



# THE RESUSCITATOR

THE OH ASSOCIATION 80 Rowley Bridge Road Topsfield, Massachusetts 01983

The O H Association is an organization of former employees of the AMC Huts System whose activities include sweet White Mountain reminiscences

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## Saturday, January 27, 2001 76th Reunion to Feature Misha Kirk *Himalayan Trilogy*

We're back to The Crestview in Woburn with another wonderful evening of sweet mountain reminiscences, hors d'oeuvres, pre-dinner slide show, dinner, business meeting and great entertainment.

The Woburn location last year worked out for our North Country contingents and Boston-area OH. It's easy to get to, just a mile and a half off I-93 which is close to the junction of I-93 and I-95. The parking's free and there are several close by motels. See the driving directions below.

The festivities start at 5:00 p.m. with Happy Hour, but come earlier if you would like to rehearse for a part in the chorus of the Song of the Huts. Last year, you heard our official hut song for the first time performed by Fred Stott, Jen Granducci and Ned Clafin. This year, we go on the road with it for a performance at the AMC's 125th Anniversary Annual Meeting February 10, 2001. Call Fred Stott at 978 475 2290 for details.

The business meeting will be delightfully brief, but we'll take enough time to recognize one of our venerable members Bertram Swoop Goodwin who has stayed in touch with the OHA ever since his hut days.

Then on to our presentation for the evening with OH Misha Kirk whose topic touches on several interesting issues for outdoorsmen today. In April 2000, Misha participated in a team effort to complete the first leg of a three-part Himalayan expedition. Tough enough for anyone, but add the degree of difficulty that Misha is a cancer survivor and one of the climbers, Ed Hommer, is a double-below-the-knee amputee. Throw in an avalanche and a resultant Sherpa porter strike and the group had to change their plans to scale 22,000 foot Singu Chuli. But Misha and Ed did summit 18,000 foot Rakshi Peak and then Ed climbed 19,000 foot Tharpu Chuli with three other members of the team.

This and much more was profiled on NBC-TV's "Dateline" program and will be featured again on the Discovery Channel June 25, 2001.

Misha and his family live in Glen, NH and is working towards his RN degree to become a Nurse Practitioner. His work for the AMC started in the winter of '79-'80 after ten years in the Green Berets as a medic in Vietnam and a ski instructor in the Alps. This background qualified him for kitchen duty at Pinkham, then on to Tucks, summers in Guided Hikes and three winters as Notch Watch and as Search and Rescue coordinator. In the '80s, he moved to Colorado for a degree in Biology and Kinesology, also running the medical research and rescue camp on Mt. McKinley, climbing, running the "Ironman" Triathlon in Hawaii, athletic trainer at the University of Colorado and medical emergency supervisor at CU's Recreation Center. Misha started medical school in 1990, but left his second year to treat his cancer and was declared cancer free in 1995. He returned to work in 1997 at Crawford's, Tucks, Lakes caretaker, then two years in the Education Department at Pinkham. He has worked at Attitash and Black Mountain on the ski patrols.

Dinner is \$30, \$25 for present crews. Use the reply envelope for making your reservation. Our dinner count must be guaranteed by January 12. Walk ins cannot be guaranteed a dinner.

### Directions to The Crestview

*From the North on I-93*, cross I-95 (Rt.128) and take Exit 36, Montvale Ave. Take a right onto Montvale Ave. for two miles to The Crestview which is on the right before Woburn Center. Parking is in the rear of the building.

*From the South on I-93*, take Exit 36, Montvale Ave., a left on Montvale Ave. and proceed as above.

*From I-95 (Rt.128)*, exit at Rt.93 South and follow directions from the North.

*For overnighters*, there is a Howard Johnson Motor Lodge on Montvale Ave at Rt. 93 (781) 935 8160 and a Crowne Plaza on Washington St., Woburn (781) 932 0999.

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### 2001 CALENDAR

Winter Reunion--January 27

Spring Brawl--May 19

Oktoberfest--October 20

Quarterly Steering Committee Meetings at Bertucci's Alewife T-Station Cambridge or an area restaurant to be announced  
February 13, April 10, September 11, November 13

(Always check [www.ohcroo.com](http://www.ohcroo.com) for all date and place confirmations and changes or call Malin Bengsston at 781 316 1756)

### Your slate of 2001 officers:

*Secretary*  
Tom Kelleher  
*Treasurer*  
John Meserve  
*Resuscitator Editors*  
Robin Snyder & Jim Hamilton  
*Members at Large*  
Emily Muldoon, Jen Granducci,  
Doug Hotchkiss, Megan Prentiss  
Earle Perkins, Dick Stetson  
*Cabin Caretaker*  
Mike Waddell  
*Special Recognition*  
Bertram Swoop Goodwin

### Second Annual Latchstring Award

August 22 at the first of two Guinea Nights at the Cabin, the prestigious Latchstring Award was awarded to the entire croo at Greenleaf Hut. The trophy, replete with a brass plate and the words Greenleaf Croo 2000 followed by the croo names Amanda Riley (HM), Kathleen Jones (AHM), Susanne Fogt, Annick Champoux, Mike Brown and Andrew Fisher (Naturalist), was held high for all to admire. OH on hand during the two nights were Ned and Sally Baldwin and Bill Barrett who told the croos the reason why the award was switched from one recipient--Kristin Robson last year--to an entire hut croo.

