



# GUIDELINES



## President's Message

By Scott Locorini

It is my honor to serve as the NYSOGA president for another year and I will strive to continue the forward momentum and progress that was started by my predecessors.

Over the course of the next year, my goals are to get YOU, the current member, more involved, gain new members (with your help), find more ways for members to work together and to increase our exposure by offering higher levels of training to members.

Our advertising slogan is "GO WITH THE PROS!" Now, I think we need a member's slogan of "WE NEED YOU!"

We need fresh faces and input at the Board of Directors meetings. If you can make it, the next one is May 20th at the White Otter Fish & Game Club in Woodgate, NY, starting at 10 a.m. We also need new members. They're out there; we just need to go say hello to them. For anyone who asks "What can NYSOGA do for me," here are five quick and easy to remember responses:

1. We are the ONLY statewide guides' organization in New York and have a very close working relationship with



*"It's never too soon!" President Scott is teaching daughter Mia fly fishing at an early age.*

DEC. As a result, we are able to stay current and report back to members any issues in Albany that affect guides and the guiding industry in NYS.

2. Our members receive a listing on our website with a link to their website or Facebook page. Over the past year, we have rebuilt, upgraded and generally done an AWESOME job with [www.nysoga.org](http://www.nysoga.org). You can't buy a link to your website as inexpensively as a NYSOGA membership.

3. As a result of our website, members receive inquiries from potential clients in the trip planning form e mails. These forms go out to all members who request them in all categories and regions.

4. Members have representation at sports shows, not only as a NYSOGA member, but they can put their their own advertising piece in a "show bag" and have it distributed at shows for no additional cost.

5. Camaraderie! To many members, this is enough of a reason. New members instantly gain a knowledge base that not in Wikipedia and the "old times" are usually more than happy to share it. In addition to that, many new members start their business by getting referrals from some of the established members. WOW, all of that for "75!"

A great idea for getting guides to work together is the Catskill Adventure (aka-CATS) program. Member Will Soter of Upstate Adventure Guides has been working on this project which involves networking to help folks identify potential partners and discover new options for possible rev-

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## Notes from your NYSOGA secretary

Winter Rendezvous 2015 has come and gone and a good time was had by all. Thursday saw a large group of prospective new guides taking water safety and attending the review class for the guide's exam. Friday many of the same folks plus some refreshers were kept very busy with CPR/AED and First aid classes. That evening we had our welcome gathering and were entertained by games and music. Some even took advantage of time in the pool and hot tub with "Zak the Bear".....Saturday saw our workshops, regional meetings, annual meeting and annual banquet and the prospective guides took their tests. Sunday wrapped up our whirlwind weekend with the BOD meeting and then everyone headed home to recuperate from all the fun!

This year's Board of Directors is looking forward to another good year. We have several new members this year and are looking forward to what they have to offer. All officers from

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## NYSOGA to Sponsor Wilderness First Aid Session on June 7

An eight hour certification course in Wilderness First Aid will be sponsored by NYSOGA on Sunday, June 7. It will be held at the White Otter Fish & Game Club in Woodgate, NY and last from 9 a.m. through 6 p.m.

Included will be several topics, including:

- Muscle, joint and bone injury
- Soft tissue injury • Bandages and splints
- Sudden illness • Heat and cold injury or illness
- Evacuation methods • Prevention advice
- Recommended first aid supplies

Class attendees will be able to camp behind the White Otter clubhouse. Rest rooms will be available and a nearby café opens at 6 a.m.

To get more information and sign up, go to [www.nysoga.org](http://www.nysoga.org).

