



The *Easy Glider*

Kick 'n Gliders Nordic Ski Club

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Up-coming Events

November 17, 2021 - Social at DaVinci's Italian Eatery

NOTE: BYOB – Bring your own beverage to enjoy with your meal.

7:00 pm – Meet at DaVinci's Italian Eatery, 6617 Carlisle Pike, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050. 717-691-0111, www.davinciitalianeatery.com. Large casual dining menu offering savory pastas, succulent seafood, delicious salads, exciting antipasti, homemade sauces, breads, desserts and much more.

December 7, 2021 - Meeting at Centre Street Grille

7:00 pm – Business Meeting followed by video *Mountain Souls - A Documentary about Bob Webber*

Mountain Souls tells the story of Bob & Dottie Webber who lived in a log cabin without electricity or running water for over 50 years. Their simple and sacred lifestyle has inspired generations of family, friends, and colleagues. See additional details on page 7.

December 22, 2021 - Holiday Party at Stine's

7:00 pm – Bill and Sandy are delighted to again be able to host the annual Kick 'n Glider Holiday Party in their home in Landisville. Please join your fellow Kick 'n Gliders for this festive holiday gathering. It's a chance to meet new members, swap stories about past exploits on the ski trails, and plan for an exciting 2022 ski season.

PLEASE, fully COVID vaccinated Kick 'n Glider members only.

As usual, bring a dish to share with others and a beverage of your choice. Any problems or questions? Call 717-471-6326.

Directions to Holiday Party at Stine's

While Google Maps and your phone know where we live, our 1501 Bloomfield Way address in Landisville does not yet appear on many GPS navigation systems. (See below for an alternate address.)

Driving from the WEST on PA-283:

- Take the PA-722/Landisville exit, about 4 miles west of Lancaster
- Turn onto State Rd following the sign toward Landisville
- Go 0.6 mi to the second traffic light and turn RIGHT onto Harrisburg Pike
- Go 0.3 mi and take the first LEFT onto Bowman Rd
- Go 0.6 mi turn RIGHT onto Nissley Rd (sign for Landis Farm)
- Go 0.2 mi to a small traffic circle
- Our home is the corner property on the far left quadrant of the circle.

Driving from the EAST on PA-283:

- Take the PA-741 exit, about a mile west of Lancaster
- Turn LEFT (SOUTH) and follow the signs for PA-741
- Go 1.3 mi to the traffic light and turn RIGHT onto Harrisburg Pike
- Go 2.8 mi and take the first LEFT onto Bowman Rd
- Go 0.6 mi turn RIGHT onto Nissley Rd (sign for Landis Farm)
- Go 0.2 mi to a small traffic circle
- Our home is the corner property on the far left quadrant of the circle.

No Parking Signs: You can safely ignore the No Parking signs on our streets. Our police force has yet to enforce the signage.

GPS: If your navigation system doesn't know about 1501 Bloomfield Way, use 1361 Nissley Rd, Landisville, PA. (That's on the street running beside our corner lot.)

January 4, 2022 - Meeting at Centre Street Grille

7:00 pm – Business Meeting followed by *Sailor Dave Powell cruises aboard the "Nina"*

In 2009, Dave Powell, longtime Kick'n Glider member, served for 6 weeks as a volunteer crew member aboard the very accurate Columbus replica ship, the Nina. The Nina cruises every year on all navigable waterways, mostly in eastern North America, although she has visited the western waters as well. Come hear Dave tell of his adventure



Program Meetings - Directions

Program Meetings: Program Meetings are typically held at 7:00 pm on the first Tuesday of the month at Center Street Grille at 4 Center St, Enola, PA. Meetings are held upstairs. 717-732-6900.

NOTES:

- As of the beginning of September, 2021, the Center Street Grille has no COVID restrictions. We recommend that those attending the meeting follow CDC guidelines, wearing a mask regardless of vaccination status.
- Attendees interested in eating at the Grille prior to the meeting should gather at 5:30 for dinner.

