

The MILEPOST

Mon Yough Trail Council's Yough River Trail Newsletter

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Always find time for the things that make you feel happy to be alive!

- Anonymous

From the computer desk of the President

Hello to all of you, our loyal trail members. We made it through another year of fallen trees, way too much rain, and plants growing faster than we could keep them cut back. Over all this was another good year as far as trail maintenance issues that were addressed. Thanks to Charlie and a RAD (Regional Asset District) grant, we had the one mile Duro Bond bypass repaved with asphalt this past May. We have also been busy sealing the edges of this section with asphalt millings and hope to have it finished before the end of the year.

Our second big project was cutting back the trees overhanging a seven-mile section of the trail. We cut a 25-foot clearance for the heavy equipment that will be on the trail to repave from Buena Vista to the southern end of the Duro Bond bypass. Hopefully this should be completed sometime next year.

I want to thank all who support us financially, and a special thank you to those who also volunteer. This year, we are celebrating our 25th year as a trail organization. Thanks to the visionaries, who saw the potential of this abandoned rail corridor and understood what it would mean to the communities that it runs through. Their dedication and hard work has given us our trail, part of the Great Allegheny Passage, a world class destination where many of us have met trail users from all over this world. Part of our job is to continue this legacy that these trail building pioneers have given us. We want to keep it as a destination that people want to see and use often.

Like last year, I am happy to report that our April fundraiser, the Little Boston 5K and Half Marathon, was again a great success. Thanks to Bill and Judy for their leadership and everyone who put their

time and effort to make it another profitable event.

Our June fundraiser, the "Yough and Roll", was also very successful. Thanks to Kathy, Joanna, Lois and George for organizing this year's event and to all the others who helped. For the last couple of years, we have been combining it with our membership appreciation day. We did that again this year and threw in our 25th year celebration. We were given 3 proclamations for our dedication and community service, one from state senator James Brewster, another from the county council representative Bob Macey and the last one from Rich Fitzgerald, our county executive. We had a great turnout for all three events and the weather cooperated nicely. We had all three proclamations framed and they are now hanging in the visitor's center for all to see.

An organization such as ours exist solely on the strength in the number of its volunteers. So, if you truly love this trail and how it looks, please consider giving one day a month, 4 hours, of your valuable time to help. Let's keep this trail the world class destination that it is now and with your help, always will be. Give me a call and I will be glad to tell you what we do to maintain our trail and how you can help.

Rich Kundman - President MYTC (724-747-5894)

Yough ‘n’ Roll

MYTC 25th Anniversary Celebration & Membership Appreciation Day

By Kathy Banfield

On Saturday, June 18, the Mon/Yough Trail Council had their 23rd Yough-n-Roll Bike Ride, Trail Appreciation Day and celebrated their 25th year as a trail council. It was a beautiful day and we had a nice turnout. The ride was started 23 years ago by Kevin Kerzell. The trail was not completed for the first Yough-n-Rolls and they were street and trail combination rides with a 20 and 40 mile options. They are now 20 or 40 mile trail rides. Rest stops with refreshments are provided as well as lunch at the end of the ride. George Seivern has been our hot dog chef at Boston for several years. And this year there were also hot dogs at the Queen Aliquippa Campground at Dravo Cemetery.



The 25 Year Celebration took place as part of the ride. State Senator James Brewster talked to the crowd about the impact the trail has had on the Mon Valley. Allegheny County Council Representative Bob Macey spoke about the impact of the trail on the quality of life in our community. Austin Davis, Executive Assistant to Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, presented the MYTC with a proclamation stating June 18th was Mon/Yough Trail Council Day.

A BIG THANK YOU to our sponsors of the “Yough ‘n’ Roll” for their support:

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Huntington’s Disease Bikers

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Huntington’s Disease is a neurological, genetic disease passed from parent to child through a mutation on the 4th chromosome. “Bikin’ the Trails for HD” was a 400 mile bicycle ride in May/June 2016 from Pittsburgh to Baltimore for the 31st annual HDSA Convention. The ride purpose was to heighten public awareness of the disease and raise funds for family services and research. A group of 8 riders stopped at the MYTC Visitor Center in May on their way to Baltimore to attend the convention. Leading the group was Charlotte Reicks (80 years old) from Colorado; her 24th year of cross-country bicycling for the charity. The site for the annual Huntington Disease Convention moves across the US, so this group arranges for a different bike trip each year. They contact churches or nonprofits along the route to see if they can provide accommodations. The Boston United Methodist Church, along the Yough River Trail, provided accommodations and a pasta dinner for the group. After they left Boston, their next over-night stop was at the Perryopolis Baptist Church.