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*Will Soter of Kingston is a new NYSOGA Director-at-Large. Will is the co-founder and lead guide of Upstate Adventure Guides which leads hiking, backpacking, camping & paddling trips. They focus on the Catskills and specialize in the path less traveled.*



*Jordan Craig is a new member (and Director-at-Large) of NYSOGA who loves the outdoors and has the heart and soul of a teacher. He enjoys breaking down photography into simple concepts that anyone can learn and put into use on the spot. This summer, he is offering photography classes and workshops throughout the Adirondacks. As a licensed guide, he is available to photograph and video your guided hikes so that you can offer top quality coffee-table photobooks and video recaps to your clients or groups.*



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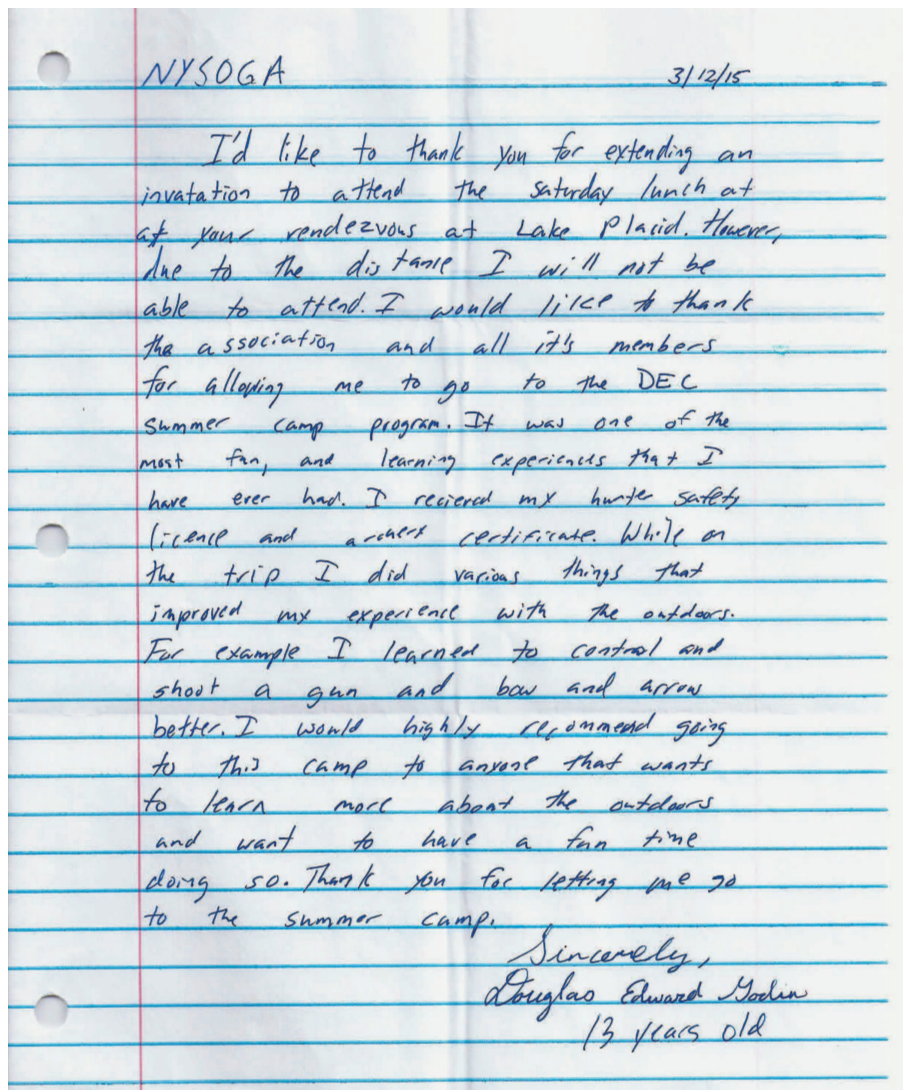
## President's Message

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eneue. The next meeting on April 20th is at Spillian, 50 Todd Mountain Rd, Fleishmanns, NY 12430. It will look to develop the structure of the organization and discuss how they will implement their goals of driving tourism while being leaders of sustainability in our various industries. If you're interested in attending, please RSVP to Will-Soter@upstateadventureguides.com.

Finally, in an effort to be able to offer higher levels of training to existing guides, we are offering our Summer Rendezvous in a little bit of a different format this year. It will be in a lodging facility with the option camping or staying in a lodge. We will have a classroom area as well as access to a river. We want NYSOGA guides to be the elite guides in their field so we are looking at offering courses in fly casting, kayaking, canoeing, wilderness first aid, LNT, Hike Smart, waterfowl ID, GPS and advanced water safety. Most classes will be set up to advance the student toward a certification that will give them a "leg up" on their competition.

