

# THE RESUSCITATOR

## Special 2009 Lakes Summer Edition

THE OH ASSOCIATION 17 Brenner Drive, Newton, New Hampshire 03858  
*The OH Association is former employees of the AMC Huts System whose activities include sharing sweet White Mountain memories*

### Tonight's Lakes Crew July 20, 2009

**Jed Davis**—Lakes '64-'67



**Linus Story**—Greenleaf '60-'64, Joy Street '69

**Mike Dudley**—Closing, CC '63, Greenleaf '64



**Ellen Dudley**—assisting father Mike, frequent visitor to most huts

**Peggy Dillon**—Pinkham '79, Mizpah '80, Madison '83,  
Galehead '81, '84



**Ken Olson**—Lakes '64, Galehead '65, Mizpah '66, Greenleaf '67,  
Madison '68, YOP '69, Huts Manager '71-'73, Joy Street '73-'74,  
past *Appalachia* Editor



**Dawson Winch**—Pinkham '78, Lakes '79, Galehead '80,  
Zealand '81

**Jim Hamilton**—CC '59, Greenleaf '60-'61, Zealand '63, Joy Street '09

**WELCOME TO THE BIGGEST HUT** In the most unique hut system on earth operated by one of the largest and oldest outdoor organizations with facilities from Delaware to Maine. Tonight it is our privilege to serve you and regale you with yarns and mountain informational tidbits, which you can take with you as you cross the Range, reach the peak or make your way to the valley. Most of us worked in the huts, starting fifty years ago and never have left this amazing experience behind. We have, in no particular order, gone on from the hut system to be a writer, printer, publisher, editor, general surgeon, insurance adjuster, professor, non-profit director, fund raiser, cartoonist, gemologist and global marketing manager. We have traveled around the world and climbed in Nepal, Bhutan, Africa, Switzerland, Antarctica, England, Ireland, the San Jaun Mountain Range of Colorado, the Windermere Range of Wyoming, Alaska, the Grand Canyon, and the great American national parks. We've floated the Middle Fork of the Salmon River, Idaho, crossed the Gulf of Maine, and sailed to Bermuda. We hope you enjoy this evening as much as we will by serving you.

### **About the Purple Shirts**

The Mount Madison Volunteer Ski Patrol (MMVSP) was founded in 1965 by the hutmaster of Madison Spring Hut Tony Macmillan as a spoof of the Mount Washington Volunteer Ski Patrol. The MMVSP has no skiing, no dues, no rules, no duties, no headquarters, but partakes in an occasional June social Alpine Traverse and Picnic after ascending Mt. Washington (by car). It has two divisions, the Eastern Division run by Brian Fowler, a former Lakes hutmaster, living in Conway, NH and a Western Division run by Charlie Burnham, a former AMC president, living in Durango, CO.

### **The AMC Today**

The club we worked for has grown to today's 90,000-member outdoor, recreational, environmental and educational organization with 12 volunteer-run chapters stretching from the Delaware Valley to Maine. If you aren't already a member, please consider joining using the online membership form found on outdoors.org—a 20% discount off first-year membership.

### **The Resuscitator**

First published seventy-six years ago by former crew members of the hut system, the newsletter delivers current news about the former crews huts, reunions, and, over time, has become the journal of experiences gained while working in the huts. Over five-hundred members of the OHA pay annual dues and support the hut crew framing projects you will see on the walls inside most of the huts, award a special annual recognition to an outstanding current hut crew, and own a mountain cabin in Jackson, NH for use by current crews and members. There is no other constituency of the AMC more generous in terms of fundraising for the club's capital campaigns. Within the past ten years, over \$3.4 million dollars has been raised for support of huts and trails and the club's recent purchase of property and camps in the Maine Woods.

You are welcome to browse our website [ohcroo.com](http://ohcroo.com) to read past issues of the *Resuscitator*.

### **Tonight's Naturalist Program**

Environmental considerations and the appreciation of the geological formation of Mt. Washington didn't exist when most of us worked for the hut system, but we will endeavor to share with you how to distinguish a hawk from a raven, explain how the rocks actually got here, how Mt. Lafayette can become the White Mountains' highest peak, and the true identity of the Presidentials not named after US presidents.

### **Native Species**

Dingmauls, Green-whiskered-cum-at-a-bodies, Cum-near-yers, and Side Hill Gouggers are all the names of a wild animal species that live just above the alpine vegetation zone and are born with either a set of left legs or right legs longer than the opposite set of legs so that they are unable to actually ascend or descend, since that will cause them to fall over. However, they can go around the mountains, either in a clockwise direction if the legs on the right side are longer or counter clockwise if the legs are longer on the left side. Proof of their existence, since they only move about at night, are the White Mountain trail maps that indicate the hundreds of paths they travel and wear down in the terrain called contour lines. No one has actually seen one of these animals, but it is storied that White Mountain guides from the 1930s spotted them and have passed the stories down

### **Six Tips**

Gratuities are not accepted by this crew. But don't forget the hard work of the Lakes regular summer crew. If you enjoyed our attempt at hospitality, the real live crew will return Tuesday to restore order to the hut left in our care and should be the recipients of any largesse you care to toss into the crew kitty.

Tip #2—eat a hearty breakfast; Tip #3—fold your blankets; Tip #4—fill water bottles for day's hike; Tip #5—carry out your own trash; Tip #6—take a Mt. Washington rock to Mt. Lafayette.