



May 2007

*7,000 miles on the Pacific Crest,
Continental Divide and Appalachian Trails*

Membership Meeting at Gander Mountain, May 1

The May meeting will be at Gander Mountain, 8001 Old Troy Pike, in Huber Heights. The program will begin at 7:00 p.m., preceded by the business meeting at 6:30 p.m. Come at 6:00 p.m. for socializing and trip planning. Come even earlier to see all the great outdoor gear at Gander Mountain.



Hear about adventures on the Continental Divide (above), Pacific Crest and Appalachian Trails by Dayton Daily News reporter Larry Budd, at May 1 membership meeting. This month's program was originally scheduled for February when it was canceled because of snow. See story on page 2.

May Activities

Pacific Crest, Continental Divide & Appalachian Trail Adventures at Tuesday, May 1 Membership Meeting

Seasoned outdoorsman and reporter for the Dayton Daily News, Larry Budd, will tell us about his adventures walking the Pacific Crest, Continental Divide and Appalachian Trails from 1985-1987. Larry is also a sailor, kayaker, and trail runner, sometimes reporting his outings in the DDN, including a canoe trip with photographer Ty Greenlees along most of the Little Miami River. His favorite hiking spot in the area is the Red River Gorge.

Someday he'd like to visit Nepal and climb the Himalayas, and hike Europe from top to bottom. While he was pondering this trip and a trek on the northern section of the Continental Divide he met his wife. In recent years he's been developing a multimedia project starting from an unpublished story he wrote about a return to the Wolf Creek Pass, where his hikes nearly ended in 1987. He has instructed his wife to spread his ashes there after his death.

Gander Mountain is located off Rt. 202 in Huber Heights at the Northpark Center near I-70. Follow an access road to the left and behind Elder Beerman.

Board Meeting, Thursday, May 10

This month's board meeting will be at Marion's Pizza Restaurant, 3443 N. Dixie Dr., 6:00 p.m. All club members are welcome.

SunWatch Indian Village Sleepover Sat. & Sun., May 5 & 6

There's still a chance you can join other MVOCers on this unique outing. Although the maximum of 31 people initially signed up there have been a few cancellations, so there may be room for a few more. The cost is \$25 per person and all ages are welcome. For more information and to sign up, contact Donna Gehring at dgehring@worldnet.att.net. or 836-8515 .

June newsletter deadline is May 16

Rock Climbing at Paint Creek Lake SP Saturday, May 19

This will be a day trip. Dwight and Donna Gehring will set up two routes to climb and rappel. Beginners are welcome. If you have climbing harnesses and shoes bring them. Wear long pants to protect your legs from abrasion. You can do one of these easy climbs without climbing shoes. We have harnesses. Lawn chairs, lunch and beverages are a good idea. We will be a short walk from the parking lot. Afterwards, the Gehrings are going to track down a good view of Copperas Mountain. It is supposed to be visible from the top of Seip Mound. Paint Creek runs between Copperas Mountain and Seip Mound. We may have to travel some gravel and dirt roads to get a better view. Contact person: Donna Gehring dgehring@worldnet.att.net or 836-8515.

"The Alps" Movie

Omnimax in Cincinnati Sunday, May 27, 4:00 p.m.

Experience mountain climbing vicariously and follow one man's personal quest to make peace with a mountain, the Eiger in the Swiss Alps, that took the life of his father 40 years earlier. \$7.25 adults, \$6.25 seniors, \$5.25 children (3-12). Advance ticket purchases online or by phone are recommended, for \$1 service charge. For more info about the film or Omnimax in Cincinnati's Museum Center check out www.cincymuseum.org/explore_our_sites/omnimax/. Directions: I-75 south. Exit right at Exit 2A onto Western Ave. Entrance to Museum Center right a 3rd traffic light To sign up contact Lindy McDonough at 278-1493 or lindymcd46@aol.com.

Trip Reports

Fort Hill Hike, Picnic and Campout, Saturday, March 31 - April 1

by Donna Gehring

At about 8:45 am on Saturday morning Dale B, Gary M, Ella H , Virginia W, Bianca W, David H, Dwight G and I met at Lofino's parking lot. After buying the charcoal and rearranging

Other Items of Interest

Exhibit Photos

Photos that were loaned for the MVOC exhibit at the Dayton Metro Library will be available for pickup at the May 1 meeting at Gander Mountain. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please contact Lindy McDonough at the library 496-8583 to make other arrangements.

