

newsletter

March, April, May 2011

Mt. Gretna • May 14 & 15

Over the life of the Penn Dutch Pacers our focus has been and continues to be to produce walking events mostly in Lancaster County. On this occasion we venture outside the county as we venture not too far north of the Lebanon/Lancaster County line with this walk in Mt. Gretna.

Not only will we be exploring Mt. Gretna proper but will also be



walking for about half our 10K trail in the Clarence Schock Memorial Park at Governor Dick which as you will see in the information that we present below as well as when you walk our trail is an incredible natural, preserved asset

in Central Pennsylvania. So here's the story of both Mt. Gretna and its neighbor affectionately known as "Governor Dick". Mt. Gretna was born in a forest of chestnut trees that for more than a century provided charcoal to the Cornwall Furnace that once forged cannons for George Washington's army. The site was discovered in 1883 as a pleasant place to spend a summer day along the now extinct Cornwall and Lebanon Railroad linking the Reading Railroad in Lebanon with the Pennsylvania Railroad near Elizabethtown. Originally you could travel here by rail from any point in the country. President Benjamin Harrison actually did. He and thousands of the picnickers detrained at a small station, walked down a tree-lined corridor past a stone fountain (that still exists) and spent the day in a woodland park that expanded each year as the number of visitors grew, eventually sporting an elaborate carousel, a primitive roller coaster called a "switch-back," a dancing pavilion, and other attractions of an early amusement park. In 1885 the Pennsylvania National Guard began a 50-year annual encampment at Mt. Gretna. That year Conewago Creek was dammed to form Lake Conewago, more aptly called a pond, but ideal for swimming and canoeing. Robert Coleman, really the last of the long Coleman line, was a late-nineteenth century robber-baron industrialist who was actually quite enlightened. Along one of his railway lines, built to transfer ore in and iron and steel out of his Cornwall-based empire, was a watering stop for the typically thirsty railway engines of the time. He decided to create a park for the enjoyment of his employees and their families in the woods in the valley around this stop. Fancifully, it was named 'Mount Gretna', supposedly after the Scottish border town of Gretna (which assuredly it does not resemble in the slightest, and whose once and sole claim to fame was as an elopement haven for underage English couples wishing to marry under the then more favorable Scottish law.)

loving history of Mt. Gretna can be found in Gretna historian, Jack Bitner's book: *Mt. Gretna, A Coleman Legacy*.

Robert had a fascination with railways; much as some of us have built model railways in spare bedrooms or basements as a hobby, he decided to build his toy train-set quite large, as his considerable means afforded.

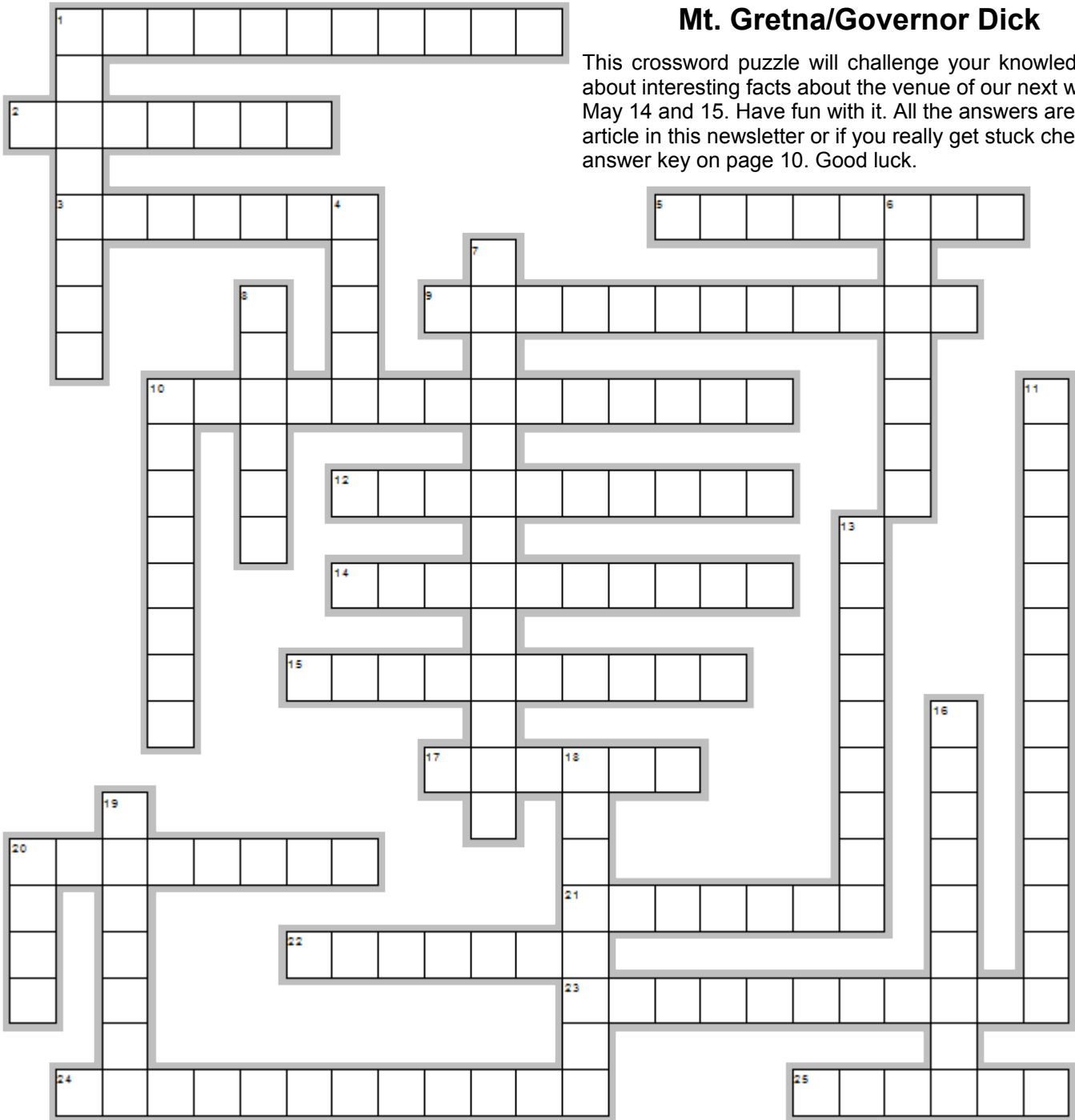
As an entertainment for visitors to his park, this narrow-gauge railway (2 ft. gauge) started adjacent to the main Cornwall and Lebanon Railroad station in the park, ran beside Soldier Field and behind the lake, passed in front of the hotel (where guests may, naturally, have alighted or embarked) and across what is now Rte. 117, climbed up behind the Chautauqua area and eventually crossing Pinch Road well up above Campmeeting. Once across the road it clawed steadily up the hill for half-a-mile or so until it reached a 'switchback', a large loop, on which the train reversed itself in order to best follow the terrain up the hill. Still climbing, more steeply now and clockwise around the dome of the mountain, it eventually reached a tight loop around the very top of the mountain. This is where the tower atop Governor Dick now stands.

