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CHAPTER NEWS, EVENTS AND ARTICLES

President's Notes (Steve Lefebvre)

The new Board of Directors met on October 3, 2007, and we still need chairpersons for two of the Standing Committees, Programs/Entertainment and Food/Beverage. In addition, we need chairpersons for the following new committees: insurance, licenses & permits, security systems, club naturalist and youth programs coordinator. Each of these positions is important for the continued success of the club. Any member with experience or interest in serving in any of these positions, please contact Steve Lefebvre at the earliest opportunity. We will provide mentoring and ongoing assistance.

The Pig Roast total income was \$1,646.00 and total expenses were \$1,241.00 and, accordingly, \$405.00 our net proceeds for the event. Many thanks to our new member volunteers, Jim Fedis and Judy Crowell, to meat burners, John Walter and Joe Gick, kitchen staff, Mac McCollum, Greg Talamini, Steve Lefebvre, Ken Lefebvre and Tom Ouellette, fun skeet shoot staff, Paul and Jake Turska, Jim and Judy Crowell, Jay Jeffery and Conley Phipps, fun airgun shoot staff, Phil Dean and his volunteers, and to the cowboy clinic guys, Chuck Crooks and his posse of "about a dozen of the most genuine looking cowboys this side of the Rio Grande."



Figure 1 - Jim Piatieski shows his bees. (Photo by Meo Curtis)

The kids enjoyed a clown with face painting, a moon bounce and games. However, the big hits for the kids and others were the Natural Trail hike with naturalist, Sandy Burk, the beekeeping demonstration with Jim Piatieski, and the scavenger hunt with members of the Conservation Committee followed by a large bowl of candy from "Uncle Steve" Lefebvre. The weather was perfect, the programmed music by "Mother Chuck"

Crooks was great, the food was good, the beverages were cold and all who attended had fun.

Pig Roast - Fun Skeet Shoot Results

1st Place: Lee Becknell

2nd Place: Bob Cumberland

3rd Place: Jay Jeffery

Jim Piatieski has accepted the position of chair of the new Future Planning Committee that will be looking for ideas and direction from the general membership in the upcoming months. Please cooperate in the investigation into member interests - this is your club and you should have a say in the future planning. Look future information on the club website, in this Newsletter and at the general membership meetings.

STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRS/MEMBERS

(Michelle Chesnut with information provided by "Red" Skillings)

President Lefebvre appointed the following committee chairs.

Membership – Joe Gick

Conservation – Jim Piatieski & Jeff Deschamps

Publicity/Public Relations – Greg Talamini

House/Grounds – Tommy Riley

Trap/Skeet – Paul Turska

Rifle/Pistol – Guy Wright

Archery – John Walter & Tom Ouellette

Save Our Streams – Michelle Chesnut

Christmas Trees – John Leaman

Adult Airgun – Phil Dean

Junior A/G & Rimfire – Tom Malarkey

Hall Rentals – Rob Hallin

Food & Beverage – **VACANT**

Cowboy Shoots – Chuck Crooks

Hunter Safety – Geoff Hornseth

Adopt-A-Road – Meo Curtis

Recycling – Ken Lefebvre

These committee chairs need your help and support. Contact the appropriate chair if you have projects that you would like to help implement.

In addition, Steve Lefebvre appointed the following to the Budget/Finance committee. (Chapter by-laws require President, First V.P., Treasurer and 4 others.) President Steve Lefebvre, First V.P. Bill Ladd, Treasurer Chuck Limparis, Mac McCollum, Joe Gick, Chuck Crooks and Jeff Deschamps. All committee chairs that have projects that need funds should submit their budget to the finance committee by October 19, 2007

LADIES BEGINNER SKEET CLASS (Meo Curtis)

We have one more Ladies Beginner Skeet Class scheduled on October 20, 2007 at noon. The five-hour class covered topics such as gun fit, mount, stance, hold points, lead on target, eye dominance and especially safety

For additional information or to register, please call Debbi at 301-601-0048 or send her an email at debbi.perry@verizon.net.

HELP WANTED/NEEDED (Michelle Chesnut)

We need help! Long-time Food and Beverage committee chair Jorge Silva is stepping down. Demands of a successful career have left us without a chair. If you have any experience with food service and can prepare meals for large groups, we need you. Please contact Steve Lefebvre at (301) 482-1898 for more information.

