



Southern Maine Volkssport Association

March 2003

Presidents Corner

We're finally creeping into March, St Patrick's Day, and wearing a wee bit o'green. I sure would love to see a wee bit o'green as in grass or bulbs inching their heads skyward from their snowy blanket. Spring is officially listed on my calendar as starting on March 21st. Here's hoping for a BIG change in seasons! Enough of this white stuff that has taken a decided ugly dirty color lately.

With the release of the new movie "God and Generals", we should see an increase in the number of walkers at our Brunswick seasonal. Joshua Chamberlain plays an important role in the movie. The York White Rose Wanderers from York, Pennsylvania have begun their AVA approved Civil War Walking Program. You don't have to travel way South to start participating in the program. On their list of approved events is our Brunswick walk! The program will run until 2005. Complete fifteen events and receive a patch and certificate. Also, fairly close to home are approved events in Concord, Ma., Providence, R.I., and Litchfield, CT. For more information about this Civil War Walking Program, go to www.ava.org/clubs/york or call (717) 292-6534.

Well, I've done my complaining, passed on a little information, so I'll do something useful and take myself outside to feed the robin that has taken up housekeeping in my window box. I feel the need to get her safely into Spring so she can gather her own food. Wish I could knit so I could make her a warm sweater!

Ann

METRO's Tibbetts named to NEPTA Hall of Fame

John Tibbetts of Westbrook, deputy general manager and operations manager of the Greater Portland Transit District, commonly called Metro, was recently named to the Northeast Passenger Transportation (NEPTA) Hall of Fame.



Tibbetts was named at the annual meeting of the organization in December that was held at the Publick House Inn in Sturbridge, Mass. The honor was a bit unique since, historically, the organization has named senior people in major transportation leadership roles. Nominated by Peter Hefler, Metro's general manager, with additional input from the staff, it was felt that people who work "in the field day in and day out" are deserving of recognition as well as the leaders of transportation.

"John Tibbetts is the heart and soul of the Metro. Without him, and his many years of service, Metro would not be the success that it is today," Hefler said at the award ceremony.

Tibbetts has been a member of the Metro organization for nearly 32 years and has been a key person. Tibbetts, working with the Metro staff and the leadership of the many transportation related organizations of the member cities, implemented many programs that saw ridership grow by 12 percent in the past three years. Metro carries over 1.3 million riders a year.

Minutes of the February 19, 2003 Meeting

Ann Stevens, SMVA President, opened the meeting at 7:05PM at the Walker Memorial Library in Westbrook. Twenty-two members were present.

The Secretary's report for January 2003 as printed in the February Newsletter was accepted as written.

The Treasurer's report by Penny Cole was accepted as read. The club has \$4,492.97 in CDs and \$662.12 in checking.

Cheri Watson reported that 73 members have renewed for 2003, which is similar to the count at this time of year for previous years.

Newsletter: Ann Stevens said that she will print 175 rather than 200 newsletters for next month as those who haven't renewed won't get the next months newsletter. SMVA is billed for the number of printed copies so some money will be saved.

Sales: John Tibbetts said that he sold \$248.00 at the Falmouth Winterfest in January. The Starting Point is available for \$14.00.

Publicity: Ken Jackson has put the notice of the monthly meeting in about 12 local publications.

Ann Stevens said that the Columbus Day walks in Bar Harbor/Acadia National Park on October 11th and 12th are coming along. There will be a walk in Bar Harbor on Saturday and a walk up Cadillac Mountain Sunday morning to watch the sun rise. A group dinner will be arranged for Saturday night.

Carroll Tiernan reported 68 walkers for the Falmouth Winterfest on January 25 and 26. There were 34 from Maine and 22 from Massachusetts. The walk had a profit of \$59.00. Carroll hopes to do the walk again next year. The Team Alaska snow sculpture won the contest for the best sculpture.

Walk reports: The South Portland walk has had four walkers. John said he hasn't checked the Portland Year Round as it has been so cold there probably haven't been that many doing the walk yet.

Unfinished Business: As there has to be 30 days published notice on the slate of officers for 2003 and not enough time has passed since the publication of the slate in the February Newsletter, it was decided to vote at the March meeting. The names and offices: President: Ann Stevens; Vice-President: Cheri Watson; Treasurer: Penny Cole; Secretary: Edwin Witherell; Board of Directors: Dan Carr, Happy Jackson, Sandy Johnson, Shirley Milliken, and Alan Robitaille. Ann would like to have a board meeting before the March 19th meeting.