As always, don't hesitate to contact me with anything that might cross your mind. My virtual office is always open at scott@adirondackexposure.com and the telephone still works as well at (315) 335-1681.



Douglas Godin was sponsored by NYSOGA to attend a DEC summer camp.

## Northern Roots 'Hitting the Ground Running'

*By Sandra "Squeak" Rose*

The cabin slowly warms as the woodstove pumps out its gentle heat. The lanterns are lit chasing away the shadows. A mug of hot chocolate with a hefty dose of cinnamon warms the hands as the memories of Lake Placid warm the heart. The ice is falling from the roof as its reign of terror throughout the North Country ends. The birds have been singing in high chorus from the bare tree tops; calling out their thankfulness for making it through another season. The melting snow trickles dark streaks down the majestic Hard Maples; the tough barked giants are awakening for their spring debut. The whimsical Chick a Dees sing to me, they follow me as I walk and I answer them. The Downy and the Hairy are tapping out their revelries announcing that it is time for all of the woods to wake up and commence. The mighty Hemlocks jump to

life as their branches are sprung from their blankets. The deer are thankful for the signal to move out of the dark winter quarters of those same Hemlocks and into the sun of the south slopes, fields and thawing woods edge. The river and the Grindstone are raging and racing, each insistent upon being the first to deliver the melt to the estuary. The Squirrels are running the overhead maze with their little hearts visibly pounding in their chests as they suddenly stop as if checking their mental to do list. The Crows call out the importance of their annual springtime inspections with their usual degree of frenzy. Yes indeed, there is a lot going on..... there is a lot of joyful work ahead and Squeak is "Hitting the Ground Running"..... My Love, Hugs and Prayers to All.

*"Squeak"*



**REGION 1**

*By Capt. Tim "Yeti" Hallock (written during an airport layover)*

There is not too much to report for Region 1 other than a deep freeze winter that had the snow sticking around instead of the



**Tim Hallock**

usual melt and rain. Reports say this past February was the coldest on record on average for the Island. Salt water creeks froze to a foot of ice and more and snowmobiles rode the frozen creeks like highways. We had an ice pack in the North Shore that hasn't been seen since the seventies.

That's about all that's new - other than everyone looking forward to the spring!

**REGION 3**

*By "Catskill Bill" Swiac*

It's the eve of the general trout season and while we are used to cold wet conditions, few in Region 3 ever geared up to go ice fishing April 1st. That might be the best chance for a few fish on the line as there is still some good ice in the region. This extended cold may help hold off some of the turkey breeding till next month when we'll have the



**William Swiac**

chance to go afield to call some toms.

Speaking of turkey, some of you know that we have hosted Wounded Veterans here in the Catskills. This year, I'll be hosting several Vets for spring turkey with the hopes of some good Striper fishing in the afternoons. I know that James Doc has been hosting Vets for awhile now and I sincerely hope that every guide in NYSOGA gets the chance to thank a Vet and take them into the woods or onto the water. They deserve it!

With fishing on the mind, let's not forget about the new rules and regs for the striped bass season. While the ten herring rule remains, there is now a new start

date for striper season as well as a slot limit for keeper Bass.

For the non hook and bullet folks, the weather will break soon and early spring is a great time to hike the Catskills and pitch a camp. Wonderful views of the mountains and fresh wild edibles such as leeks, scallions, and ramps are great reasons to get out in the woods.

Finally, I'd like to welcome all the new NYSOGA members from Region 3 and around the state. I'm looking forward to the energy and ideas that these new members will surely bring to our organization.

I wish you all tight lines and safe travels.

**REGION 4**

*By Bruce Fuller*

Enjoyed seeing many of you at Winter Rendezvous. As a result of the weather, there is not a great deal to report. Bitter cold and snow seems to sum up the situation during the past few months for the entire State. As I write this report, there are only a couple of days left in March and it is 6 degrees outside in my area of Region 4, located



**Bruce Fuller**

in the northwestern Catskill Mountains. The sun has already been up for quite a while so I have no idea how cold it got to during the night.

