

Mt. Laurel Skiers Newsletter

September 2009



from the President . . .

It's hard to believe that the summer is almost over. It seems that the good weather was long time coming and then it is gone..... or maybe it will last through September.

By the time you get this the Shelter Island Bike ride would have taken place thanks to John Bazzano. This annual event is a great ride and hopefully this year the weather will or did cooperate. The now annual Camping Weekend in Rhode Island also took place last month. Thanks to Joe Mangione for organizing another great camping weekend in Rhode Island.

This month will be a very busy one for the club. We will have our Annual Open House on the 16th. I hope everyone has some new members on their list to bring and introduce to our great club. The annual Lobster Cookout is back this year at Winding Trails on the 20th. Jonathan Houck and his committee will be looking for help in setting up, cooking, and serving. John Ewen will be doing his usual fantastic raffle.

This summer has brought us some very fun kayaking events. The Mystic River, Great Island, and this month the Thimble Islands on Sept 13th. If you have a kayak come join us, we always have a great time. The Great

Island paddle took place on Aug 16th, it was a wonderful day, a great picnic, and a swim out at the end of the river on the sand bar.

I am looking forward to a very busy year. We will have a great line up again at the lodge with Moe Gaherty serving again as our Lodge Manager. Thanks to Moe for a great job this past year!

Remember starting with our Sept 2nd meeting we will be starting at 7:30pm!!! The board will meet starting at 6pm on the first Wed of each month.

Thank you for your support and let's have a wonderful fall!!!!

Kay Leatherman

MTL in NYC



O.M.G. ~ there are only 2 spots left on the bus for New York City on October 24th! Call me A.S.A.P. if you want to go. Please check the MTL website. There is a list of people who signed up for the bus. Please make certain your name is there and please see that a **check** is next to your name in the paid column. Please make the check payable to MTL. Thanks.

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16 Sept.

The Annual Open House is being held on Weds. Sept. 16th at 8pm at Whinstone Tavern. We will have many vendors present and a great raffle.

Plan to attend and bring a new member or two. This is a great event to showcase our club and all the great activities Mt Laurel has to offer its members. We hope to see you all there!

**Chuck Hannah VP &
Membership Chair**

Lobster Cookout 20 Sept.



Sunday, Sept 20th, Don't miss our Lobster Cookout at Winding Trails in Farmington. We are bringing back this event by popular demand and it is not to be missed. Jonathan Houck and his committee have great food and fun games planned for the days events. Get your reservation in soon to reserve your lobster!!! Contact Jonathan with any questions or if you can help out the day of the events.

Kayaking •



Sept 13 • Thimble Islands, Branford • 10:00a.m.

Exit 56 off Rt. I-95. Head south toward water. Go straight across at the stop sign, under RR bridge into Stony Creek. Launch ramp is after small beach on right (this is a very busy area, you may have to launch and find parking somewhere in the area).

NOTE:

Spray skirts are strongly recommended for ocean trips because waves can easily swamp a kayak. Leaders can be contacted via cell phone on the day of each trip if you need help: Fred Murray (860) 857-6406; Irene Murray (860) 919-8252; Joe Mangione (860) 402-0492; or Angie Testa (860) 416-8321.

2010 Eastern Drive Trip to Sunday River • 7-12 March

Don't hesitate to sign up. The trip is 75% full. Here are a few highlights:

\$555.00 - Double Occupancy \$779.00 - Single Occupancy

5 nights lodging The Grand Summit Resort Hotel, Sunday River, Maine
Ski in/ ski out

Outdoor heated swim in/swim out pool & Jacuzzi

5 1/2 days lift ticket

5 90-minute ski or ride group clinics

3 Dinners in Legend's Grille

Welcome Party

Daily Breakfast Buffet

FOR MORE/SPECIFIC INFORMATION GO TO:

MTL OPEN HOUSE 9/16/2009. A Sunday River Representative will be there to Answer questions.

www.sundayriver.com or www.mtlski.com - click on link flyers and forms.

Email: AAlden30@netzero.com or call me @ 860-828-3378

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Deadline for October 2009 • 16 September

The deadline for the October Newsletter is September 16 - Third Wed. Please email news items to: irene_murray@sbcglobal.net or fax 860-644-3951 if you do not see Irene at a meeting.

MTL in NYC

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Via a deluxe motor coach, we will depart New Britain **AT** 8a.m. (across from Target), pick up in Cromwell **AT** 8:15, stop for coffee along the way, and arrive NYC around 10:40. The driver will let people off at the Met, along 5th Avenue, Times Square...

We will then meet up around 5:15 in the theater district - and head over to Little Italy/Chinatown for dinner.

Leaving NYC at 8:00pm will get us back to New Britain around 10:40. \$38 per person will pay for a seat on the bus to get there and back. This price also includes the tip for the driver.

Want to purchase tickets for a play? Check out www.playbill.com or www.broadway.com.

Things I need to know: where you will get the bus (New Britain or Cromwell) and your cell phone number. I will have a card for you with my cell phone number.

Call me for reservations/confirmations.

Kate 860-344-1292



Membership Renewal...

Official Renewal time is over, but you can still renew your membership but you must now include the \$15 late fee. Thanks to those that got it in on time!!

**Chuck Hannah VP &
Membership Chair**

Cheer...



