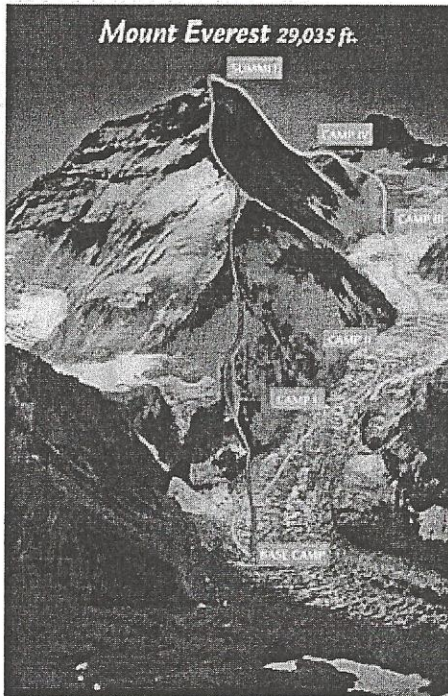


# SPECIAL APRIL SUPPLEMENT OF FEETPRINTS

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## Mount Everest

by Sir Richard Four-Footer

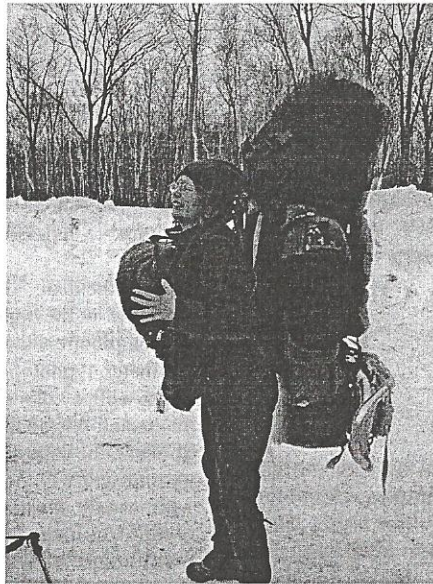
Having almost finished the 4000 footers of New Hampshire Richard “peak bagger” Harris is planning his next high peak – Mt. Everest. As Richard says, “I’m not really into this whole camping thing and will choose a more direct route from Base Camp directly to the Top.” (see route to the left in photo)

Richard has decided to go without Sherpas or bottled oxygen. “Since I’ve been training very hard with all these 4000 footers, I don’t expect to need additional oxygen on my ascent. And by taking a direct route up the mountain I’ll skip all the wasted time at the different camps and only need one days worth of food. I can certainly carry one days worth of cliff bars so who needs Sherpas? Wish me luck. ~Richard

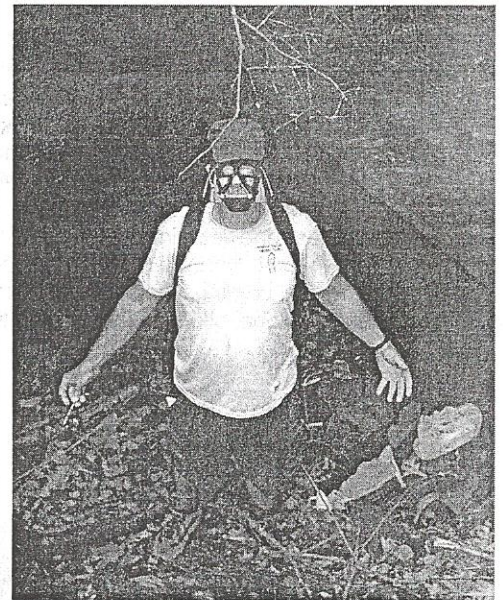
## First Responder First-aid Kit

Our insurance company has recommended that we ask all hike leaders to bring a well-equipped first responder kit on all of our hikes. By complying with this request we will save a large amount on our liability insurance while providing a measure of safety unprecedented in the hiking community. Please do your part to make our club the leader in safety by carrying our new first responder kit.

