

The Bimonthly Newsletter of the Pioneer Valley Hiking Club

President's Corner:

To Remain Relevant by President Lori Tisdell

In my March *Bootprints* article I wrote about moving forward, growing our PVHC membership, changing what needs to be done in order to remain relevant, while also keeping our culture and traditions. As a club we have continued to evolve over the 31 years PVHC has been in existence. And we must continue to do just that.

One of these traditions the E-Board and club members have gone back and forth over are monthly club meetings. To be frank, attendance is not great. The rental expense is not prohibitive at \$50 per meeting, but what is discouraging is that so few people attend. Zoom meetings are even less attended. We did have a productive discussion at the October Zoom meeting on this subject with the 6-7 people who remained through the end.

Consequently, the board made the following decisions about club meetings. First, given the lack of attendance and ease of scheduling hikes we decided to suspend the hike planning meetings for the foreseeable future. The weekly email prior to each month when we would have had a hike planning meeting, will have instructions for submitting hikes and dates that need to be filled.

Second, we will have alternating months in-person meetings with Zoom access for those who cannot or do not wish to attend in-person. These meetings will have a clinic, a business meeting and a social hour after the meeting. Attendees are welcome and encouraged to bring refreshments. We have noted that when the meetings are in-person, frequently members will stay after to talk about hikes and/or socialize. So that will now be part of the program.

As we know, an organization must meet to communicate news, make See President's Corner continued on page 2 Volume 26, Issue 6 Nov, 2022

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decisions, have elections, vote on spending, and have open discussions about members' issues, concerns, and ideas. We will continue to have meetings, but there will be six a year instead of twelve. Unless there is a need for a meeting in-between. Meetings have been and will continue to be an open forum for any and all club-related concerns members may have.

Related to this last point, the March 2023 clinic will be an open forum discussion on the future of the club and where we want to be in 5-10 years. We want members to come and put forth their ideas, concerns, and the future each of you envisions for PVHC. It may seem quite a way off yet, but with holidays coming up and the new year most of us will be very busy. By March we will all have had time to think about PVHC and where we see us going as we continue to move forward.

Another area where the club has made strides is through the Outreach Program. This committee was created when Jim Brown was president. The committee meets every couple of months and brainstorms new ways to put PVHC in the public eye. We have put an emphasis on advertising PVHC. We have business cards members have been giving out on the trail, flyers posted in many locations, and we have non-member/ member hikes. We have advertised these hikes on social forums. The committee has contacted local town newspapers and are submitting articles and photos for publication. We opened our Facebook page to non -club members...after we vet them to ensure they are people interested in the outdoors and hiking. Anecdotally, our membership has risen from a low of 201 during the pandemic to currently 261. Prior to the pandemic the average was between 240-245. We have been averaging 255-260 in recent months.

PVHC volunteers have kept our club going and moving forward for 31 years. Thanks to all of you who made that commitment to PVHC and worked so hard over the years and continued to do so during the last few challenging years.

-- President Lori Tisdell



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Hiking the Kaiserkrone

by John "PaPa Smurf" Klebes and Sybille Nickel

The Kaiserkrone loop is a 65 kilometer (km) hut-to-hut trek that circles the imposing Wilder Kaiser massif. A spectacular life list adventure through the mountainscapes of the Wilder Kaiser region of the Alps in Austria. Definitely one of those best-of-a-lifetime hikes that you must see if you can.

The Wilder Kaiser literally translates to the "Wild Emperor" and rumor has it if you look carefully you can see the silhouette of the emperor's face in this majestic chain of mountains. And Kaiserkrone translates to "The Emperor's Crown," a fitting title for this hiking trek that encircles the heart of the Wilder Kaiser!

Sybille and I took five days to traverse this fantastic Kaiserkrone loop during our recent trip to Europe. After a short, 2-hour train/bus ride from Munich we started our adventure from the town of Going in Austria. Much of the lower hills are scattered with ski runs, trails, and wonderful mountain huts that provide food, beverages and/or lodging to travelers.