GROWING NATIVE TREE SEED COLLECTION EVENT **A HUGE SUCCESS** (Sandy Burk)

On September 30, over 30 volunteers combed our chapter woods to collect 350 pounds of acorns for the Growing Native program sponsored by the Potomac Conservancy. IWLA members were joined by girl scouts and other interested folks for the event.



Figure 2 - Just a few of the acorns collected. (Photo by Bob Cumberland)

Seeds from our collection will go to the Maryland State Tree Nursery where they will grow into seedlings for use in stream restoration projects around the state. The trees are given away free to projects.

Our woods around the nature trail are predominantly a mix of chestnut oak, red oak, white oak and black oak. Acorns from chestnut oak were the most numerous gathered, with white oak and black oak next in number. The chestnut oaks produce the large green and brown acorns that now litter our woods. The red oaks had not yet dropped their acorns. White and black oaks grow around the edges of the woods by the picnic tables and down by the air rifle range. Their acorns are smaller and thinner by comparison.

Volunteer collectors also saw some of the special plants that line our nature trail, from native American chestnut sprouts to low bush blueberry and wintergreen.



Figure 3 - Weighing in on acorns. (Photo by Bob Cumberland)

** We have nature trail guides that match the numbers on our trail to identify these. For a copy to do a self-guided tour of the nature trail please contact me at (301) 502-8833. We are working to post these guides at the head of the trail. More on that later...

If anyone would like to collect seeds on their own or with a scout troop for the program (until October 26) or if you have questions about the Growing Native Program, please contact Colleen Langan of the Potomac Conservancy Growing Native Program at 301-608-1188 ext. 211.



Figure 4 - Colleen Langan teaching about the trees and acorns. (Photo by Bob Cumberland)

Special thanks to Judy Crowell and Tom Ouellette (IWLA WAC) for helping lead this event.

ATTENTION ALL RIM FIRE SHOOTERS (Tom Riley)

There will be a .22 rim fire fun shoot on Dec. 15th from 10:00AM until 2:00PM

Bring plenty of .22s and targets to shoot (no monitors). The chapter will provide Steel targets, bowling pins, balloons and steel silhouettes.

You may bring a guest who is not a chapter member as long as you oversee their safety and ensure that they follow the chapter safety measures. Safe shooting is the main objective and having Fun is the second. Hope to see you on Saturday. For further information, contact Tom Riley at vze3h59t@verizon.net

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CONSERVATION (Meo Curtis)

Jeff Deschamps and Jim Piatetski are the new co-chairs for the conservation committee.. Please show your support for this important committee by joining the new chairs at the committee

meetings 6:30 pm the first Wednesday of each month and by participating in the many conservation activities.

Saturdays, September 8 and 15. Tree Identification and Survey – Eagle Scout candidate Ryan Myers and fellow scouts completed a survey of type and number of trees in the woods along the west side of the Chapter property. The information collected will be useful in the event the Chapter decides to consider forest management possibilities. Special thanks to Jeff Deschamps, Pete Doubroff, and Bill Ladd for coming out EXTRA EARLY to meet the Scouts on site.



Figure 5 -- Scavenger hunting (Photo by Meo Curtis)

Saturday September 29. Conservation Events at the Pig Roast. This year, the Conservation Committee sponsored three youth-oriented activities for the Pig Roast. These included a Nature Trail Hike with Sandy Burk, a Beekeeping Demonstration with Jim Piatetski, and a Nature Scavenger Hunt with Meo Curtis. The participants were enthusiastic and greatly enjoyed the walks in the woods and through the meadow. Sandy kept the group enthralled with her ‘nutty’ talk about the oaks in the Chapter woods—and the many acorns that rained down as they walked through. Jim and the bees were once again a ‘standing room only’ event and the youngsters crowded around the frame full of buzzing bees to learn about their fascinating lifestyle. Meo finished off the Day’s events with the Scavenger Hunt to test the observation skills of the parent (or grandparent)/child teams. All of the Scavenger Hunt youthful participants received a colorful t-shirt and a bag of conservation-related goodies, and some candy from Uncle Steve (aka President Lefebvre!)

Sunday September 30 ‘Growin Native’ with the Potomac Conservancy, led by Sandy Burk. Watch for her article elsewhere in the newsletter.