Riders at MYTC Visitor Center & Boston UM Church

The 3rd Annual J. Terrence Farrell Memorial Bike Ride

by Belinda O'Keson

As the morning light peeked through the leaves, that were beginning to metamorphose into vibrant display of autumnal colors, The McKeesport Hospital Foundation, the Lions of District 14-B along with the Mon-Yough Trail Council hosted the third annual J. Terrence Farrell Memorial Bike Ride. The event took place the last Saturday of September, 2016.

This year's ride was nothing less than an enormous success due to our loyal sponsors and our novice and veteran participants. As in the previous years, the ride began at 8:30 a.m., under the Boston Bridge, with the option of either a 7 1/2 mile ride to the Dravo Cemetery or a 20 mile ride to Smithton Beach. At noon, the riders met at the Frew Pavilion for a light lunch. Before departing, family and friends gathered at Mr. Farrell's memorial bench in observance of his dedication to the City of McKeesport.

Attorney Farrell, a cycling enthusiast and long-time Lion, initially created the excursion to raise money for the McKeesport Lion's Club. The inaugural "Bike for Sight" took place on the Mon-Yough trail 18 years ago, always on the last Saturday of September. Each year the event's proceeds were distributed to local organizations. Mr. Farrell arranged for the purchase of reflective vests for the McKeesport Police Department as well as underwater cameras for the McKeesport Fire Department.

Mr. Farrell had said, "this bike ride could be a very successful event." He measured the event's success, not only by the number or dollars collected from the generous sponsors, but also by the number of cyclists participating. The more participants, the larger the event, the greater the success.

This year the event co-chairs, Belinda O'Keson and Christine Farrell Zacharia, have opted to resume Attorney Farrell's humanitarian work for the McKeesport Community. Last Year endowments, in Mr. Farrell's name, were made to Friends of the Riverfront, McKeesport Regional History and Heritage Center, Carnegie Free Library of McKeesport, the Mon-Yough trail and the Lions, Mon-River Fleet for their annual BBQ fundraiser. They will make a donation to the American Heart Association. Heart disease and stroke are the leading cause of death in the United States.

They have also decided to sponsor an adaptive bike, for a special needs child, through Variety, The Children's Charity. They would like the child to be from McKeesport or the surrounding area. It is their hope that this child will be able to participate in a portion of the ride next year. They believe that all children should feel the joy of riding a bike. If you, or anyone you know, could be a candidate for an adaptive bike please contact Christine at jtfbikeride@gmail.com.

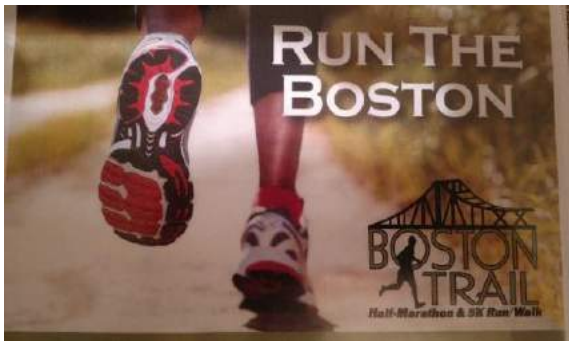


The family would like to cultivate this event, continue to make new friends and support local charities. Next Year the ride will take place on Saturday, September 30, 2017. Come meet us on the trail!



SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 2017
Boston Trail Half Marathon & 5K Run/Walk



100% of the proceeds help in the maintaining and improving the Boston trail. Staffed by volunteers who work to help keep the trail looking its very best. Please come and help support this important fundraiser so that we can continue in making this trail the best it can be.

To register, go to www.runsignup.com and for more information, go to www.thebostontrail.com.