Vacation Week in Michicot, Wisconsin Friday, July 20 - 27, 2007

MVOCer Emma Pleasant has space available at Fox Hill Resort, 250 W. Church, Mishicot, WI 54228 for a week of outdoor fun and relaxation. The three bedroom/three bath sleeps 8 and has a full kitchen, air conditioning, dishwasher, fireplace, microwave, telephone, washer/dryer. On site amenities include indoor/outdoor pool, exercise equipment, health club, playground, sauna, spa, golf, tennis and a Whirlpool hot tub. Access to 7 miles of beach on Lake Michigan, grocery, horseback riding, shopping. This Green Bay Packer Country also has sport fishing, museums, hiking, biking, kayaking, light houses, wine tasting, and a waterpark.

Total cost is \$800 divided by number of participants. Five spaces still available, total occupancy is eight. Contact Emma Pleasant at 433-5545 for more info or to sign up.

Coming Up

- May 5.....SunWatch Sleepover \$25
- May 19..... Rock Climbing at Paint Creek
- June 5.....Amy and Brent Anslinger on their thru hike of the Pacific Crest Trail.
- July 3.....Annual Summer Picnic
- Aug. 7 Betty Ross of Glen Helen outdoor education raptor center.
- Sept.. 4..... Allen Johnson on Biking to the Arctic Circle or Canoeing the Wabash or Walking Hadrian's Wall or Kayaking Around Iceland.
- Sept. 7-9.....Junction Trail Festival, Milford, OH
- Oct. 2..... Rubin Battino on Tramping and Touring in New Zealand.
- Dec. 4.....Annual Holiday Feast and Auction

passengers for carpooling we set out on the 2-hr. drive to Fort Hill. We arrived early and eventually Dan H, Nancy H, Taylor, Tim H, Louisa G and Paul H arrived. We decided to climb the highest steepest path first. We wanted Ella and Gary who were hiking with heavy packs in training for a Grand Canyon backpack to get their moneys' worth. At the other end of the hill we separated. Dwight, Tim, David, Virginia and Bianca turned left and hiked one mile back to the parking lot. The rest of us turned right and hiked the 3 (long) miles through the gorge. Back at the parking lot, Dwight got the coals ready to grill for the picnic. It rained on the hikers while the parking lot bunch stayed dry under the picnic shelter, except for Tim. He did not hang around for food. Later, back at the parking lot, we all feasted on hot dogs, hamburgers, and various salads and deserts brought in by our friends. Afterwards, we packed up and left. Virginia, Bianca, Dale, Gary, Ella, Dan, Nancy and Taylor left for Dayton. The rest of us moved on to Rocky Fork Lake State Park at Geoff and Katy's place where we met up with Jim and Connie Steele. We put canoes into the water and used them to chase the resident geese around their island and take pictures. We had a sumptuous consolidated meal made up of Geoff and Katy's wonderful Beef Barley soup and leftovers from the picnic. Katy and Geoff let us stay inside for the night. The next morning the backyard where we would have camped was very soggy as were the hiking trails and the ground under Connie and Jim Steele's camper. We chased the geese a little more. Then it was time to leave. That turned into a circus when Jim and Connie had to call AAA to drag their camper out of Geoff and Katy's front yard. So, we broke out the leftovers and had lunch. Since we are easily amused, it was a wonderful weekend.

Evening Bicycle Rides

Anyone interested in riding Monday evenings in May, please call Jeanne Boeke (299-4102) at least the day before to find out the location. We ride for about an hour or so on one of the local bikepaths. Dinner afterwards is a possibility if there is interest.

Membership Response Form

Annual dues are \$16 for singles or \$24 for families. New members joining after July 1 may pay half a year's dues.

Name _____ I'd like to join _____ I'd like to renew _____

Address _____ I'd like more information _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone # _____

Email address _____ Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Please circle one: (Include) (Do not include) my name and information on the annual roster sent to all MVOC members.

I hereby declare that I am at least 18 years of age and agree to abide by the rules and regulations of the Miami Valley Outdoor Club. I do hereby relieve the Miami Valley Outdoor Club and/or its officers and members from all responsibility and liability regarding any loss, injury, or accidents incurred at, or related to, any club activity or function.

Signature _____ Date _____

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