Directions from PA-283 at Exit to I-283

1. Follow I-83 S toward Harrisburg
2. Take exit 42 toward Lemoyne onto Lowther St
3. Turn right onto S 3rd St
4. Turn right onto Market St
5. Take the 1st left onto S Front St / S Enola Rd
6. Turn left onto PA-944 W
7. Turn left onto PA-944 W / Wertzville Rd
8. Turn left onto Center St
9. Destination will be on the left

Directions from I-81 N at PA-581

1. Follow I-81 N (1.2 mi)
2. Exit 61 for PA-944 / Wertzville Rd (0.2 mi)
3. R onto PA-944 E / Wertzville Rd (2.1 mi)
4. R onto Center St. Destination on left. (135 ft)

Directions from I-83 and I-76, PA Turnpike

1. Follow I-83 N (1.8 mi)
2. Exit 41B for Lemoyne (0.5 mi)
3. L onto Lowther St (0.2 mi)
4. L onto S 3rd St (0.5 mi)
5. R onto Market St (0.4 mi)
6. L onto S Front St (2.0 mi)
7. Continue onto US-11 N / US-15 / 501 N (1.0 mi)
8. L onto Enola St (259 ft)
9. Slight L onto South St (0.1 mi)
10. R onto PA-944 W (0.4 mi)
11. L onto PA-944 W / Wertzville Rd (0.6 mi)
12. L onto Center St. Destination will be on the left. (135 ft)

Extended Trip Status

As of November 14, 2021, there are still some spaces available on a number of ski trips. Remember that all participants are subject to the club's Covid Policy (see September's Easy Glider for details.)

Craftsbury #1 –There is space for a single female and a single male on our New Year's holiday trip to northern Vermont. Craftsbury Outdoor Center requires all overnight guests to provide proof of vaccination.

Tailwater Lodge –We now have 19 participants, and leader Sandy Stine says there is still space. The skiing venues are wonderful and this area usually gets a lot of snow!

Boonville #1 - Headwaters Lodge -- We have 16 members signed up and many of us are also doing the nearby Pulaski @ Tailwaters lodge trip immediately preceding. A fun week and weekend is shaping up! Reminder that there are still rooms available and you have until December 10th or so to register. Your credit card won't be charged until you check out in Jan. so no advance deposit payment required. Contact trip leader Jesse Jepsen for latest details and group code.

P.S. Dustin at Osceola Ski & Sport (New) says he's put in 4 Km of additional trails across the road from lodge plus refined existing trails and intersections. Osceola Tug Hill XC (Old) website says they've updated the lodge and maintained trails.

North Conway –We added condos and divided this trip into two concurrent trips. The first trip has a few spaces available. If interested, contact Andrea Hospodar and send a deposit check to the club address.

Cazenovia –Space is still available on this trip to the quaint village in central New York.

Inlet, Rocky Point –There is room for a single female on this trip to the heart of the Adirondacks.



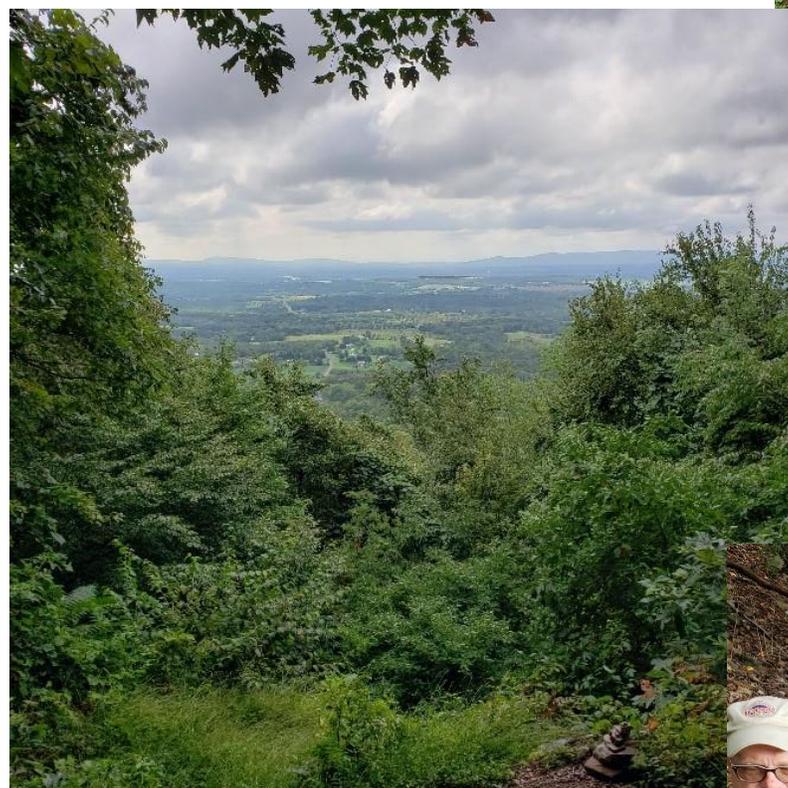
Reminder: Get Your Shots!