Tragedy and Heroics Along the Yough

By Bob Cupp

On the evening of Wednesday, December 23, 1903, the popular Baltimore & Ohio passenger train, the Duquesne Limited, was approaching Connellsville, its first stop out of Pittsburgh. Unknown to the crew, heavy timbers had fallen from a west-bound freight train onto the east-bound tracks two miles west of Dawson's Station.

The ill-fated train struck the timbers on a sharp reverse curve and left the tracks while traveling near Laurel Run at about 50 mph. Three of the train's crew were among 53 persons killed in the tragedy, among them some prominent Mt. Pleasant and Connellsville citizens.

Although this was the state's worst train accident, the tragedy could have been far worse had it not been for the heroic actions of one man. Thomas J. Dom was the Duquesne Limited's baggage master. Dom suffered multiple scalp wounds, facial cuts and lost an eye. His

efforts to avoid further tragedy were described in the next day's edition of the Greensburg Daily Tribune:

His face running with blood from a dozen wounds, his left eye hanging down on his cheek, John Dom of 508 Herron Ave., Pittsburgh, the heroic baggage master on the ill-fated Limited, stumbled westward along the track after he had crawled from the wreck. Dom is an old-time employee of the Baltimore & Ohio. His car went over the embankment. His first thought on dragging himself from the mass of splinters after the crash was of Train No. 49, bearing many lives, which was following close and almost due.

No red light was burning on the wrecked train. There was not a signal available, but Dom staggered back over the ties nearly the length of his train, and then heard the roar of No. 49, approaching the grade.

Dom had a handful of matches in his pocket. He took them out, half a dozen at a time, struck them, and during the short sputter of the brimstone waved them around and around his head. Finally he lighted his handkerchief.

Engineer Johnston, on Train 49, saw a strange signal. He threw on his emergency brake and the heavy train was brought to a standstill not two-car lengths from the end of the wreckage.

Dom nearly fainted as passengers and train crew went to his rescue. Tenderly he was placed in an ambulance. He lay unconscious for two hours at the hospital last night, but is one of the few who will recover. "I hardly knew what I was doing," he said after he had regained consciousness, "except that No. 49 ought to be stopped. We hadn't any time to search for signal lights, and I didn't know what I was going to use to stop it when I started back."

His face swathed in bandages, Dom insisted on leaving his cot and kneeling at the bedside of his dying conductor, Louis Helgarth, at the far end of the ward during the early morning hours. One of the nurses came to the baggage man and told him that Helgarth was dying. Dom was half-carried to the conductor's bedside and remained there for ten minutes, taking the last sad message from Helgarth to the loved ones at home.

Offshore Club

by Terry Vota

See that collapsed building between the Yough River Trail and the river just after MP 29.0?



Trail MP 29 at bottom and remains of Offshore Club building at top left
Google - 2016



Sign at corner of Blythedale Road & OffShore Drive ~ 1956
Carnegie Library Archives

Now, what do the following songs have to do with that collapsed building?

“What’d I say” / “Blueberry Hill” / “Such a Night” / “Jim Dandy” / “Ain’t That a Shame” / “Save the Last Dance for Me” / “Hit the Road Jack”. Well, if you are from either the “Greatest Generation” or the “Boomer Generation”, you would recognize the artists that made those songs famous were Ray Charles, Fats Domino, LaVern Baker and the Drifters. That building was the **Offshore Club**, once one of the major African-American dance halls and night clubs in the Tri-State area.

Yes.....right there in **Blythedale**, a little coal-mining town along the Youghiogheny River.

Celebrities such as Ray Charles, Fats Domino, LaVern Baker and the Drifters all performed there. According to local resident Theresa Thaxton, her father James Thaxton and uncle Quill Mitchell owned and ran the establishment. They lived just up the hill on Offshore Drive and many times the celebrities would stay at their home before and after the performances. Theresa remembers cars parked along the railroad track, up the Offshore Drive hill and out Blythedale Road all the way to the Suterville bridge. People would come not only from the Pittsburgh area, but also from West Virginia, Ohio, and Maryland. In particular, Ray Charles performed there on March 4, 1957 and March 12, 1959. A Pittsburgh Courier newspaper article from March 9, 1957 described the performance.....

