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President’s Message by Al Faust

The memberships’ hands on participation in the USDA/Stetson project have begun. On November 7<sup>th</sup> about a dozen members began the process of marking and cataloging oak, apple, and cavity trees. This is a great way for members to get outdoors, participate in a club project and learn to use a GPS device and making the forest productive. We all owe Deane Smith a big thank you for getting this project

started. Greenland Point Center needs financial help to get thru the winter and be ready for programs next spring. PCCA has been a major supporter, getting GPC up and running, and will continue the scholarship support. However, the board feels it is time to redirect the extra help provided during the first five years to other projects. Woody Higgins and I have been on the

GPC board from the beginning and have seen the positive effect a Greenland Point week can have on a youngster. We ask members that are planning their Holiday giving to keep Greenland Point in mind (PO Box 333 Princeton, ME 04668). They are a 501c3 non-profit. Your help will have a positive impact on many youth.

Happy Holidays, Al

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Special points of interest:

- Members and Guests – Gala New Years Eve Dinner and Dance – Please make your reservations early! Nancy @ 843-7270 or hatchhinkley at msn dot com
Do you know a business who might like to have a booth at the Sportsmens Show – have them contact us through the website!
Winner of the Turkey Shoot Shoot in Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> – Deane Smith; 2<sup>nd</sup> – Karen Casey
If you have a Tree Stand on the Stetson Land – Make SURE it has your contact infor on it!

STETSON LAND WORK DAY

GREAT SUCCESS

On Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, a group of a dozen members met at the Stetson camp and started our plan program of tagging, waypointing and mapping to comply with the requirements of our USDA project. Several members even brought their 4-wheelers which helped as well.

Before the day was over Barry Burgeson had started the release of

some of the apples trees. Aaron McGarvey provided Barry with our waypoints and the mapping was started.

If anyone goes out to the camp to work on this project, please make sure to open the black backpack on the table and log in for the day. This log is specific for our work on grant activities and will be most important to our documentation. Also in

the notebook should be some papers explaining the project, some surveyors tape and other items to use.

Questions about the project and needs should be addressed to Deane Smith. It was great working with everyone and we will have more work days. Watch the newsletter for an announcement and thanks to all!

### A BEAR STORY DURING DEER SEASON by Bill Barron

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It had been a very dry fall and was the last week of November. My luck was running out so I decided to try my luck in an old logging area north of Katadin Iron Works.

Started by walking up a nearly dry stream bed. At this point in time I was a mile or two away from my pickup and it was about 3 PM late in the day. I approached a large pine tree, which obscured my view, at right angles in the stream. and stepped around it. There within 15 feet sat a very large black bear [400 lbs plus or minus] on the bank with his hind feet in the water.

We were both taken by surprise. My quick reaction was not to fire as I noted his very slow motion in every movement. I was close enough to watch his slow eye closure. Every motion was slow. He kept looking at me and slowly lifting his feet out of the water and humped himself up on the bank. Then only gradually standing on all fours & walked away. I must not have seemed to be a menace.

Normally I would have expected him to explode and bound away. Instead he demonstrated no alarm or aggressive behavior. He kept his eyes on me

and slowly walked away at a snail's pace.

Can you imagine looking a large black bear in the eye at close quarters ? I left the encounter visibly shaken & baffled at the bear's actions. Gussed the bear must been just ready to go into his winters hibernation.

Sure glad I did not have to carry that big fat animal back the several miles to my pickup.

Each hunting season has its surprises and we learn to expect the unexpected in the great outdoors.

Until next time, this is der forestmeister

### STETSON COMMITTEE – RECREATIONAL VEHICLE POLICY

The Board of Directors, at the November meeting, appointed Andrew Stearn, Chairperson of a Committee to draft recommendations for a policy governing the use of "All Recreational Vehicles" on our Stetson land. It is well

known portions of our land are being used by non-club members with AVTs, Snowmobiles and perhaps other types of "off-road recreational" vehicles.

their use and it is time to draft one for approval. This will be a small committee. If you are a club member and interested to serve, please contact Andrew at 207-944-4815.

We have no official policy on



Members watching a porcupine during our workday.

#### Change of Addresses

Please change your email address on line at our website & email it to the newsletter editor! Also, send us snail mail changes!