We still have 1 1/2 to 2 feet of snow on the ground and I doubt there will be any significant changes by the time trout season opens this coming Wednesday. I would expect the water temperatures will be extremely low and that the fish will remain lethargic until well into the season. God only knows when the ice will leave the local reservoirs.

The conditions even seem to have slowed down the tom turkeys' interest in the ladies. Don't blame them.

Other than snowmobiling, skiing, snowshoeing, and winter camping, the weather severely hampered the enjoyment of outdoor activities.

The major negative issue of this year's weather conditions is the loss in wildlife we are sure to see. I am confident there will be considerable winter mortality for both deer and turkey. On the plus side is the fact that many of us have had some extra time to repair items and prepare for the new seasons that are sure to show up sometime this year. Wishing everyone a great year.

**REGION 5**

*By Sheila Young*

As I write this, spring is around the corner...theoretically. It was great to meet new faces at Rendezvous, and we all missed those who were unavoidably absent.

The specifics for an



**Sheila Young**

informal get-together for Region 5 guides will be announced in the near future...think of a hanging around the campfire listening to music kind of event. When you see the announcement, please think of any non-NYSOGA guides and aspiring guides to whom you can extend a personal invitation.

Due to Rendezvous registration deadlines and class limits, we offered an alternative Water Safety for Guides,

CPR and 1st Aid class on April 10-11. If you need these classes and can't find them elsewhere, don't hesitate to contact me.

Don't forget the one-day Wilderness First Aid certification class at White Otter Fish and Game Club in Woodgate on June 7. We believe you will be able to register at [www.nysoga.org](http://www.nysoga.org). See you in the mountains!

## REGION 6

By John Wainwright

Well it certainly has been a very cold winter which we ice fishing guides usually like. But 32 days of below zero temps, often with windchills of minus 30 and deep snow cover, hin-



John Wainwright

dered the number of days on the ice. I'm sure the deep snow cover and extremely cold temps made it tough for deer and turkeys as well. On several occasions, I saw deer stretching on their hind legs to reach sumac clusters and saw turkeys perched doing the same.

At least we've experienced a very slow melt which should reduce the chance of heavy flooding. Most streams in Region 6 are now clear of ice and might offer

some opportunities for fishing on the opening of trout season.

Although I was unable to attend the winter Rendezvous in Lake Placid, due to a prior commitment, I was re-elected as your Regional Representative. Please contact me at 315-894-5834 or e-mail at jwainwrightf@aol.com if you have questions, suggestions etc. for the BOD.

## REGION 7

By Capt. Phil Bortz

Greetings from the North Country - home of the winter that just won't quit! It was great to see everyone at the Winter Rendezvous and missed seeing those of you that couldn't make it. There are good things on the horizon!



Phil Bortz

Ice fishing in Region 7 was hit and miss this year. I heard some good reports from the Finger Lakes and

Oneida Lake paid off for the seasoned hard water angler. The Lake Ontario bays produced fish but you really had to work for them.

The 2015 winter steelhead fishing was plagued by shelf ice and what seemed to be months and months of sub-zero temps. The good news is that there are good numbers of fish in the Salmon River and it seems to be getting better every day. The thiamine deficiency phe-

nom that Craig mentioned in the last issue seems to have lightened up a bit in that we are seeing less and less distressed fish. But, only time will tell.

We are enjoying the opening of trout season and the annual Spring Youth Turkey Hunt from April 25-26.

Please, take a kid fishing or hunting. The lessons we teach them will serve a lifetime!

In closing, I would like to challenge all active members of NYSOGA! If each of us recruits one new member this year...WOW! See you all soon.

## Notes from your secretary

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the executive officers to directors at large were elected at the annual meeting on Saturday. We had several extra directors at large nominated and ended up having to have a secret ballot election to finalize the positions. New faces on the BOD include: Sandra Rose, Jordan Craig, Phil Bortz, Dave Dicerbo, and Will Soter. The old faces on the BOD thank them for their willingness to step up and serve.

