



**Newsletter of the Adirondack Mountain Club – Niagara Frontier Chapter  
MAY 2019**

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**Next General Meeting – Tuesday, May 14, 2019**

**Location: Fellowship Hall - Amherst Community Church  
77 Washington Highway, Snyder, NY 14226**

NOTE: Please park in rear and enter through back door (walk up to 2nd floor)

**6:30 pm Education Workshop: Fun on two wheels-Bicycling in Western New York**

Let's kick off the bicycling season! At our education workshop we will learn about group rides planned by our club and other organizations, what to always carry with you to ride safely, share some of our favorite routes, and talk a bit about clothing and other personal gear. Please join us for our workshop at 6:30 in the community room adjacent to the main meeting room. If you have ideas and information you want to share before the workshop, please e-mail Teresa Corrigan at [TeresaCorrigan85@gmail.com](mailto:TeresaCorrigan85@gmail.com)



**7:30 pm Speaker: Apex Clean Energy**

A representative from Apex Clean Energy will be leading a presentation on Heritage Wind, a large scale renewable project in Barre, N.Y. They will discuss the environmental and financial benefits of wind farms in our communities. For more information go to <http://www.heritagewindpower.com/>



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Chapter T-Shirt Sale Part 2 - SAVE 40% May 1- May 18: [www.adkclubgear.com](http://www.adkclubgear.com)**

We have revived the wonderful chapter logo designed by long time member Tim Kerr. Until May 18th, you may order new T-shirts bearing this image honoring our chapter and Western New York, at a great price.

These shirts are Sport-Tek Posicharge Competitor Tees. Made from 100% polyester interlock, they are light, roomy, breathable, and moisture wicking. They are available in men's and women's styles, in both short sleeve and long sleeve versions. Two colors are available – stealthy Forest Green and hi-visibility Neon Orange.

The shirts are being sold by Strictly Ts in Hamburg. They are setting up a webpage for our exclusive use. Ordering is simple. Just log on to [www.adkclubgear.com](http://www.adkclubgear.com), choose your products, enter your information, and wait for your shirts to arrive in the mail. All orders placed during the sale period will be processed at the end of the sale. Expect delivery during the first week of June. Just in time for our annual picnic!



Remember, the sale ends on May 18th. Don't delay! Order today!

- **2019 ADK- NFC Elections - to be held at the June Meeting/Picnic (Sunday June 9)**

The Nominating Committee has nominated **Victoria Rowley** as outings chair to serve from Fall 2019-Fall 2021. Victoria is a seasoned hiker and well on her way to becoming a 46er! She is a smart hiker who always carries the 10 essentials and uses good judgment in the wilderness. She currently serves as an outing leader for the club and has earned the praise of current outings chair Mary Schraven who said of Victoria that she is “passionate about hiking” and is an enthusiastic leader. For a living, Victoria works with people with developmental disabilities and mental health concerns and is a dedicated advocate for them. She certainly has the skillset to lead our club on safe and enjoyable outdoor outings. Vote for Victoria!

**Paul Gannon** is running for a second term as chapter chair.

**Rob Laing** is running for a third term as director.

**Kate Hacker** and **Cheryl Peluso** are both running for third terms as alternate directors.

The Executive Committee has proposed the following three changes to the by-laws: (Note that additions appear in **red**, deletions appear in ~~strikeout~~) Members will be asked to vote on these proposed changes at the picnic. Members may also voice their objection to these proposed changes between now and the final vote.

Article V OFFICERS and APPOINTIVE POSITIONS – 8. **M. Other Positions. The Chair may appoint such other Appointive Positions as may be necessary, with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee.**

Article VII. QUORUM and MAJORITY – 2. Quorum for Executive Committee. A quorum shall be present in order for the committee to act. Five committee members shall constitute the quorum for the conduct of committee meetings. **Members of the Executive Committee must be present in real time (physically, via phone, or via other teleconferencing means) in order to count toward quorum and vote.**

Article VIII. ELECTION of OFFICERS - 1. Nominating Committee. The Chair, with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee, shall appoint a Nominating Committee of at least three members of the Chapter, ~~only one~~ **no more than two** of which shall be a members of the Executive Committee. The slate developed by the Nominating Committee shall be published in the issue of the Newsletter published in the month preceding the Annual Meeting. Further nominations may be submitted in writing by any Chapter Member to the Nominating Committee not later than May 15. Such nominating petitions must be signed by not fewer than seven voting members. Nominations may not be made from the floor at the June Meeting.