Past Event Reports

Darlington Trail Hike

On September 16, Dave Powell led a group of Kick 'n Gliders on a hike to the Cumberland Valley Overlook on the Appalachian Trail. Joining Dave were Cheryl Capitani, Rick Begley, Wayne Kirchgasser, Rick Close, Gary Musser, Diane Filkowski, Grace House, Andrea Hospodar and Nan Reisinger.

It was a beautiful morning, partly overcast and just right temperatures, no coats and gloves required. We began on the Darlington Trail and hiked to where it intersects the Appalachian Trail. Then we hiked south on the AT to



the overlook where we took a break and looked out over the valley. It was interesting that, with all the thousands of miles that Nan has hiked, she said she had never hiked this portion of the Darlington Trail.

After we left the overlook, some folks expressed an interest in using a privy. We bushwacked over to the Darlington Shelter where there is just such a facility. While there we chatted with a nineteen year old

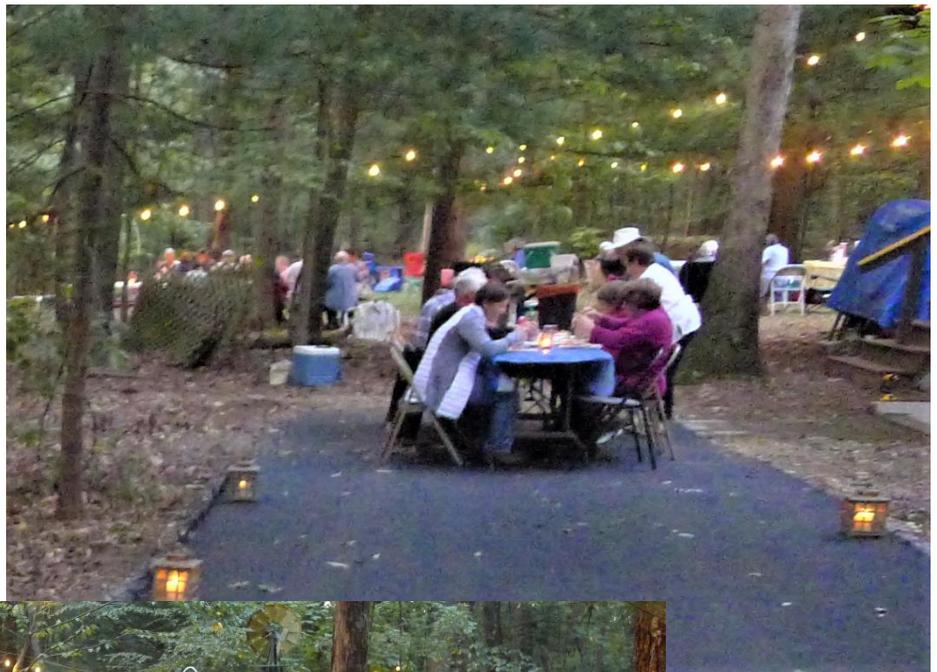
through-hiker from Montana who is hiking south to Georgia. We then proceeded back to the trailhead and our cars.

Seven of us then drove over to Sophia's at Walden (in Mechanicsburg) where we enjoyed a nice lunch. Overall, a good day with no falls or sprains.