Actions taken by the BOD at this meeting include:

- Acceptance of the secretary's and treasurer's reports as presented.
- Dates for Summer Rendezvous set for July 28-30, 2015 at a site TBA.
- Motion to cut each committee expense area by 20% allowing for coming back to the BOD for approval of any spending above that. One BOD meeting per year was also cut to help with budget shortfall.
- Approval for continuing the show booth advertising bag project.
- Referral to Bylaws/Policies committee for work on changing the term of President.
- Referral to Negotiations committee for possible changes to the way directors at large are nominated.
- Meeting Dates for BOD meetings were set: May 20 White Otter Fish and Game in Woodgate, NY... **July 28** during summer rendezvous, **October 28** at the site of Winter Rendezvous 2016 TBA, **March** Sunday during Winter Rendezvous.



Many future guides took their written exams.



Bill Naple presented a popular seminar on edible wild plants.

## March, 2015 Trip Planning Requests

Compiled by Roy Earley

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ORIGIN</u>		<u>REGION/CATEGORY</u>
3/02/15	Dutchess County, N.Y.		Region 3, 4, 5, 6, • Request to donate free trip,
3/02/15	Dutchess County, N.Y.	1-2 people	Region 3 • Fly Fishing
3/05/15	Borough of Queens	1-2 people	Region 6 • Winter Camping
3/09/15	Hawthorne, N.J.	3-5 people	Region 7 • Fishing
3/09/15	Suffolk County, N.Y.	3-5 people	Region 3 • Snowshoeing
3/11/15	Niagara County	1-2 people	Region 4 • Big Game
3/12/15	Monroe County, N.Y.	1-2 people	Region 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 • Camping, Backpacking, Hiking
3/20/15	Chester County, Pa.	3-5 people	Region 5 • Hiking
3/22/15	Saratoga County, N.Y.	3-5 people	Region 5 • Fishing
3/23/15	Onondaga County, N.Y.	1-2 people	Region 4, 7 • Fishing
3/24/15	Cattaraugus County, N.Y.		Region 9 • Request for Info.
3/24/15	Erie County, N.Y.	3-5 people	Region 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 • Rafting, Kayaking, Fish, Hunt

## February, 2015 Trip Planning Requests

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ORIGIN</u>		<u>REGION/CATEGORY</u>
2/8/15	Rutland County, Vt.	1-3 people	Region 5 • Big game
2/10/15	Hillsborough, N.H.		Region 5 • Big game
2/10/15	Schoharie County, N.Y.		Region • Turkey Hunt
2/16/15	Rochester, Pa.		Region • Waterfowl
2/24/15	Warren Co., Virginia		Region 6 • Big game, Winter Camping

## Membership Report... From Lee Godin

Hello Fellow Outdoors Persons:

The following is our member numbers as of 3/31/2015:

- 3 Pending
- 17 Life
- 101 Active renewed for 2015
- 32 Active not yet renewed for 2015
- 13 Associate renewed for 2015
- 5 Associate not yet renewed for 2015
- 11 Honorary

*Please welcome the following new members:*

**James Janeski** from NY, NY is a new Active member. James can be reached @ 646-533-3824 or via email [janeskij@aol.com](mailto:janeskij@aol.com)

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It was great seeing many of you in Lake Placid in March. Have a safe and successful Spring and Summer season. It will get here one of these days.

Lee



Wayne Failing and Sandra Rose again teamed up.



"Look at the door prizes we won!"



Aspiring guide Matt Johnson added to the evening entertainment.



Brian Albert of Woodgate was the quilt winner for 2015. With him is his granddaughter, Kylie.

## The NYSOGA Store

To order NYSOGA merchandise: Specify item(s) type, size, color, etc. Include check or money order payable to NYSOGA.

Available items can be viewed on the [www.nysoga.org](http://www.nysoga.org) website.

