

May Day

Whew - that month went by fast, didn't it? Perhaps it's because all the days of rain just seemed to blend together. Or, because we have been so busy getting back outside now that it's warmer and getting to the real "meat" of the MOC events!

Just a sampling of the many events that the MOC held in May...

May 3rd's Old Rag Mountain Hike

Organizer: Scott Clark

In Early May, 16 participants headed south of the border for a strenuous hike on Old Rag Mountain in the Blue Ridge Mountains. The hikers covered 8 miles over about 6 hours, with an elevation change of 2200 feet (that's about 220 stories of a building). The most difficult, but fun part of the adventure, was the "scrambling" of rocks for about an hour and a half, after reaching the series of peaks at the top of the mountain.

Because the MOC gets a lot of requests for this hike, we are always looking for hiking leaders familiar with this mountain.

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May 11th Mother's Day Hike

Organizer: Amy Pickwick

On Mother's Day, 14 MOC members drove south to Calvert Cliffs State Park (about an hour south of Annapolis on the western side of the Bay). We hung out at the eroding beach & cliffs for a couple of hours, sifting through the sand looking for fossils and ancient shark's teeth. We covered about 3.6 miles in total during this easy walk in the woods.

May 26th Memorial Day Picnic

Organizer: Amy Pickwick

Since most of us had off work on Memorial Day - why not use it to our advantage? We met up in Great Falls National Park in Virginia (just across the Maryland border) for a potluck picnic and games, like bocce ball & football toss. Several of our 19 participants headed over to view the falls at least once during the day. The event went on for nearly 8 hours as we sat around talking towards the end of the day.

Always remember you can view event write ups and photos from our events online in our Event Archive! And, if you are ever interested in organizing an event, please let us know!

News You Can Use

Raffle Tickets

MOC raffle tickets are available for purchase at all current events. You'll find them on our Treasurer and other members selling them, until the supply runs out. Just approach an officer to find out where you can get yours. They are \$2 each, with profits going towards the club's ongoing administrative costs. The first prize is \$250, second is \$50, and third is an MOC T-shirt. Winners will be randomly selected at a future Social Hour drawing.

Interested in selling raffle tickets to your friends, family, and coworkers? Contact our Treasurer, Mark Zawodny for more information:
mzawodny@marylandoutdoorclub.org

Dog Photo Contest Winner

The results are in. Your votes put Rebecca Schubert's "Birthday Dog" photo in the lead. Rebecca will win a brand new copy of "The Dog Lover's Companion to Washington D.C. & Baltimore: The Inside Scoop on Where to Take Your Dog" book, by Ann & Don Oldenburg. Congratulations to Rebecca and MANY thanks to those of you that sent in your dog photos and participated in the voting!

June's Sunday Cinema Announced

You voted, and the results are in - the June Sunday Cinema movie is "The Italian Job." Don't miss our dinner & movie event on June 15th in Hanover, MD. This event follows our Father's Day Hike in Susquehanna State Park that morning. You have until June 12th to register for both.

Not seeing enough events that interest you, meet your needs, or are in your geographic area?

Why not go ahead and organize your own event? It's really pretty easy - we just ask that you gather as much information as you can and let us know about the event at least 60 days in advance, to allow enough time for people to register.

For instance, if you've ever wanted to learn about canoeing (or other outdoor adventure sport), you could find a reputable outfitter and schedule an event with them. Because the bottom line is that you probably are not the only one in the club wanting to learn more about that sport.

Or, if you live in a decent place, or have a nice yard, why not throw a social event at your house - a wine night, BBQ, pool party, or more?

Questions? events@marylandoutdoorclub.org



Saturday, May 3rd, some MOC Old Rag Mountain hikers pose in front of scenic backdrop. Sunday, May 11th, MOC Calvert Cliffs hikers pose in front of some of the more distant cliffs. Monday, May 26th, MOC members Matt Wolfe and Keira Wickliffe take a break from the Memorial Day Picnic food to smile for the camera.