This was the second Latchstring Award and it seemed proper to recognize the hut croo that during the course of the summer had to deal with the tragic situation of a heart attack victim. It's not easy to single out one hut, let alone one individual, to receive an award for service above normal, but according to Ned Baldwin, he heard from several other hut crews that Greenleaf was a good choice this year.

Questions about next year's selection process will be discussed among a group that will be meeting earlier in the afternoon during our Winter Reunion January 27 at The Crestview.

Please feel free to join the discussion group by coming earlier to reunion or calling Ned Baldwin at 603 356 3979.

Thanks go to Doug Hotchkiss who originated the Latchstring Award and Earle and Ann Perkins who also have worked on both selection committees.

### Paul T. Doherty 1919-2000

A memorial service was held for Paul, 81, July 22 in Gorham. Though not a hutman, his activities during a busy outdoors career were intertwined with the huts. After WWII serving as a Navy volunteer (precursor to the SEALS), he became a NH Conservation Office moving through the ranks until 1973. He became the first director of Off-Highway Vehicles (snow mobiles), then followed as director of Parks and Recreation until his retirement in 1982.

Still active, he became a consultant during the construction of the Franconia Notch Parkway.

Many of us remember him for his unique Limmers, perhaps the only pair that laced up to just below the knees. He and George Hamilton guided Justice William O. Douglas around the huts in the summers of '59 and '60 which was later written up by the judge in the August 1961 National Geographic article *The Friendly Huts of the White Mountains*. Paul's autobiography *Smoke from a Thousand Campfires* covers his life in the New Hampshire woods and the personalities he met along the way including Eisenhower, Douglas, Sherm Adams and Joe Dodge.

### Cabin Completes \$18,000 of Repairs

Would you believe that since the freak wind storm of December of last year that knocked over the old outhouse and damaged the porch under construction, we have completed all the major reconstruction and repairs? Look what \$18,000 got us: a completely rebuilt porch deck including guard rail, pilings and an extension around the living room wall towards the outdoor grill; all rotten sills replaced and new siding stained to match the old siding; a new outhouse set on a platform over the new excavation, so that the house can be winched over to a second excavation and a new step to the porch that even the most geriatric knees can manage. In the middle of the construction, we heard from the town of Jackson that the Cabin had to pass the fire inspection which could have raised costs still further, but we passed the inspection after agreeing to take out some of the second floor bunks and provide a deck area under the exit window that would allow a safe landing area if necessary.

Thanks go to the management and work of Mike Waddell and wife Kristen to contain costs and see the project through to completion. Also, the volunteer OH helpers who pitched in along the course of the project to help keep costs in line.

But the treasury has taken a big hit when you consider our main revenues are derived from \$15 dues and Cabin fees. Luckily, we were able to keep the Cabin open for most of the construction and some OH have sent extra contributions with their dues payments. Donations were eight times more than a normal year and, if we hadn't received them, we'd be in separate financial condition (rather than "guarded" financial condition).

### What's Ahead for Expenses

Our access road, which we share with our neighbors living on the hill in the old Brad Washburn cabin, needs major regrading due

to the wash out effect. That includes crowning the road and ditch work that is estimated at up to \$8,500 which we will split with our neighbors. Work can commence this spring, but not until we can get our treasury back up to a respectable level. We can spread extra fill as a temporary measure, but it will eventually be washed away unless the road is properly resurfaced. So, we'll wait to do this work until we receive the funding.

### If you don't pay dues, please read this

Last year 397 OH paid \$15 dues. We mail to 1000 OH and friends. We get back a handful of return-to-sender mail which is understandable. What's hard to figure is why 400 of us carry the burden for 600 chronic dead heads. We don't drop members from our list because there are enough members who probably end up paying every other year. **Please pitch in this year.** Just 400 new dues payments out of the 600 who didn't pay last year's dues would net another \$6000. And we could pay for our road.

### A reminder about your dues

Your dues still drive our Association and make it possible for us to reach out to the present and graduating croos. We fund the End-of-Summer party and have provided a place for the croos to get away from the occasional grind of mountain hospitality. The AMC still offers a combined OH-AMC member hut discount to paid up members, not the half rate that we enjoyed for several years, but a decent enough 20% discount. Dues partially fund reunions because we attempt to keep them affordable during a time of rising rates in function facilities. If we can receive a higher percentage of dues payment, we can begin to initiate other croo-related activities such as sharing some of the costs of duplicating and framing croo pictures in each hut.

**So whatever you can do to pay your dues and throw some extra in to sweeten the pot will be greatly appreciated.**

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