



GO ALL OUT!

The Keuka Outlet Trail

Friends of the Outlet, Inc.



The new website .com

Winter Edition 2010

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Brian Watson is just like many people growing up in the Dresden/Penn Yan area as a curious and energetic child. He would often go to the Keuka Outlet Trail for fun excursions with his father, looking for turtles, snakes, frogs, and other creatures that call the area home.

Now grown up and residing in South Carolina, Brian is setting himself apart by donating his time and talents as a document and website master developer/designer. A recent trip back home would not have been complete without an excursion to the Keuka Outlet Trail. A chance meeting with a few board members and old friends started Brian thinking

about how he could do his part to preserve and also publicize the trail that had been and continues to be such a big part of his life.

The new official trail website, www.KeukaOutletTrail.com, is the result. The website is built with all the "wow" technological bells and whistles, including the latest Flash and PHP coding technology to deliver a broad multi-media experience.

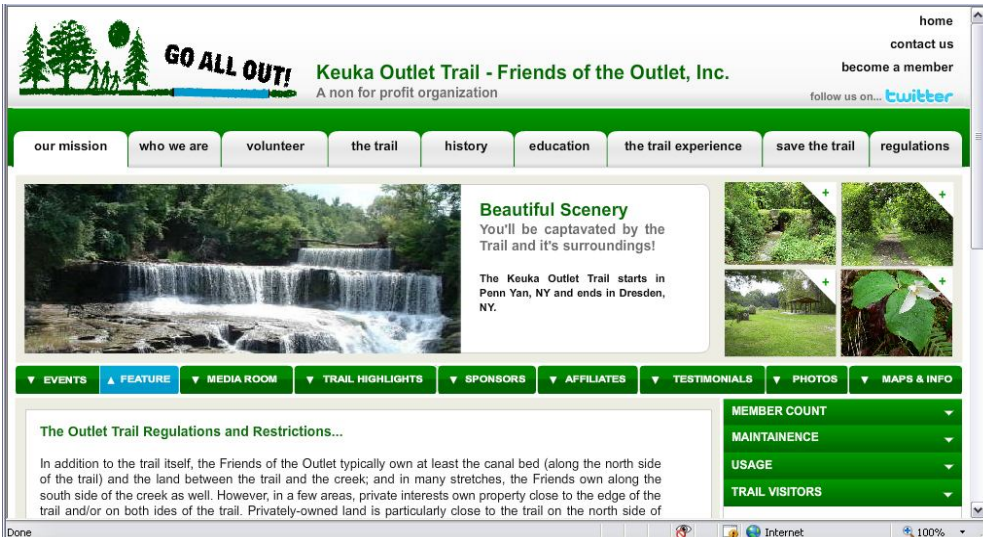
The architectural ground work and behind the scenes inner workings has been completed after countless man hours donated selflessly by Brian. Now we need your help, yes yours, to populate the content and enrich the experience for site visitors.

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Special points of interest:

- Join us on **Thursday, March 18th** for the Friends of the Outlet Trail Guest Chef Pasta Dinner at Glenora Wine Cellar 5pm -8:30pm. Donations benefit Trail projects and operations.
- Annual public meeting will be on **Wednesday, May 12th, 6:00 pm** at the Oasis Restaurant in the Dresden Hotel. This meeting is open to the public. Members may cast their vote for Board positions via mail or in person at the meeting. Refer to candidate slate on page 2.



Board Candidates

The slate of board candidates nominated at the organization's February 20th meeting includes Hatter Reynolds, owner of the Dresden Hotel, a dining establishment adjacent to the Dresden trailhead and Ivan Oberholzer, a farmer with property adjacent to the trail near Ridge Road and a skilled metalworker. Both nominees are very active volunteers and supporters of the trail. Current members can cast votes by mail at the time of dues payment or in person at the annual meeting on **May 12th**. Refer to meeting details on page one.



TEA-21 Project update

Since the bank stabilization work at the Fox Mills and Seneca Mills Sites and the small section at Design Report Site #11 have been completed along, with the stone dust resurfacing did not use all of the grant funding, the New York State Department of Transportation has extended our contract until the end of October 2010 so additional work can be considered under the grant funding.