- **EXTRA EXTRA!! Newsletter Editor Needed! Please volunteer!**

Our Chapter Newsletter known as THE NIAGARA EXPLORER needs an Editor! This individual would compile documents submitted by various Board Members into an informative monthly publication. Basic computer skills required. You will have a template to work from. The Editor is welcome to attend Executive Committee meetings but they are not required. Contact Interim Newsletter Editor Deena Mueller-Funke ([deena.mueller1@gmail.com](mailto:deena.mueller1@gmail.com)) or Chair Paul Gannon ([paulgannon54@gmail.com](mailto:paulgannon54@gmail.com)).

#### **Message from the Chair, Paul Gannon**

*Springtime continues to move slowly into Western New York, and I look forward to the arrival of our peak season of outdoor activity. Soon, the weather will be ideal for hiking, paddling, and biking.*

*There will be a lot of other opportunities for our members to participate in chapter activities, as well. During the month of May, we will be holding another sale of our terrific chapter T-shirts. They will be delivered just in time for our picnic in June.*

*There are several service projects that need volunteers. On May 4<sup>th</sup>, we will be offering a program on the outdoors to students of Buffalo Prep. Our chapter will also be assisting the state in marking the boundary between Allegheny State Park and Pennsylvania. This will assist in preventing incursions by oil and gas companies into our state park land. We are participating in the annual shoreline sweep sponsored by Buffalo Waterkeepers. We will also send a crew to the Adirondacks for our annual work weekend maintaining a section of the Klondike trail. Information on these projects is listed in the newsletter.*

*Speaking of our picnic, I am looking forward to our annual gathering. During our business meeting, we will be electing a number of chapter officers, including Chair, Director, and alternate directors. All of the existing officers have agreed to run again.*

*We will also be choosing a new 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-chair/Outings. Mary Schraven has served her two terms and will be stepping down in September. Fortunately, the nominating committee has found a great candidate for this position, Victoria Rowley. She is an active member, an avid hiker, and a new trip leader. I am confident that the membership will concur with the committee and vote in her favor.*

*We are still seeking a replacement for Jaclyn Rossini, who had to step down as newsletter editor. I am so grateful to Deena Mueller-Funke for offering, once again, to serve as interim newsletter editor.*

*Our club, and chapter, survives on the efforts of its many volunteers. I invite you to join in these efforts, by offering your time and talents to support our activities. See you out there!*

## **Conservation Corner, Bob Van Hise, Chair**

Next Conservation Committee Meeting: Tuesday, May 21, at 6:30 pm at Bob Van Hise's home, 91 Kohler St., Tonawanda, NY 14150

### **May 4-5 SAT and SUN**

Volunteers needed for the **Allegheny State Park** Boundary Project maintenance weekend!

Early May is a great time to walk in the forest to see nature's greenery springing back from winter. The purpose is to maintain a line-of-sight path (not an official trail) between markers on the wilderness boundary between Allegheny State Park and Pennsylvania so park employees can more easily find and walk along it while monitoring activities on the PA side (gas/oil wells, logging, etc.).

**Saturday May 4 at 8:30 AM** - We'll meet at the Red House Administration Bldg. for a briefing and to sign a NYS volunteer form.

**Sunday May 5 at 9:00 AM** - We'll meet at the TAFT Cabin (Quaker Lake area).

We will be split into teams, and each team will be assigned a specific section of boundary - maps will be provided. The distance and degree of difficulty will vary from section to section, based on access points & terrain. Each team will have 3+ people carrying (collectively) 1 or more **pruning saws or loppers**, & 1 **hammer** w/nails, and several state park boundary signs. **Bring your own tools** (sorry, no power tools). Our job is to precisely follow the boundary and do basic brush & limb trimming, flagging with surveyor's tape, and post more boundary signs as needed. Bring a handheld GPS unit if you have one. **Each person** should carry a backpack/day pack containing whatever you would carry on a day hike ("the 10 Essentials"), including food, water, 1st aid supplies, personal items, and also **heavy work gloves**. Plan to work on the forest boundary 4+hours each day. Be prepared for the weather and wear appropriate clothing & footwear for potentially wet conditions. WE NEED YOUR EFFORTS TO DO THIS IMPORTANT JOB! Last-minute volunteers are welcome. Call Bob Van Hise (716) 628-0355

**June 1st SAT**– Annual clean-up at **Tillman Road Wildlife Management Area, Clarence**. Led by Lynn Rehfeld-Kenney (716) 825-7329 (See write-up in this newsletter).

