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*Snowshoers visit the Pinnacle Ice Falls. Photo provided
by Norm Kuchar.*

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The Lookout

The newsletter for the Schenectady Chapter of the Adirondack Mountain Club

Inning

John Muir Trail Talk Scheduled for Feb. 18

The Schenectady Chapter ADK has scheduled an inning for Thursday, Feb. 18, at 7 p.m. at the Clifton Park-Halfmoon Library on Moe Rd. in Clifton Park.

Named the "21 Days on the John Muir Trail," chapter member Sally Dewes will discuss her experience backpacking with two other women the 220-mile route from Yosemite National Park to Mount Whitney

in August 2014. She will discuss her preparation, the trail, and the trip. She reports the trip is one of the few major hikes in the U.S. that one can do while holding down a job. Expect to see pictures of some of America's most iconic natural wonders.

For further details contact Stan Stoklosa at 526-3393.

Chapter Seeking Applications for High School Scholarships

In keeping with the Adirondack Mountain Club's (ADK) dedication to the conservation and preservation of New York State's parks, preserves and wild spaces, each year the Schenectady Chapter of the ADK offers two (2) High School scholarships. Each scholarship, worth \$500, is awarded to a High School senior in the Schenectady area who shows an interest in the preservation and protection of the environment and will be pursuing, in September of the upcoming academic year, a course of study in a field such as, but not limited to, forestry, marine biology, conservation or environmental science.

Please share this with any and all High School students you know who are showing an interest in studying any of those areas in the upcoming year. This is open to all area HS students, not just ADK members and their children.

Interested candidates should submit an essay describing their motivation for pursuing their particular course of study as well as their future goals. Please also include the following information: Name; Address; Contact number and email address; Parent's name (s); Name of High School; and Name of College attending in September.

Send submissions, no later than March 25th, 2016 to: jeve3@aol.com (Subject Line: ADK HS Scholarship) Or Schenectady Chapter ADK; PO Box 733, Schenectady, NY 12301-0733.

Questions? Call Jacqueline McGinn, HS Scholarship Project Coordinator at 438-0557 or email her at jeve3@aol.com.

Innings and Outings

How do I sign up for a hike?

For further details or to sign up for a hike, call the trip leader. Try to call at least two days in advance, as leaders may cancel on the day before an outing if there is insufficient interest. Leaders reserve the right to refuse participants for any reason, including lack of experience and/or lack of physical fitness. All equipment and supplies are the sole responsibility of the trip participants.

What do I need to bring?

The trip leader will let you know if any special equipment (crampons, snowshoes, etc.) will be needed. In general, you should always carry food, water, rain gear, map, compass, headlamp, first aid kit and extra clothing, including hat and gloves in case temperatures drop. Clothing for wet or cold weather should not be made of cotton — use a synthetic fleece or wool. If in doubt, ask the leader.

What if I don't have snowshoes/crampons?

The chapter has hi-tech snowshoes and one pair of universal fit crampons available for rental at \$5/trip. Contact Stan Stoklosa at 383-3066 to arrange for pick up from his convenient location in Clifton Park. Gear is also available to rent at local retailers..

Should I reimburse drivers for gas?

Yes! Each rider should pay their driver four to five cents per mile, depending on the current cost of gasoline. With gas at \$2 per gallon, four cents per mile should be used and at \$2.50 per gallon, five cents should be used (\$3/gallon – six cents, etc).

The kind of hikes I'd like to do aren't listed here — what can I do?

Trip leaders may be willing to plan trips based on member suggestions. If there's a specific trip you'd like to do, contact Larry Woods at 518- 810-7552 and let him know.

Wilderness First Aid Course

The Schenectady Chapter Board agreed to provide partial tuition refund for outings leaders who take Wilderness First Aid courses. The program is modeled after the 46ers current program so people who are both 46ers and Schenectady trip leaders can reimbursement. For further information, call Larry Woods at 518-810-7552.

HIKE CLASSIFICATIONS

<u>Distance</u>	<u>Leader's Pace</u>	<u>Terrain</u>	<u>Examples</u>
A+ 13 Miles or More	1. Fast	A Very Difficult	A+1A Most Difficult Trip
A 8-12 Miles	2. Moderate	B Strenuous	B2C Moderate Trip
B 5-8 Miles	3. Slow	C Average	C3D Easy Trip
C Under 5 Miles		D Easy	

Saturday, Feb. 6

X-C Skiing, Local snow if available

Class: C2C (Beginner/Intermediate)

Rich Vertigan, 522-1844

We'll do this as an afternoon trip, if and where we can find nearby snow. No serious hills, but probably not for early beginners. Total distance 3-5 miles, depending on conditions and group. Cancelled if no snow nearby.