4 March 1957

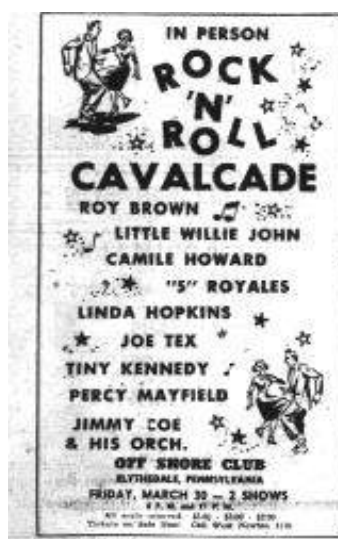
"There was nothing blithe in Blythedale [...] when 1,500 screaming and frenzied,

table-top dancing rock 'n' roll fans of blues singer Ray Charles rocked the **Off-Shore Club** like a boat in a squall, thus making the action truly off-shore."

When management couldn't restore order, "Joe Mitchell, co-manager of the spot, climbed upon a table and started to shoot blanks into the ceiling in an attempt to gain attention and control the mob. After that, doors were made where there had been none before.

Local police and county detectives were called and patrons left by windows and any other exits they could make."

That must have been quite a scene!



An advertisement in the Pittsburgh Courier also reports a “Rock and Roll Cavalcade” in **Blythedale** at the **Offshore Club** in March 1956 featuring Roy Brown, Linda Hopkins, and Percy Mayfield among others. Ray Charles and all these artists would later perform at major venues such as

Carnegie Hall in New York City, the Syria Mosque in Pittsburgh, the Hollywood Palladium and the Apollo Theatre in Harlem but back in the mid-1950's, the **Offshore Club** in **Blythedale** was the “in” place! Now, if it was so popular, why did it close? Records show that inspectors from the Alcohol & Tobacco Tax Division (ATTD) of the IRS raided the establishment in the late 1950's. Records also show that there was a Violation Case against the **Offshore Club** in front of Judge Brosky in the late 1950's when several employees were arrested for serving liquor without a license. Some local residents provided anecdotal input (and have remnants) of an illegal Moonshine Still from the building. Perhaps that is why it closed?

Water Company Employees Spend Day on Trail

By Tim Banfield

On Friday, September 23, fourteen employees from Pennsylvania American Water Company (PAWC), based out of their Operations Center in Elizabeth, lent a hand to Mon/Yough Trail Council by assisting with a number of maintenance projects on the trail.



With the help of the PAWC crew of fourteen and use of a PAWC back hoe, two dump trucks and pick-ups, we were able to get a tremendous amount accomplished. Employees that participated from the water company were Marei Burnfield, Ronnie Quinto, D. J. Dunn, Todd Harcum, Keith Shaffer, Mike Sostaric, Brad Ebert, Paul Karman, Linda Yarbaugh, Chuck Overly, Conor Murphy, Rich Boyles, Randy Burkholder, and Jim Jericho.

They spent the day on an area of the trail near Buena Vista where water was starting to flow onto the trail from a backed up drainage ditch. The crew cleaned out the ditch with the PAWC equipment. The crew also made use of MYTC's chipper to clean up overhanging tree limbs and branches that MYTC volunteers had dropped previously. The trail will be repaved between Buena Vista and Boston in the near future and the MYTC volunteers have spent many hours in August and September clearing the overhanging branches to provide room for construction equipment that will be used for the repaving project to work on the trail. The help cleaning out the drainage ditch in that area and clearing the overhanging branches will make the repaving go much smoother and keep the trail in much better shape for years.

In addition, the crew gathered the larger tree limbs and hauled them to the Queen Aliquippa campground nearby to be used for firewood. The Great Allegheny Passage is a major attraction in our region, and trail

users from around the world stay overnight there nearly every night from April to November.

Marei Burnfield, who serves on MYTC's Board of Directors and works for Pennsylvania American Water Company coordinated the day's activities with MYTC's Trail Maintenance Committee members and made the arrangements for her co-workers to participate in this effort.



MYTC really appreciates the effort put forth by the group from the water company in assisting with this important maintenance needed on the trail. Altogether, nearly 100 volunteer hours were spent on the trail projects. We want to thank Marei Burnfield in particular, MYTC member and volunteer, for initiating this project.

