



(formerly Ice Age Park & Trail Foundation)

Walworth/Jefferson County Chapter

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Monthly Chapter Meeting Every 3rd Tuesday, 7:00 pm, at US Bank, Elkhorn

September 2009 Newsletter

Minutes for the August 18, 2009 Chapter Meeting:

Members and Guests in Attendance: Jerome Converse, Liz DeBaal, Eileen Harris, Gary Klatt, Bill Knickrehm, Dominic Lazzaroni, Nancy Lazzaroni, Sophia Lazzaroni, Vince Lazzaroni, Meg McCormick, Ron Nacker, Carol Prchal, Judy Wildermuth

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Co-Coordinator Gary K. at 7:00 pm. The August 2009 Newsletter was accepted as minutes of the July 21, 2009 chapter meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Judy presented the treasurer's report for the past month. Income was \$431.98 and consisted of \$.12 in interest, \$31.86 from the Sentry Friends program, and a \$400.00 donation from Tim Yanacheck. Tim runs the Kettle Moraine 100 Endurance Run with Jason Dorgan and made a total donation of \$750 to the IATA, with \$400 of that directed specifically to our chapter. Expenses were \$243.00 and consisted of \$21.08 for paper for the Independence Day parade, \$49.34 for secretary expenses (envelopes and postage), and the rest for a variety of repair and maintenance costs of power equipment and gasoline. Thanks to Jerome for using his mechanical knowledge and skills to repair the Snapper mower blade brake/clutch and saving almost \$400 compared to what Triebold Implement would have charged. Current funds are at \$16,580.62.

Announcements: A request for volunteers to provide hospitality in upcoming months succeeded in having Meg and Eileen sign up for September and Gary K. for October. Give your Sentry receipts to Gary K. and old cell phones to Barb C. for fundraising. Russ's weekly walks will return to meeting at the Hwy. 12 IAT kiosk when Hwy. 12 is reopened between Whitewater and Hwy. H in LaGrange (scheduled for August 21). Drew Hanson has resigned his staff position with the IATA to spend more time with his young daughter, following his wife's passing. He will continue to support the IAT as a volunteer. Our chapter's trifold display is currently at the Whitewater Public Library. Bonnie has done a great job updating it and finding locations for display. Edward Hartman has suggested displaying it in Racine, noting that the IAT is not well-known there. Russ presented information on and distributed literature about the IAT at an organizational meeting for a networking group of the southern Wisconsin area on August 4. June sends a message that she returned from Colorado unexpectedly early this year, and if anyone had planned to visit her there, to please give her a call at her Silver Lake home. The Emma Carlin kiosk map shows the IAT following the bike trail. Eileen was asked to contact Paul Sandgren about having a corrected map placed there. The Waukesha County IAT chapter has their "Walk the Wauk" hiking program brochures at that kiosk. Perhaps our chapter could do the same when our hiking program is up and running.

Hospitality: Thanks to Carol for banana nut bread, lemon-orange pound cake, milk and juice

Old Business: Eileen reported on some kiosk woes, such as a hole in the plexiglass and bird and wasp nests. Nancy presented some extensive information she had obtained about patch options for our hiking award program. She showed us some woven patches and compared them to embroidered patches. Pricing is done by size, shape, and the number of colors. 2 inch by 3 inch woven patches would cost us about \$5 each for an order of 50, or \$3.50 each for an order of 100. Embroidered patches can be ordered in smaller quantities but cost more - 2½ inch diameter patches would be \$7-10 each in a quantity of 25. A "rocker patch", as seen in the article "Hiking Awards Program Highlights" in the Fall 2009 *Mammoth Tales*, page 15, is a smaller rectangular or arch-shaped patch and is less expensive than a full-size patch. Meg reminded us that we had previously discussed having bandanas as an award. Kangaroo noted that a bandana is almost always used folded or scrunched up and the print or logo on it wouldn't be appreciated. It was moved and passed that our chapter will give a patch as an award. Vince passed around some drawings he had done as possible designs for the patch. The need for a name for the program was brought up. Liz suggested "The Moraine Corps", which elicited

