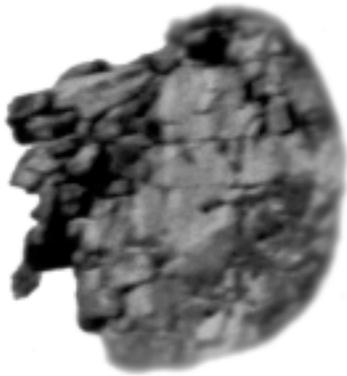


THE RESUSCITATOR

THE OH ASSOCIATION 80 Rowley Bridge Road Topsfield, Massachusetts 01983

The OH Association is former employees of the AMC Huts System whose activities include sharing sweet White Mountain memories



Saturday, January 24, 2004

*79th Winter Reunion and Annual Meeting
and Brian Fowler's Autopsy of the Old Man
Business meeting will include*

Maine Project Update and approval of Bylaws

Social Hour 5:00 p.m., Dinner 7:30 p.m.

New Meeting Place! Sheraton Ferncroft, Danvers

Over thirty years ago, when the Old Man required an expert geologist to aid in mapping his features, Brian Fowler started a rocky acquaintanship that has endured throughout the years. Brian has become the New Hampshire expert on his formation, the mechanism of his stability, ways to secure and preserve him and how to embrace the humanistic and philosophical significance of his natural, but utterly human profile.

Join us for an entertaining evening to hear Brian's slide-illustrated presentation describing the Old Man's geologic and human history during the past 198 years until he collapsed into Franconia Notch on May 3.

We move to the lofty Sheraton Ferncroft in Danvers, an easy drive for our Boston-based OH and just off Rt. 95 for those driving down from the north. If you want to stay over, the hotel number is 978 777 2500 and just say OH Reunion to get the discount rate.

The business meeting promises to be short and sweet. See the new bylaws on our website www.ohcroc.com so we can vote on them and welcome Sandy Saunders as an Honorary Member and

AMC President (and mother of croo Alexis) Laurie Burt as Special Member. Gerry Whiting will show the new AMC property at Little Lyford Camps in Greenville, Maine.

Dinner is \$38—\$28 for present croo and children—buffet-style with plenty of vegetarian alternatives.

Directions to the Sheraton Ferncroft, 15 miles north of Boston:
Take Route 114 West to route 95 North, exit 50, Route 1
Topsfield, stay left to Route 1 South. Take first right on
Ferncroft Road and the hotel is at the top of the hill.

Mark your 2004 Calendar

Winter Reunion—January 24; Spring Brawl—May 17;

OH Night at Carter—September 12; Oktoberfest—October 4;

Steering Committee meetings are open to all. Check www.ohcroc.com for date and place or call Stroker Rogovin at 781 641 2506 elstroker@aol.com

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From the Desk of the Chair: 2003 in Review

2003 was a period of major growth for the OHA. Our cabin in Pinkham Notch received more TLC, we held our first-ever summer reunion at a hut, we reinvented the cabin caretaker position into two jobs and we're pressing ahead with plans to incorporate as a not-for-profit corporation. And these are just the headlines.

Already the recipient of major structural and cosmetic renovations over the past few years, the cabin continued to receive some long overdue improvements under the experienced eye of caretaker Mike Wadell. This fall, OH volunteers contributed over 125 hours of sweat equity worth thousands of dollars in savings to help Mike install an emergency exit for the second floor, replace the aged siding on three exterior walls, replace rotten wood—all which satisfied code and exceeded Jackson fire regulations. Huge volunteer contributions notwithstanding, our treasury is taking a hit. Any gift over and above your dues is sure to bring a smile to the face of our esteemed treasurer John Meserve.

Concern over potential liability exposure is driving many of the current cabin improvements and has prompted us to incorporate as a not-for-profit. Josh Alper and Bill Oliver worked on this transition with sound advice from Sandy Saunders. The combination of our cabin insurance premium doubling, membership dues being paid by only 40% of OH and a shortage of cabin overnight contributions require us to raise our annual dues to \$20—the first increase in ten years. This marginal increase, along with the additional contributions that many of our members send in, will help us pay the bills and set aside sufficient reserves for a ten-year maintenance program without having to pass the hat every other year.