Considering the guys-with-picks-and-shovels era in which this railway was constructed, it was no mean feat of civil engineering. Most of its path is plain to this day - following it is a great exercise in industrial archaeology - and parts of it, especially its ascent through the park and the switchback, cause pause for respect. And a wish to have been able to have traveled it at its prime. Narrow-gauge railway enthusiasts still to this day get all misty-eyed and giddy about the Governor Dick railway and its engines; it is something of a legend. Sadly, it wasn't to last; it was hideously expensive to run and maintain; when Robert Coleman had his financial train-wreck in the mid 1890s bringing down his empire (brought about by over-investment in, surprise, railways), the runs up the mountain ceased. Later, in 1915, when some soldiers from the Pennsylvania National Guard encampment near the village (Soldier Field) managed to topple some of the cars with injuries resulting, the appeal palled, the service stopped, the tracks were dismantled, the engines sold for scrap. It was in 1892 Methodists identified Mt. Gretna as a good location for a Chautauqua. A Chautauqua is an adult education assembly movement in the United States, highly popular in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Chautauqua assemblies expanded and spread throughout rural America until the mid-



Mt. Gretna/Governor Dick

This crossword puzzle will challenge your knowledge about interesting facts about the venue of our next walk May 14 and 15. Have fun with it. All the answers are in the article in this newsletter or if you really get stuck check the answer key on page 10. Good luck.



Across

1. Mt. Gretna became a popular place for _____.
2. The outdoor auditorium has a _____ conical roof.
3. What did the Cornwall furnace forge for George Washington's army?
5. What was the last name of the US President that visited Mt. Gretna?
9. Coleman's railway ran from Cornwall and Lebanon Rail station to top of what?
10. Who created The Clarence Schock Memorial Park at Governor Dick?
12. In order for Coleman's Railway to get to the top of Governor Dick it had to employ what is known as a _____ to navigate steep terrain.
14. What was one of the things that contributed to the decline of Mt. Gretna in the '30's & '40's?
15. A popular place to stop especially for ice cream in Mt. Gretna.
17. Coleman's railway was 2ft gauge also known as _____.
20. The deed to Governor Dick states that the property is to remain in _____ forest forever.
21. The Cornwall & Lebanon Railroad (that is now extinct) went from Elizabethtown to where?
22. Some date Mt. Gretna's modern revival to 1976 and the Outdoor _____.
23. Governor Dick is part of the Furnace Hills which are the southern most hiccups of which of what mountain range?
24. What amenity set the Conewago Hotel apart from other hotels of its day?

25. Supposedly Mt. Gretna was named after the Scottish border town of _____.

Down

1. The chestnut trees in Mt. Gretna provided what for the Cornwall furnace.
4. Governor Dick is said to be named after a man that was a _____.
6. What company that is still in operation today did Clarence Schock found?
7. Who was the original owner of most of the land on which Mt. Gretna was founded?
8. One of the words that accurately describes Mt. Gretna is _____.
10. The Conewago Creek was damned by the Pa National Guard to form Lake _____.
11. What denomination set up at camp-meeting across Pinch Rd?
13. The primary purpose of a Chautauqua is _____.
16. The first Chautauqua in Mt. Gretna was by what denomination?
18. Robert Coleman had a fascination with _____.
19. One of the characteristics of charcoal that made it more appealing was that it was a far more efficient fuel for the furnaces. What was the other advantage which made it easier to transport?

**NEW MEMBERS
WELCOME TO THE CLUB**

Bruce & Diane Eckert

**RENEWED FOOTPRINTS
KEEP ON WALKING THE
TRAILS**

**2012
Ernie & Nancy Kiser**

**CLUB MEMBERS
ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS**

KILOMETER MILESTONES

**500 Km
Angela Horn
William Horn
Charles Horn III**

**5000 Km
Rose Grumbling**

**8000 Km
Janice Copenhaver
LeRoy Copenhaver**

**CLUB MEMBERS
ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS**

EVENT MILESTONES

**10 Events
Elizabeth Louie**

**30 Events
Angela Horn
William Horn
Charles Horn III**

**175 Events
Ralph Greenawalt**

**250 Events
David Barber**

**275 Events
Jeanne Schopf**

**350 Events
Robert Coonney**

**450 Events
James Wellenreiter**

**475 Events
James Wellenreiter**

**500 Events
Rose Grumbling**

**800 Events
Janice Copenhaver**

**Source: *The American Wanderer*
Records as of February 21, 2011**

**Pete Byrne
Membership**

President's Message

For 2011 we already have one walk down with three to go. Our first



walk this year was our third walk in downtown Lancaster right after the New Year and as you can read on page 11 our numbers were down primarily because of the weather, but we still had a good turnout all things considered.

We had 19 people turn out for the annual PDP Dinner Meeting at Isaac's on the third Thursday of January. I'd just like to thank everyone who turned out and all those who continue to support the PDP mission to bring exceptional walking opportunities along with Health, Fun and Fitness.