Saturday, Feb. 6

Ampersand Mountain (A Winter Saranac 6er)

Class: B2B

Roy Keats royskipaddle@gmail.com or 370-0399

5.4 miles Round Trip, 1800 ft. of elevation gain. For the first mile, the trail is mostly flat, providing an ideal walk in the woods. The remainder is steep and rugged. The bald summit offers a stunning 360 degree view- from the High Peaks to the east and the Saranac Lakes chain to the west. There is very little protection at the top. Snowshoes and full winter gear required. If the day proves too windy, we may do McKenzie instead (another Saranac 6er). Limited to 12 hikers. Sign up by Thursday, Feb. 4.

Outings

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Tuesday, Feb. 9

**Echo Cliff and Panther Mountain snowshoe bushwhack
Class C2B**

Walt Hayes, 399-7482

There is a trail to Echo Cliff (at 2420 feet) for great views overlooking Piseco Lake (at 1660 feet) in the Town of Arietta. From the trail we will bushwhack to the top of Panther Mountain (at 2716 feet). Total ascent will be about 1200 feet. Total distance will be about three miles. Echo Cliff is a very popular summer destination. Panther is probably rarely visited. The climb is a stiff one but the low mileage will result in a relaxed pace to a relatively remote Adirondack peak.

Monday, Feb. 15

Windham High Peak & Burnt Knob

Class B2C

John Susko, 383-1284 or jpsusko@netzero.net

We'll take the trail from the end of Big Hollow Road over Burnt Knob to the top of Windham. This is a longer and less frequently used approach to Windham; but, it provides several good views. We will either return the same way or spot a car at Peck Road and do a through hike. The distance is 7 - 8 miles with ~1500 feet of ascent.

Tuesday – Sunday, Feb. 16-21

Moonlight Snowshoe, Featherstonhaugh SF

Class C3D

Rich Vertigan, 522-1844

The 7 days before the full moon every month, the moon is at 70-80% of its brightness, and also rises early enough to light up the winter woods in the early evening. This will be a 1-2 hour moonlit walk (snowshoes only, please) through Featherstonhaugh SF, near Mariaville. Exact date, time, and route will depend on snow, temperatures, sky conditions, and my schedule. Please call a week or so in advance and let me know which nights you are/aren't available, and I'll coordinate the details as the weather evolves. Cancelled if no snow or cloudy all week. Kids welcome with parents. Snowshoes required, as are flexibility and a sense of adventure.

Saturday, Feb. 20

Ski trip, Benson to Silver Lake

Class: A2B

Mike Brun brunmcts@verizon.net or

This is an intermediate trip, about 11 miles round trip. If snow conditions are slow, we will turn around at Rock Lake, making it an 8 mile round trip. Ski to the lake is mostly uphill which makes for an easy return.

Saturday, Feb. 20

Snowshoe - Five Rivers

Class: C3C

Jacque McGinn, 438-0557 or Jeve3@aol.com

This will be a beginner, family friendly, snowshoe at Five Rivers Environmental Center in Delmar. We will decide which trail or trails to explore depending upon the group. With over 10 miles of trail I'm sure we will find a little something for everyone. We'll meet in the morning. Exact time to be determined but we will meet at the Education Center at Five Rivers.

Sunday, Feb. 21

Ski, Botheration Pond Loop

Class: B2B

Larry Woods, 810-7552 or cboater1@yahoo.com

The loop from the Old Farm Road trailhead is a favorite of many Adirondack skiers. The snow's usually very good and the trail is perfect for skiing. Distance is 8 miles. The pond is quite picturesque and there is a wonderful bridge to cross along the way. Weather permitting, we will have a relaxing lunch at the pond.

Tuesday, Feb. 23

Pinnacle Icefalls

Class B2B

Norm Kuchar, 399-6243 or nkuchar@nycap.rr.com

The area around Pinnacle, in northern Fulton County, is a favorite place for snowshoeing. There are several beautiful icefalls on the northwestern slopes of the mountain, with colors changing from pale blue and pale green to butter-scotch. Did the warm and snowless December have an effect on the icefalls?

