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Trail Sweepings

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Annual Almost-Summer Bash Sunday, **June 20th** at Noon

Another one of those *don't miss it* party. Our annual BBQ get together in the pavilion of the *George Freer Memorial Park* along the river in Port Ewen. We know, it's Father's Day, so bring your kids or dad along. Bring a side dish, salad or dessert to share. The club provides chicken, burgers, hotdogs, sodas, paper/plastic ware. And a keg of cool beer.



In order to have enough food for everyone, you need to sign up **by Sunday June 13th** and let us know what you plan to bring.

No glass allowed in park,. Use plastic mugs, bring your wine in a water bottle or keep in your cooler.

For details and signup, contact:

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Directions:

- From Kingston, take 9W South over the Rondout.
- Proceed through next light, then take first left on Canal Street and follow it to the bottom.



For those needing to shed a few calories ahead of the party, three road bike rides will be offered.

Pat Marsh (340-1729 h2oopr@verizon.net) will be leading the "C level" bicycle ride. The link for the route map is below. It is 28.5 miles of mostly rolling hills and flat areas. There is one steep, short hill and one mild but longer hill. there is also a way to cut off some miles if needed. The pace will be 12 to 15 mph average. To view ride map, follow the link http://www.mapmyride.com/view_route?r=581127334722272220

Tom Filocco (658-8109 tfilocco@hvc.rr.com) will lead the a faster and longer "B level" ride leaving at 8:30AM

Frank Rauschendorfer (frauschendorfer@ups.com) will lead the a even faster "A level" ride leaving at 8:30AM also.



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Spring Banquet

Diana and Dale

Weekly Bike Rides

Mountain Bike Ride

Wednesdays:

Biking at Minnewaska. We meet at the Traps parking lot. Ride leaves at 5:30 till about 8:00pm. Followed by beer, soda and pizza at "My Hero's". We have both B and C groups riding now, neither group will leave anybody behind.

Rick Fick 914-443-4060



Road Ride

Thursdays:

There are two rides starting from Dietz Stadium in Kingston. The rides leave at 6 PM.

- A B/B+ ride, usually 25 to 40 miles. **Jim Tomassetti** 331-2324 for details.
- A C/D ride of 18-20 miles. Contact **Yvonne Baker** 331-1068



NEW: Riding the Hudson Valley Rail Trails



We will be starting a weekly ride on Mondays of June to August. The rides will be moderately paced, distance will be approximately 15-20 miles. Rides will leave promptly at 6pm. This will be a group ride. After the rides we will hangout and tailgate. See schedule below.

1st Monday of the month - Hurley Rail Trail.

Meeting at the parking access on 209 just pass Hurley Mountain Inn.

2nd - Rosendale Rail Trail - meeting in the parking lot at the Table Rock Bike Shop in Rosendale.

3rd - New Paltz Rail Trail - meeting in the Boces parking lot off Rte 32 in New Paltz.

4th - Highland Rail Trail - meeting at the base ball field/tennis courts off new Paltz Rd.

For information contact: Yvonne Baker - 845-383-1534 yab1946@gmail.com or Dick Hahn - 845-453-8359 rahahn@hvc.rr.com

President's Corner



Anybody who went to the Spring Banquet could tell in a heart beat that Diana and Dale really outdid themselves. Diana was relentless in getting former members to come while Dale was writing, producing and directing the skit that some of the members performed. It truly was a memorable evening. Thank you guys for a great time!

I want to give special thanks to John Brooks for hosting the planning meeting at his home. We had our first planning meet this year and I think it is going to be a great year! No we didn't get too much planning done but we did get to some awesome ideas on how to promote the club. Some ideas that we are going to incorporate are a Facebook page, Paypal account for club dues and activities, fund raiser for Gruner's kids, ad on Craig's list, business cards and poster boards are a few of the ideas in hoping to attract some younger members. We will be having another planning meeting in August, possibly the 3rd. I will keep the club informed as time comes closer.

We are having our Summer Bash this year on June 20th, I hope to see a large turn out, don't forget to bring a dish to share and some toys (balls, frisbees, kayaks, bikes, gloves, etc...) to share and play with. This is also a great place to bring possible new members so if you know anybody don't hesitate to bring them. Maybe we can practice for the clubs Softball Challenge on Sept 12. Bill Innis has gotten us the park and is ready to feed us some great food, thanks Bill!

Dale has seem to put a fire under the board this year and is already working on new club ski trips for this season, thanks Dale.

Rick Fick

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The Circle Museum Ride

By Kayak John

April 24 was a beautiful day for a motorcycle ride—warm temperature and lots of sunshine. There were 11 motorcycles with representation from Germany, Japan, and America and there were 14 riders representing the Trailsweepers and friends.



Among the participants were: Mark B.; Sharon and Marc N.; John W.; Yvonne B.; Rick and Nancy; Kenny H.; Ryan; Debbie B.; Daniel D.; Bill and Zena; and Kayak John.

