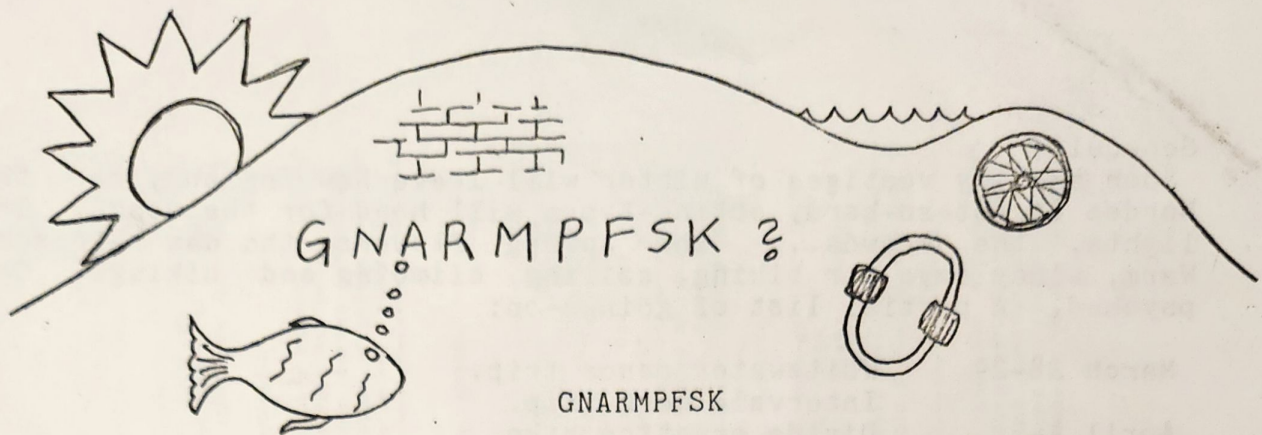




The MIT Outing club newsletter March, 1981

Notice board:

We are holding our annual elections meeting on Monday, March 30, 1981 at 7 p.m. in the MITOC office (perhaps the very same day you receive this). New officers (President, VP, Treasurer, Secretary) will be chosen, along with new directors. Please come if you care at all about club policies. Or apple cider and donuts. We need capable people who are concerned with the future direction of the club to serve as officers... We'll also discuss the latest developments in our effort to maintain contrl of our two cabins in New Hampshire. The meeting should be short. When was the last time you came to one?

- News board: A quick summary of points in the cabin controversy:

7 or 8 years ago, RI offered to lease to MITOC 22 acres in N Groton, New Hampshire at \$1 per year (not bad!). We believed that at some point in the future we'd be able to buy the land. So ... five club members spent a summer building Camelot.

Since then, RI has sold the land to W.W. (an investment company), who has offered to sell it to us for the measly sum of \$10,000 (roughly 1/2 its market value). That was substantially more than we could afford, and we worried that the land would be put up for open sale. This is no longer a concern; MIT has bought the land. We are expected to repay the money, somehow. Ideas, please? (one possibility is the Baker Fund, set up in memory of Everett Moore Baker, a Dean of Students.)

Unfortunately, there is another problem. Last spring in trying to raise money to rebuild the Intervale Cabin (which had burnt down), we received help from several sources- the Activities Development Board, the Dean's fund, and \$9000 from Finboard. The money from Finboard was never clearly labeled as loan or grant - Finboard now claims that the entire sum was a loan. We are trying to strike a softer bargain.

The drama continues. Many thanks, though, to those whose perseverance has seen us through this far: our directors, notably Joe Holmes, Pete Richardson, Kim Valentine and Bob Holden, to CBSimonides, and to Janet Yanowitz, our present pres.