Boston Visitor Center

The visitor center at Boston had another successful season. With a few new volunteers and increased volunteer hours, sales were at an all-time high. The inside was revamped a bit and additional GAP trail items were added for sale. Visitors from over 25 different States and several foreign countries signed our "visitor log" and placed location pins on wall maps.

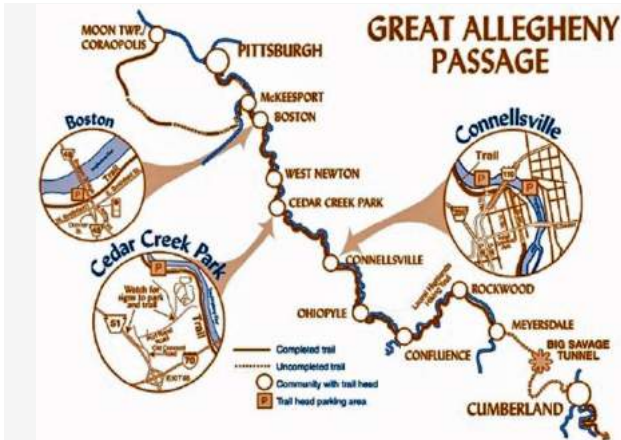


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It’s easy to help the Mon/Yough Trail Council promote its news and events via the social media site, Facebook.



Search for Mon/Yough Trail Council on Facebook and “like” the site. This will push MYTC posts to your Facebook site. When you see a post that you like, share it to

spread the news to other Facebook users and to encourage them to “like” MYTC on Facebook to have updates forwarded to their pages.

There’s no charge to share information on Facebook.

Summer Maintenance Project on the Trail

by Tim Banfield

If you have been out on the trail over this past summer you have probably seen piles of cut branches laying along the trail. If you have been out on a Saturday you may have had to avoid volunteer crews working with equipment overhead dropping tree limbs on the trail.

Mon/Yough Trail Council (MYTC) volunteers have been hard at work preparing for future repaving of the trail. The work clearing the overhanging branches will make the repaving go much smoother. The trail will be repaved between Buena Vista and Boston in the near future and the MYTC volunteers have spent many hours starting in July and continuing through August and September into October clearing the overhanging branches to provide room for construction equipment to work on the trail during the repaving project. This work will make it easier for MYTC volunteers to mow along the trail as well. The volunteer crews also made use of a chipper to clean up the overhanging tree limbs and branches that volunteers had dropped previously.

MYTC’s Trail Maintenance Committee really appreciates the effort put forth by the group of volunteers that assisted with this important maintenance needed on the trail. The volunteer hours spent on this project are still being tallied, but it totals in the hundreds!



The Three

by Dan Piesik

As stated in a previous issue of the Milepost, individuals who have contributed over and above what was necessary to make the Yough the magnificent trail that it is, will be featured. I assure you that it is impossible to acknowledge the thousand volunteers who have contributed – time – talent - treasure to make the “treasure” of a facility that everyone enjoys today, but in some small way relate to individuals in the future to continue a tradition. It is with this idea in mind that we get to know a little of a few of the many people who made a difference.

Mary Reid – Riding – Running – Writing

Mary Reid has been a long time member of MYTC, WCTC, and RTC, always there always willing to take an office and always helping or overseeing activities on and for the trails. That is the entire Yough Trail. In the beginning days before there was a formal trail – Mary was there. At the preliminary meetings, someone was needed to take minutes of the procedure and who stepped up? Mary, of course! She was among the first official members of the newly formed organization with the impressive date of October 17, 1991. She has been an official of MYTC, WCTC, and RTC for many terms as no one would step up to the task. Her duties as treasurer and secretary of the organizations truly benefited from her skill and dedication. She has always been there to help, whether it is writing minutes or handing out bananas at an event, you can count on Mary and we must not forget her husband Rowan, who also has been on advisory boards, was president of Westmoreland County Trail Council and has always been there to help. So when not working and contributing many many hours to trail activities, they get a chance to ride – occasionally

Tim Banfield – Always There

When the first official ride occurred on October 1991 it coincided with the 500th Trail Opening and was a big celebration in Boston. There was a festive air about Boston with several hundred people and displays of the future trail. This day a ride with some young, strong “hardies” started out for Connellsville over forty miles away. The leader was Tim Banfield. Tim was a member of the Pennsylvania Wheelmen and even at this early beginning brought knowledge of standards, procedures, and organization to the new experience of trail building and maintaining to our area.