At the suggestion of Yvonne, it was decided that we all take a trip to The Circle Museum in Austerlitz, NY. It is located on Rt. 22 about 10 miles north of Hillsdale in Columbia County. We meandered through many back roads and upon arrival at the museum, we saw many unusual sculptured pieces displayed on the lawn! There must have been at least a couple of acres visible from the main road. The owner was not in sight so we all decided to see the unusual pieces anyway. One could say that the artwork is in the eye of the beholder since many pieces are subject to interpretation. The displays were rather large, medium, and some small; however, they were ALL unique. Various metals were used in fabrication, all are ubiquitous, all welded together, and all are heavy. You cannot pick any of them up except for some of the small displays. Some are obvious as to what they represent but others are Picassos in metal—What in hell is that all about?

After viewing the pieces, we decided to go for lunch to the Barrington Brewery Restaurant in Great Barrington, Mass. We had excellent food and drink; homemade meals, dessert, and beer were the specialties of the house.

We logged about 120 miles roundtrip from Kingston and back; had beautiful weather, and all had great fun!

2010 KAYAK SCHEDULE



This year's kayak schedule is listed below. Give yourself 30 to 45 minutes to get ready to paddle. We normally go in some rain and shine. If it is a total washout, the trip is cancelled. In case you are in doubt, contact the trip leader. Don't forget to bring everything you will need for the trip: craft, paddle, life jacket, food, water, sponge, bailer, sunhat, sunscreen, long sleeve shirt if you don't want to put on sunscreen, sunglasses with safety strap, spray skirt, waterproof bag, proper clothing for the trip and weather. Remember, get dressed for the water! Unless noted, all trips start at 10AM.

The following trips are scheduled for this year:

Sun. May 30: **Kingston Point**

Sat. June 12: **Cold Springs to Bannerman's Island.** Meet in Cold Springs.

Sun. July 11: **Dutchman's Landing in Catskill.** Go north to Hudson, NY.

Sat. Aug. 21: **Hudson, NY.** Circumnavigate Middle Flats Island. Start at the Hudson docks.

Sat. Sept. 25: **Thimble Islands, Connecticut.** All day trip that may turn into weekend trip (Sat & Sun). Meet at the Park & Ride in New Paltz early in the morning. More info. will be forthcoming. Wonderful area; fun time.

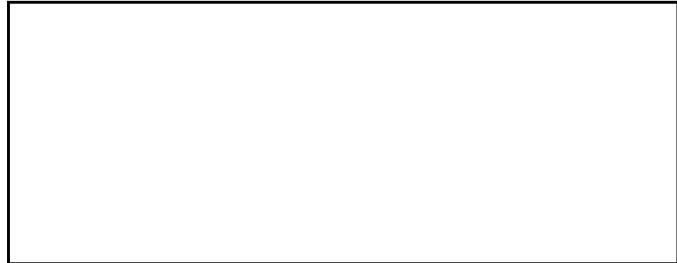
For further info, contact **Yvonne Baker** at 845-383-1534 or **Kayak John** at 518-943-2013.

Come and enjoy the fun. We usually stop somewhere, have lunch, and enjoy merriment!!!



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Enjoy a happy and safe Memorial Day

Happy Hour

A few times a month, the club members meet at an area bar or eatery. Join us for a couple of hours of libation and friendly conversation.



June

- 4 **Bywater Bistro** in Rosendale
- 18 **Rosita's** on Rondout Waterfront

July

- 9 **Santa Fe**, Tivoli
- 23 **Mariner's Harbor** in Kingston, joint with HVSC. Followed by a cruise on the **Rip Van Winkle**, with the **Thunder Ridge** music band.

Contact Dave Cardall 336-8876 for suggestions

Check for last minute changes on our Website at trailsweepers.org

50/50 Raffle



Current jackpot: **\$95**
(estimate)

The price for raffle tickets is \$1 each or 3 for \$2. At the end of the meeting, two tickets will be drawn. The holder of each drawn ticket gets to pick one card from a deck of playing cards. If one picks the Ace of Spades, that player wins the 50/50 jackpot. If not, the picked cards are discarded and the unclaimed jackpot is held over to the next meeting.

At each meeting, as the jackpot grows, the deck of cards shrinks until the Ace of Spades is pulled and we have a winner.

Upcoming Events

Check up to date events calendar on our Website at trailsweepers.org



Regular Meetings:

On 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at 8:30pm in the downstairs room of the Bridgewater Bar & Grill, on Abeel Street in Kingston. Varies during holidays.

Weekly rides (see page 2)

- Monday Ride the Hudson Rail Trails
- Wednesday Mountain bike ride
- Thursday Road bike ride

June

- Thu 10 **8:30** meeting
- Sat 11 Kayak to Bateman's Island
- Sun 20 **Almost Summer Bash**
- Thu 24 **8:30** meeting

July

- Thu 8 **8:30** meeting
- Sun 11 Kayak to Dutchman's Landing
- Thu 22 **8:30** meeting