Saturday October 20. Fall Watershed Clean-up. 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m – Come out and help clean up the roadsides and streamsides of the Upper Patuxent. Bring your friends and neighbors--this event is open to the public. Gloves, bags, water, t-shirts, and lunch provided for all participants. Contact Meo Curtis at 301-604-3736 or via e-mail at meosotis@verizon.net. Directions and workshop flyer at <http://mysite>



Figure 6- Lauren, Rick and Doris Sommers’ granddaughter, collects acorns on the Nature Trail Hike during the Pig Roast.

meosotis.verizon.net/vzeo63qr/index.html

Saturday October 27th.

Montgomery County Watershed Conference – This fall, community groups within Montgomery County have organized a Watershed Conference at the Council Office Building in Rockville. Meo and Sandy will be participating and are soliciting input from members about the topics listed below. Send your comments to Meo at meosotis@verizon.net or to Sandy at Sandyburk2@aol.com.

1. How to engage students and schools in watershed protection?
2. How to partner Citizens with government to track stream health?
3. How to convince homeowners and communities to reduce runoff impacts?
4. How to create and run a watershed group?
5. How can arts and the media be better used to spread a watershed protection message?
6. How can well and septic system management be improved to better protect groundwater?

BLACKSMITHING COMMITTEE (Dick Smith dsmith@lofstrand.com)

The Blacksmith Committee set up demonstrations during this past Pig Roast and had many visitors stop by. There was a table set up in front of the forges to display some of the work executed by our WAC smiths as well as some examples of work done by other smiths. Three forges were going full steam (smoke) while we worked on our unfinished projects. Anne Rickert worked on an animal head, Joe Gick on his throwing hatchet, Debbie Rounds on hooks, Bob Hines helped Joe with the handle for his hatchet, Greg-a visitor-worked also on hooks and I finished up a bell made from schedule 40 water pipe. The weekends of 10/6-7 and 10/13-14 we will have some members at the WAC forge and others demonstration at the Agricultural Farm Park Museum in Derwood and at the Cromwell Valley Farm Park near Towson. We have plenty of room for more smiths to work at our forge so come on out and pound some hot steel.

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS: (Conley Phipps)

Probationary members are now required to help with four chapter events during their first two years of WAC membership. At least one project MUST be in support of Chapter Conservation efforts. If you are a probationary member, and don't see your name in the newsletter after helping out with an event, it would be prudent to contact the person who ran the event and find out why your name has not reached me. Additionally be sure to have that activity person notify me of this fact. Following are the names from the sign-up sheets for several recent events. Thanks to all.

Graduates to FULL MEMBERSHIP STATUS

Several NEW members have worked on projects this month but none has completed work requirements. Thanks for working on your projects. Please continue to help as you are what makes the chapter such a great place to spend time either doing Conservation work, participating in some type of Shooting activity, learning to become a Blacksmith or just enjoying Nature at its best.

SEPTEMBER 21, 2007 General Membership Meeting Kitchen Staff and KP's:

President Fried recognized the Hospitality Crew, Rob Hallin, Ken Lefebvre and Jim Pike. Jorge Silva, chef of tonight's great dinner, was assisted by Jim Pike and Jose Tassara.

TREE SEED/NUT COLLECTION: SEPTEMBER 29 & 30, 2007: Ron David, Nancy Thrush and family, Jim Kearney, Bill Gazdik, Nick Kearney, Evan, Maria and family, Ed Mondoneda and son Ryan, Brittany and Kendall Lefebvre, Michael Altobelli and Tom Ouellette. Of course, a big thanks to Sandy Burk for leading the collection effort.

Chapter maintenance: SEPTEMBER 30, 2007

Thank you to all members donating their time and labor to help keep the Chapter looking neat and clean. Numerous activities took place on Sunday and several members didn't specify in which activity they participated. If I have identified you as working on a particular activity and didn't get it right my apology up front, but you have received credit though perhaps not for the correct project.

RIFLE & PISTOL RANGE CLEAN-UP: Guy Wright, Josh Jonas, Alan Pressman, Charles Minear and Peter Jackson.

CHRISTMAS TREES: John Leaman, Danny Smith, Bill Kelly, Alan Palestine, Thomas Johncox, Chris Deigan and Dave Stevenson.