favorable responses from many present. Gary proposed that, at next month's meeting, we should decide on a name and a patch design for the program. He encouraged everyone to bring ideas for these. Up to eight colors can be used in the patch design. Carol mentioned that per the article mentioned above, all of the other chapters that have award programs, other than Rock County, received grant money for start-up costs. Those present did not show interest in pursuing outside funds, other than possible sponsorship fees, as we expect the program to pay for itself. A short discussion on the pending creation of mile markers ensued. Ron suggested placing markers at road crossings denoting mileage to the next road. Kangaroo recommended checking with the IATA state office to see if we need to have some uniformity with other mile markers elsewhere along the trail. The July 25 work day was productive. Gary K., Ingrid, and the Lazzaroni family cleared the view of Lake LaGrange from Ron's bench. Kangaroo whacked weeds along the trail from Duffin Road toward the lake, and Jerome and Chris Prestegard whacked weeds in the opposite direction from the Kangaroo walk reroute toward Duffin Road. Chris is a UWW student who has been volunteering with trail maintenance and has offered to recruit other students to volunteer. Jerome suggested that on a September work day, honeysuckle be pulled along the trail from Duffin Road to the "swamp reroute" (going toward the Oleson Cabin). We might want to try to get some student volunteers for this tough project. Carol offered the use of her weed wrench. The Hike/Bike/Paddle event scheduled for August 8 was rained out. Ron will organize this event again next year and is considering camping at Point Beach at Two Rivers. The MSC project of August 13-16 at LaBudde Creek was attended by Gary K., Ron, Liz, and Edward Hartman from our chapter. New trail was built; the local chapter will finish up the last 1/4 mile. Meg recently saw on PBS a 2-part series on the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail. She suggested showing this as a program at one of our monthly meetings. Lively discussion followed. Ideas brought up were that this might be too long to show at a regular meeting, but perhaps we could show it on a weekend in the winter instead of having a hike, perhaps we could show it at the SoKMSF headquarters some evening or on a weekend, Sharon Dziengel might want to be involved with this since she has hiked that trail, Sharon might want to show us her presentation on all her hikes, Gerry might be able to give a program on one of his trips sometime, maybe Roy Gromme would give a program on sandhill cranes or another topic. We concurred that we are liking the idea of setting up more programs at monthly meetings, and everyone should think about whom they know who could present a program. Meg will follow up on the Continental Divide Trail idea.

New Business: Our chapter will tour and hike at the Riveredge Nature Center near West Bend on August 22. Jerome will lead the August 23 work day and wants to replace a few boards at the Cover Valley bridge and maybe do some dredging. The next MSC project is at the Straight Lake Scenic Recreation Area in Polk County, September 8-13. Jerome and Meg might attend; Gary K. probably won't. Another MSC project will be September 23-27 near Belleville in Dane County. New trail and a 40 foot bridge will be built. Our next monthly meeting will be on Tuesday, September 15.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm



A Rocker Patch

From *Mammoth Tales*, Fall 2009, p 15
(photo by Judy Fossen)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesdays at 4:00 pm &
Wednesdays at 10:30 am

Weekly Walks: Join Russ and others for a hike on the IAT or other nearby trails. Meet at the Hwy. 12 IAT crossing and parking lot, just west of LaGrange. Contact person: Russ Helwig, 262-473-2187

Tuesday, September 15, 2009 at 7:00 pm

Monthly chapter meeting at US Bank Community Room in Elkhorn. Contact person: Russ Helwig, 262-473-2187

Saturday, September 19, 2009 at 9:00 am

Work Day. Meet at Hwy. 12 IAT parking lot to help with trail maintenance. Contact person: Kangaroo, 608-883-2825

Sunday, September 20, 2009 at 9:00 am

Work Day. Meet at Hwy. 12 IAT parking lot to help with trail maintenance. Contact person: Jerome Converse, 262-473-7304

Thursday - Sunday, September 24 - 27
RSVP by September 18

MSC project near Belleville in Dane County. Build new trail and a bridge. Free group camping and meals. Contact person: Gary Klatt, 262-473-4973

Friday, October 2 at 8:00 pm

Harvest Moon Hike. Meet at Hwy. 12 parking lot to hike under the full harvest moon. Place tbd. Contact person: Barb Converse, 262-473-7304

Thursday - Sunday, October 8 - 11
RSVP by October 2

MSC long weekend. 4-mile sweeper maintenance project in Taylor County. Free camping and group meals. Contact person: Gary Klatt, 262-473-4973

Saturday, October 10, 2009 at 8:00 am

Hike at the Madison Arboretum and then visit the Madison Farmers Market. Meet at the Converse home at 8:00 am for carpooling. Contact person: Barb Converse, 262-473-7304