The Klammlweg

On day one of our hike we climbed steeply up from the town of Going to the Graspoint Niederalm, a cute, little hut that when open is known for their homemade soups. As it was late in the season and rainy today it was closed, but on the porch was a wooden trough with cold spring water feeding in. Under the water was a selection of cold beer and soda awaiting a small donation. Wonderful. This would become a common occurrence at other small huts scattered in the high mountain pastures.

Next on our steep, upward climb we reached the scenic Stiegenbach Waterfall and shortly thereafter we joined up with the actual Kaiserkrone loop trail. Our mileage will be significantly longer than the advertised 65km because that doesn't include the hike up and down to the high mountain Kaiserkrone loop from our starting town and side trips to some of our accommodations along the route. *Kaiserkrone continued on page 4*

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As we continued around the Kaiserkrone loop in a clockwise direction, to our next stop, the Gaudeamus Hütte where we had lunch before climbing the famous Klammlweg. The Klammlweg (the gorge route) is a challenging series of rock climbs with aids such as ladders, iron pegs, cables, and rock steps. Pretty exciting and we are glad for the rain to hold off for this section. As the hike description states: *Surefootedness and a good head for heights are essential.*

At the top of the Klammlweg we topped out on a ridge where our wonderful Gruttenhütte accommodations for the night were nestled. Gruttenhütte, at 1620 meters (m), is the highest mountain hut in the Wilder Kaiser region and is on an exposed rocky crest with



a beautiful sun terrace and views of the main ridge of the Alps and the fantastic Grosslockner Mountain. Unfortunately it was overcast and starting to rain when we arrived, limiting our views. We did have to step over the remains of an earlier snow storm on the patio.

To the Glittering Hintersteiner Lake

On our second day starting out from the Gruttenhütte mountain hut we traversed beneath the summits of Schutterfeldkopfe, Treffauer, and Tuxeck. We started out in the fog but as the clouds lifted from the valley we had nicer but limited views. The section beneath the Treffauer and Tuxeck summits is called the Lenggries (one of the largest gravel cirques in the Wilder Kaiser region) and included forested areas with aromatic pines sprinkled with open views of the Alps and some high glaciers and sightings of deer and goats climbing high on the slopes.

In the next section the trail unsuspectingly got exciting. Unlike See Kaiserkrone continued on page 5

PaPa Smurf and Sybille

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yesterday's Klammlweg, where we were fully expecting some sketchy climbing, today we had some more interesting areas with ladders, ropes, cables, and steps that we had not expected. Very exciting!

Next we encountered the wild Kaiser-Hochalm, a rustic high mountain farming hut in an alpine pasture, which is located beneath the Sonnenstein, where we found a dry bench on the porch of a rustic farm hut where we cooked up some soup and waited out a small rainfall. And again, finding cold beers in the watering trough, we refilled our hydration needs.

With a spring in our steps we plodded along down the path for a while before realizing we had missed a turn. Not wanting to backtrack steeply

uphill we found a series of very steep, muddy trekking paths leading downhill that connected us back with our route farther down the mountain range. We continued on toward the famous Hintersteiner Lake. The last part of our day was spent walking along the full length of the western bank of the crystal clear, amazingly tur-



quoise-colored Hintersteiner See (lake). The Pension Maier Guest House, our accommodations for the night, overlooks the far end of the lake.

The Bettlersteig!

Up a steep incline at the foot of the Zettenkaiserkopf mountain we made our ascent to the Kreuzbichl summit and the Stöfflhütte mountain hut. While still early we just had to have one of their home-brewed beers. After a hearty beer and making lore discussion with the owner, we were rewarded with an engraved beer opener as fellow brewers. The trail continues past gentle alpine pastures and a high plateau above the town of Kufstein.

