

Cabin Burning

In January a hearty group of souls gathered to burn the remnants of the old trappers cabin at Pine Pond on the Dorion property. The project was part of a restoration grant OLT received from the Maine Natural Resources Conservation Program that involved restoring the two Pine Ponds, eliminating invasive plant species, and removing an old



l-r: Harry Cunningham, Dave Thompson, Bucky Owen, Ron Logan, Jim Hinds, and Kris Sornberger Picture by Jerry Longcore

trappers cabin. Demolishing the cabin and sorting the parts was done on the Fall Work Day, with shingles, tarpaper and metal sent to the dump. The remaining wood was stacked for burning, but heavy rains delayed the project. On January 10th, after several snow storms, we obtained a fire permit and made the burn. Led by our Chief Pyro, Dave Thomson, and aided by one gallon of gasoline and five gallons of kerosene, we accomplished the deed in about five hours. Thanks to all for the volunteer help. *(More on page 4)*

Bucky Owen, Pine Pond Land Steward

Orono Land Trust Day at the Family Dog



Show your support for the Orono Land Trust with Sunday Brunch at the Family Dog restaurant in Orono on March 1 anytime from 9-2! The Family Dog will donate 10% of the proceeds from all receipts by those who identify with the Orono Land Trust. Bring friends and family for great food, music, and fellowship. And don't forget to identify with the Orono Land Trust when you place your order.

Sue Estler

Save the dates:

March 1st - Brunch at FAMILY DOG

March 27th - OLT Annual Meeting

May 2nd - Spring Trail Day

April 24 and 25 - Maine Land Conservation Conference

Membership List as of February 10, 2015

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Hudson, John Halloran & Leslie			

29th Annual Meeting

Keith Anderson Community House, 19 Bennoch Road

March 27th, 2015

6:30 p.m. Social Gathering with Refreshments

7:00 p.m. Annual Corporate Membership Meeting

Secretary's Report of 2014 Annual Meeting - Erik daSilva

Treasurer's Annual Report - Pat Thompson

President's Annual Report - John McCarthy

Recognition

Old Business

New Business / Announcements

Spring Trail Day, May 2, 2015

MLTN 2015 Land Conservation Conference - April 24 and 25, in Topsham

Election of Board Members

Nominating Committee: John McCarthy Chair, Bucky Owen, Erik daSilva, and Pat Thompson

Vote for a three year term ending in 2018:

Melissa Burch, Michael Opitz, Geneveive Smith, Kent Tableman, David Thompson

Introduce all Board members

Program Featuring:

Rob Lilieholm

E.L. Giddings Professor of Forest Policy at the University of Maine

“Bay-to-Baxter:

Leveraging Maine's Quality-of-Place for Economic Development”

Adjourn Annual Corporate Membership Meeting

To follow:

Board Meeting of the Annual Meeting

Welcome to returning and new members

Secretary's Report: March 4, 2015 meeting - Erik DaSilva

Treasurer's Monthly Meeting Report - Pat Thompson

Nominating Committee - Election of Officers

Bucky Owen - President

Erik daSilva - Secretary

Pat Thompson - Treasurer

Sue Owen - Clerk

Old Business

New Business

Adjourn Next Board Meeting April 1, 2015

Gray Ghosts Partying in the Attic!

This past month OLT Board member David Thompson has been busy responding to the party-like noises emanating from the attic of his house. Thinking the culprits were mice he set several peanut butter-laced snap-traps only to find the bait licked clean and nothing in the traps. Next he set a small live-trap and was rewarded the next morning with a small (3-5 oz), cinnamon-gray mammal with prominent black eyes and he thought the animal to be a flying squirrel. David brought it to me to confirm his identification. It was indeed a flying squirrel, probably a Northern Flying Squirrel (*Glacomys sabrinus*), although the range of the Southern Flying Squirrel (*Glacomys volans*) overlaps the range of the Northern in the southwestern corner of Maine. Ultimately David captured eight squirrels, which he brought to my house so they could be released in my front yard in a big maple with lots of cavities. Later I started placing several peanuts down the entrance hole of one cavity to help sustain them through the winter. It is not uncommon to find several animals in an over-wintering site where they can share body heat. One of my vivid memories of 1965 is that of visiting White Clay Creek preserve near Newark, Delaware just

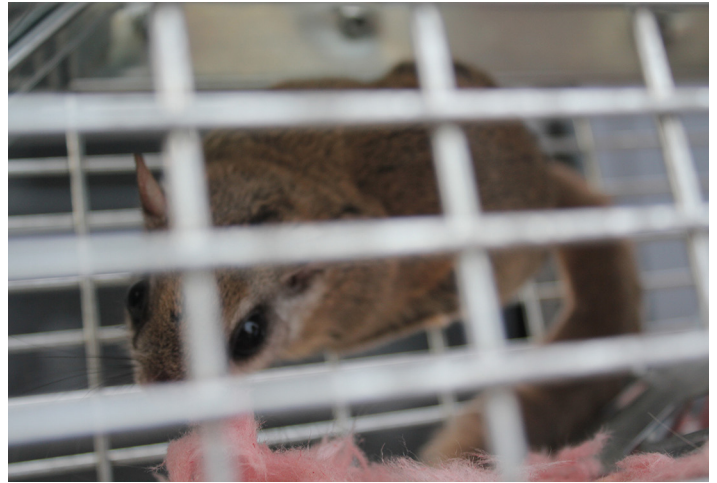


Photo by J. R. Longcore

after dark (i.e., these squirrels are nocturnal) to watch Southern Flying Squirrels emerge from daytime roosts and “glide” from the upper branches of one tree to the base of another, then scurry up that tree bole to repeat the “flight”. These squirrels can’t really “fly”, but are excellent gliders that are held aloft by the stretched membrane between the forelegs and hind legs. They seem to be able to change glide direction by use of their long, flat tails as a rudder. A few years ago in Stetson, ME while checking wood duck nest boxes I flushed what I believed to be a Northern Flying Squirrel that climbed to the top of the dead snag on which the box was attached and then I watched it silently glide into the woods. It is sure fun to see them perform!