The kit includes a well-equipped first-aid kit, HAZMAT response options, and portable surgery suite with defibrillator. The first responder kit is packaged in a convenient compact two-part backpack with the main surgery suite in the back and the defibrillator positioned in the front for fast access.



Shari models the clubs new light weight, under 275 lbs, first responder emergency kit. A must have first aid kit for all club hikes.



## Darth Vader Hike

Who is that masked hiker? And why are more and more hikers wearing similar masks you might ask? Join Norm for his weekly moonlight hikes and find out. Norm, known for his illegal after hours access to local canal, rail-trails and state parks, is tired of dealing with the parking police and paying access fees. To avoid detection he has taken to accessing the trails by way of the sewer system. In this photo Norm is seen exiting the sewer with his gas mask. The stink is so bad after some of Norm’s hikes that he now invites everyone over to his house for an after hike Pool Party. Quote’s Norm, “I figure since everyone is already stinky from the sewer anyway, they will not notice I never clean my swimming pool.” Norm’s sewer access Moonlight hikes will be offered monthly on the first Friday of the full moon. Bring your own gas mask and towel.

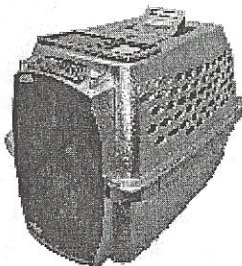
## PVHC Board of Director's relocate to Costa Rica

~VP Marcia

It's been another banner year for the Pioneer Valley Hiking Club and on the advice of Kim, our clubs certified public accountant; we are relocating the Hiking Clubs offices to Costa Rica. By re-incorporating the club based out of Costa Rica we will enjoy a significant tax shelter, reduce our taxes on the clubs future income, and avoid certain insignificant felony embezzlement charges. To meet the IRS rules it will be necessary for the board of directors to relocate their primary residences to Costa Rica immediately. To speed the transfer the club will be picking up all relocation expenses and purchasing an abandoned villa, picked up on the cheap from an ousted drug lord, to house the current board and their trusty Footprints editor. In the future please send all dues renewals, in a plain brown envelope, cash only, care of: Manuel Noriega Estates, Costa Rica. We look forward to the coming year filled with international hikes as we enter the global hiking club community.

## FROZEN PETS MAKE COOL VACATIONS

The first time Ann Marie tried to visit New Zealand, she had to cancel her trip at the last minute when the kennel that agreed to board her prized pooch Jacob, told her it was overbooked.



"There I was in Ludlow, in August, and I had two hours to find a kennel with room to put my dog up for a month," Ann Marie recalled with a laugh. "If I'd known about Cryo-kennels, I'd have bought one that day."

CryoKennel inventor Stephanie, a college student and PVHC club member, explained why her company includes battery back-up power and 24-hour monitoring service with each unit. "When you've got a living animal in suspended animation, you're going to need to provide peace of mind as well as cutting-edge technology." Stephanie is offering all PVHC members a 20% discount on any CryoKennel products.

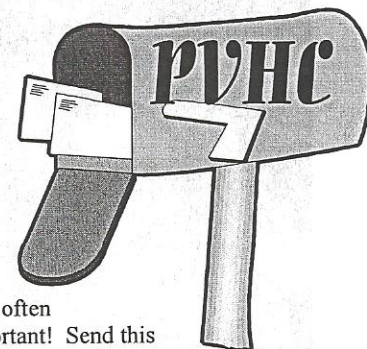
## Pool Party & Bar-b-que

This Sunday, April 1st, Norm will host a special member appreciation hiking club Pool Party and Barbeque. Join Norm at his house in Agawam for a pool party with free food. Norm will provide shrimp appetizers, surf & turf featuring filet mignon and Maine lobster tail, open bar and desert table and plenty of popcorn. Norm has been putting aside a half bag of popcorn every Tuesday for three years, just for this event, so he will have plenty of popcorn on hand! If a few volunteers

could bring the rest of the food that would really help out. Norm say's there is no need to shower first since the pools a little dirty anyway. Swimsuits are optional. Be sure to come with happy sprints because Norm doesn't want anyone to come if they are going be complaining! You know how Norm hates people who complain. If you must complain, a complaint form will be available. So join the fun. And be sure to call ahead. Just leave a message after the long series of short beeps..... followed by the long beep..... and leave your message.