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At the entrance to the Bettlersteig (The Beggar's Path) a series of sharp bends leads past the Talofenschlucht gorge and the north face of the Hackenköpfe mountains. Next a steep descent, mostly on steps, and across eight gorges cutting across our path. One passage was secured using a wire cables and iron clamps. We finally reach the Anton-Karg-Haus (an Austrian Alpine Club Hut) where we stopped for the night.

Up to the Stepsenjoch

Today, our fourth day, starts with a steep climb over serpentine switchbacks and many rock and wooden steps on our way up to the Stripsenjochhaus mountain hut (1,577 m). This hut is located on a rise at the foot of



the legendary "Totenkirchl" and "Fleischbank" rock faces, which have attained cult status in climbing circles. I would, a week or so later, return to climb up and spend the night here on a solo return trip. It was just such a magical spot to put a hut.

From here we climbed up the ridge, where I separated from Sybille to climb the famous Stripsenkopf via a short class 4 scramble. Stripsenkopf at 1807m has a several technical routes to the summit but I took the safer scramble to the iconic viewing pavilion at the top.

The next part was a climb all along a panoramic ridgeline, first heading past the "Frankenländer Nadel" rock formation, then across the Wiesensattel (1,627 m) and walk back uphill via the Tristecken (1,710 m) to the Feldberg summit (1,813 m), our highest point for the hike. We finished the day with a few hours hike down into the town of Gasteig and our Mountain Blast Hostel for the night.

Closing the Loop via Schleier Wasserfall

Day five was filled with panoramic views on our way to completing See Kaiserkrone continued on page 7

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the crown. It was an uneventful climb out of the town of Gasteig until we hit a section traversing a ridgeline secured with steel ropes to a path leading to the Ursulablick viewpoint with fantastic views over the Kitzbühel Alps, including the Kitzbüheler Horn and the Maukspitze summit.



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For the last leg we choose an alternative route that required the descent of a steep five-meter ladder that rewarded us with a unique spectacle of the Schleier Waterfall. The trail even went behind the falls. We continued our descent toward the town of Going where we intersected with the Graspoint Niederalm that was our first rest stop on day one. Here we celebrated the completion of our Emperor's Crown hike with a cold beer before making the final descent into town.



--PaPa Smurf & Sybille

Trail Magic on the Appalachian Trail in Western Mass

by Dick Forrest

There are trail angels that live in the Massachusetts Berkshires and they happen to be church members. The rector of Christ Trinity Lutheran/Episcopal Church of Sheffield, MA, the Rev. Erik Karas, and his church decided to take on a local mission project. They decided to minister to the thru-hikers who are hiking the Appalachian Trail (AT) who come through their community every summer. With seed money provided by the discretionary fund of the Episcopal Bishop of Western MA, the Rt. Rev. Douglas Fisher, and also with the receipt of a grant, Rev. Karas and his church were initially able to provide hospitality to thru-hikers on the AT coming through their community.

Starting in 2017, and taking only one year off because of the Covid pandemic, members of Christ Trinity Church along with members of the First Congregational Church (UCC) of Sheffield, MA (also known as Old Parish Church), have staffed a large tent to feed and provide comfort to AT thru-hikers. The tent, built by church members, is an Aframe, 15 feet high and 20 yards long, and is located 200 feet off of the trail, close to the AT crossing of West Road in Sheffield.

The trail magic, usually provided by four or five trail angels, at a time, who man the tent, consists of free: grilled hamburgers, hot dogs, and veggie burgers, homemade brownies and cookies, candy, a cell phone charging station, and chairs with backs to relax in. The tent is manned 6 days a week from 10 a.m. to 2 or 3 p.m. from mid-June to August 20th. (Rev. Karas determined that those dates are when the bulk or "bubble" of the thru-hikers comes through Sheffield.) All of the trail angels working the hospitality tent this year served 747 thru-hikers (mostly north bounders on the AT).