New Business: A former member would like to put on a walk in Gardiner either the third or fourth weekend this September. Anyone interested in helping out on arranging this walk please contact Ann Stevens. This walk then might be a seasonal walk next year.

Seasonal and Year Round walks for 2004 have to be submitted by August 1st this year.

Carroll Tiernan said that John Andrews from the Eastern Trails Alliance will be a guest speaker at the March meeting.

Carroll Tiernan won the 50/50 drawing.

Dave Cole, who had by-pass surgery last December, was at the meeting and is feeling fine. Dan Carr's sister passed away recently.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Edwin Witherell, SMVA Secretary

Happy March Birthdays:

Linda Walkley Kipnes

Don Bolin

Richard Wise

Ann A Mastro

Neil Nielson

John Creeden

Marion Burns

Virginia Emery

Ann Stevens

S Jane White

Sue Clukey

Robert Chellis

Connie Boyer

Patsy Milliken



Next meeting March 19th.

Door Monitor Lorraine Aftin.

Refreshments provided by
Alan Robitaille, Edwin Witherall,
and Ann Stevens.

Please check your membership card. This may be your last newsletter.

SMVA 2003 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



Please fill out all information so that we can keep our records updated correctly. Remember to forward all changes to addresses, telephone numbers, and e-mail addresses to Cheri Watson.

NAME: _____ BIRTHDATE _____

1ST ADDITIONAL MEMBER: _____ BIRTHDATE _____

2ND ADDITIONAL MEMBER: _____ BIRTHDATE _____

3RD ADDITIONAL MEMBER: _____ BIRTHDATE _____

4TH ADDITIONAL MEMBER: _____ BIRTHDATE _____

5TH ADDITIONAL MEMBER: _____ BIRTHDATE _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____ E-MAIL: _____

(CIRCLE ONE) NEW RENEWAL

ARE YOU WILLING TO VOLUNTEER SOME OF YOUR TIME AT A WALK?: _____

IF YOU ARE A NEW MEMBER, WHO REFERRED YOU?: _____

Individual membership 1 yr (\$12.00)

Couple/Family membership 1 yr. (\$15.00)

AMOUNT INCLOSED: _____

Each new membership person will receive a membership card, but only one newsletter will be mailed to the household monthly.

PLEASE MAIL THIS FORM TO: SMVA, P O Box 722, Westbrook, Maine 04098

**A recipe from our snowbird, Jane Cauchon, in sunny Naples, Fl. "See you in May!"
PUMPKIN PIE CAKE**

Heat oven to 350 deg. Grease & flour 9 x 13 pan.

MIX together & spread in pan:

- 1 box yellow cake mix (less 1 cup dry mix reserved & set aside)
- 1 stick butter, melted
- 1 egg, beaten

MIX together & spread over cake mix in pan:

- 1 large can pumpkin 3 eggs
- 1/2 cup brown sugar 1/4 cup white sugar
- 2/3 cup milk 1 1/2 tsp. cinnamon

MIX TOGETHER & sprinkle on top of pumpkin mixture:

- 1/2 cup white sugar
- Reserved cup of cake mix
- 1/2 stick of butter.

BAKE FOR 50-55 MINUTES



Congratulations to all these award winners!

EVENTS

50 Cindi Hall, Winthrop, Me.
150 Elaine Johnson, Portland, Me.
175 Carlene Bouchard, Scarborough,
175 Kenneth Bouchard, Scarborough,
550 Fran Hutchins, Candia, N.H.
575 Chuck Hutchins, Candia, N.H.
600 Valerie Day, Middletown, N.H.
650 Amalia Wise, Portland, Me.
650 Richard Wise, Portland, Me.
850 John Schaeffer, Brownfield,
900 Claudia Cauchon, New Market,
1000 Jane Cauchon, Durham, N.H.
1000 Roland Melcher, Brunswick,

DISTANCE

1500 km Dan Carr, Hollis, Me.
1500 Elaine Johnson, Portland, Me.
9000 km Claudia Cauchon, New Market, N.H.
9000 Alan Moulton, Stratham, N.H.
9000 Bonnie Moulton, Stratham, N.H.
11000 Roland Melcher, Brunswick,
11000 Barbara Piffat, Danvers, Ma.
12000 Joan Melcher, Brunswick, Me.
13000 John Schaeffer, Brownfield

March 15th Sharon, MA

April 6th Amherst, MA

Seasonals open:

April 1st Augusta, ME Bath, ME Brunswick, ME, South Portland, ME, Concord, MA Natick, MA
Sudbury, MA Providence, RI

April 12th Bourne, MA Sandwich, MA

April 15th Kennebunk, ME Manchester, NH Plymouth, MA

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