### DECEMBER – REGULAR MEETING

The December meeting of the club will be held on Thursday, December 2nd at the clubhouse on North Main Street in Brewer. A Pot Roast dinner with fixins will be served. Dinner tickets are \$7/per person. All are welcome to attend.

Speaker will be our own member Jerry Longcore speaking on the Ecology of the Beaver. Come and learn more about this fascinating and interesting creature.

Business meeting will follow our meal and speaker. This always proves to be an interesting update to activities within the club. There is usually a chance to sign up for any workdays or sessions, you have an opportunity to get to know folks and learn more about what is going on.

All members are encouraged to attend and also bring a guest. Dues will be received and

applications for membership are also available at our meetings.

There is a 50/50 raffle at our meeting. If you have any questions, feel free to contact an officer or Board member.

Coming to the meeting? Consider bringing a guest or maybe giving another member a ride. The more the merrier – a great time for fellowship!

## HUNTERS BREAKFAST – ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR

This year proved to be another success as 206 people came to enjoy our Hunters Breakfast. No one left hungry and a good time was had by all. We serve more each year.

We also received FREE Gun locks to give away

from the Penoscot County SO and Operation Child Safe. 100 Locks were distributed.

Without the help of club members this would not be as successful. From cash donations at our November meeting to all

hands helping the day of the event. Success comes from working together. Please plan on giving an hour or two of your time to help next year. After the breakfast workers are needed too! Thank you everyone! Photos by Bill K are on our Facebook.

## FOSTERING RELATIONSHIPS

This past year the club had a pick-up abandoned on our Stetson land. Not only was it abandoned but it was mired in the mud and burned. This was not good for the environment and we wanted it removed. The challenge came in that it was in a place nearly only a 4 wheeler could go.

The police had been

involved and no one could find a towing company with the ability to remove the truck. Logistically it was a nightmare. We also did not want to expend club funds for litigation with the owner or to tow it.

One of our Board had contact with a local Off-Road Enthusiast Group and they were willing to take a look at

our problem. Enter Offroadingraine.org. They assessed the problem, spoke with the board and on November 21<sup>st</sup> removed the vehicle. This group shows how responsible 4 wheel drive owners may be our friends. They are looking forward to working with us on more projects in the future. Thank you folks!

## CHRISTMAS SHOPPING FOR THE SPORTSMEN

By the time you sit down to read your newsletter – the furry of Black Friday will probably already be past. You may not, however, have completed your Christmas shopping so Ye Editor sat down to consider some tips to help you,

If you are shopping for someone who hunts or fishes – there is nothing better than purchasing their hunting and fishing license. You can do this right on line at IF&W website. They even have an on-line store with

Clothing, prints, Park passes, videos, DVDs, mugs and other things. Of course, you might also like to change your license plate to a new one supporting them.



There are many store fronts to visit, too, locals such as Van Raymonds, Old Town Trading post and others. Then the bigger stores, LL Bean, Cabela's, Dicks Sporting Goods and more. Don't

discount the possibility of charitable giving as a gift option. President Faust has mentioned the great need at Greenland Point and our own Scholarship Fund could always benefit from a "gift" to honor your friend or family member.

Lastly, remember those alone and the home bound. Just a card may make for a Happy Holiday.

No matter how big or small your giving, remember the reason for the season. May you and yours enjoy the Merriest of Holidays!

### Up-Coming Events

#### December

2 - Regular Meeting

16 - Board Meeting

31 - Gala New Years Dinner Dance Bash

#### January

6 - Regular Meeting

20 - Board Meeting

#### February

3 - Regular Meeting

17 - Board Meeting

19 - Greenland Point Fund Raiser - Princeton

26 & 27 - Cabin Fever Reliever

### Sportsmen's Show

March 11 – 13, 2011

We already have a good number of vendor contracts.

If you know of a company who would like to be in our show – please have them visit our website for more information.

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**Annual Sportsmens Show – MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

Our Show is coming up on March 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>.

We would like to have every club member who might be able donate some time to working on the show. There are many jobs to do – from selling tickets, door guard, food concession

and on. Won't you consider signing up today.

Send an email to the Newsletter Editor with your interest and contact information. I will pass it on to the right committee Chairperson.

And – don't forget to ask

your favorite store or business to participate. Booth space is still available but going fast!

And YOU our members are our best advertisement. Please recruit people to come to the Best Sportsmens Show in Maine!

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**To learn more about PCCA or obtain a membership application, please contact us.**