Since as I write this we are well into 2011 and I am in my last term as President of the Penn Dutch Pacers I want to remind everyone that at our next dinner meeting in January of 2012 someone else, a member who has the desire and the willingness to serve their fellow Penn Dutch Pacers will be elected your new president. In order for this to happen one or more persons has to step forward to be nominated. You have plenty of time to decide whether that person is you.

It seems that the AVA just keeps shooting itself in the foot. You'll remember that last Fall long time AVA employee Jackie Wilson retired after serving in her latest position as Executive Director and Nicole Rogers was hired in her stead presumably to help turn AVA around after ten or so years of constant decline. Well, via e-mail on February 19th we were notified that the National Executive Council of the AVA fired Nicole Rogers and the AVA President and Vice President subsequently resigned. It certainly doesn't look like progress to me. As of this writing the Executive Council has not made any statement and we understand that since the firing of Ms. Rogers was a personnel matter handled in executive session that we may never know exactly what happened. I am concerned and frustrated about our national organization as we all should be. I think we are all ready to see the end of Winter so that we can get back outside to walk. We have a great line up of YRE & Seasonal Walks plus some exciting weekend events planned for 2011. Enjoy them all. - See you on the trail. - Phil

1920s. The Chautauqua brought entertainment and culture for the whole community, with speakers, teachers, musicians, entertainers, preachers and specialists of the day.

Like hundreds of Chautauquas Mt. Gretna's "Pennsylvania Chautauqua" was modeled after the original Chautauqua Institution, established in 1874 in New York state. Within a few years they drew up a plan for lots and began constructing, according to a popular plan of the day, a vaulted conical-roofed outdoor auditorium for lectures, religious services and concerts. The first "Chautauquans" built summer cottages around it, a "Hall of Philosophy" for meetings, and a small wooden Greek temple for the "Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Circle." Both buildings are still used today. That same year the United Brethren moved in across Pinch Road from Chautauqua and hired the same builder, John Cilley from Lebanon, to build a Tabernacle for religious services and Bible meetings. The Tabernacle, a smaller version of the Playhouse (23 chestnut supporting posts around the perimeter vs. 26) still stands in the Campmeeting. (The Playhouse collapsed just short of its hundredth anniversary year in 1994 under a heavy load of snow and ice.) The Brethren mapped out plots for tents around the Tabernacle, but by the first summer's Bible Conference 100 cottages had already been built by worshipers on the tent plots. Tents appeared only around the immediate perimeter of the Tabernacle, each sparsely furnished with a table, chairs, a lamp, a Bible and a box-like bed with straw sheets. The success of Mt. Gretna as a summer retreat led to the construction of restaurants and hotels, including the Chautauqua Inn, The Jigger Shop Ice Cream Parlor, The Conewago Hotel, Kaufman's Store and Hotel, and others. Through the first two decades of the 20th century, Mt. Gretna teemed with summer visitors who attended concerts, lectures, trade shows and Bible

meetings and relaxed in the park, lake and on porches. And, as the Lebanon Daily News reported in 1892, "During all this time...the Chautauqua and Campmeeting are occupied by persons who love to linger around the pleasant scenes of this delightful place and to drink in all that is to be seen and heard.

The result by the turn of the century was a culturally rich community revolving around marvelous public buildings and a plethora of closely-packed typically Victorian 'gingerbread' adorned 'munchkin' houses, and further enhanced by the new and less physically constrained development of Gretna Heights, to the east of Campmeeting. (Through ups and downs and substantial winterization and gentrification, the community remains as such to this day. And the philosophical divide between the Campmeeting and Chautauqua exists just as firmly still, a virtual 'white line' drawn down the center of Pinch Road.)

Built in 1909, the 125-room Conewago Hotel was one of the first in the country to offer private baths and telephones in the rooms and an elevator, as well as "servants in uniform... and chefs from New York." Guests could enjoy the terraced tennis courts overlooking the lake and parade grounds by day, a "ladies orchestra" in the dining room at night for dinner and dancing. It thrived for only two decades. A casualty of the new mobility made possible by the automobile, it was already vacant when the Depression dealt it a second blow. It was finally dismantled in

1940. The Chautauqua Inn, once standing near the Playhouse, had a longer life. It was more rustic and lacked private baths, but its dining room remained legendary well into the second half of the century. Even so, modern fire codes and liability insurance rates forced its closing and demolition in 1970. For a short time the small Kaufman Hotel across from the current Mt. Gretna Inn, completed a trio of Gretna hotels, but it too no longer exists. No longer an obligatory destination of captive railroad passengers, many of Mt. Gretna's attractions languished in the 1920's as vacationers drove their cars to the Atlantic shore and other more distant points, and students found summer education at colleges. The Depression, departure of the National Guard in 1933, and finally World War II diminished Mt. Gretna's popularity. The amusement park closed, hotels lay empty, and the narrow gauge was abandoned. Even the chestnut trees fell victim to a nationwide blight and were replaced by oaks and evergreens.

Some Gretna institutions continued: a long tradition of theater in the Playhouse, the Campmeeting Bible Conference, Chautauqua programs in the Community Building, the Jigger Shop, swimming and boating in the lake, a Roller Rink in a remaining building of the amusement park, and, of course, the long tradition of lingering on the porches. The Timber Restaurant was built in the 1960's on the gentle rise that had been the site of the National Guard headquarters. A growing population of permanent residents began to occupying the homes. Some date Mt. Gretna's modern revival to 1976 and the First Annual Outdoor Art Show, the creation of Gretna artists, Bruce Johnson and Reed Dixon and John Wentzler, then Director of Summer Programs for the Chautauqua. In its distinctive setting, the show almost immediately became one of the most successful in the state. In the next two years, a new Gretna resident, physician and musician, Carl Ellenberger, again at the suggestion of John Wentzler, began inviting musician friends to perform in the Playhouse and longtime Gretna resident, Mary Hoffman revived the theater productions in the

