



Portage County IAT Chapter

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Calendar:

Next Chapter Meeting: Jan. 17, 2012, 5:30 p.m. Room 3, courthouse annex off Arlington

Annual Chapter Meeting: March 13, 2012

Feb. 4, 2012: Winter Hike, Portage County chapter. Meet to car pool at 9:45 a.m. in Stevens Point at Hwy 10 and Brilowski Rd. behind Applebee's or 10:30 a.m. at CTY "Z", 2 miles east of CTY "A". Contact person: Howard Harrington, 715-544-0127.

Feb. 4, 2012 Winter Rendezvous, Mobile skills at CWES (see state website)

April 26-29, 2012, Annual Membership meeting at Kera Sports and Events Center in Middleton, WI (see state website)

June 21-24, 2012, Mobile Skills in Portage County (Lanark Township) new part of Hartman Creek State Park. Camping is in the park at HQ. Volunteer to work all 4 days or a day. Let's have a good turnout from our Portage Co. Chapter.

Lora Hagen is a terrific helper with the electronic mailing of this newsletter.

- 1) 2011 Hike Report is included with this newsletter.
- 2) Thousand-Milers Recognition from Portage County IATA Chapter

On November 13, 2011 Ruth Sommers completed the whole IAT. We're happy she is getting publicity from the *Buyers Guide*, *Stevens Point Journal*, and the *Portage County Gazette*. Our chapter has other long-distance hikers besides Sommers; others include Jean Klein, Mary Jacobson, Sharon Redman, Kris Clark Rued, Diane Genz, and Jason Francis.

3) There were four regional IATA meetings last Fall. Joseph Paul and Bob/Sally Freckmann went to the October 29 meeting in Baraboo. Ruth Sommers went to the November 5 regional meeting in Merrill. New booklets, planning, and spraying techniques along the IAT were a few items discussed.

4) Other items: Marty will do the first chapter mailing this year and the county parks will pay for this mailing; it could be the last mailing from the county parks according to Wacker.

Wacker added a few tools to our tool list. Tammy Hunter stated that they have one trailer, and the other trailer is at Kleins'. We'll have another updated tool list for our chapter at our next meeting. Wacker suggested we should check into getting permission from Jordan Park to store our IAT tools. Are there any other places we can store our tools?

5) 2011 door prize winners from our Central Wisconsin booths: Prairie Chicken Festival (Ron Harris-WI Rapids); Rock and Gem Show (Doug Henderson-St. Pt.); Cultural Fair (Sabrina Rosenow-Wausau); June Dairy Days (Doug Lang-Plover); Energy Fair- (Judy Anderson-St. Pt.); Amherst Fair (Judy Ludeman-Amherst Jct.); Rosholt Fair (Carol Bergeon-St. Pt.)

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Which booth events should our chapter participate in 2012?

6) Awards

Thirty Years of Service: Marty Wacker, Loretta Klingenberg, Bob and Sally Freckmann have been active in our chapter since 1982.

We need to submit our annual award recipients to the IATA by the end of January. Which one should we submit this year in 2012? Below we have a few synopsis of a few newer members, do you have others you want to submit or do you want one of these members?

At our EX. BD. Meeting, on Nov. 29 we had 11 members; these members have descriptions of other awards they could nominate or write a description for the award. See also the state website.

Potential Members for the Mud Awards for 2011 presented in 2012:

1) Loretta Klingenberg or (Loretta and Dean Klingenberg)

Loretta has been with our Portage County Chapter from its beginning in 1982. Klingenberg designed our first chapter brochure and our first bicycle brochures with landforms; she also put together the last bicycle brochure. She and her husband Dean volunteered to lead a bicycle tour on the bicycle route as part of the Helen Brachmann society. Klingenberg worked with Clarence Milfred and Sally Freckmann organizing the landforms of Eastern Portage County. Klingenberg is an excellent artist and great with the computer. She also kept an eye on the Fortune property that was added to Hartman Creek State Park a few years ago.

2) Ruth Sommers

Ruth joined our P.C. Chapter in 2005, and has been active promoting the IATA by distributing brochures and working at Chapter IAT booths in Central Wisconsin. Sommers has chaired the Portage County Hike-a-thon two years. She has worked with maintenance until her back began to bother her. Sommers has finished hiking the whole IAT on November 13, 2011. Sommers often attends the regional meetings and annual state meetings; she also likes to make displays.