Upcoming Events

Sun, June 1 @ 12 PM
North Beach Day Trip in MD

Fri-Sun, June 6-8
Weekend Camping in Flintstone,
MD (Green Ridge State Forest)

Tue, June 10 @ 7:15 PM
Social Hour
Rocky Run Tap & Grill
Columbia, MD



Wed, June 11 @ 7 PM
Free Clinic on Local Hikes in
College Park, MD (REI)

Sat, June 14 @ 9 PM
Night Out to the Pickled Parrot in
Baltimore, MD (Canton)

Sun, June 15 @ 11:30 AM
Easy Hike on Father's Day in
Jarrettsville, MD (Susquehanna
State Park)

Sun, June 15 @ 5 PM
Sunday Cinemas (Movie Selected
by Member Vote: The Italian Job) &
Dinner at Chevy's Fresh Mex

Wed, June 18 @ 7 PM
Free Clinic on Hiking/Backpacking
Supplies in Timonium, MD (REI)

Sat, June 21 @ 9:30 AM
Chesapeake Bay Day-Long Cruise
from Annapolis to St. Michael's and
back to Annapolis

Sun, June 22 @ 10 AM
Difficult Loop Day Hike in Potomac,
MD (Billy Goat Trail/C&O Canal)

Thu, June 26 @ 7:05 PM
Bowie Baysox vs. New Haven
Ravens Minor League Baseball

Sat, June 28 @ 1 PM
Kayak in Kingsville, MD (Gunpow-
der Falls State Park)

For more info on upcoming events,
please visit the "Events" tab on our
web site.

Learn About a Park

Learn about a National State Park in
Maryland:

This Month: **Thomas Stone Na-
tional Historic Site**



The story of Thomas Stone is not just the story of man who signed the Declaration of Independence. It is about a peace loving man, who only after realizing he had no further options for peace, pledged his life, fortune, and sacred honor toward the vision of an independent America. It is about a devoted family man who took in six other family members upon the death of his father, and when his wife became gravely ill, put his national aspirations on hold to spend more time with her and their children. Finally it is a story of love, a love of the land and the area that held a family here for 165 years, having generations grow up, work the land, and then choosing to spend their eternity buried in its welcoming grasp. When you visit Thomas Stone National Historic Site, you are truly taking a step back in time. Whether it is the restored manor house, or the collection of 19th century outbuildings, or just the quiet and solitude, there is something for everyone here. Come spend some time here and learn of this hidden jewel in the national park system.

Organize an Event

It's simple, fun to do, and gives you great leadership experience that you can use on your resume. If it sounds like something for you, please let us know.

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Equipment Rentals



It may have taken a year,
but now our Equipment
Rentals program is finally
up and running and ready
for you to rent. All MOC

members have access (as part of their membership) to rent club-owned equipment when it is not in use for a club event. So, if you ever feel like going camping on your own, you can check and see if our equipment is available for rental when you need it and for just a couple of dollars, you can take it with you - rather than buy your own expensive gear that you don't plan on using all that often.

This is just another way that we make sure that you get your money's worth with your free club membership. ;)

Right now, most of the rental equipment is car camping and cooking related, but soon we hope that member donations of outdated, but usable equipment will help our list grow to include tents, sleeping bags, backpacks, bikes, and more.

Familiarize yourself with the procedures to rent and review the item rental fees here:

www.marylandoutdoorclub.org/extras/equiprent.asp

Also note, we are seeking a Safety & Equipment Rental Coordinator to start immediately. If *you* have a wide knowledgebase when it comes to outdoor adventure equipment, this position would be for you. (We need someone that can explain how to use the rented equipment and coordinates the outfitting of our event organizers with first aid kits, two-way radios, and other equipment for their events). This position will also require regular event attendance and someone located in central Maryland, to be able to coordinate the furnishment of rentals to people with reservations. If interested, please e-mail Amy Pickwick:
apickwick@marylandoutdoorclub.org

May Birthdays!

Some of our members are turning another year older! The MOC wishes them all a happy and safe birthday!

- 1 - Sylvia Martinez, Katie Corbett, Selen Muratoglu
- 2 - Melissa Landon, Caren Jones
- 3 - Gina McGovern, Dawn Thomas
- 5 - Lisa Troshinsky, Jeffrey Staggs
- 6 - Lisa Richard
- 7 - Frank Romero
- 9 - Kimberly Briggman
- 10 - Kyle Johnson, Don Haynes
- 11 - Bill Steele
- 13 - Catherine Sumner, Jessica Medeiros, Sean McCrossin
- 16 - Brian Loughery
- 17 - Chris Hanley
- 18 - Carolyn Steptoe
- 22 - Samara Pottier
- 23 - Yewah Lau, Carmen Livingston, Raj Ananthkrishnan
- 24 - Christian Tipton, Nicole Lee, Sarah Pelzman, John Lee
- 25 - Dana Sacoman
- 26 - Mahtab Moayeri
- 28 - Skip Daly, Seth Kelly
- 29 - Benjamin Lee
- 30 - Dawn Franklin, Christine Bowles

Father's Day is in June

Instead of getting your father the same old stuff for Father's Day this year, you should bring him along for a easy hike at Susquehanna State Park in Jarrettsville, MD, on June 15th. This easy 4.5 mile walk is perfect for just about anyone. Pair that with expansive views of the River, old farm ruins, bald eagles, and show off your new friends/club - and you've got a great low-cost gift for your dad on Father's Day.

