained a new auditor with some cost savings.

Goals for 2013

In the coming year the Treasurer anticipates making more new initiatives to reduce cost: such as implementing a new accounting software, revising our employee benefit programs, and better cost sharing and accountability. We implemented a new whistleblower policy and reviewed and revised some of our internal controls.

An ongoing project is cost allocation for the sundry PATC missions and affiliate activities. We expect to work with our new auditors to develop and strengthen internal controls and explore best practices of other similar nonprofit organizations which the Auditor has some experience and contact. We are also reviewing and expect to finalize a record retention policy and make updates to the Personnel Handbook.

I would like to thank and recognize Susan Nelson, PATC's Development Chair. She has been responsible for the Plaque that PATC will display recognizing the major donors at the President's Club Level of \$50,000 or more. We are also providing in this Annual Report the listing of donors who gave \$100 or more.

Below are selected financial and investment data:

Total Assets	\$8,100,000		
Endowment Fund	\$2.7MM	\$2.7MM	\$2.6MM
Perf (12mos.)	18.25%	1.18%	12.62%

Source and Application of Funds

Funds were provided by	Twelve Month Unaudited Projections		
	2012	2011	2010
Sales			
Maps	120,000	100,000	105,000
Publications	75,000	80,000	90,000
Third Party Products	5,000	2,000	1,000
Reimbursed Shipping	13,000	12,000	13,000
Total Sales	213,000	194,000	209,000
Cabin Rental	270,000	250,000	214,000
Memberships	160,000	170,000	175,000
Gifts, Grants, Donations	80,000	127,000	72,000
Tax Credit Sales and Credits		118,000	229,000
Trail Centers Income	88,000	85,000	75,000
Annual Meeting	4,000	4,000	3,500
Reimbursements	42,000	35,000	27,000
Draw from Endowment & Liquidity	183,000	107,900	545,000
Total Funds Provided	1,040,000	1,090,900	1,549,500
Funds were used for:			
Cost of Goods Sold			
Map Printing and Design	60,000	75,000	40,000
Other Printing and Purch	60,000	60,000	60,000
Total Cost of Goods Sold	120,000	135,000	100,000
Operations	160,000	135,000	125,000
Payroll & Benefits **	475,000	455,000	440,000
Trail Centers Expenses	92,000	90,000	85,000
Membership and Fundraising	78,000	66,000	77,000
Trails and Shelters	30,000	25,000	41,000
Lands Maint. & Acquisitions	20,000	41,900	549,500
Cabin Maint & Construction	65,000	153,000	131,000
Total Funds Used	1,040,000	1,100,900	1,548,500

** Personnel Expenses would generally be substantially allocated to programs

ATC Mid-Atlantic Regional Partnership Committee Pete Brown, Representative

Representative: Pete Brown Alternate:	Prepared by: Pete Brown
Number of Members/Volunteers: 1	Volunteer Hours Reported: 74
Number of New Members/Volunteers: N/A	Date: October 17, 2012

The Mid-Atlantic Regional Partnership Committee consists of representatives from each of the mid-Atlantic maintaining clubs, and meets with representatives from the ATC regional office in Boiling Springs, PA, and government partners such as the AT Park office and state and federal land managers. It meets twice a year to provide communication between organizations, voice concerns, and make recommendations to the ATC Stewardship Council. The spring meeting was held at the Iron Master's Mansion in Pine Grove Furnace. This year's fall meeting is at the GIANT Food Store on Linglestown Road north of Harrisburg, PA, on October 27th. All meetings are open to the public, but only invited attendees are free to join the discussions, and only MARPC members are granted voting privileges.

Among the many items considered at the spring meeting were reports from the Stewardship Council, the AT park office, the ATC, and the regional clubs.

There were presentations and discussions on:

- Club leadership and the August Club Leadership Meeting at the National Conservation Training Center.
- GIS mapping and ATC mapping resources.
- The "Caspio Bridges" monitoring application.
- Natural heritage sites and high priority zones.
- Basic trail maintenance safety.
- Back country sanitation.
- Media relations and an overview of the ATC website.
- The Great Girl Scout Hike.

The fall meeting, which will have occurred by the time this report is published, will have reports from the Stewardship Council, ATPO, and ATC. Policy issues such as a recommendation to reconfigure the Stewardship Council will be considered. There will be presentations on volunteer safety and the Millennial Youth Led Expedition. Voting will take place for the approval of Luray-Page County, VA, for designation as an AT Community and other new business will be discussed.

AT Corridor Management Committee

Tom Lupp, Chair

Committee: AT Corridor Management	
Chair(s): Tom Lupp	Prepared by: same
Number of Members/Volunteers:	Volunteer Hours Reported: 755.6
Number of New Members/Volunteers:	Date: October 21, 2012

Major Accomplishments:

Boundary maintenance was very active due to the help from ATC's Alison Scheiderer and her boundary technicians Ralph Protano and Stefan Shapiro. They made an active approach directly to the monitors and got out to work with them. I am working with Alison and crew to get monitors to provide detailed information on boundary condition to help map boundary conditions to assist with boundary recovery.

Other activities during the year included:

- Work with monitors to help them perform maintenance on their boundary sections;
- Hold training sessions for new monitors;
- Hold advanced monitor training class;
- Supplying all monitors with current segment and survey maps;
- Establish new monitoring areas based on new NPS surveys;
- Work with Monitors and NPS rangers to deal with hunting & encroachment issues;
- Work with ATC to determine reserved right on NPS easement property.

On-Going Projects:

- Locate new and replacement monitors;
- Help new monitors with field activities;
- Work with volunteers to have entire NPS boundary monitored on an annual basis;
- Remove problem structures in conjunction with ATC;
- Continue with road closures in problem areas;
- Continue with bald management project on Calf Mountain;
- Monitoring of grazing & mowing SUP for Ridenour Property in MD;
- Mowing of the open areas near Linden VA, Ovoka Farms VA and Turners Gap MD;
- Revisions to the AT Local Management Plan.

Goals for 2013:

- Installation of rail fence at Fox Gap MD, as part of the overall management plan;
- Locate new volunteers as needed;
- Have regularly scheduled boundary maintenance work trips;
- Work with ATC staff to recover boundary using staff & volunteers.

Committee Members/Volunteers nominated for awards:

All members have been nominated for ATC service hours awards.