**June 9 SUN** – Our annual Picnic and business meeting! In addition to fun outings and informational talks, we're asking everyone to help us promote sustainability & reduce-reuse by bringing your own reusable place settings (plates, flatware, cups, mugs, etc.). See you at Chestnut Ridge Park – complete info on website and elsewhere in this newsletter.

# Outings

- **MAY OUTINGS**

**5/4 - 5/5 – SAT-SUN - BOUNDARY UPKEEP WORK** - *Allegheny State Park* - Bob Van Hise ([adkpaddles.bvh@gmail.com](mailto:adkpaddles.bvh@gmail.com)) Head down to Allegheny State Park to work on maintaining a walkable route along approximately 12 miles of the Park's boundary with Pennsylvania. We're looking for volunteers to help us with some brush trimming, "trail" flagging, and sign-posting. We'll be walking the forest on the Allegheny State Park boundary with Pennsylvania. The purpose is to maintain a path (not an official trail) on that wilderness boundary so park employees can follow it while monitoring activities on the PA side.



**5/5 - SUN - HIKE - YOUNG MEMBERS' EVENT** - *Deer Lick Conservation Area* - RSVP to ([deena.mueller1@gmail.com](mailto:deena.mueller1@gmail.com)) for a start time and for carpooling. This is a great, under-publicized nature area out in Gowanda. We'll hike the trails, none of which are too demanding and if we're still looking for more, Zoar Valley is right next door. Plan to stop for some kind of refreshments on the return trip. Questions? Contact Deena. Cheers!

**5/10-5/13 – FRI-MON – ADIRONDACK ADVENTURE** – *High Peaks Region* - Rob Laing ([rlaing537@gmail.com](mailto:rlaing537@gmail.com)) We are planning on driving to the High Peaks area on Friday, May 10 and doing a ½ day hike on the way. Staying at either the Hostel on Rt. 73 or the Loj Campground on Friday and Saturday nights (and some are staying Sunday night), and hiking on Saturday and Sunday. Some will return on Sunday evening, and others will return on Monday. We will be visiting the High Peaks during mud season so our hiking destinations will align with the recommended mud season hikes as suggested by the DEC. Considering the amount of snow still on the ground it's doubtful we will be able to hike any High Peaks, but we will still plan on challenging ourselves with some of the lesser peaks. There is still room, so please contact me if you're interested.



**5/11 – SAT - SHORELINE SWEEP** - *Tonawanda Ellicott Creek Park* - Judy Catalano (716) 626-1473(c) ([catalanojudy5@gmail.com](mailto:catalanojudy5@gmail.com)) You must register with BNWK at <https://bnwaterkeeper.salsalabs.org/2019shoreslinesweep/index.html> and indicate Tonawanda Ellicott Creek Park as the location. Please also call Judy to let her know you are coming. Meet at Ellicott Creek Park, at the Casino shelter at 10:00AM to 12:00PM. Judy will have instructions, garbage bags, and liability release forms. Plan on cold, wet and muddy conditions and dress accordingly. Grabbers to extend your reach are useful at retrieving trash in the brush and in the water. Wear your ADK hat so the community knows our chapter is doing this! Thank you for being willing to help keep your local parks clean.

**5/15 - WED PM - PADDLE** - *Wilson Harbor* - (C) Frank and Linda Gallagher, 2773 Maple Road, Wilson, NY - 716-751-9650; cell 751-4147 - Meet at their house at 5:30, to launch at 6:00-dusk. Call to confirm weather conditions are suitable by Tues. evening. Enjoy spectacular sunset on Lake Ontario in the protected harbor or venture out into the lake if it is calm. PFD's are mandatory and must be worn correctly at all times when on the water. Optional refreshments afterwards.

**5/18 - SAT - HIKE** - *Allegheny State Park BeeHunter Trail* (A) - Victoria Rowley 225-7271 or ([theatreffille@gmail.com](mailto:theatreffille@gmail.com)) Carpooling options available. This is a 6.5 intermediate hike with elevation, some uphill and beautiful views deep in the woods. Approximately 3.5 to 4 hour hiking time. Bring plenty of water, a trail lunch and snacks. Meeting time will be 9:30 am for carpooling depending where we will meet. Please contact trip leader for details.