Why this mission project to thru-hikers from these two Berkshire area churches? Jean Chapin, the administrator of Christ Trinity Church, said See *Trail Magic continued on page 9*

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the aim of the churches is "non-religious" and that they want to provide "a corner of kindness and offer hospitality" to the thru-hikers coming through their community. (Jean provided most of the information for this article.) One of the stalwart trail angels, 81-year-old, retired Episcopal Bishop Jack McKelvey, a bishop who last served his church in the Rochester, NY, area, who mans the hospitality tent three days a week, is fascinated to hear the thru-hiker stories, and likes to tell some of his own. He often asks the thru-hikers to "Tell us why you're here" or "Why are you doing the AT?" He says that we are not proselytizing, and that they are happy to answer any questions the hikers may have. Jack said that the most thru-hikers they've had visit their tent on one day was 45 and the least was 1. The trail angels have a book that the thru-hikers write in and that news along the trail travels fast. The trail angels request that the thru-hikers send them a picture of themselves once they complete the AT. And most do just that.

How do these two churches in Sheffield keep their mission going? There was a October 21, 2022, fundraiser for the upcoming 2023 thruhiker season:



LET'S ALL DRINK RESPONSIBLY

Several outside groups, some from the Boston area, help out with the Appalachian Trail Hospitality Program. Perhaps your church or organization would like to help out. If so, contact either of the two Sheffield churches.

-- Dick Forrest

Smurfy advice for the trail...

The Solo Hiker by John "PaPa Smurf" Klebes

There is a certain special magic that occurs when we get together for a shared hiking experience. I'm sure each of you has some special memories of hiking together with others from our hiking community. But have you ever wanted to hike but didn't have anyone to go with? Don't let that keep you from hiking. There can be a different kind of fun, magic, and adventure solo hiking that is quite different than hiking in groups.

The Pros of hiking solo

Hiking solo builds self-confidence. You really learn to trust yourself. No one is in charge but you, and you can hike at your own pace, stop for photos or breaks when ever you want, and explore side attractions without having to talk others into something they might not share an interest in. An opportunity for solitude, self-exploration, and discovery. There is a special, freeing feeling that comes with not worrying about anyone else that makes the hike your own. Hiking solo also presents many more opportunities to encounter wildlife since you don't make as much noise as in a group. I've seen more moments of wonder seeing deer, moose, coyote, and bear hiking solo than at any other time.

The Cons of hiking solo

It can be intimidating at first. It's surprising how much we rely on the group dynamics for help navigating, shared judgment for handling obstacles or incidents, providing encouragement and support, and shared resources should someone come unprepared.

Tips for hiking solo

The number one rule of hiking solo is that you need to depend on yourself. You may not have anyone nearby to help you over a stream crossing, navigate around a blowdown, or keep you on the right trail. See The Solo Hiker continued on page 11

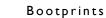


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Go prepared. It's easy to overlook a few missed essentials when you hike in a group; not so when you hike solo. In a group you can share water if you run low, borrow a warm layer, share some snacks, and even tap a fellow hiker's first-aid kit. If you hike solo you MUST be prepared to rely only on your own resources.

Be sure to take special care to bring adequate supplies of food, water, extra layers, rain/wind gear, and first-aid supplies. Add a little margin of extra supplies since you don't have anyone else to help you out. And always have a backup plan in case you end up staying out later than expected by packing a headlamp and emergency blanket or bivy sac. As a solo hiker you should be prepared for the unlikely event that a misstep or accident causes an unplanned night out. If you are unsure of what you need to bring solo, check out the "Ten Essentials" in either our hiking directory appendix, on our club website, or the *September, 2020, issue of Bootprints*. You may also want to review the November, 2017, *Bootprints* article, entitled *PaPa Smurf's "WEGS" Bag,* on my First-aid & Repair Survival Kit (I call it my When-Everything-Goes-to-Shit bag).