Playhouse after a year when the theater was dark. Both Gretna Theater and music at Gretna flourished, attracted government, foundation and corporate grants as well as new visitors and residents. Mt. Gretna became known in the region as a center for arts and culture and increasingly as a desirable place to live, especially for those

who wanted to participate in its artistic activities, but also those who had discovered its other virtues during a visit to the Playhouse or the Art Show. Many Gretna residents serve on one or more of the boards that guide each section of the community and the performing groups, and most volunteer to help at the Art Show which brings thousands of visitors and vital economic support to Mt. Gretna. Whether or not Gretna residents enjoy the artistic activities of Mt. Gretna, they mostly agree that these activities give the community an identity far stronger than most other communities of similar size and make it a desirable place to live. Mt. Gretna's huge neighbor to the south is Governor Dick, or more accurately, the Clarence Schock Memorial Park at Governor Dick, it's an 1105-acre tract of undisturbed forest in the West Cornwall district of Lebanon County, Pennsylvania. A wooded mountaintop, some 1,120 feet high, and as indicated previously it abuts the quaint turn-of-the-century resort community of Mount Gretna, with which it is strongly

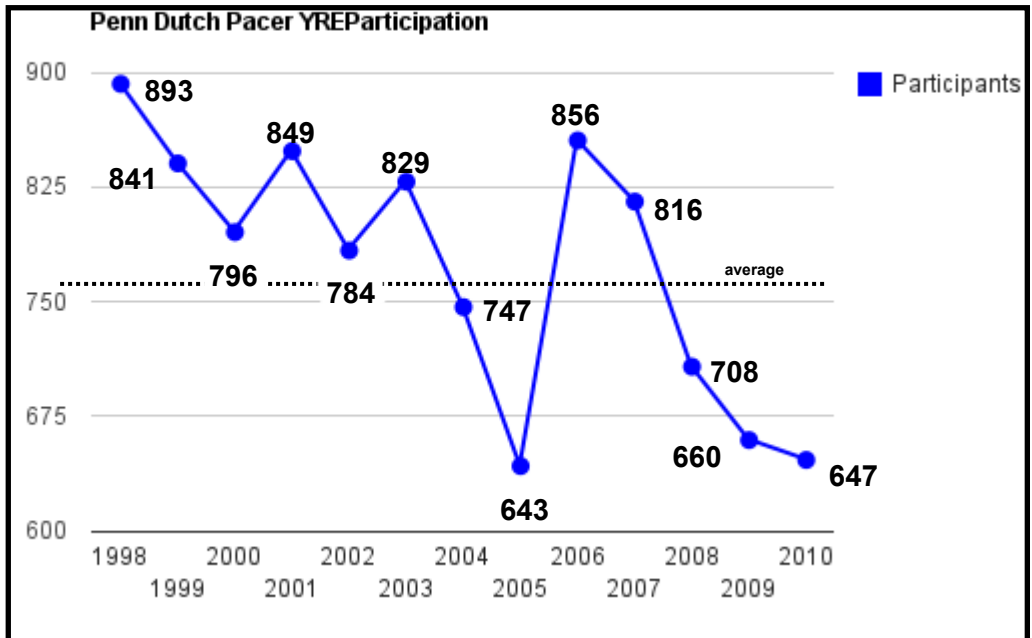


2010 YRE Results	1st Quarter			2nd Quarter			3rd Quarter			4th Quarter			Individual Event Totals
	Paid	Free	Sub Total	Paid	Free	Sub Total	Paid	Free	Sub Total	Paid	Free	Sub Total	
Ephrata	11	0	11	17	2	19	34	6	40	10	1	11	81
Lancaster Downtown	21	0	21	17	1	18	23	2	25	26	1	27	91
Lancaster West	9	0	9	27	0	27	19	2	21	14	2	16	73
Lititz History	24	4	28	25	0	25	32	1	33	30	0	30	116
Lititz North	12	1	13	19	2	21	15	0	15	8	0	8	57
Millersville	13	0	13	21	2	23	12	0	12	16	0	16	64
Middle Creek Lake	46	4	50	5	0	5	14	1	15	Closed			70
New Holland East	11	0	11	6	0	6	24	2	26	8	0	8	51
New Holland West	10	0	10	2	0	2	18	0	18	14	0	14	44
	157	9		139	7		191	14		126	4		647
Quarterly Sub-Totals			166			146			205			130	

It has become tradition that every year at the Penn Dutch Pacer Annual Dinner meeting those who attend are presented with a summary of the results of the club's efforts regarding the YRE (Year Round Events) and Seasonal Events that we sanction. This compilation is the result of the efforts of all those people who individually commit to maintaining all of our YRE and Seasonal events and ultimately to our YRE Coordinator Bob Gast who is tasked with the job of reporting our figures to AVA..

These results help us to know how we are doing generally and specifically which events are attracting walkers and which ones have run their course and no longer are financially viable for the club to maintain.

What we mean by financially viable is that when we take the costs associated with the event like the yearly sanction fees, quarterly fees and per walker fees that we pay to the AVA and in addition add in printing and any other costs associated with the event and our share of the cost for printing the KSPA YRE and Seasonal booklet when applicable and add them all together and then consider the income we have from the event we like to at least break even if not have a little left over. If we go a year or so and an event is in the red or participation has drastically dropped off, then it's time to consider a change. The change could be as simple as a change in the trail or a change may be drastic like not sanctioning the event for the next year.



The graph that is included above shows in a dramatic way participation in our YRE and Seasonal events for the last thirteen years. Participation last year was only four people off the lowest participation (643) that we have had in the last thirteen years and hopefully is the bottom of a dramatic fall from a high in 2006. The fall we see in YRE and Seasonal events has paralleled the dip in the economy and the drastic drop in participation that we have seen at PDP weekend events as well.

PDP continues to offer quality YRE and Seasonal events for your walking enjoyment and we continue to explore ways to curtail the slide. We need your help and your input at our monthly meeting. It is only with fresh ideas and enthusiasm that PDP will continue to survive.

2011 Atlantic Region Calendar

This calendar is a compilation of the data taken from the Atlantic Region Calendar which was cross referenced with the AVA Calendar as of 02/10/2011. Since new walks are always being added we would suggested referencing the AVA calendar for a definitive list of current walking events.