ARCHIVES & LIBRARY

April Miller and Tom Johnson, Co-Chairs

Committee: Archives and Library	
Chair: April Miller, Tom Johnson	Prepared by: Tom Johnson
Number of Members/Volunteers: 2	Volunteer Hours Reported: 250
Number of New Members/Volunteers: 0	Date: 27 October 2012

Work:

The Archives and Library Committee fielded several requests for information, and found the material requested in almost every case. This was due to the meticulous organization that earlier archivists Carol Niedzialek and Paula Strain established. We also reorganized the periodical collection stored in the library, pitching some that were of little interest, weeding out outdated issues of others, and placing the remaining publications in alphabetical order.

Plans for 2013:

- Convert storage from the heavy Hollinger boxes to regular archival boxes for ease of handling.
- Devise and implement a new storage system for the historical map collection.
- Resolve the issue of shelter log storage – keep or pitch.
- Convert material from the decade of the 1990s to archival storage.
- Find a volunteer to work on library organizational issues.

BEARS DEN MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Tom Johnson, Chair

Committee: Bears Den	
Chair: Tom Johnson	Prepared by: Tom Johnson, Vern Conaway, Mary Sue Roach, John Killam, Lori Watkins and others
Number of Members/Volunteers: 180	Volunteer Hours Reported: 1,675
Number of New Members/Volunteers:	Date: 10 November 2012

Bears Den Trail Center continues as a popular rest spot along the Appalachian Trail for thru-hikers, section hikers and those out for a day in the woods. Many visitors make use of our parking area to just come for a walk out to the Bears Den Rocks for the incredible view and the even more incredible sunsets.

This past year saw the departure of our manager Scott Wheaton and his wife Marie and their children Lydia, Jonathan and Caleb (born several months after their departure). Thankfully they bought a home just up the road from Bears Den and continue to help out from time to time. Speaking of which, we are also fortunate to have Lori Watkins occasionally helping out at the Den as well. She was the manager when PATC took over management of Bears Den in January of 2006. In late February of this year the Bears Den Standing Committee recommended and PATC hired Justin LaVigne as the new manager. He and his wife, Patrice, had just completed a south-bound thru-hike of the Appalachian Trail. He and Patrice are hosting, with ATC, a thru-hiker workshop at Bears Den. Among other improvements, Justin has also added some new signage at key locations on the property. And finally, Justin has just completed the chain saw course.

Tom Johnson has recently assumed responsibilities as Chairman of the PATC Bears Den Standing Committee. Lots of changes this past year but lots of continuity as well as our former managers are still helping out and Tom was the one who spearheaded the effort to get PATC the management role for Bears Den.

Bears Den hosted an ALDHA Ruck again in January 2012 and they plan to return in 2013. Other groups and guests continue to return regularly. There are very nice new benches from an Eagle Scout Project. The campground was greatly improved by an Eagle Scout Project as well. The improvements include numbered sites and new picnic tables and benches.

The big news for the year was the article on Bears Den Trail Center that appeared as a cover story in AT Journeys. The September/October 2012 issue cover featured a photo of the view of a sunset from Bears Den Rocks. As the premier hiker hostel on the Appalachian Trail, we have anxiously awaited this day.

To say that volunteers continued to play a key factor in the success of Bears Den is an understatement. This past year we had 180 volunteers who contributed over 1,675 volunteer hours. Mary Sue Roach came as often as possible and John Killam continues to be the “go-to” guy! Charlie Kinney and Dave Appel assisted by putting together a list of short, medium and long term projects needing attention at Bears Den.

Blackburn Trail Center Chris Brunton, Manager

Committee: Blackburn Trail Center	Date: November 5, 2012
Chair: Chris Brunton	Prepared by: Chris Brunton
Number of Volunteers:	Volunteer Hours Reported: 100

2012 has been another busy and successful year for the Trail Center. After three years of service our previous caretakers left at the end of October 2011. We hired a new couple for 2012, Chris Looney and Caroline (Caro) Murray. Chris and Caro thru-hiked the AT in 2011 and also worked for REI at the Baileys Crossroads store so they came with plenty of trail and hiking gear experience. Beginning with us in the middle of March they have done a wonderful job this season meeting and greeting both local day and weekend visitors as well as thru and section hikers. I'm really pleased to be able to tell you that they are staying through the winter and will work the 2013 season for us.

I am also pleased to report that almost every weekend, except during the heavy hiking season, the Center was rented by PATC groups. Many of these renters involved Boy Scout Troops whose leaders are PATC members. We always appreciate these troops as often they are looking for service projects to complete and we are always happy to accommodate them. Other users who enjoyed the Center were groups of PATC friends and families, The Outdoor Club of Maryland, A Korean Hiking Club, The Sierra Club, Mel Merritt and his Cabins Overseer, and SMRG. Many of these groups used the Center for business and training meetings as well as social gatherings and hikes.

Several groups used the Center while doing volunteer work for the Club including The Berkshire School in February, and a group of students from the University of Maryland on an Alternative Spring Break in March. Both of these groups came to do volunteer boundary work for PATC and we were happy to provide them with lodging. In September, ATC's Mid Atlantic crew used the Trail Center as a base for two weeks while building an amazing set of stone steps on the south ascent leading up to Buzzard Knob on the AT north of the Trail Center. The Salisbury School spent three days in June working on projects around the Center. We were also happy to once again host the Cadillac Crew, now under new leadership, for their annual Memorial Day weekend when this year they built a board walk over a swampy area on the AT north of Blackburn as well as completing several improvement projects at the Trail Center itself. They returned in October for another weekend performing additional stone work on Buzzard Knob plus several more projects at the Trail Center. This visit was also a celebration pig roast to honor John and Anne's marriage.

Thanks to these crews and other volunteers much was accomplished in the way of improvements at the Center this season. A very important improvement was finishing the rebuilding of one of the two bridges on our access road, a project that was started last season under the leadership of Jack Luksik. This September, the second bridge started to give way.

Most fortunately for the Club, a local farmer who needed access to the fields took it upon himself to quickly rebuild the part that was falling in. (This bridge should now be good for two or three years more but will need serious work in the near future). In addition, one of our wonderful volunteers, Jeff DeTroye, supplied and spent much time fitting and mounting a new solar panel on our outdoor shower, something much appreciated by work crews and hikers. During the Cadillac Crew's two visits they also performed some great deeds working on Blackburn projects including carpentry and electrical work, major cleaning of the main house, repainting a large section of our metal roof, road work, and clearing out and shoring up a section of the basement by building a new block wall. This now gives us better access and a clean place to store our trail tools.