On this hike, we'll find out. Besides the ice formations, the hike (half on trails, half bushwhack) goes along Pinnacle Creek, through open woods and past a beautiful vly. Distance is about 5 miles, with a total climb of about 600 ft. If weather and snow conditions are good, we may circumnavigate Pinnacle to make a loop, adding about 1 mile and 350 ft of

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climb. Snowshoes and winter gear will be required.

Saturday, March 5

McKenzie Mountain (A Winter Saranac 6er)

Class: B2B

Leader: Roy Keats royskipaddle@gmail.com or 370-0399

7.2 miles round trip, 1900 ft. of elevation gain. We will do this from the Whiteface Inn Lane Jackrabbit Trail access. The first 1.9 miles will be on the Jack Rabbit Ski Trail which is a relatively gradual uphill. At the trail junction we will turn right and go up steeply for about 1.7 miles to the summit. There are several false summits most with good views. There is a spectacular view of Lake Placid and the High Peaks from the summit. Limited to 12 hikers. Signup by Thursday, March 3. Snowshoes and full winter gear required.

Saturday, March 12

Ski trip to Santanoni great lodge.

Class: A2C

Mike Brun brunmets@verizon.net or

This is an easy, 9.5 miles round trip on a forest road with gentle slopes. This will be a weekend of open house at the lodge, so we will be able to warm up in the hut and get a tour of the lodge.

Saturday, March 12

Peekamoose & Table Mountains

Class: A2B

John Susko 383-1284 or jpsusko@netzero.net

Peekamoose & Table Mountains are the 11th and 10th highest peaks in the Catskills. We'll take the trail from Peekamoose Road which has good views along the way. The distance is ~10 miles with ~3000 feet of ascent. At this time of year snowshoes, crampons or other traction devices may be needed.

Sunday, March 15

Green Hill and Catamount Mountain, "Chester Challenge"

Class: B2B

Larry Woods, 810-7552 or cboater1@yahoo.com

One of six hikes in the Town of Chester, N.Y. Do all six and you can receive a pin. The hike to Green Hill is 6.4 miles round trip on a moderately steep trail, starting at the Stone Bridge and Caves in Pottersville. With panoramic views, including a "breathtaking" view of the High Peaks. If we have time and energy, we can do the 1.8 mile round trip to Catamount Mountain and complete this "challenge". Snowshoes and full winter gear will likely be required.

Tuesday, March 15

Moose Mountain snowshoe bushwhack

Class B2B

Walt Hayes, 399-7482

This peak has two summits with views. It is located in the Town of Wells across Route 30 from the NYS campground on the Sacandaga River. There have been proposals for a marked trail to the summits but I do not know if any trail work has been done. The snowshoe bushwhack is about five miles with ascent of about 1000 feet. The eastern summit is about 1870 feet above sea level.

Tuesday, March 22

State Brook Mountain snowshoe bushwhack

Class B2B

Walt Hayes, 399-7482

I have climbed this one before in the winter but I do not know of any other climbs to this summit. There are views of the valley of the West Branch of the Sacandaga River. It is located off Route 10 in the Town of Arietta. The summit is at 777 meters. The total climb will be an ascent of 900 feet. Round trip distance is under six miles. Last time we climbed the steep side - this time we will climb the gentle side and return by the same route.

Trip Tales

Taconic Crest Trail – Petersburg Pass to South East Hollow

November 1, 2015

After leaving 2 cars at the end S E Hollow Road, We drove to Petersburg Pass where we began our hike back to S E Hollow about 9:40 a.m. The day was damp from morning rain but we had no rain while hiking. We climbed up to Berlin Mountain, arriving about 11:00 a.m. We had a rest there and lunch before continuing down the trail about 12:15 a.m. We had another break when we reached South East Hollow and took a photo of the group. We also checked out the Massachusetts/New York border marker. Our walk down to the parked cars was quick, arriving about 1:40 p.m. We then drove back to Petersburg Pass to our parked cars. I returned home, arriving about 3:30 p.m. Hikers were: Shelly Nevard, Larry Woods, Dave and Lynne Nagengast, Sue Gundrum and Cathy Tracy and leader, Mary MacDonald.

