

GNARMPFSK

MIT OUTING CLUB

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Hello to all old and new members. Gnarmpsk is the MIT Outing Club journal of all things worth writing about. The name comes from a contest announced 31 October 1955 and won by one Jim Waters: MITOC's oral tradition teaches that "Gnarmpsk" is the sound made by a newly-awoken hiker in a wet sleeping bag on a frosty morning, as he realizes that if he is to have any hot chocolate he is going to have to get up and make it himself.

Cabin Log

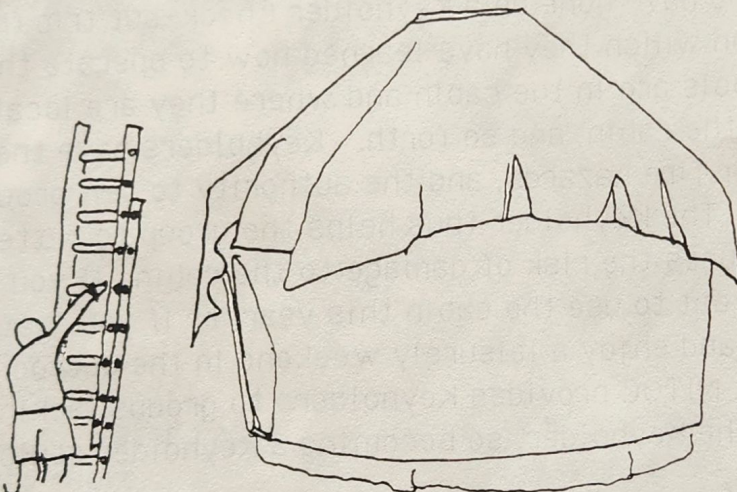
Camelot: The Outing Club's remaining cabin ("Camelot", in Rumney NH) remains un-burned-down. In order to preserve it in this admirable condition, all groups using the cabin must be accompanied by a Camelot Keyholder. Keyholders are just those people who have gone on a Keyholder Check-out trip (next one, July 24-25; see below), on which they have learned how to operate the stoves safely, what supplies and tools are in the cabin and where they are located, what there is to do for fun around the cabin, and so forth. Keyholders have the responsibility to keep an eye out for fire hazards, and the authority to tell groups to correct a hazardous situation. The Keyholder thus helps the group to better enjoy its stay at the cabin, and reduces the risk of damage to the cabin. If you are a member of a group which might want to use the cabin this year, or if you just want to find out more about Camelot and enjoy a leisurely weekend in the outdoors, then you should consider coming (n.b. MITOC provides Keyholders to groups lacking them for a \$25 gratuity payable to the Keyholder, so becoming a Keyholder could earn you some money).

Intervale: A year and a half since MITOC's cabin Intervale II near North Conway NH burned down, we have received its insured value of \$40,000 from our insurance company. Efforts toward replacing the cabin have now resumed. In the next month we hope to come up with construction designs from the architectural drawings of Intervale III. We can then get detailed estimates from our general contractor in North Conway, and with a good measure of luck, we will be able to get a weather-tight outer structure up by winter. This will necessitate removing the rubble from the current site and replacing at least part of the concrete foundation. Given our constraints, this work will be most efficiently done by the contractor, but there will certainly be the opportunity for MITOC hands to help out with labour during construction of the cabin's frame. Work trips will be organized and advertised in the fall-- watch for them! Further discussion and decision-making regarding Intervale III will take place at BOD meetings, so come along and join the exciting deliberations!

The Yurt: Yurts were invented by Mongolians who needed temporary shelters that could be quickly built. They were modified by quasi-indigent Americans who needed permanent shelters that could be cheaply built. They caught the imagination of Dave Maltz (who is neither quasi-indigent nor Mongolian) and so there stands now (6/17) a nearly finished yurt at the MITOC cabin site in Intervale, NH. A yurt is a circular, one-room structure with a skylight at the top; ours is 16' in diameter, and stands 13' at the skylight. It should be open for business after the weekend of July 10-11.