Again, I would like to thank all the great volunteers who have made my life easier this year. Also, thanks to all the hundreds of hikers who have passed through the Center. We hope you enjoyed your visit, be it for a few hours or to spend a night. Come back and visit us again.

CABINS OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Mel Merritt, Chair

Committee: Cabins Operations	
Chair(s): Mel Merritt	Prepared by: Mel Merritt
Number of Members/Volunteers:	Volunteer Hours Reported: 11,379.8
Number of New Members/Volunteers:	Date: November 7, 2012

Our Cabins System continues to be a very important part of the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club. According to the latest membership survey over half of PATC members join the club in order to rent cabins.

Cabins income last year made up nearly 40% of the club's overall income which provided nearly \$100,000. above and beyond total cabin expenses to support other important areas of the clubs activities . And of course cabins continue to provide a place for our trail crews and overseers to stay while they are keeping PATC Trails in top condition .

Our Regional Cabins Supervisors have had another busy year including two Cabins Committee Meetings and the Annual Cabin Overseers Meeting .

In the Northern Region Little Cove Cabin was the big project of the year with improvements that included a beautiful wraparound porch and a fireplace heat stove insert – next year we hope to wrap up this long running project with new siding, windows and all the finishing touches . At Michener Cabin the overseer with the help of volunteers rebuilt the original stone steps and expects to replace the porch and privy in 2013.

In the Central Region Highacre and its historic privy and carriage house got a new paint job and Bear Spring Cabin received major structural repairs and a new woodstove thanks to the overseer and our busy heat stove volunteers.

In Shenandoah National Park the big challenge this year has been replacing all the cabins' mattresses which considering the hike in distances is not as easy as it sounds. For Corbin and Jones Mountain Cabins we are using mule teams to carry in the new mattresses and more importantly carry the old ones out. Corbin Cabin and Pocosin Cabins both got new overseers this year.

On the Vining Tract Muttontop Cabin received a bright new coat of paint on the roof. late last year there was a chimney fire caused by a rat's nest at Wineberry Cabin which was prevented from doing serious damage by a resourceful renter. Thanks to Larry and Lauren Lang the overseers the cabin was back in the system in less than ten days. Next year we are planning a new roof and privy at Johnson Cabin.

In the Southern Region this year we split the region into two regions – one west of SNP and one to the east. In the Western Region now overseen by long time southern supervisor

Thomas Jorgenson we have new overseers at Lambert Cabin who have already proven their overseeing abilities by making repairs to a failing floor. Next year we are hoping to replace the entire floor in the kitchen and dining room and finish up the exterior improvements which started last year.

In the Southeastern or Piedmont Region the new regional Supervisor Guy Halloway was welcomed with one of the major projects of the year. The exterior of Dunlodge in Charlottesville was repainted using over 1700 hours of volunteer labor using the skills of many of the infamous Southern Slackers, and as usual with cabins projects - a good time was had by all.

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

Russell Riggs, Chair

Committee: Conservation Committee	
Chair: Russell Riggs	Prepared by: Russell Riggs
Number of Members/Volunteers:	Volunteer Hours Reported:
Number of New Members/Volunteers:	Date: November 6, 2012

President John Hedrick re-instituted and re-energized the Conservation Committee in April of 2012. The purpose of the Conservation Committee is to address the numerous threats that impact the Appalachian Trail, adjacent trails, parks and other resources in our region. These threats may include specific risks, such as the construction of power line threatening the trail viewshed or broader ones, such as lack of federal resources to provide adequate funding to our federal, state and local partners. The Conservation Committee accomplishes this mission by investing in grassroots advocacy activities, engaging our regional government partners and initiating a dialogue with the private sector, such as utility companies, that may impact the resource as a result of their activities.

Federal Funding Cuts

After two years of declining funding, national parks now face the threat of additional cuts through the looming “sequester” scheduled for January 2013. If Congress doesn’t agree on a budget, the entire federal government, including the National Park Service, could face cuts of as much as 10 percent that would likely mean closed visitor centers, closed campgrounds, closed park sites, and thousands of rangers and other park employees out of a job. This would have a dramatic ripple effect on state and local governments as well, and would impact all of the operations of our club, as well as impacts on the trail resources the club helps to manage. The PATC, along with many other stakeholders, signed a letter expressing our concerns regarding the dramatic funding cuts and the impacts this would have on national parks and the environment.

“Citizen-Scientist” Phenology Project

Phenology is the study of plant life cycles and how these cycles may be disturbed or altered through climate change. The ATC is sponsoring an opportunity to recruit “citizen-scientists” to help them collect data on the phenology process on plants in our region. PATC volunteers recently attended a workshop to learn more about this project and will soon be hosting a workshop of its own and recruiting volunteers to participate in this very important scientific project.

Mt. Storm Transmission Tower/Line Rebuild

PATC commented on the Virginia Dominion Power Proposal to Rebuild the Mount Storm-Doubs 500 kV Transmission Line Environmental Assessment (EA). Dominion Virginia Power (DVP) is proposing to rebuild its portion of the existing 500 kV Mt. Storm - Doubs Line in Appalachian National Scenic Trail (APPA) and Harpers Ferry National Historical Park (HAFE) land in Loudoun County, VA and Jefferson County, WV, respectively.

Because this project crosses public land managed by the National Park Service (NPS), a permit is required for the project to move forward. PATC's primary concerns with this project relate to mitigation of the impacted resources during the project and ensuring adequate restoration activities once the project is completed.

Future Federal Rule on Mountain Biking on Trails, Fire Routes and Maintenance Roads

The National Park Service recently issued a final rule that would expand mountain biking opportunities on trails, fire routes and maintenance roads, a move designed to increase recreational access. The final rule allows park superintendents to designate new bicycle routes more efficiently through the park planning process rather than through promulgation of special regulations. The rule would allow bicyclists to pedal beyond the paved roads, parking lots and designated routes where they are currently allowed -- a move that could invite conflicts with hikers, horseback riders and wildlife watchers. The Conservation Committee will monitor development of this rule and engage the Shenandoah National Park to ensure that the perspectives of PATC members are considered during the rulemaking process.

GRANTS & DONATIONS COMMITTEE

Susan Nelson, Chair

Committee: Grants and Donations Committee	
Chair: Susan Nelson	Prepared by: Susan Nelson
Number of Members/Volunteers:	Volunteer Hours Reported: 50
Number of New Members/Volunteers:	Date: November 8, 2012

We had a very successful year of fundraising with two solicitations to our members. The year-end letter of 2011 brought in nearly \$20,000 and a mid-year solicitation raised over \$10,000. The mid-year solicitation was prompted by the unexpected need for a HVAC unit for our headquarters building in Vienna when the unit in place failed in March.