Ox Roast

October 2 was a gorgeous day to be outside and have an Ox Roast! Dave and Nancy set up tables in their back yard for eating and serving. As usual, a wide variety of dishes was brought to share. The 31 members who attended enjoyed the wonderful weather in the woods of Perry County.



Free – NordicTrack Pro Model. Equipped with a computer, mat for under NordicTrack and full instructions booklet. Also, a holder for a book and water bottle! Excellent condition. Pick up in Mechanicsburg. Contact Lin Pomeroy at: lpomeroy@comcast.net

Mountain Souls - A Documentary about Bob Webber

The Video, *Mountain Souls*, tells the story of Bob & Dottie Webber who lived in a log cabin without electricity or running water for over 50 years. Their simple and sacred lifestyle has inspired generations of family, friends, and colleagues.

Bob was a close relative of Bernie Webber, legendary and beloved member of the Kick 'n Gliders. Bob & Dotty Weber's cabin was in the vicinity of the Black Forest Inn on PA-44 north of Haneyville, PA. Many of our members skied or hiked back to their cabin over the years to enjoy a cup of tea and listen to Bob's stories.

A career State Bureau of Forestry ranger, Bob was known to hikers as the man who blazed trails through some of Pennsylvania's most remote wilderness areas. Over the years, Bob cleared, marked and maintained a network of hiking trails in the Pine Creek area of Lycoming, Clinton and Tioga counties, ranging from the short, scenic 1.7-mile Bob Webber Trail to the challenging 42.4-mile Black Forest Trail.



Bernie Webber, Bob's relative, is second from left. Current Kick 'n Gliders Nancy Kauh and Rick Begley are at far right. This picture was taken on a ski-trip-turned-hike in the Black Forest.

Mountain Souls also provides a glimpse into the history and infrastructure of the Pine Creek area, including the famous trails and vistas enjoyed by generations of hikers and outdoorsmen.

Proceeds from sale of the documentary video will fund scholarships for young adults who are interested in forestry careers.

Bob Webber: A man and now a legend

By DAVID IRA KAGAN, Dec. 8, 2006, The Reading Eagle

PINE CREEK - Bob and Dotty Webber do the things most retired couples do.

They spend much of their time reading, gardening, and going to the local general store for the necessities of life.

Just like most retired couples - almost.

what sets them apart is apparent at first glance.

Since they married in 1961, the couple has been living like pioneers, in a rustic cabin without running water, electricity or a telephone.

To keep their kitchen warm during the frigid mountain winters, they burn firewood, which Bob cuts in the nearby woods and then splits and stacks in huge piles in their side yard.

A coal stove heats their living area. Two nearby springs provide them with all their water. A small, wooden outbuilding houses their refrigerator, "powered" by bags of ice.

The nearest community is tiny Haneyville, reached by two miles of dirt road followed by a 13-mile stretch of paved, but narrow, two-lane.

Yet, for all the hardships, Bob and Dotty webber believe they have been living the good life – a life filled with breath-taking sunsets, mountain vistas, and clean air.

And it's a life they are more than willing to share with folks from the outside; in fact, Bob has worked hard to encourage visitors to his world.



A Berks County native and now retired state Bureau of Forestry ranger, Bob has become known to hikers as the man who blazed trails through some of Pennsylvania's most remote wilderness areas. Over the years, Bob has lovingly cleared, marked and maintained a network of hiking trails in the Pine Creek area of Lycoming, Clinton and Tioga counties, ranging from the short, scenic 1.7-mile Bob webber Trail to the challenging 42.4-mile Black Forest Trail.

Seventy-one-year-old Bob webber was bitten by the environmentalist bug while a student at West Virginia Wesleyan College in Buckhannon, studying general courses in biology and chemistry. After one year, deciding against continuing college work, more interested in obtaining a job and living in the great outdoors, Bob moved to the remote Pine Creek area in 1956.

At first, he labored in the flagstone quarries and cut pulpwood in the woods for the paper mills. After a half year, a job opened up with the Bureau of Forestry, and Bob's half-a-century career in forestry began.