A lot has happened over the summer - time to catch up. Good news - The newest married couple in Mountain Laurel are Gordon and Omaira Gaulin. Congratulations and wishes for a future of happiness. Stan Wasel is recuperating well from his surgery and is hoping to be skiing this winter. Other news, unfortunately, includes injuries and hospitalizations: Anna Sielawko broke her wrist over the memorial Day Cape weekend which involved surgery to correct; Aletta Chamberland was injured while trying to rescue her cat and was hospitalized; Linda Dinda was also in the hospital and is home doing better; Diane Dubrieul had a knee replacement and is looking forward to pain free walking and most recently, Pat Barry was admitted to St. Francis Hospital. St. Francis has an e-card service in which you can go on-line and send Pat an 'e-card' which is then printed out and delivered to her. The link to the hospital web site is <http://www.saintfranciscare.com>. We wish all our friends a speedy recovery. If you have any news of our members, please let Milli know at 860-871-0484 or milliarnold57142@aol.com. Thanks, Milli

Monday Night Biking •

Summer is almost over and the official MTL rides have ended for the season. Thank you to those members who hosted rides and those who participated in the Monday night biking. A special thanks to Suburban Sports for sponsoring the demo night and discount given to club members. Also, thanks to our fellow clubs, NSC and Meriden, whose members participated in, and hosted some of the rides.

Many of us will continue to ride until the snow flies and the slopes are ready for us. Plan to join unofficial rides and consider mountain biking to keep yourselves strong for the upcoming ski season. Until next year...



Andy Le Clair, Biking Chairperson

Fall Hiking Schedule •

All Hikes begin at 12:30pm. Bring snacks, water, rain gear, and sturdy hiking shoes. Anyone interested in leading a hike this fall, please call either Jeanne (860-651-3257), or Rick (860-675-3403) before the newsletter deadline for that month.

Sept. 6 • Labor Day Weekend • No Hike scheduled

Sept 13 • Sleeping Giant Hike + Picnic @ Tom & Flo Knudson's (203-281-6769). Take I-91 to exit 10; follow this connector to the end. Go north on Rte 10 for 1.8 mi to Mt Carmel Ave. Take a right on Mt. Carmel Ave. Park entrance is on the left a short distance from Route 10. You can also take I-84 to exit 27 (Rte I-691 E) to exit 3 (Cheshire). Take route 10 South exactly 9 miles to Hamden, turning left on Mt Carmel Ave to part entrance on left. There will be at least three hikes available (easy, moderate, difficult). For after the hike, BYOB and something to share.

Sept 20 • Lobster Cookout • No Hike

Sept 25-27 • Hike Weekend @ the Lodge • There will be 3 hikes; a little harder, and more difficult. Reserve your bunk now for this weekend of fun. There will be dancing in the barn. See the flyer with August Newsletter (or on the website) for more details.

Oct 4 • Wolcott • Buttermilk Falls • Jeanne Delehanty (860-651-3257). Directions will be in next month's newsletter.

Oct 11 • Open • No hike scheduled yet.

Oct 18 • Holyoke MA • Mt Tom • Fred & Irene Murray (860-628-5364). Directions will be in next month's newsletter.

Oct 25 • Burlington-Sessions Woods + Picnic @ Rick & Mary Sullivan's (860-675-3403, cell 860-324-4952). Directions will be in next month's newsletter.

mt laurel skier's calendar

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
 LABOR DAY		1	2 Bd & Reg Meeting Whinstone Tavern	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 Regular Meeting	10	11	12
13  Thimble Island Kayaking HIKE · Sleeping Giant	14	15	16 Annual Open House News Deadline	17	18	19
20  Lobster Cookout	21	22	23 Regular Meeting	24	25  Fall Hike Weekend @ Lodge	26
27  Fall Hike Weekend	28	29	30 Regular Meeting	September 2009		

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September Meetings ·
Whinstone Tavern
Stanley Golf Course
245 Hartford Road
New Britain CT
SAVE THE DATES

September

- 02 Bd Mtng @6pm, Reg Wed Night meetings begin @ 7:30pm
- 06 Labor Day, NO Hike
- 09 Regular Meeting, 7:30pm
- 13 Thimble Islands, kayaking Hike - Sleeping Giant
- 16 Annual Open House, 8pm Newsletter Deadline
- 20 Lobster Cookout NO Hike
- 23 Regular Meeting, 7:30pm
- 25-27 Fall Hike Weekend, VT Lodge
- 30 Regular Meeting, 7:30pm

October

- 10 Bd Mtng, Reg Wed Night meetings begin @ 7:30pm
- 14 Regular Meeting
- 21 Regular Meeting
- 28 Regular Meeting



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7 Nights/8 Days

October 16 – 23, 2010

PASSPORTS WILL BE REQUIRED!!

YOUR ESCORTED TRIP INCLUDES:

- *ALL MEALS AND MOST SHIPBOARD ACTIVITIES*
- *ALL PORT CHARGES*
- *PORTS OF CALL ARE LABADEE, HAITI; FALMOUTH, JAMAICA; COZUMEL, MEXICO AND 3 DAYS AT SEA*
- *DEPARTS AND RETURNS FROM/TO FT LAUDERDALE, FL*

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