Tip of the Month

This month, take a moment to log into the online Member Area and update your profile! Many of you have outdated information in yours.

Pay particular attention to your phone numbers. Many of you have your work number listed as your primary phone number for the club. The problem this presents is that your "primary" phone number is the only number for you on event attendance lists. And, should we need to call you the day of an event to reschedule, cancel, or confirm, we have no way to reach you. Your primary phone number should be the main number the club's event organizers can reach you at in the hours leading up to an event. And, remember, if you don't want others to see your phone number, you can turn the "view" of your information to "off" by changing your preferences in the online Member Area.

So, don't get left out from important event changes - update your info!

Monthly Statistics

As of June 1st:

- 510 - Total Members To Date
- 98 - May New Members
- 61% - Female Members
- 39% - Male Members
- 31.2 - Average Member Age

Ads & Classifieds

Advertise in the Monthly Explorer
Does your business want to advertise in the Monthly Explorer? Reach hundreds of potential customers each month with a free ad - in exchange for bartered items/goods. Contact us for details.

explorer@marylandoutdoorclub.org

Place a Monthly Explorer Classified
Classifieds can only be placed by MOC members. With classified space you can sell single item goods (depreciated merchandise) or place notices. Classifieds are \$5.00 per 25 words or less. The MOC has the right to refuse or edit any classified. Send your classified, and amount due to Maryland Outdoor Club, ATTN: Monthly Explorer Publication, P.O. Box 854, College Park, MD 20741.

Deadline: the 15th of each month for the following month's issue.

Monthly Explorer

Submit reviews of events, articles, tips, etc. to the Newsletter Editor 30 days in advance of the next issue release (1st of each month). We'll review your work, and ad it to the newsletter if we feel it appropriate. You'll be given credit for the work although it becomes property of the club.

Write for the Monthly Explorer on an ongoing basis. Contact us for details.
explorer@marylandoutdoorclub.org

Get the Monthly Explorer Delivered

The MOC hands out a limited number of Monthly Explorer publications at our monthly Social Hour events, as well as posts an electronic copy to our web site. However, if you prefer to receive our publication by mail, please fill out the following form, cut it out, and return it to Maryland Outdoor Club, ATTN: Monthly Explorer Publication, P.O. Box 854, College Park, MD 20741 with \$6.00 (Payable to "Maryland Outdoor Club") to cover S&H for a year.

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Officers

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Positions Open:

Vice President

Event Coordinator

Social Coordinator

Advertising & Promotions Coordinator

Safety & Equipment Rental Coordinator

Legal Coordinator

Preservation Coordinator

Newsletter Editor

Historian & Secretary

Interested in a position? Please contact Amy by e-mail or come to Social Hour and talk with Amy directly. The duties are defined and we can show you what responsibilities you'll take on by becoming an officer. It's fun and is great on your resume!

Join the MOC

The Maryland Outdoor Club conducts all administrative tasks through our web site to cut down on processing time & costs. If you are interested in signing up for membership, you need to go to marylandoutdoorclub.org and click on any of the "Join Now" buttons you'll find throughout the site. Signing up is a relatively short process and will save you time later on when you sign up for events and don't need to re-enter all of your information.

The MOC does not sell or share your personal information with any third-party.

MEMBERSHIP IS FREE!!!

Save a Tree

If you are done with this issue, please consider throwing it in your paper recycle bin instead of into a trash can.

Contact Newsletter Editor

We are looking for a Newsletter Editor! Do you have Adobe PageMaker experience/software, editorial and writing experience, organizational skills, meet deadlines, and are looking for something fun and creative to do in your spare time? Please contact Amy if interested!

Until the position is filled, I'll continue to try my best...

All comments, questions, and suggestions are welcome.

-Amy Pickwick
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