The new unit, along with extensive caulking throughout the building which should help to keep uncomfortable temperatures outside, cost over \$22,000 and nearly half that expense was covered by the generosity of our members.

We were successful this year in identifying members who have given over \$50,000 in land or cash to the club since its beginning and they are being recognized as members of The President's Club on a uniquely designed and hand-drawn plaque which will be hung in the entryway of the headquarters building. We plan to locate as many descendants as possible and invite them to an unveiling of the plaque.

Finally, please find below the names of the generous donors to the club in the past year.

PATC DONATIONS

PATC Partners donations of \$1,000 and greater

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Catherine Kelleher	Steven Raia	John S Thorsen
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Friends of the Trail donations of \$500-\$999

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867 other donors contributing \$24,633.73 in donations of less than \$100

Hiking Committee, Christopher Firme, Chair

Committee: Hiking	
Chair(s): Christopher Firme	Prepared by: Christopher Firme
Number of Members/Volunteers: 41	Volunteer Hours Reported: 960
Number of New Members/Volunteers: 0	Date: September 31, 2012

Major Accomplishments:

This was still an active year for the Hiking Committee and the Hike Leaders it serves. Many hikes were held throughout the 2011/2012 season (October 11-September 12). No meetings were held due to the ability of using the internet as our base for communication among the members. Maintaining an excel sheet of hike leaders and hikes for the hiking season.

PATC's Hike Leader community continued to produce hikes of a greater variety throughout 2012. Among these spectacular offerings were Backpacking, Birding, Easy, Family, Geology, Historical, In-Between, Mid-Week, Mushroom, Natural History, Outreach, Series, Vigorous, Waterfall and Wildflower along with the usual weekend hikes covering every trail in PATC's four-state area. This year we had one hike leader who led seven hikes, we had four hike leaders who led five hikes and three hike leaders who led four hikes each for PATC during the hiking season. This year we had a total of 96 hikes with 41 hike leaders leading those hikes. With the website, the Hiking Sign-Up Sheet, Hike Leader Guide, and Hike Leader Pages are now readily accessible to Hike Leaders.

This was the third year that the hike committee assisted with the Road Scholar program (Elderhostel program) out of Shepherd's spring in Sharpsburg, MD. The program was to hike the AT in the four state area (four hikes). They held six programs consisting of three in the spring and three in the autumn. A total of twenty-four hikes were held. It was quite a successful program and helped with outreach for PATC and the AT. PATC's ridgerunners assisted with the program as well.

In response to the new website we are now allowing our vetting process to accommodate the ability to submit hikes via the website.

The old policy which is as followed for Committee members to check all submitted hikes for suitability before inclusion in the *Potomac Appalachian* "Forecast" was implemented and is running successfully. With the cooperation of all PATC Hiking Groups and the editors of the *PA* and "Forecast" a new rule was established requiring all PATC hikes to appear in the *PA* for greater co-ordination and liability coverage. With the ability of the new website this policy will have to be updated and the committee to get together and discuss.

This year the hike leader chair continued to help assist PATC Trail patrol in the hike leader course. This was very successful and will continue in the future with Trail Patrol and Hike Committee working together. One course was held in 2012.

In an effort to express some of PATC's gratitude to for their efforts, the committee awarded service awards to those individuals leading four or more hikes this year. We also had a Hawksbill award given to the most hikes this year. Next year, we will continue with the \$10 gift certificate year toward any item in the PATC store for anyone leading five hikes and funds are requested in the 2013 Budget. To facilitate overnight camping hikes, the Committee will continue with the availability of preferential cabin rental.

Goals for 2013

1. Support and improve hiking opportunities within PATC.
2. Respond to Hike Leader needs and concerns.
3. Decrease liability exposure of PATC and its Hike Leaders and increase safety of all PATC hikes.
4. Create a community of Hike Leaders within PATC.
5. Expand the Hiking Program to include Road Scholar program (Elderhostel program), local college outing clubs, singles clubs, ski clubs and youth groups.
6. Continue to develop and encourage greater diversity of hikes offered.
7. Reach out to the local community and the hiking community in particular.
8. Maintain updated hike and excursion "rules" and forms.
9. Continue the contact and coordination between the Hiking Program and the Trail Patrol.
10. Create and implement meaningful award and recognition programs for Hike Leaders
11. Increase new member commitment to hiking activities.
12. Update the sign-up sheet to include hours of the hike leader and to be more user friendly and possible do a small online report form.

ACTION PLAN FOR 2013

1. Create a group mailing list of PATC Hike Leaders.
2. Establish a regular (bi-monthly?) on-line PATC Hike Leader newsletter.
3. Obtain representation on the Hiking Committee from all PATC Hiking Groups and interested members.
4. Continue sponsorship, budget for advertising and request funds for AHS/PATC Congressional Hikes.
5. Promote diversity of hiking opportunities by contacting Backpacking 101 participants, placing ads and articles in the *PA* highlighting hikes with themes, e.g. local history, natural history, singles, backpacking.
6. Facilitate co-leadership of hikes and excursions with other groups by establishing co-leading rules and matching up PATC Hike Leaders with leaders from other groups.
7. Update the hike and excursion rules and forms as needed.
8. Work with *PA* and "Forecast" editors to implement agreed-upon plan for Hiking Committee vetting of proposed hikes.
9. Increase the contact and coordination between the Hiking Committee and the Trail Patrol to promote hike leadership by maintaining contact with the Trail Patrol Hike Leader Training Coordinator.
10. Continue to promote and facilitate interactive Hike Submission form project by maintaining contact with Computer Committee.
11. Establish college-based hikes and outing clubs sponsored by PATC through local contacts and advertising in college newspapers
12. Budget and maintain fund to reimburse Hike Leaders paying for a cabin rental in advance of a planned PATC excursion.