Acra Point and Burnt Knob

November 14, 2015

This hike in the northeastern Catskills gave four hikers a foretaste of winter. At the trailhead at the end of Big Hollow Rd., the temperature was 28 F, the wind was blowing hard, and the ground had a dusting of graupel (frozen snow pellets), with more falling from the gray skies. We headed up the access trail to the Escarpment Trail, then turned east to climb to Acra Point. From the open ledge looking south over the Batavia Kill valley, we saw that the tops of the three high peaks of the Blackhead Range were in the clouds, with snow on the flanks, but the view was spectacular nonetheless. The view north from near the high point was limited by bands of snow showers sweeping across the valley below. Backtracking, we found a sheltered spot in the Acra Point-Burnt Knob col for a quick lunch, then headed up the steep, but short, trail to another view to the Blackhead Range from the ledge on the south side of Burnt Knob. Since the summit of Burnt Knob is off the trail, we continued west on the trail about a quarter-mile and then bushwhacked up to bag the viewless summit before descending back to the car. Despite the weather, we had an enjoyable day in the woods. Hikers were Mike Brun, Shelly Nevard, Larry Woods and the leader (Norm Kuchar).

Hennig Preserve

December 12, 2015

This trip was billed as a probable snowshoe hike, but, with

not a flake on the ground and 50 degree temperatures, we enjoyed a hike more reminiscent of September than December. Using the upper and lower yellow trails to make a loop, we covered more than 5 miles through the preserve and adjacent county forest. Besides passing through beautiful woods and along musical Cadman Creek, we passed quite a few historical sites, including five cellar holes, two sawmill sites and a platform used to make charcoal. Hikers were Warren Avery, Pam Barbeau, Sharon Bonk, Jeanne Haubrich, Walt Hayes, Lew Hill, Roman Laba, John Lane, Gail Livingston, Ken and Nilde Marciniowski, Karen McKenney, Linda Nowak and the leader (Norm Kuchar).

Gull Bay Preserve

December 16, 2015

No snow, temperatures in the low 40's, dry trails - nice late fall day in the woods. Great view down Lake George thru the Narrows. Lunch on high viewpoint overlooking marsh. Beavers were active in one of the two marshes. The blue heron rookery was vacant for the season but we saw about a half dozen nests. The day was relaxed as we all visited the preserve for the first time. We hope to return in the spring to see more birds and flowers. Jayne Boudier, Lew Hill, Norm Kuchar, Roman Laba, Dave Loux, Mary MacDonald, Ken Marciniowski, Will Seyse, Julia and Tess Spencer, Mary and Tim Ward, and the leader. (Walt Hayes)

Taconic Crest Trail, Route 20 to Lebanon Springs

December 19, 2015

We met at Defreestville P & R at 8:30 a.m. After leaving a car for the shuttle at the hike ending spot, we walked up the trail shortly after 9:30 a.m. Everyone was anxious to walk fairly quickly because temperatures were in the 30s. We stopped for a break at Twin Pond, where we were protected from the wind and the temperature seemed quite comfortable. We then continued along the path and turned down the trail to Lebanon Springs, arriving before 1:00 p.m. While the drivers were transported to their cars, the rest of the group walked out to Rte. 22 where we met them. No snow at this time. The trail was in good shape. Some of the group stopped at Blueberry Hill Café. Hikers were Roman Laba, Nilde and Ken Marciniowski, George Astle, Diane Moses, Shelly Nevard, Cathy Tracy, Ted Salem, Charlie Beach and Mary MacDonald, leader.

Whitewater

- ⇒ Open Pool Sessions at Cohoes Community Center Tuesdays January 5th to March 8th contact Ralph Pascale rpascale@spendwood.com
- ⇒ Play boating basics with Jason LaSelva at the Cohoes Community Center Pool Tuesday February 2nd contact Ralph Pascale
- ⇒ White Water Planning Meeting Friday February 5th contact Ralph Pascale rpascale@spendwood.com
- ⇒ Catskill Creek or Leaders Choice Class III Saturday March 26th contact Bob Wright wright19@nycap.rr.com

Conservation

Money big and small is going to enhance environmental work in 2016, cause for optimism for ADK members and activists. Needed now are boots on the ground to carry efforts forward.

The big money -- \$300 million -- has been proposed by Gov. Andrew Cuomo for the Environmental Protection Fund, a major state source for natural preservation projects and protection. Cuomo announced the plan the first week in January; if approved finally in the state budget for 2016-17, that will represent a 30 percent increase from the fiscal year now ending, which funded the EPF at \$177 million. The cash comes from a fraction of the real estate transfer tax, not from general tax revenues, state officials say.

Uses of the money include environmentally sensitive land purchases and park enhancement, farmland preservation, water and sewer projects and work to combat invasive species.