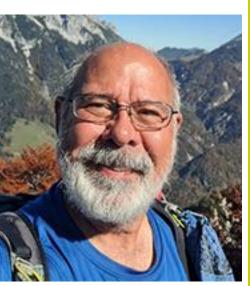
Stay on-trail, or if you venture off-trail keep it simple and within easy reach of retreating the way you came. Carry a map and be very trail aware of where you are on the map at all times. Don't just rely on a cellphone app or GPS. As a solo hiker you need at least two forms of backup navigation should electronics fail.

As a solo hiker you should also make a special effort to hone your "Trail Awareness" skills. The key to trail awareness is to always have a mental picture of your last definite landmark, your progress from that location, and where you expect to be next. The second critical part is knowing how fast you hike and observing if you are making the progress you expect to make. Check out the March, 2017, *Bootprints* article on *Trail Awareness* skills.

I also like to take lots of photos at intersections and hard to navigate features, such as blowdowns and such, and be sure to photograph See The Solo Hiker continued on page 12

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both forward and backward on the trail. This can come in pretty handy if you get confused when hiking back again. Even if you plan on a loop hike, always be prepared to hike back the way you came if some unforeseen circumstance occurs. It should always be your number one safety option: to turn back.



Stay in touch with your instincts! If something feels off then question yourself: Is it getting too late to keep to my original plan? Am I feeling like I may not be on the right trail? Did that hiker I just passed give me a weird feeling? Trust your judgment and be prepared to change plans or turn back early.

Another important tip is to know your limits. While we all like to challenge ourselves a solo hike is not always the best time to push the limits of your endurance without the safety net of others along. Set goals that are fun and challenging but not overly so. It's a time to learn and gain confidence in your solo abilities, not an accident waiting to happen. Keep it realistic.

For your first solo hike pick a popular, well-marked trail and go at a popular time of day. You are sure to see a few other hikers, which adds a layer of safety and comfort should you get into trouble. Hikers are a friendly lot. You don't see many bad characters willing to hike far from their comfort zone. So, even solo, you are likely to be stumbled upon by someone willing to help out should you get disoriented or into trouble. *"Another important tip is to know your limits."* ~ PaPa Smurf

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~ PaPa Smurf

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While not really specific to solo hiking it's more important than ever to leave word with a friend or relative about your plans. Should something happen beyond your control it's important that someone knows that you did not return on time and where to look for you. Be sure to also call or text your friend when you hike out so they know you are safely back from your hike.

Is it safe to hike solo? Hiking, like all sports, involves some risks. Solo hiking poses the same types of risks as group hiking. Perhaps with only a slightly more significant reliance on yourself to handle anything that comes up without input from others. This can be both good or bad but not necessarily riskier. It's all in how prepared you are. While the risks of bad weather, accidents, getting lost, and animal encounters can get you scared they are the same risks you face in a group. It's mostly a fear in your head that can be overcome with experience and confidence in your abilities.

Don't let a fear of hiking along keep you indoors. There is an incredible and empowering experience awaiting you. Go out and hike with confidence.

--PaPa Smurf

(If you have a suggestion for future topics or a hike-related question you would like covered in this column send a note to: john.klebes@gmail.com)



Future Events in 2022

November 5-6 - Vermont Backpack led by Karen Markham

November 12 - Saturday Club Maintenance NET Sec-

tions 1 & 2 led by Chip Pray and Rob Schechtman

December 10 - Annual holiday party at Holyoke Elks or-

ganized by Karen Markham, Al Roman and Lani Giguere

PVHC 2022 Executive Board



Left to Right: Lori Tisdell, President; Erin Squires, Vice President; Peggy Tibbitt, Treasurer; Lani Giguere, Secretary

Fun Pin Awards for Completing Hikes

PVHC has started a new Fun Pin Award for participating in hikes with the club. There are three pins that members can earn:

- 1. 10 Hikes with PVHC
- 2. 10 Mountains/Summits with PVHC
- 3. 10 Trails with PVHC

There is no double or triple dipping. One hike can be used for just one hike or summit or trail. You can count weekly hikes, summits or trails more than once if you do them on different dates. Examples - the Monday Morning hike can be used several times in the hikes log as long as you do them on different dates, Mt Holyoke can be listed several times as long as it is hiked on different dates, same with trails.