13. Implement Hike Leader Awards and Recognition Program by awarding \$10 gift certificates to 5-time hike leaders. Explore possibility of grant money for PATC caps or rocker patches. Broadcast all PATC benefits available to Hike Leader for their volunteer work.
14. Budget and fund Hike Leader Awards and Recognition Program
15. Contact local retailers to create and distribute a “Hike Leader Discount Card.”
16. Follow up on all New Member Interest Forms indicating Hike Leadership interest.
17. Follow up on all Hiking Sign-up Sheets by sending PATC information packets to non-member hike participants.
18. Regularly obtain lists of Hike Leader Training and Backpacking 101 participants from Trail Patrol to encourage volunteer commitment.
19. Provide all Hike Leaders with PATC brochures to hand out to non-members.
20. Explore other club’s Hike Leader requirements and tailor PATC requirements to our needs.
21. Continue to improve Hike Advertisement process.
22. Co-ordinate with the Mountaineering and Ski Touring sections to standardize excursion procedures.

RESOURCES NEEDED FOR 2013

5 Hike Leader PATC Store Gift Certificates.....	\$50.00
Excursion Cabin Rental Reimbursement Fund.....	0.00

Facilities and Equipment

1. A current, weekly-updated on-line “Forecast” of hiking activities at the PATC website.
2. An interactive on-line Hike Advertisement Submission form that allows posting with as little as one week advance.

3. An auto-messaging system that sends all Hike Advertisement Submissions to the Hiking Committee to be vetted on-line and forwarded to the Forecast editor. (see attachment)
4. An updateable Hike Leader web page at the PATC website. (see attachment)
5. Advance reservation of cabins for excursions.

Staff/PATC Members

1. A computer programmer who can implement our computer needs.
2. A webmaster who can update the “Forecast” of hiking activities.
3. Cooperation from the PA and “Forecast” editors to acknowledge Hike Leaders’ submissions and automatically forward packaged attachments of Sign-Up Sheets and other information.
4. Cooperation from the “Forecast” editor to forward in a group mailing submitted Hike Advertisements for vetting by the Hiking Committee.
5. Help from the New Members Committee in sending PATC information packets to non-member hike participants.
6. Lists of participants of the Hike Leader Training and Backpacking 101 courses from Trail Patrol.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

Lee Manning, Chair

Committee: Information Technology Committee	
Chair: Lee J. Manning	Prepared by: Lee J. Manning
Number of Members/Volunteers: 3	Volunteer Hours Reported: 650
Number of New Members/Volunteers: 1	Date: October 20, 2012

It is a pleasure to report that Potomac Appalachian Trail Club now has a stable full-function web site, which is integrated with our corporate database, and which provides the following business functions.

1. Registering new members
2. On-line payment of dues for existing members
3. Direct editing of membership information such as address and phone numbers
4. On-line registration and payment of fees (if any) for training and special events.
5. On-line purchase of all items available in the PATC store, including member discounted pricing.
6. Reporting of volunteer work hours for
 - a) Trail Maintenance
 - b) Cabin Maintenance
 - c) Shelter Maintenance
 - d) General support hours (e.g. trail talk, booth events, etc.)
7. An on-line calendar, directly updated by members and others, fully integrated with the print edition, the Forecast section of the newsletter.
8. Electronic access to our newsletter, The Potomac Appalachian
9. Electronic access to formal club documents such as our Constitution and By-Laws, minutes of meetings, and so forth.
10. Sharing of news items and other information of general interest to members and the general public.

Also in the last year, we converted the telephone system at PATC Headquarters from the former wired land-line service to a cable-based system provided by Cox Communications at a considerable cost savings to the club.

We now support an automated email facility that enables mass communication either to the full membership, or to a targeted subset of members, for example, those in certain Zip-code neighborhoods, and which supports the generation of automated mailing labels with member addresses, useful (for example) in contacting members whose dues may be in arrears with standard mailings.

We pride ourselves in the ability to provide full time technical support to any and all that may have problems using our web site, or the automated functions it supports, and plan to continue a high profile support function in the coming years, a feature which leads to fuller utilization of our on-line functions.

Annual reporting requirements regarding PATC's volunteer hour contributions to our several cooperating organizations is supported directly by query from the corporate database, greatly easing the requirement for manual work by paid staff in support of these reporting tasks.

MAPS COMMITTEE, Chair, Brian Goudreau

Chair: Brian Goudreau	Prepared by: Brian Goudreau
Number of Members/Volunteers: about 20	Volunteer Hours Reported: 1,126
Number of New Members/Volunteers: 5	Date: October 27, 2012

Major Accomplishments:

Map printing and digitization:

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| • Map D digitization and new edition | January 10 | 2750 copies |
| • Map L digitization and new edition | June 1 | 2000 copies |
| • Map J digitization and new edition | June 1 | 2000 copies |
| • Map 10 reprint | July 13 | 3000 copies |
| • Map F reprint | August 8 | 1000 copies |
| • Map G reprint | August 8 | 1000 copies |

Map mobile apps:

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| • <i>PATC-Shenandoah</i> for iOS | January 3 |
| • <i>PATC-Shenandoah</i> for Android | June 26 |

Committee Highlights:

- In December 2011, digitization of Map D Edition 5 was completed. The scale was changed slightly to show more of Riverbend Park in Virginia. Map D went on to win Honorable Mention in the Cartography and Geographic Information Society 2011 map design competition. See: <http://www.cartogis.org/awards/winners.php>
- In December 2011, four concurrent-use copies of ArcInfo with Extensions were purchased to run through October 2013 from ESRI to support GIS data maintenance, new map layouts, and other database development projects.
- In December 2011, a training session on GPS data collection was held at the headquarters for about a dozen Maps Committee volunteers. Several volunteers went on to borrow GPS units and record trail alignments. Interest from volunteers dropped off shortly after that first effort.
- In December 2011, Maps Committee Chair made the decision to cancel plans for a proposed Map P in Prince William County in Virginia due to lack of supporting funds from outside organizations, and lack of time for production.
- In January 2012, PATC's first mobile app was released. *PATC-Shenandoah* (iOS) was produced by International Mapping using content provided by the Maps Committee.
- In January 2012, digitization of Map L was completed. The new map of the Tuscarora Trail in WV shows shaded relief and a GPS-compatible grid.
- In April 2012, digitization of Map J was completed. The new map of the Tuscarora Trail in PA shows shaded relief and a GPS-compatible grid. Map J and Map L were printed in May 2012.

- In June 2012, reprints for Maps F, G and 10 were ordered.
- In June 2012, mobile app *PATC-Shenandoah* (Android) was released. This app was produced by PATC volunteer Chris Mangold using facilities provided by International Mapping. Incidental costs were covered by PATC.
- In October 2012, updates for Map 10 Edition 22 were begun.
- Throughout the year, GPS data collected by volunteers was edited for use in a GIS trails centerline database.
- Year-end budget will show a sizable surplus in unused printing funds, and higher map revenue than the previous year. Map app sales have been disappointing but the apps provide visibility in a new market for PATC.