## PVHC Mailbox

Message: 8  
Date: 1 Apr 2007 06:05  
From: "Heather"  
Subject: Beware of this Scam



Beware of this Scam!

Probably more than most, I just hate people who forward too many, often false, warnings, but this one is important! Send this warning to everyone on your e-mail list!

If someone comes to your front door saying they are conducting a survey on deer ticks and asks you to take your clothes off and dance around to shake off the ticks, do NOT do it! IT IS A SCAM! They only want to see you naked! I wish I'd gotten this yesterday. I feel so stupid now.

~Heather

## I will pee your initials in the snow at 29,000+ feet!

This ebay auction was highlighted on the news on April 1st. There were 15 bids and the winning bid of \$51 means that the winner will get his initials peed at the summit of Mount Everest on Richard Harris's upcoming hike. Congratulations RMorgan! Here's the full text from ebay:

Winning bidder: Rmorgan@4000footer.com  
Winning bid: US \$51.00  
Ended: Apr-01-07 20:32:02 PST  
Start time: Jan-20-07  
History: 15 bids (US \$1.00 starting bid)

Here is the deal. The highest bidder will get their initials peed in the snow at the highest point on my climb of Mt. Everest. I will have a picture taken of your initials (in yellow), a picture of my altimeter, a photo looking out towards the scenery from that spot along with a copy of my climbing journal, which will mention your name and this crazy event. If weather does not allow for my group to reach the summit then I will go as high as the weather safely permits and will do the deed. The group I am planning on going with usually always reaches the summit. For the Environmentalist, I will be utilizing my p-bottle on the mountain. After I do the deed, I will immediately remove the pee and pack it out with me. Happy bidding and good luck to us both. Your new good friend, Richard

Always walk on trails using both feet.

## Famous Quotes

You can't just let nature run wild.

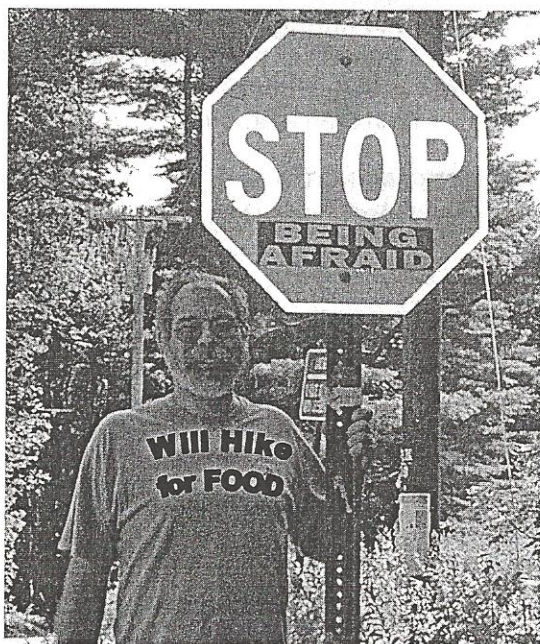
--Wally Hickel former governor of Alaska

Weeds are flowers too, once you get to know them

--A. A. Milne Eeyore from Winnie the Pooh

"Duct tape is like the Force. It has a light side, a dark side, and it holds the universe together." — *Carl Zwanzig.*

"I'd let Depends sponsor me if it meant I could give Everest a go." — *Richard Harris.*



### National "Begging Spoon" Day

The President in his April 1<sup>st</sup> speech to Congress formally designated April 1<sup>st</sup> Begging Spoon Day.