March 2011

Date	Type	Sponsoring Club	Event Location	Contact Phone
06	W	Liberty Bell Wanderers	Lowe Gwynedd PA (Spring House Estates)	215-699-9246
12	W	Seneca Valley Sugarloafers	Bethesda MD (Rock Creek Knights of Columbus)	301-229-1356
12	W	Peninsula Pathfinders	Hampton VA (Dandy Point Marina)	757-851-9252
12	W	Baltimore Walking Club	Baltimore Convention Center	410-592-3171
17	M	Penn Dutch Pacer Monthly Membership Meeting, Lancaster Health Campus - @ 7:00 PM		717-786-7118
19	W	Seneca Valley Sugarloafers	Bethesda MD - Rock Creek Knights of Columbus	301-229-1356
26	W	Freestate Happy Wanderers	Laurel MD Municipal Pool Conference Room	301-717-3604
26	W	Virginia Vagabonds	Gloucester VA (Walter Reed Hospital)	757-766-3065

April 2011

Date	Type	Sponsoring Club	Event Location	Contact Phone
02	W	York White Rose Wanderers	Manchester PA (Chester Square Shopping Center)	717-266-5400
02	W	Virginia Vagabonds	Yorktown VA	757-766-3065
02	W	Piedmont Pacers	Westminster MD	301-829-3685
09	W	Lee Lepus Volksverband	Richmond VA	804-768-0055
09	W	Columbia Volksmarch Club	Ellicott City MD	410-290-6510
09-10	W	First State Webfooters	Smyrna DE (Blackbird State Forest)	302-697-1191
16	W	Annapolis Amblers	Chester MD	410-224-0907
16	—	Atlantic Region Meeting - Region Director Election TBD	757-766-3065	
16-17	W	Germanna Volkssport Association	Fredericksburg VA (Dorothy Hart Community Center)	540-786-6550
17	W	Cavalier Volksmarching Club	Charlottesville VA (The Park)	434-924-7773
21	M	Penn Dutch Pacer Monthly Membership Meeting, Lancaster Health Campus - @ 7:00 PM		717-786-7118
23	W	Washington DC Area Volksmarching Club	Alexandria VA (Baerwald Residence)	703-765-3128
25	NW	Washington DC Area Volksmarching Club	Alexandria VA (Barrett Branch Library)	703-765-3128
29-30	4W	York White Rose Wanderers	Bradford PA (Best Western)	717-309-6088
30	W	Seneca Valley Sugarloafers	Takoma Park MD (Wayne Avenue Garage)	301-946-5496
30	W	Peninsula Pathfinders	Williamsburg VA (New Quarter Park)	757-890-9220
30	W	Loudon Walking & Volksmarch Club	Leesburg VA (Loudon County High School)	703-737-2175

May 2011

Date	Type	Sponsoring Club	Event Location	Contact Phone
01	4W	York White Rose Wanderers	Bradford PA (Best Western)	717-309-6088
07	W	Liberty Bell Wanderers	Hellertown PA (Wagner Grist Mill)	610-838-7447
07	W	Virginia Vagabonds	Newport News VA	757-766-3065
14-15	W	Penn Dutch Pacers Volksmarch Club	Mt. Gretna PA (Mt. Gretna Fire House)	717-625-3533
14	W	Liberty Bell Wanderers	Huntington Valley PA (Lorimer Park)	215-354-1723
14	W	Seneca Valley Sugar Loafers	Chevy Chase MD	301-610-7752
14	W	Gator Volksmarch Club	Norfolk VA (Layfayette Bracnh Library)	757-490-9324
19	M	Penn Dutch Pacer Monthly Membership Meeting, Lancaster Health Campus - @ 7:00 PM		717-786-7118
23	NW	Washington DC Area Volksmarching Club	Alexandria VA (Barrett Branch Library)	703-765-3128

June 2011

Date	Type	Sponsoring Club	Event Location	Contact Phone
04-05	W	Susquehanna Rovers Volksmarch Club	Boiling Springs PA (Spring Meadows Park)	717-567-9537
04-05	W	York White Rose Wanderers	Gardeners PA (Pine Grove State Park)	717-677-6511
04-05	W	Susquehanna Rover Volksmarch Club	Newville PA (VFW Post 6070)	717-567-9537
04	W	Greenbelt Volksmarchers	Beltsville MD	301-937-3549
04	W	Loudon Walking & Volksmarch Club	Sterling VA (Claude Moore Park)	703-737-2175
11	W	Columbia Volksmarch Club	Cooksville MD	410-290-6510
11	W	Gator Volksmarch Club	Chesapeake VA (Northwest River Park)	757-490-9324
16	M	Penn Dutch Pacer Monthly Membership Meeting, Lancaster Health Campus - @ 7:00 PM		717-786-7118

July 2011

Date	Type	Sponsoring Club	Event Location	Contact Phone
02	W	Northern Virginia Volksmarchers	Fairfax VA (Lord of Life Luthern Church)	703-978-2032
09	W	Columbia Volksmarch Club	Highland MD (Schooley Mill Park)	410-290-6510
21	M	Penn Dutch Pacer Monthly Membership Meeting, Lancaster Health Campus - @ 7:00 PM		717-786-7118
25	NW	Washington DC Area VM Club	Alexandria VA (Barret Branch Library in Old Town)	703-765-3128

Legend: W=Walk, GW=Guided Walk, GNW=Guided Night Walk, NW=Night Walk, B=Bike, S=Swim
Sk=Ski, XSki = Cross Country Ski, IS=Ice Skate, RS=Roller Skate, SS=Snowshoe M=Meeting

2011 Atlantic Region Calendar, continued

August 2011

Date	Type	Sponsoring Club	Event Location	Contact Phone
06	W	Columbia Volksmarch Club	Elkridge MD (Rockburn Branch Park – West Area)	410-290-6510
20	W	Great Greenbelt Volksmarchers, Inc.	Greenbelt MD (Greenbelt Lake)	301-937-3549
22	NW	Washington DC Area VM Club	Alexandria VA (Barrett Bracn Library in Old Town)	703-765-3128
27	W	Piedmont Pacers	Hagerstown MD (Augustober Fest Tent)	410-795-7855