Goals for 2013

- In early November, attend scheduled meeting with Shenandoah National Park Association to discuss ways to incorporate their content into the app in exchange for marketing assistance.
- By late November, release iPhone app *PATC – Maryland/Northern Virginia* for sale on the iTunes App Store.
- By January 15, 2013, print Map 10 Edition 22 (9000 copies, 2-yr supply).
- By January 31, 2013, print Map 5-6 Edition 19 and Map 7, Edition 16 (6000 copies each, about a 2-yr supply each)
- By March 15, 2013, digitize Map G, and print Edition 9 (1000 copies, about a 1-yr supply)
- By March 15, 2013, print Map K Edition 4 (1000 copies, a 4-yr supply)
- By April 15, 2013, print Map 8 Edition 15 (4500 copies, a 2-yr supply)
- By April 15, 2013, print Map 2-3 Edition 12 (4500 copies, a 2-yr supply)
- By August 15, 2013, print Map 4 Edition 11 (8000 copies, a 4-yr supply)
- By August 15, 2013, print Map 9 Edition 19 (8000 copies, a 2-yr supply)
- By late 2013, release Android app *PATC – Maryland/Northern Virginia* for sale on the Google Play store (depending on sales of iOS version).
- Yearlong - continue efforts to engage volunteers in GPS data collection for trails other than the Appalachian Trail.

Maryland AT Management Committee, Rick Canter and Tom Lupp, Co-Chairs

Committee: Maryland A.T. Management Committee	
Chair(s): Rick Canter and Tom Lupp	Prepared by: Tom Lupp
Number of Members/Volunteers: 10	Volunteer Hours Reported: 129
Number of New Members/Volunteers: 0	Date: September 20, 2012

Major Accomplishments:

This year we worked on various projects.

- Moved the Michigan Brigade historic sign off the AT to a more appropriate location(temporary);
- Addressed issues with illegal woods road use; worked to protect trailheads and access points;
- Worked with MD DNR to finalize purchases of two properties to provide trail protection;
- Worked with NPS to schedule the removal of the Sera house in Fox Gap;
- Continue to have interagency meetings at Fox Gap to determine the best locations of parking, trails and signs;
- Held our second interagency meeting for the A.T. Catoctin Connector Trail.

On-Going Projects:

- Continue work on revisions and implementation of the Fox Gap Management Plan;
- Continue to provide oversight for the JFK 50 race.
- Continue to work with MD DNR & PATC Shelter Committee to secure access route to the Ed Garvey Shelter;
- Continue working with the ATC Land Protection Program and MD DNR to secure and protect trails and trail heads;
- Coordinate activities of NPS, MD DNR and other groups to identify and control invasive plants and insects along the trail and at trail heads;
- Work with overseer and ridgerunners in operation of the Annapolis Rock Campground;
- Collaborate with the City of Hagerstown to protect resources in their watershed;
- Keep informed of any plans for proposed high-tension power lines across the AT in MD;
- Keep abreast of plans for a proposed natural gas compression station near the AT in MD;
- Keep active in discussion and site visits regarding the location of a proposed 185 ft communications tower in Pleasant Valley area (formerly the Keep Tryst Rd tower).

Goals for 2013:

- Establish a permanent location for the Michigan Brigade historic sign;
- Installation of a worm fence at Fox Gap parking lot to prevent parking on the AT;
- Collaborate with City of Hagerstown and other agencies on AT-Catoctin Trail connector project;
- Work with Allegheny Power to coordinate the update to a power line that crosses the AT near Smithsburg;
- Assist with maintenance of the Annapolis Rock Campground.

Potomac Appalachian **Rachel F. Levin, Chair (PA Editor)**

Committee: Potomac Appalachian	
Chair: Rachel F. Levin, editor	Prepared by: Rachel F. Levin
Number of Members/Volunteers: 13	Volunteer Hours Reported: 750
Number of New Members/Volunteers: 3	Date: November 1, 2012

In FY 2012, the PA maintained a volunteer staff of 13 people. A couple of proofreaders moved on due to personal issues but we quickly recruited others to take their places. We brought on a new Youth Section editor who has continued to provide engaging content aimed at the PATC's younger audiences. One of our volunteer layout editors had to step away from her duties but we brought on a new volunteer and we continue to be able to divide layout duties. We also brought on a new co-editor.

We produced one full color issue this year, a wrap-up of the Annual Dinner and Meeting. We also continued to promote the "paperless" option for receiving the PA. Additionally, we worked with Graphcom, our printer, to institute a production schedule that ensures the paper copy of the PA reaches the U.S. Post Office in plenty of time to be delivered to recipients on or prior to the first of the month of publication (barring USPS delays). The electronic version of the PA is posted on the PATC website by about the middle of the month prior to publication.

Goals for 2013

Pending our budget for 2013, we hope to produce at least one full-color issue.

We plan to continue some of features such as the Youth Section.

Chief layout editor Susie Mulligan will be stepping down as of January 2013 and we hope to recruit an additional contract layout designer to share these duties with remaining designer Carey Stefano

I hope to continue to attract the interesting variety of words and pictures that the PA is known and loved for.

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE, Shirley Schulz, Chair

Committee: Publications	
Chair(s): Shirley Schulz	Prepared by: Shirley Schulz
Number of Members/Volunteers: 14	Volunteer Hours: 975 thru 12/31/12 eye
Number of New Members/Volunteers: 7	Date: October 21, 2012

Year's Accomplishments:

Revision and Production of the following Guidebooks:

- AT SNP
- Tuscarora South (Dec delivery)
- Circuit Hikes – SNP (Dec delivery)

Revision in progress for 2013 edition of Wash Region Part A, Tuscarora North

Ads created and featured in PA and website for each revised guidebook with thumbnail cover image on home page upon its release.

Bar codes added to all revised books. All registered and copyrighted with LOC.

Have established list of 4-6 volunteers with file formatting/layout/design skills who we now have successful experience with on book revisions.

The “how to guide” for revision editors, publications chair, formatters/designers is complete and can be archived.