## FLUFF HIKER OF THE YEAR!

*Are you gellin'?*

*I'm gellin' like a felon. Care for some melon?*

*And that's just what Dr. Scholl's felt when they named our very own compassionately paced hiker, "Gary," as their "Fluff Hiker of the Year!"*

*Join us as we congratulate the "gellin' like a felon, thinks he's Magellan, master of compassion, gellin Gary!*

*Hey, you fellow PVHCer's Are you Gellin?*

*Be sure you are wearing gel insoles in your shoes, preferably by Co-leader Dr. Scholl's.*

## Moonlight Hike Schedule Change

The Energy Policy Act of 2005 amended the Uniform Time Act of 1966 by changing the start and end dates of daylight saving time. Clocks were set ahead one hour on March 11, 2007 instead of the first Sunday of April to maximize useful daylight and save energy. Many people did not realize that a second energy saving measure was included by George W. Bush in the Energy Policy Act. Hoping that the brighter the evening the less energy people will use George has moved up the start of the full moon and pushed back the end of the full moon. The result is that the full moon is now visible for two weeks and the quarter and three quarter moon lunar cycle takes up the rest of the month. The resulting loss of the new moon should result in a significant increase in moonlight throughout the month and a terrific opportunity for more moonlight hikes.

## PIONEER VALLEY HIKING CLUB RULES OF CONDUCT

Outgoing 2006 Club VP Mike-C. (Any relation to our US VP Cheney?) has established these General Rules of Conduct applicable to all hiking club members as his last outgoing Vice Presidential action. Clearly defined rules of conduct are necessary for the orderly operation of every club. The PVHC requires that each hiker faithfully abide by these rules and regulations.

1. Hikers shall maintain a presentable appearance at all times and shall wear clothing appropriate to their Hike. Remember "Cotton Kills"! Only synthetic cloths (we recommend Halliburton/Chaney textiles made from genuine Iraq oil)

2. Reporting to hikes under the influence of unauthorized substances or the introduction, possession or use of unapproved tobacco, coffee, chocolate, or ice cream on Club functions is prohibited. Only "PVHC" brand products such as PVHC GORP, PVHC dehydrated Ice Cream, and PVHC Hikers' Java, (available for purchase at the club concession stands\* and Dave's Deals) is allowed. \*Concession stands owned and operated by Halliburton/Chaney Enterprises.

3. Shopping, photography, resting at scenic vistas, and other inappropriate conduct is prohibited on Club events and will not be tolerated. Professional photographs of your hike will be available for a nominal fee taken with our first rate "Eye-in-the-sky" surveillance drones at the Halliburton Ice Cream concession stand at the end of the hike. Any unauthorized photographs taken on hikes will remain the property of the club's president.

4. Hikers must avoid tardiness, absence, and departing early from hikes without the permission of the club president. The president is explicitly exempt from the tardiness policy.

5. Every hiker has a duty to protect and safeguard the VP's lumbering operations on National park lands and drilling operations in the arctic tundra.

Violation of any of these regulations may result in disciplinary action ranging from warning to discharge from the club. The Club Footprints editor reserves the right to make inspections of club members backpacks, lunch boxes, and vehicles and other items of personal property for excess food and snack materials. In those instances where there is reason to believe that they contain evidence of a violation of these regulations the food items will be confiscated by the Footprints editor.

## Ask Footprints!

{expert answers to your outdoor questions}

**Q** "I am working on a research paper. My topic is: How Do Glaciers Move? Can you please tell me what you know about the movement of glaciers?"

**A** "Glaciers feel best when they have one movement per day. Some glaciers do just fine with fewer movements, but when they don't have movements for a long time the result can be quite bad. Glaciers that move much more frequently tend to have loose and soft terminal moraines (also called rock piles). Glacial movement is almost always associated with the release of water. But sometimes glaciers release water without experiencing a movement."

## APRIL HIKING AWARDS

- Most Ice Cream after a hike**  
- Ice Cream Al
- Best Dinner & Latté while Gellin'**  
- Fluff Hiker Gary
- Hikes without anyone showing up**  
- Quabin Mike
- Most lost during carpool**  
- Tie(Lead foot Reed, uturn shari)
- Most talking without hiking**  
- Blah Blah Blah Sue
- SPECIAL NOTE:**  
Happy April Fools Day.

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