September 2011

Date	Type	Sponsoring Club	Event Location	Contact Phone
11	W	Freestate Happy Wanderers	Laurel MD (Montpelier Arts Center)	301-717-3604
15	M	Penn Dutch Pacer Monthly Membership Meeting, Lancaster Health Campus - @ 7:00 PM	Norfolk VA	717-786-7118
15	NW	Gater Volksmarch Club	East Berlin PA (East Berlin Community Ctr Pavilion)	757-490-9324
17	W	York White Rose Wanderers	Taneytown MD (Taneytown Elementary School)	717-432-2195
17	W	Piedmont Pacers	New Britain PA (Lake Galena)	410-795-7855
18	W	Liberty Bell Wanderers	Lancaster PA (East Lampeter Community Park)	215-442-1337
24-25	W	Penn Dutch Pacer Volksmarch Club	Philadelphia PA (Pennypack Park)	717-625-3533
24	GW	Liberty Bell Wanderers	Alexandria VA (Barrett Branch Library in Old Town)	215-354-1723
24	W	Washington DC Area VM Club	Lovettsville VA (Game Protective Association)	703-765-3128
24	W	Loudon Walking & Volksmarch Club	Alexandria VA (Barretts Branch Library in Old Town)	703-737-2175
26	NW	Washington DC Area VM Club		703-765-3128

October 2011

Date	Type	Sponsoring Club	Event Location	Contact Phone
01	W	Virginia Vagabonds	Williamsburg VA	757-766-3065
01	W	Ft. Belvoir Outdoor Rec/DMWR	Ft. Belvoir, Alexandria VA (Ocktoberfest Event)	703-805-1143
1-2	W	Piedmont Pacers	Frederick MD (Frederick Fairgrounds)	410-795-7855
15	W	Lee Lepus Volksverband	Powhatan VA (Fighting Creek Park)	804-768-0055
15	W	Great Greenblet Volksmarchers Inc.	Greenbelt MD (Shrom Hills Park)	301-937-3549
20	M	Penn Dutch Pacer Monthly Membership Meeting, Lancaster Health Campus - @ 7:00 PM	Arlington VA (Residence Inn By Marriott Arlington Courthouse)	717-786-7118
21-23	W	US Freedom Walk Festival Club	Luckettts/Leesburg VA (Tarara Winery)	703-209-0174
22	W	Loudon Walking & Volksmarch Club	Portsmouth VA	703-737-2175
22	W	Virginia Vagabonds	Mt. Airy MD (Linganore Winery)	757-766-3065
29	W	Piedmont Pacers		301-829-3685

November 2011

Date	Type	Sponsoring Club	Event Location	Contact Phone
01	W	Princeton Area Walkers	Bordentown, NJ	609-259-2365
11-13	3W	York White Rose Wanderers	Gettysburg PA (Days Inn Gettysburg)	717-677-6511
12	S	York White Rose Wanderers	Gettysburg PA (YWCA if Gettysburg & Adams County)	717-309-6088
12	W	York White Rose Wanderers	Ortana PA (Adams County Winery)	717-677-6511
12	W	Seneca Valley Sugarloafers	Gaithersburg MD (Seneca Creek Park)	301-926-8580
15	W	Penninsula Pathfinders of Virginia	Newport News VA (Newport News Park)	757-890-9220
17	M	Penn Dutch Pacer Monthly Membership Meeting, Lancaster Health Campus - @ 7:00 PM		717-786-7118

December 2011

Date	Type	Sponsoring Club	Event Location	Contact Phone
3	W	Washington DC Area VM Club	Alexandria VA (Barrett Branch Library in Old Town)	703-765-3128
9-10	NW	Peninsula Pathfinders of Virginia	Williamsburg VA (Clarion Hotel)	757-766-3065
9-11	S	Peninsula Pathfinders of Virginia	Williamsburg VA (Clarion Hotel)	757-766-3065
10-11	W	Peninsula Pathfinders of Virginia	Williamsburg VA (Clarion Hotel)	757-766-3065
17	NW	Germanna Volkspport Association	Fredericksburg VA	540-455-0772
31	W	Gater Volksmarch Club	Smithfield VA (Smithfield Station Restaurant)	757-490-9324



2011 KSAVA 20/10 Special Walking Program

The Keystone State Volkssport Association is sponsoring a Special Walking program to encourage participation in walks produced by clubs within the state of Pennsylvania.

Pennsylvania residents who complete twenty (20) volkssport events in the Commonwealth in 2011 will receive the award (a 1 1/2" hat pin). Non-residents must complete ten (10) volkssport events. Cost is \$4 if the completed record book is turned in to the POC at any KSAVA meeting or at York White Rose Wanderers events. Check should be made payable to the "KSAVA".

Cost is \$5 if the completed record book is mailed to the POC. Record books must be completed and submitted before the January/February KSAVA meeting in 2012. For

more information contact Tom Jackson, 1287 Shippensburg Rd., Biglerville PA 17307 or call 717-677-6511 or 717-309-6088 or e-mail thomasjackson@embarqmail.com

Unlike other Special Walking programs where you register and send your money for the record book in advance, the book for the KSAVA 20/10 Walking Program to record your walks is available for FREE and you pay when you hand in the completed book. For your convenience we have made the record book for the KSAVA 20/10 Special Walking Program available on the Penn Dutch Pacer website at www.penn dutchpacers.org Choose Special Walking Programs from the main menu on the PDP homepage and then choose the link to the KSAVA 20/10 Walking Program. The record book is available as a PDF so you need Acrobat Reader on your computer (which is usually installed on your computer by default).

**2011 American Volkssport Association
17th Biennial Convention
June 18-26, 2011
Des Moines, Iowa**

Welcome to Iowa

Every two years the American Volkssport Association (AVA) holds a national convention. The 17th Biennial Convention is in Iowa this year from June 18-26, 2011. Walking events will start in western Iowa by crossing the Missouri River and end in eastern Iowa by crossing the Mississippi River. The convention hotel will be the Marriott Hotel in downtown Des Moines. The meetings and workshops will be held in the Polk County Convention Complex (Plex) accessible from the Marriott by walking a short distance in the skywalk system. **Des Moines** is the crossroads of the USA. Come from the north, south, east or west via I-35 or I-80 and you will meet in Des Moines. All the walk start points are just a short distance from one of these two interstates. **You are invited** to the land of Volkssporting as we 'Move together toward a Healthier America' sponsored



ventions have three half days of meetings which cover a myriad of topics concerning the association. The walks the days of the meetings start very early with end times usually before noon. If you are planning on going to the convention, please check the convention website for all the information. The website is available from a link on the AVA homepage at www.ava.org.