3) Joseph and Lil Paul

They have been members of our chapter since 2001. Lil and often Joseph have volunteered to work at the Central Wisconsin booths and have served as IAT Hike monitors for the last two years. Joseph found another niche in the IAT with maintenance in the Murry Creek area. This past year he has made 3 beautiful signs in the Emmons Creek and Murry Creek area; his signs have been call awesome by one our chapter's members.

4) Gary Weier and Tammy Hunter

They have been members of our chapter since 2004. They do whatever they can to help with maintenance. Gary has brought some of his students out for a community activity on the IAT.

Tammy has served at some of our Central Wisconsin booths, chaired the Portage County Hike-a-thon last year; she also brought many cookies to some of these events. They train others using the power mower. Gary also encourages his students to participate in our hike a thon for extra credit. They are active in other trails and events too.

Agenda: VIP hours are due; financial, membership; blaze color for loops; bylaw changes, landowner meetings; booths to attend in 2012; Mobile Skills work schedule; IAT end at Sunset Lake to New Hope Pines; Repair bulletin boards; annual state membership meeting; awards, Cache, tool inventory, field trips for 2012.

Hike Report 2011

It was a beautiful day on Hike Day, October 1, 2011. We had 119 hikers including those who paid their registration fee plus ten hikers to whom Bob Ellingson offered apples and water. These ten started from CTY "Z" and did not have registration numbers. Ellingson also told us twenty-two hikers hiked the entire twelve miles of the IAT.

Marty Wacker did the brochures, flyers, and posters for this Hike again. He printed 1350 brochures and 100 posters and had a cost of \$98.00 plus a \$30.00 cost for Copy Center for set up charges. Ruth Sommers distributed brochures to 50-70 locations and also contacted the radio stations. Sally Freckmann obtained door prizes, food, and updated monitor station materials, pledges, registration gifts, and volunteer gifts, items for Hike Day while Debbie Krogwold obtained some crackers, cookies, and beverages, and Butch Siegel obtained six Waupaca door prizes. George Rogers took care of the publicity for the Hike.



Joann Carlton and Tammy Hunter getting snacks ready



Sue Eiler and Lora Hagen at registration

Even though the youngsters below 10 years were down this year, Miles Buckmaster (7) Plover was the youngest and the oldest was Paul J. Sisket (66) Appleton while Bob Freckmann (72) declined the oldest prize. We were happy to see our traditional hikers again this year: Bob and Patti Leiskau, Darrel Ruechel, Debbie Krogwold, Butch Siegel, Karsten Crouse, Virginia Freiere, Bonnie Rohlinger, Gary Weier and his family, Bob and Sally Freckmann, Bob and Jen Glejf, Steve Moericke, Fran McKinney and Pat Sullivan. Three groups attended the HIKE: BSA Troop 631 (Iola-Scandinavia) (12); Elmhurst, ILL hikers (7); and Gary Weiers class (21) (Waupaca). Bob Glejf and his daughter Jen attended 23 of our 25 hikes and even donated \$250.00. Since this was our 25th annual Hike-a-thon, Colleen Andrews designed a 2012 calendar for the hikers.

Volunteers for Hike 2011 besides, Wacker, Sommers, Rogers for Portage County included Sally Freckmann, Betty Trainer, Lora Hagen, Gary Weier and Tammy Hunter, Marjorie Krogwold, Lil and Joseph Paul, Mark Huglen, Bob and Bev Ellingson, and Joann Cantlon; for Waupaca County, we had Debbie Krogwold, Patti Leiskow, Betch Siegel, and Sue Eiler.

We thank all our donors who made this HIKE extra special; the donors were listed on our bulletin board. Our hikers came from the following municipalities: Plover, Wausau, Stevens Point, Grand Chute, Waupaca, Weyawega, Amherst, Ogdensburg, Appleton, Sherwood, Sheboygan, Almond, Iola, Menasha, Fremont, Janesville, Scandinavia, and Rosholt, and Elmhurst and Elburn, ILL.

We had two hikers who donated \$50.00 or more, \$250.00 and one top pledge "go getter" from Appleton raising \$670.00. We hope to see you the first Saturday of October in 2012.



Bob Ellingson at Cty Hwy Z Station



Lil and Joseph Paul



Hikers on the trail



Marge Krogwold and Gary Weier at Cty Hwy T station



Gary Weier at Cty Hwy T station



Mark Huglen at Krogwold Road segment