Boots on the ground in this regard takes the form of the Environmental Protection Fund lobby day at the state capital, set for Feb. 24. Volunteers organized by ADK and led by experienced lobbyists and environmentalists use the day to talk to state legislators about the fund and related issues. To volunteer for a day of meeting with members of the Senate and Assembly in support of this funding, contact Cathy Pedler, the ADK's director of government relations and conservation, 449-3870, or cathy@adk.org. Online signup is available at <http://bit.ly/1Ogmfuf>

Regarding the small money, the Schenectady Chapter board in December approved \$600 for purchase of

an inflatable pack raft, inflating device and paddle to enhance the work begun last year to monitor aquatic invasive species such as Eurasian watermilfoil, hydrilla and water chestnut in Adirondack waters. Most of these backcountry waters are not accessible by roads, and require carrying in a canoe or raft. The eight pound NRS raft is the perfect craft to pack in for a tour of a pond's near shore waters where invasives frequently grow.

The aquatic invasives monitoring is linked with a project to seek and identify land invasives as well, such as the hemlock woolly adelgid and the emerald ash borer.

The work began in 2014 and accelerated with training sessions during 2015 at Adirondack Loj. According to Pedler, 28 water monitors and 44 forest monitors were trained; they adopted 33 back country ponds or lakes and 58 forest areas. In 2014, the first 15 forest monitors were trained and 22 forest areas adopted.

Volunteers are needed and more training sessions will be scheduled this year, Pedler said, though the dates have not been set. Information will be available through the ADK web site or by contacting Pedler at the address cited above.

The ADK is working with an array of organizations in this effort, including the Adirondack Park Invasive Plant Program, the Lake Champlain Basin Program, Cornell University, Paul Smith's College and the NYS Natural Heritage Program. A more detailed article is available in the Nov.-Dec. edition of *Adirondack*.

- Mal Provost

Board of Director's Report

Highlights of the Dec. 5, 2015 meeting at Lake George

Essex Chain Lakes Tract: At its November meeting, the Adirondack Park Agency approved a controversial DEC management plan for the Essex Chain Lakes, finding that it conforms to the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan. However, ADK and some other environmental groups believe that the plan violates both the State Land Master Plan and the state Wild, Scenic and Recreational Rivers Act. A major issue is the retention of the iron Polaris Bridge over the Hudson River (built by former owner Finch Pryun for logging) for use by snowmobiles. DEC's management plan regards the bridge and its use by snowmobiles as existing land uses that can be "grandfathered," while ADK and other groups contend that the "grandfathering" of formerly private uses for future public uses is legally unwarranted and, furthermore, sets a bad precedent for Forest Preserve lands. Possible legal action is being considered to challenge the management plan.

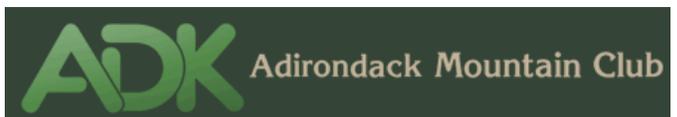
Boreas Ponds Tract: With the purchase of the 22,000-acre Boreas Ponds Tract by New York State expected soon, ADK, the Adirondack Council and other groups are lobbying Gov. Cuomo to classify the land as "Wilderness" and add it, along with several other recently purchased tracts, to the adjacent High Peaks Wilderness. The expanded wilderness, connected with the Dix Mountain Wilderness, would create a contiguous, motor-free area of more than 280,000 acres, rivaling Rocky Mountain National Park in size and exceeding the size of Mount Rainier National Park. The ADK plan would enable DEC to maintain the dam at Boreas Ponds and provide a public access parking area within one mile of the dam. The lobbying effort is intended to counter efforts by local town leaders to have the Boreas Ponds Tract classified as "Wild Forest," which would open it to motor vehicles, motorboats and floatplanes.

ADK Website: The ADK website is being updated and extended for improved use on mobile devices via an application for the smart phones used extensively by younger members. The improved website could also include an all-Club on-line calendar listing all chapter outings and events.

Upcoming 2016 Events:

- ADK Annual Meeting: April 2 (9:00 AM), at Lake George
- Heart Lake Property Work Weekend: April 29 -May 1
- Lake George Property Workday: May 7
- JBL Work Weekend: May 13-15
- National Trails Day: June 4
- *ididaride!* bike tour: July 31, at North Creek
- JBL Work Weekend: October 14-16
- Heart Lake Property Work Weekend: November 4-6
- Lake George Property Workday: November 12

- Norm Kuchar



Longtime Chapter Member Harold Wusterbarth, passes

Reprinted from the Daily Gazette.