**5/19 - SUN - HIKE** - Franklin Gulf; Erie County Park; Eden / North Collins (B) - Kim Newland (716) 799-7616 ([Kathrynkim1027@gmail.com](mailto:Kathrynkim1027@gmail.com)) Meet at 1:00 Franklin Gulf Park, Larkin Rd., Eden. We will hike about 3-4 miles in this beautiful park filled with Hemlock and Oak forest on trails that follow ravines. The shale creeks offer many waterfall viewing opportunities. Late May is a good time to see wildflowers. There are many patches of the Endangered Pink Lady Slipper (or Moccasin flower) that we will be looking for in Franklin Gulf. Bring water and a snack. Please contact leader to let her know you are coming.



**5/24 - 5/27 – FRI-MON - CLARK HALL JR. MEMORIAL DAY WORK-PLAY WEEKEND** (A-B) – *Klondike Train in the High Peaks Region* - Lee Clukey (716) 631-9855 ([lee.clukey@gmail.com](mailto:lee.clukey@gmail.com)) The Klondike Trail in the Adirondacks High Peaks Region again needs your help. The Niagara Chapter has been maintaining this trail for over 35 years. Join us on Saturday from 8:00AM to 5:00PM as we make improvements to the trail; cleaning water bars; removing blow-down; and maintaining the Klondike lean-to. Sunday and Monday offer the opportunity for Adirondack hikes of all levels. Also available are all the attractions of Lake Placid. A potluck dinner is planned for one weekend evening in Saranac Lake at the home of some ADK pioneers. I have one campsite reserved in the Loj campground and have limited space available. Call or email now to sign up for a place on the work crew for this unique once in a lifetime opportunity. Call / email Lee with any questions.

**5/26 - SUN Memorial Weekend Ride - BIKE** – 10 am - 2hrs - 10-12mph ([mblex@roadrunner.com](mailto:mblex@roadrunner.com)) Downtown Buffalo to Forest Lawn, a loop around Hoyt Lake, Scajaquada Creek trail to Niagara, Lasalle Park and finish with a ride to Erie Basin Marina. The ride will be on bike lanes, streets & paths. Helmets must be worn. Call or email Mike Lex (716) 430-8986 for start location & further info.



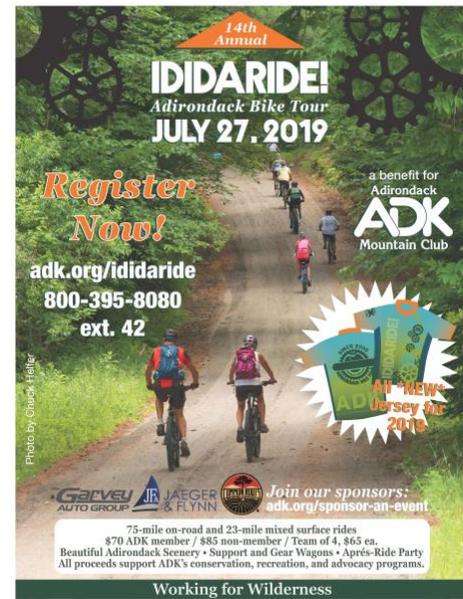
**5/27 - MON Memorial Day - PADDLE** - *Pirate's (Motor) Island rookeries and Strawberry Island lagoon - Niagara River* - Bob Van Hise & Patti Zander 716-628-0355 or ([adkpaddles.bvh@gmail.com](mailto:adkpaddles.bvh@gmail.com)) Meet at 9:30AM and put in at 10:00AM at the East River Marsh/Ferry Road launch site on Grand Island with your canoe or kayak. Wet suits may be needed if the air and/or water temperature are lower than 60 degrees. PFDs are required and must be worn at all times while on the water.

**5/29 - WED PM- PADDLE** - Maureen Rowley - 716-628-0369 ([momohiker@yahoo.com](mailto:momohiker@yahoo.com)) Meet at 5:45PM to launch at 6:00PM. Location to be announced. Contact trip leader for details.