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ITEM	DESCRIPTION	PRICE
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Logo Patches	embroidered 3"round	\$ 6.00
Window Decal	interior 3x7"	\$ 3.00
Window Decal	exterior 5x8" NY outline yellow	\$ 6.00
Window sticker	interior 2.5" round	\$ 2.00
NYSOGA pin	pewter 1" round	\$ 6.00
Travel Mug	granite/green w/Logo	\$ 6.00
Membership Pin Collection	11 pins 1995-2005	\$ 5.00
Hat green/tan waxed canvas	embroidered guide pin	\$ 20.00
Hat tan cotton twill	embroidered guide pin	\$ 20.00
Tee shirt Rend. 2013 - Malta	black Lg, XL, 2XL	\$ 16.00
Tee shirt Rend. 2012 - Hamilton	tan long sleeve M, Lg, XL, 2XL	\$ 10.00
Tee shirt Rend. 2011 - Lake Placid	grey cool dri fabric Lg, XL, 2XL	\$ 7.00
Tee shirt Rend. 2010 - Hamilton	black Med, Lg	\$ 7.00
Tee shirt Rend. 2009 - Margaretville	brown Med, Lg	\$ 7.00
Tee shirt Rend. 2008 - Boonville	rust Med only	\$ 7.00
Tee shirt Rend. 2007 - Saranac	white S, Med, Lg, XL	\$ 7.00
Tee shirt Rend. 2003 - Johnstown	brown Med, XL	\$ 7.00
Tee shirt Rend. 2002 - Boonville	ivory XL only	\$ 7.00
Tee shirt Rend. 2001 - plain back	ivory S, M, Lg, XL, 2XL	\$ 7.00
Tee shirt Rend. 1999 - Saratoga	ivory Med, Lg	\$ 7.00
2014 Grey T shirt		\$ 7.00
2015 Maroon long sleeve T shirt		\$ 18.00

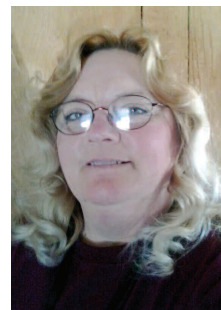
**ADD 8% SALES TAX**

## BEWARE

The trip planning e mails where our members learn of potential clients and their interests go to so many addresses that they often are sent to your SPAM folder. If you are interested in possibly responding to one that interests you, you are advised to check your SPAM (or junk) folder regularly.

### Sandra "Squeak" Rose of Pulaski is now a NYSOGA Director-at-Large

Sandra "Squeak" Rose of Pulaski is now a NYSOGA Director-at-Large and will be assisting in the production of Guidelines.



"Squeak" focuses on relaxing outings in Regions 6 and 7. She is licensed in hunting, fishing, camping, hiking and boating tours using small craft on quiet waters.

Specialties include "writers' camps," nature study, relaxation walks and combination trips. She encourages senior citizens and church groups for "low impact relaxation" and states "We have fun!"

*Ed. note: Come to a future Rendezvous and listen to "Squeak" sing and play the guitar.*



## “Guidie Says ...”

...A single knot tied above your fishing lure will help you save your line should the plug become snagged in deep water. A quick jerk will break the line at the knot instead of at the end of the rod...

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...Do not pull against your reel when your lure becomes snagged. This will bury line into the coils on the reel and might cause a backlash on the next cast...

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...If you want a good buy on a lean fast canoe, attend a canoe race. Find the last place loser and make a low ball offer he or she can't refuse...

...When washing thermal underwear, machine wash cold and tumble dry low...

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...Condiments are the key to any good outdoor meal. Things such as mustard, ketchup, soy sauce, honey, butter and jam are more easily carried in restaurant style packets Also, consider carrying salt, pepper, hot sauce, onion flakes, lemon-pepper garlic and oregano...



*DEC's Col. Andy Jacob was our luncheon speaker.*

### Conservation & Trails Committee Plans NNP Trail Project on 4/15

NYSOGA'S Conservation & Trails Committee has scheduled a walkthrough and light maintenance day near Indian Lake at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, April 15. It will be on the 8-mile Wakely Dam to Brown's Brook section of the Northville-Lake Placid Trail that NYSOGA has signed up to maintain.

If you would like to join the group, contact Sonny Young at [www.adkfoothill@yahoo.com](mailto:www.adkfoothill@yahoo.com).



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- Pete Lucchetti*