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Beautiful PA Native Wildflower Garden dedication ceremony at Moraine State Park. Project Supervisor Carol Bickel, Girl Scout Gold Award recipient Jendi and Park Manager Dan Bickel participated.

## BOC Extravaganza Report

Outdoor Extravaganza May 25-28, had it's 16th year of activities at Breakneck Campground. As usual, we had a variety of workshops, tours, excursions and outdoor activities each day. The food was excellent as usual, provided by Breakneck Campground. Many camped but some just came in and out for the days they signed up. But all and all, we probably had around 200 people throughout the weekend....some from near and some from far. Glenn Oster came from Florida and has not missed one. *continued*

## BOC Extravaganza Report *continued*

Friday evening we had a Weiner Roast Picnic with entertainment around the campfire with Jim Sorenson's songs and guitar. Paul Henry joined him on a few songs. Many people had requests and fun singing along.

Saturday night we had our traditional Pig Roast with entertainment by Jerome Wincek and The Old Hats. They are a young energized group playing their own unique style of Appalachian music. Later, Bill Weiner, one of the "Monongahela Shieks" and first president of the Blues Society of Pittsburgh, played old time blues and rags around the campfire that we never heard before. It was interesting and fun.

Sunday, we had a nice delight with the Front Porch Folk trio playing during our dinner. They usually play homemade instruments as well as ones very unique and different. Judith Berge even joined in with a few songs with the Canjo she made earlier in the day at their Canjo Workshop. What a great job she did following along! After the dinner entertainment, our Happy Harry Schneider presented an interesting program on hummingbirds.

Thanks to the Cheesemans for wonderful food. Thanks to Pat Vilsack, Paul Henry, Russ Tague, Paul Egbert of Wind and Water Boatworks, and Dave McQuaid of Keystone Sojourns, for providing trailers and boats for the water events. Mike Dailey hauled equipment and supplies in his trailer back and forth. There is still a big thank you to other volunteers for set up, clean up, leading activities, co-leading, instructing a workshop, and helping at registration booth: Janice & Stephen Smith, John & Alice Stehle, Dave & Jean Adams, Carol & Steve Bickel, Patty & Steve Brunner, Dan Ochs, Helen Coyne, Fred Schwartz, Mike Ciccone, Jan Berg, Dave Galbreath, Mark Pozzuto, Linda X., Pat & Dale Vilsack, Steve Turner, Ben Brugmans, Jack Rearick, Russ Tague & Vickie Gotaskie, Jerry Hoffman, Ed Scurry, Jim Nocera, Dorothy Weisburg, John & Kate Powell, Dewaine Beard, Jeff Rapp, Holly Berlin, Sandy Devonshire, Linda Henderson, Cathy Bartlett, John Bartlett, Dana & Scott Workman, Bill Dietrich, Natalie Price, and Paula Miller.

Other thanks go to John Bridges for providing Sailing with the Moraine Sailing Club, Pleasant Valley Stables for providing horseback riding, Nathan from Excursion Outfitters for providing rock climbing, Natalie Simon for activities at McConnells Mill State Park and Moraine State Park, and Piazza Joes for the yummy pizzas.

I also want to thank Charlie Brown, and Judy Polczynski to bring the rafts to the campground...all in time for the Saturday Raft Float Trip. I know I say this every year that Paul puts up lot with me for months before the Extravaganza, but there's more to Paul than that. I can't say it enough. Paul Henry does so much in the background of the planning, as well as advice, setting up, taking down, putting away, and in helping me to be able to pull it off. I could not do it all without his support. His experience and expertise for helping water leaders and getting all those water trips out each day is amazing. I can't thank you enough Paul, but I hope sincere bragging in this article shows my appreciation.

And the Outdoor Extravaganza would never happen without all you wonderful volunteers!!!! Yeah!!!! (And to anyone I forgot to mention, because each and every one of you are an important part of this event.)

Report by Joyce Appel

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Jul 14 BOC Bike Ride - Mon River Trail 30 – 40 miles of easy riding - Pricketts Fort State Park, WV. 26554 Meet 10:00am at trailhead. Directions: (2hr drive from Harmony) I79 South to exit 139 (north of Fairmont) .4 mile on Bunner Ridge Rd; Left on Co Rd 73; 500ft Right on Ft Pricketts Fort Rd ; .2mile to park. Trailhead is left of historical structures.

Jul 28 July 28, 2012: Hike 10+ miles of abandoned Pa Turnpike. Meet at 11:00 AM at the Route 30 trail head which is about 1 mile east of the exit 161 (Breezewood) interchange. We'll hike thru 2 abandoned tunnels (Rays Hill: .6+ miles and Sideling Hill: 1.5+ miles), past the site of a service plaza, see abandoned rail road structures (constructed in the 1880's but never used), and the remains of a German POW camp. The abandoned turnpike is paved and the tunnels are 55F and breezy. Bring lights and warmer clothes for the tunnels. There are a number of local motels and camp grounds if you choose to spend the night. Optional after hike dinner at the Bedford Springs Resort (summer White House 1856-1860) (hiking attire is acceptable). Contact Stephen Smith at belsmith@embarqmail.com if interested.