SKEET & TRAP RANGE CLEAN-UP: Paul Turska, Jake Turska, Jim Crowell, Heather Barber, Michael Webb and the usual who wish to remain un-named.

WOOD CUTTING & SPLITTING: David Huott, Douglas Griggs, Brian Griggs, Troy Agnew, Kirk James, Kelly James, Hunter James and Tom Malarkey

Cowboy Set-up and Teardown: SEPTEMBER 22, 2007

The usual suspects, however I do not have the sheets so I will post names next month.

CHAPTER PIG ROAST: 29 SEPTEMBER, 2007

Thanks to the 90 members that showed for the event. The food was great and the camaraderie likewise. Several events took place that day thus group support is recognized rather than individuals: **CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS, COWBOY SINGLE ACTION SHOOTERS, SKEET & TRAP SHOOTERS, ADULT AIRGUN SHOOTERS, BLACKSMITH COMMITTEE, ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE and of course KITCHEN STAFF, MEAT BURNERS and PROJECT CHAIRMAN STEVE LEFEBVRE.**

If I have failed to credit anyone or a group for voluntarily working on an event or a required work project or misspelled a name please contact Conley Phipps @ 301-460-8528 or phippscd@hotmail.com

JUNIOR AIR RIFLE AND RIMFIRE (Tom Malarkey)

Our new season is off to a good start with three nights of practice each week. We welcome back Zach Keyser, David Carr, and Azeem Sheikh to our Precision Air Rifle team. Joining them are Josh Romanchuk, Kelly James and Brian Griggs, who have made the transition from Sporter Air Rifle to Precision. Our returning sporter shooters are Mitchell Sauer, David Hermann, Kimy Goldberg, Kris Goldberg, Connor Walsleban, Hunter James, Brook Shoemaker, Colin Headrick and Matt Boccuzzi. We also welcome Artie Holzinger, Sean Black, Jed Tan, Colin Murphy, Amanda Betz and Cody Bannar as new Sporter shooters to our program.

Welcome back to the coaches also, these people keep this program running by volunteering their time and knowledge to support our youth program. Geoff Horseth, Chuck Limparis, Troy Agnew, Mike Kalmar, Karl Moline, Steve Carr, Mike Keyser, Ken Hermann, Kirk James, Stephan Romanchuk, Nick Limparis, Doug Griggs and Dan Reed, I look forward to another good year working with all of you.

We have also begun shooting Smallbore Rifle on Saturday mornings on the covered pistol range. If you find yourself shooting on Saturday mornings, please stop by to meet some of our junior shooters and see how they are doing.

I would like to thank the wood splitting crew from last months' maintenance day. We managed to get all the wood cut and over half of it split and stacked. Thanks to the juniors, (Kelly James, Hunter James and Brian Griggs) their parents, (Doug Griggs and Kirk James) the coaches, (Chuck Limparis and Troy Agnew) and the chapter members, who helped with the chores. Special thanks to professional log splitter, John Leaman. The winter will be a whole lot more bearable with the wood stove burning hot.

This year we will be following all of shooters as they participate in the NRA's Marksmanship Qualification Program. This self-paced program awards them as they learn the fundamentals of shooting. We have done this before, but this year we will post their progress on the outside of the door to the main hall. This will allow all club members to track the progress our juniors are making. We hope to have this posted by the end of the month. We will also recognize their progress monthly in the newsletter and at the meetings.

RIFLE AND PISTOL RANGE REPORT (Guy Wright)

INFORMATION: For more information about any rifle or pistol range activities mentioned in this article, contact Guy Wright, by e-mail, at guywright@verizon.net or telephone 301-253-4604(home) or 301-775-3741(cell).

SHOOTING HOURS: Permitted rifle and pistol range shooting hours are posted on the box, which contains the range sign-in register, as well as above the range entry card reader. For October 2007, starting time is 10:00 AM daily and ending time is 6:00 PM, unless some activity has pre-empted the range (see "UPCOMING EVENTS AFFECTING RANGE AVAILABILITY" below).