Goals for 2013:

- Completion of the revision and production of 4 guidebooks.
- Create and feature ads in the PA and website for each of the above revisions.
- Completion of reprint of 1book.
- Monitor Quarterly inventory/stock out report to ensure books in stock; qtrly reporting in 2012 was inconsistent.
- Continue to recruit/find a team of volunteers with file formatting skills and publication software experience.
- Continue to recruit/develop revision editor volunteers.
- Continue to refresh “how to guide” so it remains relevant for new volunteers and provides consistency in PATC guidebook production.

Shelters

Henry Horn, Chair

Committee: Shelters	
Chair: Henry Horn	Prepared by: Henry Horn
Number of Members/Volunteers:	Volunteer Hours Reported:3,058
Number of New Members/Volunteers:	Date: October 31, 2012

- This year the shelter crew started the building year by building offsite, two kit privies. One privy is for placement at the Corbin cabin and one is for placement at Boones Run Shelter. The kit privy for Corbin Cabin is still stored at the barn at Pine Knob.
- A ventilation system was installed into the storage bin at the Boy Scout campground. We had a problem of high humidity causing rust damage to the tools in the storage bin before this was done.
- We also spent several weekends working around the old barn near Pine Knob in Maryland. We cleared away the brush and trees that were encroaching on the barn. We also ordered wood for the start of repairs on the barn. This wood was green rough cut oak lumber and is drying in the barn over winter. We removed trash from the old barn, but a large refuse bin will be needed to clear all of the trash that is left.
- Wood chips were delivered to all of the moldering privies in Maryland. This required multiple trips to the barn and to privy sites.
- With the help of the USFS we hauled in all of the supplies to construct the privy at Boones Run. In the end we had to also have them haul in a jack hammer and generator to dig the hole for the privy. The new privy is open for use and the old privy will be hauled out by the FS. Some small touch up items still need to be finished.
- We have ordered two logs for High Top Shelter and they have been delivered to the shelter access road in the Park. They still need to be hauled to the site along with the rest of the supplies needed to replace the old logs.
- A site survey was done for a new shelter to be built at Dick's Dome. Plans and paper work are in the process for ATC approval. We have already received the funds to build this shelter via an REI Grant. We hope to have an approval to start building in the spring.
- There were also many smaller repairs done to shelters and privies on an as needed basis throughout the year.

TRAIL PATROL

Murry Moskowitz, Chair

Chair: Murry Moskowitz Vice Chair: Rush Williamson	Prepared by: Murry Moskowitz
Number of Members/Volunteers:	Volunteer Hours Reported: 3,922.5
Number of New Members/Volunteers:	Date: November 5, 2012

- **Patrols.** Continued providing regular electronic newsletter to Trail Patrol members providing information on trail conditions, PATC and partner patrol needs, upcoming training opportunities, and upcoming events. Patrolled 1064 miles of the Appalachian Trail and another 1603 miles of non-AT trails. Provided 2552 total hours of volunteer patrols where members assisted hikers, provided information to hikers and other visitors on safe and responsible use of the backcountry, conducted light trail maintenance, and provided information on conditions to trail, shelter, and cabin overseers. Continued providing patrols in specific areas upon request of TP partners.
- **Member training and coordination.** Provided training to bring 5 probationary members into active Trail Patrol membership during 2012. Performed membership database maintenance, cleaning up contact info and certification data.
- **Ridgerunners.** Hired and supervised five Ridgerunners in 2012 to educate hikers and backpackers on safe and responsible use of the Appalachian Trail and backcountry; reported trails, shelters, and cabin conditions; conducted light trail maintenance; and assisted public and private partners on special projects. Helped ATC in Ridgerunner recruitment.
- **Leave No Trace.** Scheduled 2 Leave No Trace (LNT) courses for the mid-Atlantic region and 1 LNT Master Educator course in conjunction with Shenandoah National Park (SNP) and the National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS) but all classes were cancelled due to low enrollment.
- **Backpacking.** Scheduled 1 introductory backpacking class (Backpacking 101) for the public but had to cancel due to low enrollment. Continued Web-based discussion forum/bulletin board that allows persons who have taken a TP backpacking class to continue to learn from other participants and organize their own trips; increase forum membership and improve its usefulness to members.
- **Hike Leadership Training.** Conducted one 1-day class on hike leadership for leading day hikes. Topics included backcountry medical information, LNT ethics, hike planning, personal gear, map reading, and leadership skills.

- **CPR/AED/Wilderness First Aid.** Offered four 2-day classes for TP active and probationary members, PATC members, and the general public. Offered five 2-day classes for certification in Wilderness First Aid.
- **Outreach.** Updated TP portion of PATC web site to provide information to PATC members and other web site visitors about classes offered. Developed a Trail Patrol Facebook page to facilitate communications and advertise patrol opportunities among active members.
- **Provide Partner Support.** Provided support for partner programs such as SNP's Wilderness Weekend and Old Rag Mountain Steward Program. For National Trails Day, organized and held public event in partnership with SNP and other PATC groups promoting safe and responsible backcountry use. Conducted TP partnership meetings with SNP, Maryland, ATC, and Pennsylvania to discuss Ridgerunner program and budgets.

CHARLOTTESVILLE CHAPTER

Ken Moss, President

Committee: Charlottesville	Date: October 31, 2012
Chair: Ken Moss	Prepared by: Ken Moss
Number of Members: 30	Volunteer Hours: 1,120

President – Ken Moss
 Vice President - Iva Gillet
 Vice President – Lindsay Brown
 Treasurer - Marian Styles
 Past President - John Shannon

During the past 12 months, the chapter focused on increasing our participation in club activities by enhancing our visibility within the community. This was accomplished expansion of our online presence with a blog, continued use of Facebook, and an online photo album. We supported the SNP during National Public Lands Day by assisting in preservation at Big Meadows as well as an invasive species workshop. Our chapter continued to provide significant support for the Dunlodge cabin in Charlottesville. We also participated in Crozet Trails Day with an information booth where we signed up new members. We held two joint events with the South Shenandoah Chapter.

Goals for 2013 will likely include broadening our participation in Trail work, more community outreach, and improved leader training in First Aid.