## Other Area Outdoor Events

**These events are listed for public information and are not sponsored nor endorsed by the Butler Outdoor Club. We assume no liability for anything that happens if you participate in these activities.**

Jul 1 Moraine State Park Dog Hike Sunday, July 1, 2012 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Bring your canine friends out to Moraine State Park for some exercise and a swim to cool down afterward. Join the park naturalist at the Pleasant Valley Picnic Area on the South Shore of Moraine for a moderate two-mile hike followed by a doggie swim in beautiful Lake Arthur. We will review some tips for helping out your pet if they encounter some animal troubles while out for a hike. Only friendly and vaccinated dogs please! Pets must be on a leash at all times.

Jul 7 Hell's Hollow Industrial History Hike Saturday, July 7 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Join the park naturalist for a leisurely paced walk along a lovely trail in McConnells Mill State Park. Along the way, learn about the iron smelting, charcoal making, and lime processing that took place in this seemingly untouched valley. The path through Hell's Hollow, despite the name, is easy hiking, with lots to see along the 1/2-mile path. Meet at the Hell's Hollow parking lot, (no facilities), at 1:00 PM and allow for a 15-minute drive if coming from the old mill

Jul 7 Join our friends in the Clarion NCTA Chapter for a hike on July 7: The Clarion Chapter of the North Country Trail Association in conjunction with the Clarion County Trails Association will be having it's monthly hike for July on Saturday, July 7, 2012 at 10 AM. We will be meeting at the Foxburg Winery at 10 AM. Two hikes will be available at the same time. The main hike will encompass a section of the North Country National Scenic Trail and a hike through the RiverStone Estate's 1,200 acre property. This hike will be approximately 7 miles. An alternate hike will be available that will follow the North Country National Scenic Trail / Allegheny River Trail from Foxburg to Parker and back. This is a hike along the

	Allegheny River and is very easy. Both hikes will return to the Foxburg Winery. At the winery, the Clarion County Trails Association will be holding a cookout for any hungry participants. Fresh cooked food will be available for a donation. If interested in attending, please contact Devin Callihan at (814) 319-5058 or cla@northcountrytrail.org.
Jul 9	Moraine State Park Free Kayak Programs July 9 6-8 p.m. Evening Paddle All of our kayak programs are free of charge. Bring your own or call 724-368-3612 to register. Call for locations. Paddles are geared for beginner paddlers. Must be at least 12 years of age. Those under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.
Jul 10	Moraine State Park Free Kayak Programs July 10 9-11a.m. Silver Paddle All of our kayak programs are free of charge. Bring your own or call 724-368-3612 to register. Call for locations. Paddles are geared for beginner paddlers. Must be at least 12 years of age. Those under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.
Jul 14	Moraine State Park Historic Oil Well Operation Saturday, June 14 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Park Road- Off of 528 Come and see the abandoned turn of the century oil well and pumping engine that have been restored to working order. The well will operate from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Park staff and volunteers will be there to operate the engine and answer your questions. So come out and see the Bessemer engine pump some Pennsylvania crude. The central powerhouse site is located beyond the Forestry & Regional office building on Park Rd. (Old 422) off Route 528.
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Aug 10 12	Bantam Jeep Festival - Time is Running Out! Hurry and Sign Up! The deadline to register online is quickly approaching! July 22nd is less than a month away, and you don't want to miss it. Each event has a maximum capacity, and a few of them are almost full. If you want to enjoy the Great Pig Out, you also need to purchase those reservations by that date too. Don't wait another day! Check our website to see what event you and your Jeep would like to try! Saturday Night Offers Fun for Everyone What could be better than a long day of Jeep events? Getting together with other Jeepers, eating great food, listening to music, playing games and watching a Jeep event, of course! After the vendor booths and most Jeep activities end at 5 p.m., there is more to see and do! Starting at 5 p.m., see a rock racing demonstration on the Jeep Playground. It's a chance to see professional rock racers from the "Rausch Creek RC Rocs Race Series" race against each other for the best time. Then between 6 and 9 p.m., come watch and laugh as Jeepers listen to their "backseat drivers" and try to complete the Jeep Team Challenge obstacle course. Teams will drive blindfolded, play "broom ball" and attempt some other fun challenges. The best team will win a trophy and bragging rights for a year. The Jeep Team Challenge is sponsored by Pennsylvania National Guard and 4WD Hardware. If you reserve your tickets online by July 22, you can fill up on delicious food at The Great Pig Out, sponsored by Rugged Ridge. The menu will include tasty items like roasted pig, chicken, baked beans, potato salad, cole slaw, bread, rolls, and of course BBQ sauce! Dinner will be served between 5:30 and 8 p.m. We're excited to welcome Butler's own band, Mass Transit. They play a great variety of music from the '50s to today. They will take the stage at 6 p.m. so be sure to spend some time listening and dancing! For those of you who like to be more active, we also have some fun games planned. Play some volleyball, test your sports skills, talk to your new Jeep friends, or just come and relax and get ready for Sunday's activities!
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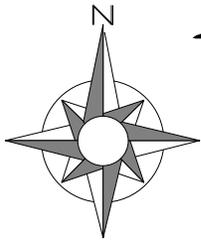


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