We hope you have fun hiking with PVHC and earning your Pins!

The logs for each pin are posted on the club website. Once completed you may turn it in at a club meeting for your pin award.

Slide Show Photos

Please send all slide show photos for the 2022 PVHC Holiday Party multimedia slide show to the following email address: pvhcpictures@gmail.com

Important Membership Renewal Notices

The following memberships are up for renewal:

Nov Renewals	Dec Renewals
Marie Babbitt	Amy & Kevin Aliengena
Jos Brannan	Linda Casey
Karen Chaffee	Sami Keats
Terry L. Champiney	Tibor Flothmann III
Elaine Davenport	Karen Lemoine
Susan DeTorrice	Teri McElwain
Lynn Gebo	Marylinda Moriarty
Richard Harris	Terry Nagel
Tracy Harrity	David Pierrepont & Theresa
Sandy Lemanski	Murphy
Julie, Robert, Joann, Val	Marylinda Ramos
Marcus	Suzanne Roberts
Barbara Pearson	Isabella Rzeszutek
Vearle Sayer	Scott Smith & Jennifer
Chuck Serafin	Hunter
Carolyn Smith	Michelle & Ben Sullivan Patricia Watson
Martha Spiro	Steve & Michele Wolf
Lori Tisdell	Loretta Yargeau
Warren Wilkinson	

Please renew early, and renew by mail. (Make checks payable to PVHC) Mail your renewal with your name and any address or phone number changes to:

Peggy Tibbitt 413 South Gulf Rd. Belchertown, MA 01007 (Dues are \$25 individual member, \$40 family, and \$15 for students)

Pioneer Valley Hiking Club Officers

Lori Tisdell, President Erin Squires, Vice President Peggy Tibbitt, Treasurer Lani Giguere, Secretary Ray Tibbetts, Founder

Standing Committee Chairs

Hike Schedule: Lori Tisdell & Michele Wolf Backpacking Advisor: Rick Briggs Trail Maintenance: Chip Pray & Rob Schechtman Club Website Editor: Dick Forrest Non-Member E-mail Coordinator: Rob Schechtman Club E-mail Coordinator: Lori Tisdell Quartermaster: Mike Carrier Bootprints Newsletter Editor: Dick Forrest

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Sept Rekha Bains Jane Benerakis Karen Hoffman Jill Leavenworth Jane Lefkowitz Stacey Munro & family Victoria Rosati Lynn Schwartz Susan & Taylor Seybolt

Oct Marjorie Crogan Paul Curtis Sallie Czepiel Michael Lillpopp Helen MacMellon Jettie McCollough Celeste Rosselli



UPCOMING EVENTS AND THE USUALS

Mondays	Morning hike
Tuesdays	Morning hike, evening hike
Wednesdays	Morning hike
Thursdays	Morning hike
Fridays	Morning hike
Saturdays	Morning hike
Sundays	Morning hike
Nov I	(MA) Club Meeting
Jan 3 (2023)	(MA) Club Meeting
PVHC	https://teamup.com/
Schedule of Events	ksz8qkbizhndt3qjt7

IMPORTANT NOTICES

Next Club Meetings

November 1, 7 p.m. at **ROC** January 3, 7 p.m. at **ROC**

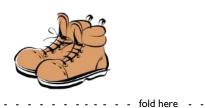
ROC - Red Oak Church, 337 Piper Road, West Springfield

Deadline for submissions to the next *Bootprints* is December 20, 2022

** Check out our club website at: www.pioneervalleyhikingclub.org

Members may join the PVHC Email List by sending a message to: <u>pvhc.hikingclub@gmail.com</u>





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