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Hours later



and many hours later

Photos by Bucky Owen

Thank you Volunteers

One hundred and fifteen volunteers provided 4048 hours to support the Orono Land Trust in 2014. They helped OLT's accreditation effort, wrote grants to acquire and conserve more natural areas, maintained and improved recreational trails, planned for another successful annual meeting, conducted educational programs, published 4 newsletters, manned a booth at Orono Festival Day and much more. We appreciate the help of every volunteer. The numbers do not even include the many volunteers who worked hard on reconstruction of the Orono Bog Boardwalk and helped with the successful fund raiser. Also, we may have missed listing some volunteers and we apologize and thank each and every volunteer. One hundred and eleven volunteers have completed our volunteer questionnaire. If you know friends who would like to become involved, would you please ask them to fill out and submit our online volunteer questionnaire, which is on the volunteer page of the OLT website <http://oronolandtrust.org/>. Volunteers listed on our spreadsheet will be informed about planned projects that match the volunteer's project preferences. The following volunteered for OLT:

Lise Albert, Kortlyn Gilley, Lucas McGill, Kendra Smith, Eric Authelet, Mike Greenwood, MaryKate Smith, Keith Blanchard, Helen Hahmann, Jonathan Murchi, Kris Sornberger, Kevin Bois, Torsten Hahmann, Elizabeth Newberry, Christian Stack, N. Boncagni, Sue Healy, Eric Ninhala, Josh Terry, Finn Bondeson, David Henzler, Corey Oderman, Ryan Tipping-Spitz, Aaron Brasslet, Kyle Franklin, Micah Olson, Barbara Todd, Melissa Burch, Jim Hinds, Zodie Olson, Shannon Thomas, BrendamCarey, Kris Hoffman, Michael Opitz, Dave Thompson, Jordan Carr, Snae Horrigan, Kelly Maloney, Matthew Scales, Tom Cassidy, Dave Johnson, Nathan Mathis, Gregory Sivik, John Clark, Sandy, Johnson, Bucky Owen, CindySmith, Ashley Cooper, Josua Jones, Sue Owen, Pat Thompson, Ellie Crawford, Nicole Keefner, Theresa Pace, David Tiffany, Harry Cunningham, Ethan Klein, Dan Perkins, Amy Trask, Matthew Daniels, Glen Kohler, Kathy Pollard, David Wardrop, Erik daSilva, Zack Ladd, Kody Price, Liam Waring, Willoughby daSilva, Crocker Lalor, Aaron Pyle, Tim Waring, Wyn daSilva, Dani LaPointe, Justin Qualey, Soencer Warwith, Ron Davis, Alex Leathers, Katie Qurik, Beth White, Sabrina DiPietro, Kevin Lefevre, Reid Quirk, Gail White, Wyeth Dominguez, Laura Leighton, Glen Rampe, Jim White, Adam Donabed, Mark Leonard, Nancy Rampe, Noah White, James Dorosh, Meg Logan, Robyn Roope, Julian Wiggins, Robert Elkinson, Ron Logan, William Roope, Jim Wilson, Jared Escobar, Jerry Longcore, Jill Rose, Terry Wilson, Sue Estler, Craig MacDonald, Jim Rose, Roby Yerxa, Kirsha Finmore, Don McKay, Matthew Scaccia, Richard Zeglio, Michael Flanders, John Maddaus, and Steve Sader.

Inaugural Sponsorships by Orono Businesses

Beginning with the 2015 membership year, the Orono Land Trust initiated a business sponsor membership to help support land conservation efforts serving the Orono community. We are pleased to welcome our inaugural business sponsors and appreciate their support.

Cardinal Supporters

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Contact oronolandtrust@gmail.com if you would like information

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RETURN SERVICE
 REQUESTED

Calendar

March 4, 2015- Monthly Board meeting
March 27, 2015 Annual Meeting (see page 3)
April 1, 2015 - Monthly Board meeting
April 24 and 25 - Maine Land Conservation Conference
May 2, 2015 - Spring Trail Day

Please check for membership expiration date on your address label.

ORONO LAND TRUST MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name: _____ Preferred Email: _____

Address: _____ Preferred Telephone _____

_____ \$10 Student Membership	_____ \$100-\$999 Supporting Membership
_____ \$25 Individual Membership	_____ \$1000 Life Membership
_____ \$50 Family Membership	_____ Business Sponsor \$100 to \$1000

I'd like to make an additional \$_____ donation to help protect green space in Orono.

Please send my newsletter by: _____ Email only, _____ U.S. Postal Mail

Get involved-VOLUNTEER! Go to (http://oronolandtrust.org/?page_id=16) to learn more and to volunteer for OLT projects, activities, and committees by completing the Online Volunteer Questionnaire listed on this volunteer webpage.