**6/1- SAT - ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY CLEAN-UP/HIKE** – Tillman Road State Wildlife Management Area, Clarence (C) - LYNN & DOUG KENNEY (716) 825-7329 (h) Make a difference! Join us for the Spring Adopt-A-Highway clean-up. Volunteers are needed to pick up litter along the roadsides surrounding the Tillman Wetlands area in Clarence. Meet at 10:00AM in the Shisler Road parking lot located at the eastern end of Wehrle Drive. Garbage bags are supplied. Bring work gloves. Clean-up takes about 2 hours. You only need to call the home phone if you plan on joining us for a hike through the wildlife area afterwards. If you will be joining the hike bring along a bag lunch. We will eat in-between the clean-up and the hike. Day of the hike call our cell phone 361-6172. **\*\*Note: Rain date is Sunday June 2!**

- **FUTURE OUTINGS**

**SAT - 7/27/19 - BIKE** - You are invited! Come join the fun at ididaride! on Saturday, July 27 at the Ski Bowl Pavilion in North Creek, NY. All chapters and ADK members and their families are invited to participate, volunteer, and cheer on riders, as well as purchase a mile marker sign on behalf of your business, yourself, or your chapter. The 14th annual event has grown to become ADK's largest fundraiser and provides needed funds to sustain the programs you enjoy and protect the lands you love. Please plan to join us! Details at <https://www.adk.org/play/cycling-information/ididaride/>. Contact Sunday Conine at ADK's Lake George office with any questions, 518-668-4447 or [Sunday@adk.org](mailto:Sunday@adk.org).



**ANOTHER HIGH PEAKS RESOURCE!** Two-time 46'er, Kate Hacker has made herself available to lead High Peaks or other hikes in that area for aspiring 46'ers from our Chapter. She has some flexibility for the dates and would be willing to work with you to plan and lead your next adventure. Kate will be the campground host at the Adirondack Heart Lake Campground the week starting October 6th and High Peaks Information Center Host the week starting June 30th, but can only do afternoon hikes those days. She can help you plan hikes out of the campground or help you plan other local hikes those weeks. If you want to go other times other than these can be planned any time for most of the summer season. Last minute hikes in good weather are fine. This is an alternative to the scheduled weekend trips already posted, which are group trips providing more information and support. Sometimes finding someone to go with last minute when the weather is good is the biggest obstacle to completing the 46! Text or email Kate at (716) 491-7046 ([hackerks@gmail.com](mailto:hackerks@gmail.com))

- **REPORTS**

**3/23 - SAT - INTRO TO LETTER BOXING** - After reluctantly emerging from the Fischer-Price Toy Store where we gathered, our new buddy Enzo was a most enthusiastic trail blazer. Our small party of six found three 'Letter Boxes'. One at the FP parking lot and two at Knox Farm State Park. It was a sunny, chilly day. We decided that Letter Boxing is a fair-weather sport - our fingers froze in the attempt to record our finds. Three of us warmed ourselves with coffee & a sweet treat by the fireplace in the shop. Enzo's Dad & Grandma took him home for a nap. **\*\*Submitted by Carol Griffis**

**3/24 - SUN - HIKE** - *Niagara Gorge from Devil's Hole State Park* - Mild spring temperatures and sunny personalities provided for a wonderful hike along the mighty Niagara River. We descended the newly refurbished stone steps at Devil's Hole State Park and hiked along the river past the giant 'Rock of Ages' boulder, and to the iconic Flat Stone area to observe the surreal rapids and waves. Nature provided fascinating snow and ice sculptures from the tail end of winter that were an artistic feast for the senses. Potholes filled with water and ice hinted at their amazing formation process. Some new rock slides made trail trekking more adventurous, but our ADK group was unfazed by the challenge. Hike leader Beth Hartz was elated to announce her engagement to long-standing partner Ted, and they pointed out the spot along the Niagara where Ted proposed. It was a joy to witness their wonderful memory and wish them future happiness. \*\*Submitted by David and Janet Kowalski



**Our April Speaker**

Our April speaker was master gardener Lyn Chimera. Lyn discussed sustainability and preserving endangered species. She pointed out how as a society we can all reevaluate the way in which we use chemicals in residential gardening. Our plant life ecosystems have been damaged as well as the wild life and insects. With spring at our doorstep its time to implement the gardening tips she shared!



THANK YOU for another wonderful ADK year - The Executive Committee

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