As a ranger, Bob spent many hours tramping through the woods of Tioga and Tiadaghton State Forests, developing a love of the mountains, especially the beautiful mountaintop vistas. Recognizing the lack of trails in the Pine Creek valley area for hikers to enjoy, Bob devoted himself to the task of building them, a true labor of love through the years.

Bob laid out his first – and longest – path, the 42.4-mile Black Forest Trail, in 1970, with the help of fellow forester, John Eastlake. With his favorite woodman's Pal machete, he cut back laurel and other brush; and with a two-headed axe, a pick and a rake, he dug and smoothed out switchbacks up-and-down the mountainsides.

While Bob labored in the forest, Dotty tended their cabin.

Asked what she has enjoyed about her life in the deep woods the past 45 years, she emphatically exclaimed, "Everything! I like cooking, tending the stoves, cleaning the kerosene lamp chimneys every day, and feeding and caring for my cats. The only thing I like about modern civilization is paper towels!"

At home together, Dotty and Bob have been avid readers.

Bob, perhaps not surprisingly, enjoys books on travel and American history, while Dotty loves American poetry.



Of her reading habit, Bob said, "She's read so many books that she says it's a wonder she has eyes!"

After finishing the Black Forest Trail, Bob, with the help of youth camp crews, blazed the 9.1-mile Golden Eagle Trail in the mid-1970s. He speaks proudly of the vista he cleared on this trail overlooking the remote 19th-century lumbering area called Beulah Land. From the late 1970s through the 1990s, Bob lovingly laid out and cleared over 25 more miles of hiking and skiing trails in the Pine Creek area.

Bob and Dotty are living testaments to the health benefits provided by a "Natural life."

According to Bob, “we don’t get sick much – just occasional colds, for which we take two aspirins at the first sign. And right now we don’t feel too different from when we were younger!”

When asked if age (both are over 70 now) or fears about their remoteness in case of an emergency are concerns, Bob answered, “No, the nearest phone is only four miles away at the Black Forest Fire Company, and we own a Jeep Wrangler.”

At home, he and Dotty are stewards of their cabin lands.

They plant a yearly garden, in which they grow tomatoes, potatoes and string beans (their three favorites) and other vegetables. A well-manicured vista only a few yards north of their neatly maintained, three-room cabin offers them inspirational views of the ridges, the clouds, the glorious sunsets, the stars and sometimes, a brilliant display of the Northern Lights.

Their cabin clearly welcomes all visitors-with its “welcome” sign above the front door, the hanging flowerpot, the flowers on the windowsill, the wind chime and the small American flag waving from the eaves.

Bob and Dotty enjoy sharing their lives and love of Nature, and, according to Bob, they get “quite a lot of company.”

Bob, a great storyteller who also looks the part in his overalls and his signature greenish-brown woodsman’s cap, will sit at their small kitchen table by the wood stove and gladly relate, with great expressiveness, the story of “No-Nose,” the large black bear that “visited” their cabin one winter night.

Bob’s contagious laugh and merry eyes alone are enough to entertain.



Dotty, clearly comfortable in her blue jeans and moccasins, with her white hair pinned up in a bun, is less talkative, content to play the role of prodder – “Tell them about . . .”

She enjoys watching the effects of Bob’s tales on his listeners, and only occasionally offers up a “correction” during his narratives. And she’ll offer visitors a cup of green (her favorite) or black tea while they sit entranced listening to Bob.

As fall wears on and winter approaches in the eternal cycle of Nature, Bob and Dotty Webber once again are happily preparing for the welcomed challenge of gathering wood, stocking up on supplies, checking their snowshoes and skis, and making sure their cabin will hold up under the intense pressures of snow, wind and cold.

An old friend, Earle Layser, now a photo journalist living in Wyoming, has said of the Webbers, “Bob and Dotty have demonstrated that a rich and meaningful life is not necessarily dependent on contemporary society’s measures of a ‘good life.’ The latter relies on consumerism, materialism and technology, while Bob and Dotty nonjudgmentally find their richness and meaning in the timelessness of the outdoors and living close to Nature.”





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