Volunteer Hours for the 12 Months Ending 9/30/2012

- Trail work mainly on the AT from Rockfish Gap to McCormick Gap and Doyles River areas (including AT Relo Project): **300***
- Work at Dunlodge (mostly) and other cabins; **120***
- Community Involvement: **110**
- Training (hike leadership, first aid, chain saw, invasive plants): **40**
- Hike Leadership (leading hikes, planning, travel, exploration, etc : **420**
- Administration, membership, email, planning/scheduling, web design/support: **130**

Total :1120 hours

* Estimate that 2/3 of these hours previously reported through Work Reports

NORTH CHAPTER

Bob Wise, President

Committee: North Chapter	Date: October 10, 2012
President: Bob Wise	Prepared by: Bob Wise
Number of Members: 256	Volunteer Admin Hours Not Previously Reported:

The members of the North Chapter maintain trails, shelters and cabins in Maryland and Pennsylvania. The chapter also leads hikes on a regular schedule during the year. There are two general meetings in the year – one in spring and one in the fall. Officers are elected in odd numbered years at the fall meeting. Between chapter meetings a board composed of the elected officers and committee chairpersons conducts business. The chapter sponsors an annual corn roast to which all PATC members are invited. There are two trail crews in the chapter, the South Mountaineers in Maryland and the Yankee Clippers in Pennsylvania. The South Mountaineers trail crew sponsor a volunteer appreciation meal, the Humiture Fest.

During the past year members of the chapter participated in numerous organized work trips and hikes on the Appalachian Trail in Pennsylvania and Maryland, the Tuscarora Trail in Pennsylvania and Maryland, the Catoctin Trail in Maryland, and side-trails in both states. The trails maintained by chapter volunteers comprise about one fifth of the total mileage of trails that PATC maintains. That mileage includes at least 23 bridges. Chapter members also maintain eighteen trail shelters and eight cabins.

This year North Chapter had three organized hikes and the Road Scholar group had 12 hikes in PA/MD, which is basically our North Chapter Territory. We were also host to a group of hikers from Outward Bound this June and July.

The Yankee Clippers dedicated the Reese Hollow Shelter this spring. This shelter is close to the new Little Cove Cabin and a mile from the Tuscarora Trail and has a good spring. Construction of this shelter was completed this year. A grant from REI helped fund this shelter.

This summer work continued on the Little Cove Cabin. To date, a new floor in the kitchen has been installed, a porch with roof, skylights, and picket railing surround the cabin on three sides and two new entryways have been installed. Plans to add new wood siding to the outside and improve the bathroom are slated for next year.

Next spring, in addition to regular trail work trips, the North Chapter plans to build a shelter dedicated to Charlie Irvin at a site overlooking the Cumberland Valley just off the newly relocated Tuscarora Trail west of Waggoners Gap in Pennsylvania. The logs for this shelter have already been donated by Kuhn Brother's log homes.

Additional information about the North Chapter is available on PATC's web-site.

SOUTHERN SHENANDOAH VALLEY CHAPTER Karen Waterman, President	
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Committee: Southern Shenandoah Valley Chapter	
Chair: Karen Waterman	Prepared by: Karen Waterman
Number of Members/Volunteers:	Volunteer Hours Reported 3,150
Number of New Members/Volunteers:	Date: September 30, 2012

Officers:

President, Karen Waterman
Vice-President, Mark Gatewood
Treasurer-Nancy Hall

Executive Committee:

Lynn Cameron
Malcolm Cameron
Al Dahler
Michael Seth
Betty Gatewood

How does the SSVC put in over 3000 volunteer hours? Several members contribute a large proportion of time and energy. In addition members volunteer to do the many tasks needed to keep a chapter active: hikes, work trips, oversee trails, meetings, training, outreach and communications. When we put together all of our contributions, our chapter exhibits the PATC pioneer spirit and continues to work and advocate for the trails. There is definitely the “can do” energy moving us forward.

This past year we represented the PATC at many outreach events: Waynesboro AT Community Dedication, Staunton Earth Day, Waynesboro Riverfest, GET Out More (Sole Source) and Outdoor Adventure Fair. All new PATC members receive a welcome call where questions and information can be shared. This personal approach is always appreciated. The SSVC maintains a website, Facebook page, activity reminder email messages and a “mostly true” summary of the activities.

While working our chapter’s AT trail, Andre Dahler suffered a fatal heart attack; our members are still shocked and saddened by this loss. Al and he had been faithful workers maintaining sections of the AT. Through donations, we have a memorial tree being planted where Andre had worked.

The PATC funded two of our members to be trained in WFA; we hope to keep adding on other hike/work leaders. SSVC feels the need to be ready in case an emergency occurs.

Theresa Barger has implemented mid week shorter hikes. These hikes are a result of a need expressed by both veteran and new hike members. Presently these hikes are in the trial stages.

Mark and Betty Gatewood continue to be involved at many PATC events: SNP/PATC trails meeting, BSA Leave No Trace, Front Royal AT Community dedication, greeters at AT

Museum, AT Mega Transect American Chestnut Count and Trails to Every Classroom. Mark heads up regular Flying McLeods work trips.

In addition to other chapter leadership roles, Lynn and Malcolm Cameron remain active in the George Washington National Forest Planning Meetings; it has been yet another eventful year. The Cameron's organize GET trail measuring hikes and maintenance in the Shenandoah Mountains; they have recruited many new volunteers who live in these areas. Lynn does outreach for the Shenandoah Mountain Proposal through events and presentations.

This small but active chapter continues to advocate for hiking plus developing and maintaining trails. Amongst all the efforts there are many good times shared by those involved.

Southern Shenandoah Valley Chapter Volunteer Hours 30 Sept. 2011-30 Sept. 2012

>Administration: emails and phone communications, website, Facebook, hike/work schedules-456 hours

>Hike/work planning meetings, presentations, outreach events, other meetings-164 hours

>Trail work on the George Washington National Forest, including Great Eastern Trail measuring-2074 hours

> Trail exploration, leading hikes-96 hours

>Trainings and workshops-220 hours

>Misc. tasks reported-140 hours

*AT Loft Mountain trail maintenance and PATC outreach events

These hours on AT maintenance reported through the Work Trip Report and PATC Outreach to Randy Motz. Several members have AT trail sections; hopefully these hours have been reported.

Total Hours: 3150 hours plus *AT hours already reported

SSVC Goals 2012-2013

*Chapter meetings

Annual

Hike/work leaders

*Outreach

PATC display at various community events

Welcome calls to all new PATC members

Trail to Every Classroom program
Three-month schedule of hikes, work trips and activities (website and mail)
Facebook updates
Communications with members

*Hike/work leaders trained in Basic Wilderness First Aid

*Trail maintenance

Continue maintaining chapter's AT section
Continue Flying McLeods work trips
Support trail overseers as needed
Increase numbers of members doing trail maintenance
Support GET measuring and maintenance of trails in the Shenandoah Mtn.

*Implementing mid-week short hikes