My thanks to Josh Jonas, Alan Pressman, and Brian Tallerico for their work on September's range maintenance Day

NEW ITEMS

Center-Fire on Covered Pistol Range: I would like to squelch the rumor that it is ok to sight-in or otherwise shoot center-fire rifles on our 50 yard covered pistol range (Pistol #2). This information is false. Let me review the relevant range rules under the Firearms section:

5. Shotguns and all firearms in traditional center-fire rifle calibers are prohibited for use on the pistol ranges.

8. Pistol-caliber carbines are permitted only on the open (uncovered) pistol range in addition to the rifle range. Acceptable calibers include 30 M1 Carbine, 357 Magnum, 38 Special, 9mm Luger, 40 S&W, 10mm, 44 Special, 44 Magnum, 44-40 Winchester, 45 ACP, and .45 Colt.

New Shooting Benches on Uncovered Pistol Range (Pistol #1): I built these shooting benches to replace the picnic tables that were beginning to fall apart. I built them to fit on the available concrete pad so that you would not have to move them. This way, they may actually last longer. The carpeted surface is thin outdoor carpet that should dry quickly after it rains.

REMINDERS

Pistol Target Backers: Replace pistol target backers when there is absolutely nothing on which to staple a new target. A good rule of thumb is when you can easily remove the wooden target backer and fold it in half, it should be replaced.

Plywood Donations: Your donations of plywood for use as target backers on the rifle and pistol ranges are always welcome. For backers, the plywood should be 1/2 inch or thicker and either pre-cut or capable of being cut into pieces 2'x2' (pistol range) or 2'x4' (rifle range). Please help keep the WAC looking good by dropping off your donations by the sliding door on the back side of the green equipment shed; that is, at the side nearest the chapter house. Thanks

Rifle and Pistol Range Rules: The rules governing Rifle and Pistol Range safety, conduct, permissible firearms, and violation policy are posted at the covered pistol range, the covered rifle range, the notice board between the pistol ranges, the notice board at the path leading to the covered rifle range, on the chapter WEB site (damascusiwla.org) and in MS Word format from me via email, when requested. Sometimes questions come up. Though our bylaws indicate that you can call any Board of Directors member about these rules, you will be better served to

start with the folks closest to them, i.e., range orientation instructors or the committee chair.

UP-COMING EVENTS AFFECTING RANGE

AVAILABILITY:

Hunter Safety Day 3 on Saturday October 13, 2007 from 9:00AM to 1:00PM Rifle and Pistol Ranges will be closed during this time.

Cowboy Action Setup on Friday October 26, 2007. Rifle and Pistol Ranges will be closed beginning at 1:00PM.

Cowboy Action Shoot on Saturday October 27, 2007 from 8:00AM to 3:30PM. Rifle and Pistol Ranges will be closed during this time.

Range Maintenance Day on Sunday October 28, 2007 we close the ranges until 1:00 PM. We encourage all members, especially those who use the ranges, to help with maintenance.

Maryland Hunter Qualification Day on Sunday November 4, 2007 from 10:00AM to 12:00 Noon Rifle Range will be closed during this time.

Practical Defense Match on Saturday November 10, 2007 from 9:00AM to 2:00PM on Pistol Range 1. Pistol Range 1 will be closed during this time. For additional information, you can contact Jesse Lim via e-mail at jlim@phillips.com or telephone 301-540-0860 (evenings only please).

Cowboy Action Setup on Friday November 23, 2007. Rifle and Pistol Ranges will be closed beginning at 1:00PM.

Cowboy Action Shoot on Saturday November 24, 2007 from 8:00AM to 3:30PM. Rifle and Pistol Ranges will be closed during this time.

If anyone has any rifle/pistol related topics or items they wish to include in future newsletters, send them to Guy Wright at the above email address and include some contact information in case there are questions.

CHANGES IN RANGE ACCESS RULES (Joe Gick)

As of April 1, 2007, every member who shoots on *any range*, including the rifle range, pistol ranges, outdoor air rifle range, the archery range, and the skeet/trap ranges, must be visibly wearing a Range Access card. If you do not have one, you must attend a Range Orientation class, held at 10:00 A.M. on the last Sunday of the month. (Check the online calendar at www.damascusIWLA.org)

The only exception to wearing a Range Access card is if you are shooting in an event where non-members are invited that are not specific guests of members under current Chapter Rules. Such events include Cowboy Action Shoots, Seneca Valley Matches, Breaking Clay to Save the Bay, etc.

ADULT AIRGUN PROGRAM (Phil Dean)

We will host a field target fun shoot on Saturday, October 13. Contact Phil Dean 301-865-8202 for more information.