In keeping with our efforts to restore and to maintain the cabin in peak condition, we've split the caretaker's job into two assignments. Mike Waddell will continue in his capacity as caretaker, looking after the physical plant and facilitating annual safety inspections while Ned Baldwin acts as newly-created Cabin Administrator, responsible for monitoring use and developing the revolving ten-year strategic plan. Bottom line: the cabin is in great shape for the next 20 years. Wherever you are in life and whatever your age, if you are a dues-paying OH, this treasure will be there for you to enjoy with one of the most beautiful vistas on earth. Even if you can't visit the cabin, the haven it provides for current croos is a worthwhile investment for attracting the future membership of the OHA.

In addition to maintaining the cabin, we continue to develop and sponsor a variety of programs. If you were Australian, your trail name was Tipperary and you happened to be an AT thru-hiker staying at Galehead the night of August 24th, you would have been an accidental and amused witness to the OH's first annual OH Night. After a splendid dinner, Hanque Parker gave us a spellbinding talk about Galehead in the 40's and the company from all generations accompanied by fiddle music can be viewed on our website. Join us at Carter September 12, details to follow.

We continue our outreach to current croo through sponsorship of the End of the Summer Party, a short "meet the OH" spot at the Gala spring orientation and the Latchstring Award given annually to the hut croo that best exemplifies Joe Dodge's philosophy of mountain

hospitality for all. In addition, Sally Dinsmore Baldwin presses on with the preservation and framing of hut croo photos at all the huts and with Doug Shaffer's help is currently working on Zealand.

I couldn't do my job as chair without the help of the Steering Committee and those OH who can't get to Boston but continually pitch in working at the cabin, preparing the food at Oktoberfest and helping to reach out to the current croos. Several new people that deserve mention here helped out several days with construction at the cabin: Nat Balch, Gary Newfield and Tim Jursack. *Stroker Rogovin*

Please note that our bylaws have been rewritten to reflect our reorganization as a not-for-profit corporation. Prior to the annual meeting, the full text can be read on our website www.ohcroo.com. If you need a hard copy, please write OH Association 80 Rowley Bridge Rd., Topsfield, MA 01983.

Lakes Wins 2003 Latchstring Award

FOLLOWING dinner at the August 23rd End of the Summer Party was the informal award ceremony conducted by Doug Hotchkiss with assistance from Bill Barrett and Ned Baldwin. Doug briefly described the OH Association and its activities and functions while pointing out that the evening's event was funded by the OHA. He also reminded everybody that having completed a season of work in the huts they were now OHA members and welcome to use the cabin and to come to the Winter and Spring Reunions. The croo winning the Latchstring Award is invited to both of those events gratis. He went on to describe the criteria for the award and read the list of previous winners, stopping to recognize those who were present. Leading up to the presentation and with anticipation building, Doug read some of the comment cards describing guests' experiences at the winning hut. Among those remarks were "The hut was like staying at a friend's house", "Attitude and service exceeded that of a five-star hotel I've stayed at", and "It was one of the best experiences of my life." At last he announced, among cheers and whistles, that Lakes was the winner! The award trophy with the croo's names—Mike Jones, HM; Julia Larouche, AHM; Jon Cotton; Catherine Graciano; Dan St. Jean; Iona Woolmington; Alex Oopey Mason; Lynne Zummo and Anastasia Roy, Naturalist—was presented to them as they stood before the admiring crowd. The Lakes croo was genuinely surprised and very grateful to get the award. Hutmaster Mike Jones said afterwards that with the rigors of such a large and climate-challenged facility as Lakes, he would understand if guests left the hut feeling they had only gotten the bare basics, much less excellent service. Julia Larouche, the assistant, said how badly she felt for all the guests who had to put up with the never-ending days of rainy weather, which were even more frequent than what is normal for Lakes. But despite it all, the Lakes croo came through and really delivered "mountain hospitality for all".

Congratulations to them and to all the summer croos of 2003. Providing consistently high service in demanding back country environments is a difficult task and it's really gratifying to know that so many of this year's hut croos did just that. *Ned Baldwin*

2004 Dues \$20

Here are my 2004 dues of \$20 payable to The O H Association. Present 2003-2004 croos are exempt from first year dues payments. Dues and OH cabin overnight fees help maintain the OH cabin and help to fund the website, the Resuscitator, End of Summer Party, Hut Framing Project and reunions

Sub Total

Here's something **EXTRA to help build our treasury**

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Sign me up for January 24, 2004 Reunion at \$38 each, \$28 for current croo. All meals must be prepaid.

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GRAND TOTAL

(Checks payable to OH Association inserted into envelope)

I have Zool crew photos for Sally and am mailing to Gold Leaf Gallery, P O Box 3428, N. Conway, NH 03860

News about me, another OH or a lost OH address is enclosed or I'm emailing to Emily at emuldoon@rcn.com.
