

September Worktrip Report

Thanks to all 23 club members that came out for a beautiful weekend that was sandwiched between a cool -- dry day, an all day rain, followed by an overcast morning and beautiful afternoon on Saturday. The temperature Sunday morning was a brisk 36 degrees. It was quite invigorating. Thanks to Steve Yonts and Greg Weaver for their organizational work and work with others in removing the shed and to all participants, and Walt and Charlene for sharing their facility with us and heading up the Saturday night brunch.

We did have one accident on this worktrip. Grace Mauney (Tom Dillon's wife) tripped as happens to all of us at one time or another and suffered a cut on her knee requiring stitches and a cast on her leg for a hairline fracture. Late news flash as we were leaving camp Sunday Morning. I am sure more info will follow.

All plans to blaze were washed out by Friday's all day and into the night rain. Latex paint does not deal well with wet weather. Alternate plan had to be put into action -- side hill work.

Wednesday -- Bobby and Bill set up camp and marked off PATH camp sites. Traveled to Sugar Grove to gather tools and supplies for the weeks work -- blazing of the trail and the dismantling of horse shed in Walker Gap.

Thursday -- Greg Weaver removed the tin roof from the horse shed. Bobby, Bill and David Hicks dropped a few trees to block horse from entering and traveling along AT in the area of Walker Gap. Aubrey Arrington played around in the cisterns, streams and pond in the area of Walker Gap and Chestnut taking water samples for World Water Monitoring Day and Month. Unfortunately the area was in drought. Atilla went to Chestnut Knob Shelter and moved the privy from one side to another. Wonderful day in the woods.

Friday -- Greg Weaver, Steve Yonts, Jeff Tysinger, Margaret Wainright, and Dwight Levi removed the rafters and one side from the horse shed and transported them to a suitable location. Bill and Bobby showed up later to lend some support and effort. Bill and Bobby hiked to Chestnut Ridge to work on the privy. New hinges were installed and the steps to the privy were centered between the two sides so future removal will not be needed. Work was done by all in a day of rain. Bill and Bobby traveled to Sugar Grove to gather tools to side hill on Saturday. Blazing was out do to the rain. Margaret cleaned water bars.

Saturday -- Steve Yonts, Greg Weaver, Jeff Tysinger and Dwight Levi finished off the dismantling of the shed and transported it. Tom and Gracie delivered a notice of yellow jackets at Lick Creek to the shelter and returned to side hill with Bill, Bobby, Margaret, Lucy, Betsy, Jack, Walter, Steve and Barbara. 948 feet of trail rehab in the form of sidehilling was completed.

Paul, Martha and David went to Olystery to hike in to Lynn Camp creek and take water samples and check out trail conditions. Barry Hester worked on the northern most section of trail.

Saturday Evening -- Walt Davis and his wife prepared and set up a fine PATH meal. The fresh corn, potato salad, ham, fresh tomatoes, peach cobbler and apple pie were great. They were all served with a fine wine, beer, and coffee. I heard that there was even some bourbon and/or scotch in the coffee.

We were also greeted by a long time missing club member that we are glad to have back in

the fold -- Dean Kanipe. One of Deans dogs had to be put to sleep last week do to having cancer. Our sympathy is with him. Welcome back Dean. Dean has assured us that he will be present more often.

If any of the above facts are in dispute please let Atilla know so that he can correct the misinformation. No slander or gossip is aloud.