If one were to seek a definition of the word dedicated,

Tim Banfield certainly is a prime example. Tim rode and guided the troop to Connellsville on the undeveloped trail. It was ballast, railroad ties, water, and mud – lots of mud. There were trees down and washouts on the long abandoned line and they all made it – tired, dirty, but in great safe condition thanks to Tim. Tim has held the position of president, treasurer of MYTC many times. He is tireless with his current position with the Maintenance crew. He was instrumental in advising the Trail Monitor committee of MYTC to set up a successful program that was adopted by RTC and other organizations. His work with RTC is another example of dedicated giving of one’s self for the good of the trail. When a position or task needs attention, Tim is there. If RTC or other groups need help and expertise, Tim is there. Today Tim is here today filling an important position and as usual carrying out the task in his low keyed – excellent manner and ability.

Kathy Banfield – In Charge

Kathy Banfield has chaired and organized many activities as well as “come through” when one was needed to do a job. She was instrumental with fund raising activities and was one of the original MYTC members to approve and promote the box car project for Boston when it looked like the important artifact would wind up in the scrap yard. Her direct influence and expertise saved several programs that continue to promote the trail, and bring in revenue for operations. She has tirelessly held offices when no one else stepped up. When a fund raiser was headed as obsolete, Kathy came to the rescue and to fulfill wishes of the majority of members who wanted to continue the event which sustains today. Kathy is always here – always contributing her time and talent as all can vouch, for she is constantly seen when something is going on in MYTC – Kathy is busy, organizing, moving stuff, helping others, and has been seen directing traffic on the trail when construction work is being done by the maintenance crew.

Just a few of the highlights to recognize three of the 1000+ individuals who make the best trail organization, and there are many – Mon Yough Trail Council at the top of the list.

Trail Landmarks – Part III of III

By Katherine & David Bartley

Let me say first, if you don't have dogs and/or cats in your family, this may seem silly to you. If you are, like my husband and I, these family members, you choose or have chosen you, representing the purest, unselfish, never intentionally do-you-wrong beings, we will ever have the privilege of knowing.

With that said you will understand why our landmarks are tributes to these family members, past and present. It all started with our first Maggie, an old English Sheepdog; 1985-2001. We got her in 1985 and started biking the trail in 1997. She was 12 years old. Like most dogs, felt bad when we left and it was the happiest day of her life, every time we returned. This along with my Catholic guilt, inspired me one day as we were riding past "white falls", between MP 25 and 26, to say let's call this "Maggie Falls" and it began.

Second was our precious little Sadie, a mix breed from Virginia; 1997-2009. Her landmark tribute is a little piece of land that would be a dream-come-true to have a house there. After MP 29, before the railroad crossing at Sutersville, where car drivers would rather run you down than put their foot on the brake. We have named that property "Sadie Willows".

Third was a Golden Retriever we named Ruby, which was a perfect way to transition "red falls" to Ruby Falls". Fourth was our first cat that we found along the trail in Perryopolis. Her name is McGreedy, which promptly led to renaming Perryopolis to McGreedopolis.

At some point, we realized we had so many family members, past and present, we needed to consolidate, so we use the largest landmark, Red Falls, which is now "Ruby Falls", "Pumpkin Parking", "Trailside Trudie", "Boo Launch", "Sutersville Sammy", "Greyson", "Poncho", "Spooky". Here is what you need to know, Pumkin is our 2nd cat, also from Virginia; 2004, Trudie, 3rd cat-found at Buena Vista, thus Trailside Trudie; 2010-2014. Found cat Boo; 2012, River Launch, 5th cat Sammy; 2013- at Sutersville is a S-word. Greyson, Poncho and Spooky, all neighborhood cats that we supply food, water, have had neutered and have an open safe space in our 2-car garage building; which at Dave's discretion is heated by a space heater in winter and/or cold days or nights.

These landmarks are recited every trip outgoing and returning. It seems like a natural respectful way to pay homage to things we truly love.