We have been lucky that so many people have given their time to help build the yurt. Thanks to: Chris Barrington-Leigh, Ed Daw, Oded Feingold, Greg Galperin, Kevin Knoedler, Derek Lindner, Heather Ludtke, Dave Maltz, Jacek and Eva Nieckula, Jim Reardon, Ann Roseberry, Chris Rost, Gideon Stein, Neil Strickland, and Pearl Tsai

The Yurt



Publicity

We're replacing the club's bulletin board display in the Infinite Corridor. If you have any photos or other visuals you think might contribute to this effort, please send them to the Publicity Chair at the office, W20-461.

Also, the club will have a stand to attract attention and new, enthusiastic members this fall at the annual Activities Midway on August 31st, 1993. If you have slides, photos, stories, or time to spare that day, please contact the MITOC president at the club office.

Upcoming MITOC Events:

- June 19-20: Canoeing/kayaking trip to the Dead River, in Maine.
At 1000-1800 cfs, this trip is a long and scenic
class II whitewater trip with stretches of Class III.
Trip leaders: Carl de Marcken, Gideon Stein
- June 26-27: Beginning Rock-climbing, at Rumney, NH.
A two-day hands- and feet-on instruction course.
for people with little or no previous experience.
There is some reading you must do before the trip.
\$25 covers all fees. Contact Jim Reardon (253-2374) ASAP
Trip leader: Steve Linder
- June 30: MITOC Board of Directors meeting, 18:30, MIT W20-461.
We will be discussing the progress of summer construction
projects, possibly allocating money for some cause or other,
and maybe even making up some policy about something!
- July 10-11: Intermediate Backpacking, White Mountains, NH
An overnight backpack with some above treeline travel.
Previous backpacking experience recommended.
Trip leader: Jim Reardon (253-2374)
or e-mail: nemesis@athena.mit.edu
- July 17-18: Beginners' Backpacking, White Mountains, NH
An overnight backpack in the Mahoosucs.
Trip leader: Chris Barrington-Leigh (497-6332)
or e-mail: cpbarrin@athena.mit.edu
- July 24-25: Camelot Keyholders' Check-out Trip and Hike
See "Cabin Log" above for explanation. The Check-out
should only take the first half of Saturday, leaving the
rest of the weekend free for hiking. The next Check-out
trip will be early autumn.
- Ongoing: Kayak rolling sessions, MIT alumni Pool, Thursdays 5-7 pm.
Call Gideon Stein (W: 253-7884; H: 595-9614 (please don't
call this number after sundown on Fridays)) before you show
up at the pool with your boat; space is limited. Gideon will
also be running periodic trips to Nahant; call him for info.

Classified:

For Sale/Trade 1pr La Sportiva Vantage Rock Shoes size 35 (women's 5). Great condition--awesome shoes, but too small for me. Asking \$75 or 1 pr same shoes in a size 36. Contact Helen, hbt@athena.mit.edu; 621-0593.

Women's Farmer John style wetsuit for sale. Size "large", but not large enough for someone who is 5'9". Body Glove make, excellent condition (used only 2 or 3 times), heavy neoprene. \$45 (original cost: \$90). If interested, call Sara at 524-9483.

MITOC Research News:

There is no way to transport a kayak on commercial bus service (e.g. Greyhound).

--Greg Galperin

Paddle Song

The sky-caught water fades
Blending into shore;
Our boat in shallow wades
In reverie once more.
Light wanders as it should;
Sweat rubs from her hands
Into my finished wood.
A gunnel frame she stands
My length above her head;
On pungent human arms
The brave mosquitos feed
And are freed unharmed.

I accompany her love-song
In a rhythmic strip and "J"
Scraping the boat sidelong
Stroking the red away.
Our Lily-tangled trails,
Paths of drowning weed.
Our bow raises the cat-tails
And forward bending reed
Towards the way we've come.
I am withdrawn.
Two whirlpool skeletons
Untwist to calm.

--Erin Kauffman