Also if you are a member of the Penn Dutch Pacers and you are planning to go to the convention, please let one of the officers know since we should have representation at the meetings, if possible. Usually if we don't have someone from the club attending the meeting to represent us we appoint a proxy to act on our behalf.

Thanks in advance to anyone who would like to represent the Penn Dutch Pacers at the National Convention.

**Atlantic Region Elects
New RD April 17th**

Dear fellow AVA member, the election of the next AVA Atlantic Region Regional Director will take place in Charlottesville, VA on Sunday, April 17. The AT (Atlantic Region) RD Nominating Committee (I) requests your help to identify qualified and interested candidates. Please take a few minutes to review the attachments to this email: cover letter, application form, and RD criteria sheet. Please share this with your members as you deem appropriate. Let me know of members of your club who would make a good AT RD or national officer. Provide contact information (email, phone) so I may talk with them soon about seeking office this year or perhaps in the future.

Look at your most active and knowledgeable members. I know it may be difficult to recommend a member who contributes a lot to your club, but these are exactly the people who can grow into a national position and can provide fresh ideas and energy to help grow volkssports. Encourage members who are qualified to consider becoming candidates for the sake of the region and AVA. When you talk with them, also share the application form and RD criteria sheet. If they are not sure, talk with them about their interest in serving on an AVA committee later this year; pass their names to the committee so I may forward a list to the new RD for consideration.

If they are interested in national office, send me their contact information so I may contact them and provide comparable AVA Bylaws information on national office duties.

I look forward to your help in finding outstanding candidates for AT RD for NEC XVII.

And I look forward to seeing your club represented at the election walk in April.

Bob Wright (chair), 43224 Cardston Pl, Leesburg, VA 20176
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Convention 2011 Walks

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| Sunday, June 18 | 1. Omaha/Council Bluffs |
| | 2. Loess Hills |
| Sunday, June 19 | 1. Whiterock Conservancy |
| Monday, June 20 | 1. Clear Lake |
| | 2. Mason City |
| Tuesday, June 21 | 1. Living History Farms |
| Wednesday, June 22 | 1. Winterset |
| Thursday, June 23 | 1. Ames |
| Friday, June 24 | 1. Des Moines |
| Saturday, June 25 | 1. Cedar Rapids |
| Sunday, June 26 | 1. Quad Cities |

by the Greater Des Moines Volkssport Association. Walk in select areas of the State of Iowa where you will meet and greet old friends and make new ones. **Your presence is requested** to participate in the first-ever American Volkssport Association Convention in the North Central Region in June 2011.

The convention is not only where people go to walk lots of walks but also where our national organization takes care of business. Most con-

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associated, and is approximately six miles south of the city of Lebanon.

A self-made man in the fuel-oil business, Clarence Schock, whose Sico Oil Company based in Mount Joy, PA is still in business, steadily bought up the tract that is now the park in bits and pieces; from Henry Koser in 1934, Farmers National Bank of Lititz in 1937 and finally Bethlehem Steel in 1940. It was a glorious nature preserve for him and his wife, Evetta. In 1953 he granted it to the Mount Joy School District to administer, with the idea of it being a nature reserve for the children of that district, and a publicly accessible park.

There are many things that set this park apart from other woodland areas, but what is truly unusual and possibly unique about Governor Dick is that its existence as a privately owned but publicly accessible park is guaranteed, with quite specific terms in the deed to the property; in essence Clarence Shock, the creator of the park, wished for the property to remain pristine forest for the enjoyment as such, forever. This is part of what makes the property so special; the sense, guaranteed by the deed, that despite the pell-mell madness of development roiling more wildly in the Lancaster and Lebanon areas than in most, this island of preservation will endure. . .

The woodlands of the Furnace Hills (the name of the series of ridges upon which Governor Dick sits, forming the southernmost hiccups locally of the Appalachian range) are not exactly first-growth forest; having all been cut and regrown often a number of times, certainly back in the heyday of the nearby iron furnaces and foundries. The very name 'Furnace Hills' should have been some sort of clue.

Originally the cut wood was burnt as is, but as technology progressed charcoal derived from the wood was determined a far more effective fuel for furnaces. The charcoal was actually made on site, up in the forests: A large circle of trees were felled, trimmed, cut up into manageable sizes and heaped in the center of the new clearing. Covered with an insulating layer of dirt then fired, the wood smoldered for a long period, weeks, until the wood had all been reduced to charcoal. This better and incidentally lighter and far easier to transport fuel was then heaved down the mountain and off to the nearby furnaces (such as the excellently preserved and visitable Cornwall Iron Furnace nearby). A practiced eye can still make out signs of such 'charcoal circles' in the forests to this day.

An early owner of the local forests was an English emigrant called Peter Grubb, who truly can be said to have instigated the iron tradition in the area, recognizing and exploiting the confluence of excellent iron-ore bearing rock in the mountains, free-flowing streams and a ready source of combustible fuel to hand. The Coleman family however were the true industrialists and those that profited most from the woodlands and the area as a whole; their marks are everywhere. Grubb sold out to the first Robert Coleman in the late 1700s.

Not unusual for the late 18th century the Colemans owned a number of slaves, one of whom was called Richard. Born it is estimated in 1760, very little is known for certain about him, but legends abound. Costing 110 Pounds (about the same as a small house) he was the last slave purchased for the Cornwall Iron Furnace; he was one among some 50 slaves owned by them between 1776 and 1785; by 1792 he was the last one left. Richard was renowned for his superior intelligence, character, and skill as a mason, being hard-working and well-liked by his

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fellow workers as well as his masters. He possibly worked in the furnace at least for a while, and also as a collier (charcoal maker) and in the wood shop.