We also now have some airgun silhouette targets setup on the outdoor airgun range at 10 yards, 15 yards, and 20 yards. Please replace the metal silhouettes in the elevated storage boxes at each target upon completion of shooting and leaving the range.

Airgun is a great way to hone your shooting skills at a low cost and the Monday night crew is a great group of people. We meet Monday evening at 6:30 for range set-up and usually end by 8:30. We shoot on a 10-meter indoor range throughout the year with the option to shoot on the outdoor airgun range weather permitting. We charge \$1.00 per night to cover the cost of the targets. Even if you do not own an airgun, please shoot with us. There are chapter air pistols and rifles for you to use and there is always someone willing to teach you how to use them. **Please join in this program this year beginning as soon as you read this announcement. Contact Phil Dean (301-865-8202) for information.**

MEMBERSHIP (Joe Gick)

New Members

Please welcome the following new members.

Dean Zuras sponsored by Bill Ishmael

James Krantz and Robert Gold sponsored by Bill Schneider

Larry Halvorson sponsored by Geoff Hornseth

Philip R. Howard sponsored by Gary Green

Membership Updates

Please notify Joe Gick our Membership Secretary of all changes of address, phone number, or e-mail. If you move and don't tell us, your forwarding order will probably expire and you will not get a renewal bill. Please keep your record up to date. Send a message to Joe.Gick@Verizon.net or Joe Gick, 16601 Cavalry Dr, Rockville MD 20853.

Do we have your email?

Because we do not distribute our newsletter via U.S. Mail unless requested, we send out a general notice when the latest one is available. We also send occasional messages of general interest that may include emergency range closings, road closings, etc. If you have never received any of these messages, we may not have your email address. In fact, we don't have this information for over 400 members. If we don't have yours, please send it today to Joe.Gick@Verizon.net. We promise to protect it and never sell or distribute it. We will only use it to inform you of what is happening that is of general interest. If you know of any other members that are not getting these notices, please let them know that they are missing important information about our chapter.

Editor's note: This is especially important during the winter months when extreme weather causes not only range closure, but chapter grounds closure as well. Stay informed—send your email address to Joe.

TRAP AND SKEET RANGE OFFICERS (Bill Rahn)

Sat 11/3 Tim Mulreany, Robert Jeffery, Ryan Cooley, Bob Cooley

Sun 11/4 Bob Case, Mark Gay, Jake Turska, Paul Turska

Sat 11/10 Paul Fisher, George Fichter, Dave Fichter, Ron Roberson

Sun 11/11 Randy & Evan Stewart, Mike Webb, Seamus Webb

Sat 11/17 Peter Currall, Ira Wein, Dave Gold, Mike Bowen

Sun 11/18 Jim & Judy Crowell, Jason Ledney, Brandon Kinikin

Sat 11/24 Charles Weaver, Richard Zabell, Bill Rahn, Red Gambrell, Gary Green

Sun 11/25 Frank Saenz, Rob Van Tassell, Joel Gross, Peter Sittner

Note: As Daylight Saving Time ends Sunday, Nov.4, there is no scheduled Wednesday Shooting after that date.

RANGE ORIENTATION INSTRUCTORS

Ray Logan and Lou Ferguson are the instructors for the October 28 range orientation class. Class starts at 10:00 am.

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS (Michelle Chesnut smc_geek@msn.com)

Thanks to Meo Curtis, Red Skillings, Conley Phipps, Guy Wright, Joe Gick, Ray Logan, Phil Dean, Geoff Hornseth, Sandy Burk and Dick Smith for their contributions to this newsletter. Thanks also to Meo Curtis and Bob Cumberland for the photographs in this issue. A special thanks to Chuck Crooks for his patience with the editor and his work on publishing the newsletter on-line.

If anyone has an article, picture or topic, which they wish to have included in future newsletters, send them to Michelle Chesnut at the above email address and include some contact info in case there are questions. If possible, please send them in an attached Word document. The deadline for articles is Friday after the Board of Directors meeting the first Wednesday of each month.

If you would like to receive a printed newsletter, write to Joe Gick
16601 Cavalry Drive
Rockville, MD 20853-1219

"Life does not cease to be funny when people die any more than it ceases to be serious when people laugh."
--George Bernard Shaw



Figure 7 - Preparing for the Great Acorn Hunt (Photo by Bob Cumberland)