Harold J. Wusterbarth, 95, passed away on December 2, 2015, at home with his family. Born in Meriden, CT in 1920, Harold moved to Schenectady in 1940 after graduating from Bentley College. In June 1943, he married Junice DeVoe, who he met while working at General Electric. On the evening of their wedding, they boarded a train to Chicago and then on to Denver, Colorado. The morning they arrived in Denver, he reported for duty at Camp Hale, joining the 87th Regiment, Company 1 of the 10th Mountain Division. After rigorous training, Harold went to Kiska, Alaska (1943) and Italy (1945). At Mount Belvedere, the highest of the Apennine Mountains in northern Italy, he was involved in the February 18, 1945 nighttime operation to secure Riva Ridge, which prevented the Germans from surveying US troops below. As 1st Lieutenant Combat Platoon Leader, he earned the Combat Infantry Badge, [Bronze Star](#) and a [Purple Heart](#) for injuries sustained after stepping on a German Schu mine. In 1947, after two years of surgeries and recovery,

Harold returned to work at GE. During his 41 year career there he was Manager of the General Accounting department and a Financial Analyst for the Apparatus Sales and Service Shops. One of Harold's greatest joys and proudest accomplishments is the family he and Junice created, nurtured and watched grow. At the time of his death it includes Junice, his "Sweetie" of 72 years; their four children, Niles (deceased) and Lois Wusterbarth of Lacey, WA; Mark and Fran Wusterbarth of Niskayuna; Mike and Sue Frisoni of Niskayuna; Doug Wusterbarth and his partner John Morse of Schenectady; their eight grandchildren, Kevin Wusterbarth of San Pedro, CA; Robert and Shelley (Frisoni) Armstrong of Greensburg, PA; Brian and Amy (Wusterbarth) Egan of Silver Spring, MD; James and Susie Wusterbarth of Nunda, NY; Meg Frisoni of Schenectady; Pete and Cindy Frisoni of Scotia; Luis and Julie (Wusterbarth) Ontaneda of Rye, NY and Gary and Stephanie Wusterbarth of Niskayuna; and their 11 great-grandchildren, Sally, Niles and Damon Egan; Tristan and Brycon Seal; Olympia and Roark Frisoni; Luke and Callie Ontaneda and Claire and Ryan Wusterbarth. Harold's commitment to his community is reflected in his decades of volunteer work and community service.

He was a member of the Schenectady School Board of Education; a Trustee for the Troy Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church; a Trustee and Chairman of the Board for the Schenectady County Public Library; and Chairman of the North Woodlawn Neighborhood Association. A memorial service to celebrate Harold's life was held on Saturday, December 26, at the First United Methodist Church in Schenectady.

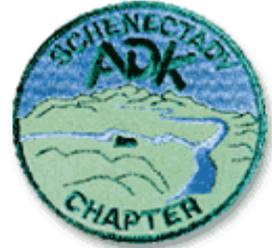
In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his honor to the First United Methodist Church, 603 State Street, Schenectady, NY 12305.

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CHAPTER BOARD MEETINGS: Are held regularly on the second Tuesday of the month. No meetings are held in July or August. Any concerns members have may be expressed to any board member listed on the inside front cover, or attend the meetings which are open to the membership. Call a board member for date, time & directions.

CHAPTER DISCLAIMER: People who attend outings are reminded that such activities entail a certain degree of danger; and persons participating do so at their own risk. This disclaimer is for both whitewater and regular outings of the chapter.

SCHENECTADY CHAPTER PATCH: This lovely patch (shown at right) can be purchased by mailing a check (payable to Schenectady Chapter ADK) to Rich Vertigan, 1804 Van Cortland St., Rotterdam, NY 12203. The cost is \$3 per patch, which includes the mailing cost.



TRIP LEADERS: If you do not want your trip listed in the local newspapers, call Publicity Chair Roy Keats at 518-370-0399, or roysueski@yahoo.com. This newsletter goes out over the Internet.

EQUIPMENT RENTAL: The chapter has hi-tech snowshoes and one pair of universal fit crampons available to rent at \$5/trip. Call Stan Stoklosa at 383-3066 to arrange for pick-up.

WEB SITE: <http://www.adk-schenectady.org> — *All of the latest information will be posted on the Web, i.e. any changes or corrections. Please review our website and related Internet resources Acceptable Use Policy.*

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Membership Application

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Adirondack Mountain Club
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or drop it off at Adirondack
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