Latterly his purview was charcoal production on a certain mountain on their estate; those with whom he worked nicknamed him 'Guv'nor' (still an English term of respect); hence 'Governor Dick' - the name stuck. He is reputed to have lived adjacent to a spring at the northern edge of the park; The spring, cased in masonry it is said of his own work, is still there (if dry from the present drought) as is a small pond which it feeds. Close to the spring is a signifying plaque, at a minor entrance to the park on Fourth St. on the outskirts of Gretna Heights.

He probably became an indentured servant when released from service from the Furnace in 1800 or so. Legends that have arisen about him are that he was a preacher, a yeoman in General Washington's staff, and that he was a 'reader' of natural signs. Whatever the ultimate truth, in the long run it seems old Dick did all right for himself; how many slaves got a mountain named after themselves?

So as you can see from the foregoing narrative our walk will be an exciting walk not only in mostly the wooded environs of both Mt. Gretna and Governor Dick but also a walk where there is a lot of interesting history. Please reserve either or both Saturday and Sunday May 14 and 15 to join us in one of the most interesting and pleasing environments that we have walked in in a while.

The majority of information for this article was obtained from both the www.mtgretna.com and the www.governordick.com websites where you can read more on these topics.

Food for the Next Walk

As you've heard many times before food sales are one of the things that help us continue financially and our next walk in Mt. Gretna affords a golden opportunity to offer those attending our walk a sumptuous selection of food stuff.



So the the call is going out, heat up those crock pots and those ovens and bring us your favorite recipes.

We do very well with things like chili, soup and barbeque. So those are just some ideas. Please make sure that any baked goods that you contribute are packaged as a single serving, i.e. if you contribute brownies please cut them and have each brownie wrapped individually. You get the idea, right?

We certainly welcome donations, but we are also more than willing to compensate you for your ingredients, just present us with an itemized list with a total cost and you will be reimbursed. Keep in mind that this is a two day walk and that we will need food for both days. We could also use some help from all those so inclined to help sell and serve food at the event. If you'd like to volunteer or have specific questions regarding food for this event Barb Weatherholtz has graciously consented to direct our food efforts at Mt. Gretna. She can be contacted at 717-625-3533.

So thanks in advance to anyone contributing to our sale of food in Mt. Gretna May 14th & 15th. We couldn't do it without you.

Lititz Followup

Two years in a row the weather 'gods' smiled on the Penn Dutch Pacers and all those who chose to join us to walk in Lititz on Sunday, November 28th. The trail-masters again pulled another great Lititz trail out of their hat and 145 folks enjoyed the trail as well as the weather which was in the mid-forties under mostly bright sunshine and blue skies. We again had the cooperation of the Turkey Hill on Newport Road to use their facility as a checkpoint and then provided a self-checkpoint at the Lititz library. And of course we are indebted to the folks at the Freeze and Frizz for allowing us to use space in their facility for our startpoint and for opening at

Lititz 2010	Award & Credit	Credit Only	Non-IVV	Totals
5K	1	16	8	25
10K	30	79	14	123
Totals	31	71	22	148

7:30 AM so that we would have access. We of course would like to thank everyone who volunteered in any way during the actual event and we also need to recognize and thank all those who worked for weeks in advance doing all the little things and often big things they do so that the walk comes off without a hitch. Thank You...Thank you...Thank YOU!!

Lancaster Followup

Saturday, January 8th we were back in Downtown Lancaster for the third year in a row with our gracious hosts at Isaac's Restaurant in the Fulton Bank complex. We originally started walking in downtown Lancaster to introduce the Penn Dutch Pacer sponsored Museum Walk America special walking program. The response was very positive so we just kept doing it. The two previous years we were provided with moderate Winter weather and the turn out was good for a one day walk. People like walking in Downtown Lancaster and were looking for a place to walk after the holidays. This year we had a new trail which included a brand new walking trail on the former Armstrong property that is now controlled by Franklin & Marshall. We had two indoor check points, an "A" award patch. The only difference this year was that Old Man Winter got his dander up and delivered some snow and some wind which cut participation to just 65 people. We had several communications from potential

Lancaster 2011	Award & Credit	Credit Only	Non-IVV	Totals
5K	0	1	5	6
10K	15	38	6	59
Totals	15	39	11	65

walkers asking whether the walk was still on and we indicated that it was. Certainly if conditions are such that either the trail or getting to the walk is dangerous we would consider canceling an event, but in the entire history of the Penn Dutch Pacers that has not happened. And if you talked to those people who walked on January 8th they would indicate that neither the roads to get to the walk nor the trail itself were anything that you wouldn't expect to find in the middle of Winter. In any case all things considered we had a successful event again due to the diligent efforts of all those wonderful volunteers that keep giving of their time to the benefit of the Penn Dutch Pacers and those that do our events. A sincere thank you everyone who in any way made this walk a success.

New KSVa Officers Starting January 1

Joan Lampart, President of KSVa (Keystone State Volkssport Association) announced that KSVa has a new Secretary and Treasurer who started their terms the beginning of the year.

Amy Trommer (avtrommer@aol.com) is KSVa's new secretary and Pat Eaby (patriciaeaby@verizon.net) is the new treasurer. Joan continues as President and Bob Gambert continues as the VP. Thanks to all those serving the Pennsylvania clubs by serving as a KSVa officer.

PENN DUTCH PACERS NEWSLETTER

The PDP Newsletter is published for the membership and friends of PDP and is produced 4 times a year with the intention of keeping everyone up-to-date with what is happening within the club and also within the world of Volksmarching. We encourage contributions from members and non-members alike. Our deadlines are November 1 for Dec/Jan/Feb edition, February 1 for the Mar/Apr/May edition, May 1 for the Jun/Jul/Aug edition and August 1 for the Sep/Oct/Nov edition. We prefer that articles for inclusion be submitted via e-mail either as a Word attachment or as native e-mail. We also accept articles typed or in long hand. All submissions will be included on a first-come first-included space available basis. Thanks in advance for your submissions.

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The folks listed below are the people that have stepped forward & give their time & talents to make PDP work for you. An encouraging word & a Thank You occasionally is a small price to pay for what they do.

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