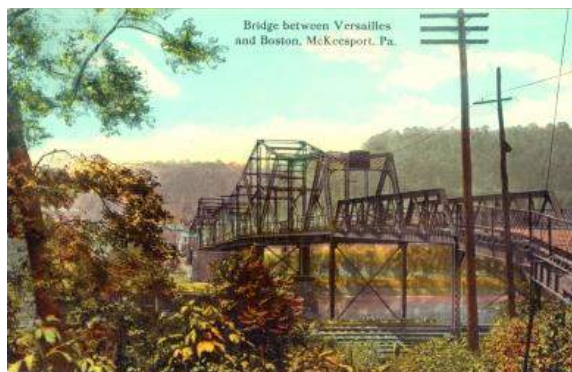
Little Boston

By Bob Cupp

Boston, Pennsylvania was named after Boston, Massachusetts by one of the Duncan brothers of Duncan, Cornell and Company, by whom the coal works at Boston was first established around 1845. During the early days, this area was known as "The Forks of the Yough," as was all the land between the Monongahela and Youghiogheny Rivers. A stockade fortification, known as "Fort Field" was located along present-day Smithfield Street. Settlers from the surrounding area, including McKeesport, retreated here when there was a threat of an Indian attack.

The first known Boston business was a salt works, west of the present-day Boston Bridge on the road that led to Elrod's Ferry. Later, J. D. Williams operated a saw mill between what is now the Boston ball field and the Youghiogheny River.

The Boston Bridge is the gateway to Elizabeth Township and the Yough River Trail. It carries a high volume of traffic over the Yough, and has served as a well-known Allegheny County landmark for generations. "Go over the Boston Bridge into 'Little' Boston," is a common instruction when giving local directions.



Photos: Old Boston Bridge erected in 1893.

(Courtesy of ETHS)



**Please welcome our newest members!
April 2016 – October 2016**

Tom & Laura Bakewell	Elizabeth
William J. Brand	North Huntingdon
Wayne Chabassol	Pittsburgh
Carol Elliott/Joe Howell	Imperial
Vincent Finizio	Pittsburgh
Claudia Frabizio	Blythedale
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David Meekins	McKeesport
James McClintock	Monroeville
Chris McCloskey	Buena Vista
Joseph Page	Pittsburgh
Kathy Jo Pollack	White Oak
Charles & Carol Reitmeyer	Pittsburgh
Mary Safran	Elizabeth
Leigh Seabright	West Mifflin
Merle Shotwell	Elizabeth
Stephen Taylor	Pittsburgh
John Warhold	North Huntingdon
Fred Zelt	Pittsburgh
Patricia Zupanc	Elizabeth

We also wish to again extend a sincere thank you to the members who have generously renewed their membership for the 2016 season. Your continued support is appreciated!

Marei Burnfield, Membership Chair

Regular Work Sessions on the Trail

MYTC holds regular work sessions during good weather on **Saturday mornings, meeting at 08:00** at the end of Locust Grove Road along the trail in Greenock, off of East Smithfield Street about 2 miles upriver from the Boston Bridge. To be added to MYTC's email distribution list for weekly notices on work sessions, go to the MYTC website – www.thebostontrail.com and click on the “contact us” button to submit your name, email address, phone number, and mailing address.



MYTC Maintenance Building



New Sign to be erected at Maintenance Building

Council Directory

Mission Statement

In 1991, the Mon/Yough Trail Council (MYTC) was founded to promote the rail corridor conversion to public access trails along the Youghiogheny River. Today, MYTC remains a non-profit, 501(c)3, all volunteer Pennsylvania corporation dedicated to sustaining trail maintenance and operations in order to encourage multi-purpose recreational use.

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Meetings

You are welcome to attend informative monthly meetings, held 6:30 pm, the second Thursday of each month at the Greenock Fire Hall, Elizabeth Township.

Contact us:

MYTC

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McKeesport, PA 15135

www.TheBostonTrail.com

Membership Application

Yes, I want to be a member of the
Mon Yough Trail Council

Membership Level	Contribution
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- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> General | \$20 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Associate | \$25 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Supporting | \$50 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sustaining | \$100 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Corporate | \$250 |

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In addition, I would like to contribute
\$_____ to the MYTC.

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