The next primary focus will be on trail embankment placement and surfacing at the projects Design Report Site #23 which is the section of trail at the east end of the lands of the Friends of the Outlet, Inc.

Portions of this section (about 300 feet) will be raised in grade by adding gravel fill (about 2 feet at the maximum fill) so the upland drainage from the gorges north slope will pass to the lower lands on the south of the trail through two new culvert pipes that will be installed with this effort.

The plans for the trail work have been prepared by the design consultant

Thanks to the Bruce Hansen Memorial Fund!



New Ferris Master Mower!

"Bruce was a pioneer of the trail. He also loved his big "iron". Consequently, we are very pleased to donate this mower in his memory. We know this will help maintain the trail for all to enjoy."

Joan Eldred

Many thanks for this marvelous and much needed contribution!

-The FOTO Board



by Dan Spence, Land Surveyor, FOTO Lands Committee Chairman

Fisher Associates PE, LS, PC, and the review has been completed by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation who has issued their permit for the work. The one remaining agency approval required is the Army Corp of Engineers who will review the potential impacts to a nearby wetland area. I have spoken with the Army Corp. team member who is handling this work and we will soon be touring the site for the review.

It has been recommended that we solicit volunteer / community efforts for this work and favorable discussions have already taken place with an area contractor.

Other improvements under the TEA-21 grant project funding being considered are:

- Re-decking and adding of guide rail for the two railroad bridges just to the west of the NYS Route 14 bridge
- Jacking and substructure preservation work to the first railroad bridge west of the New York State



Route 14 Bridge.

If you or your group has specialty skills and/or equipment required for this type of work, along with the interest to help preserve this vital community resource, please feel free to contact the Friends and indicate your willingness to participate.

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As you continue reading this piece, think about what personal or educational touch you can contribute that will help extend and preserve the legacy of the trail making it accessible to a wide audience via the website.

Take a look at the **Photo Album** which is categorized for viewers to navigate to images they want to see easily. This approach is user submission friendly and allows a wealth of visual imagery to be shared. Anyone submitting photos, descriptions, and captions can have their name and picture date posted, along with any other personal observations or comments you would like to share.

The **Testimonial page** may be the most beneficial in drawing more active members to the Trail organization and spreading word about this often best kept secret right in our backyard. This area features

personal experiences and testimonials to the many ways you can enjoy the trail. We love to read the testimonials and are anxious for others to post their experiences and inspire others to enjoy time on the trail.

Outdoor fun and education working together? There are many ways to use the trail for both objectives. Our **Education and Recreational Fun** pages are centered around the trail as a natural learning environment conducive to teaching everything from plant and animal life to archeology to map reading and geo caching. Our ultimate vision is to bring our online viewers new educational modules and innovative encounters, with all learning content centered around the historical legacy of the Outlet Trail. Starter ideas are already posted and hopefully we will be able to add your ideas and contributions soon!

As we strategize and **partner with local business owners, sponsors and affiliates**, we will place additional contact information and company logos on the website. This emphasis on "partnering" as a goal will payoff with increased public and tourist awareness of recreational opportunities and the myriad of ways to have a great time on the trail and in the local area. A practical example – if I want to bike the trail where can I find bikes to rent and what are the rates? We envision a one stop source for quick answers and web links to partners for more detailed information.

We encourage you to visit the new site and tell us what you think! And be sure to share the site URL with friends, family and visitors to the area. **Membership and volunteer forms can be found on the new site.**



We need you as an up-to-date member and as an active volunteer! Roll with us!

Membership Form

Friends of the Outlet, Inc.



JOIN RENEW

Date: _____ Phone Number: _____

Name (s): _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Email: _____

Membership Levels and annual dues:

<input type="checkbox"/> Individual	\$10.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Family	\$15.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Patron	\$25.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Sponsor	\$75.00	<small>(includes website sponsorship listing)</small>
<input type="checkbox"/> Benefactor	\$150.00	<small>(includes website acknowledgement and newsletter mention if desired)</small>

I/We would like to make an additional donation to improve and protect the trail, creek and historic sites of \$ _____

Payment by Check or PayPal accepted.
Click either to submit form.




Make Checks payable to: Friends of the Outlet, Inc.
and mail to: P.O. Box 65, Dresden, NY 14441

RESET FORM

"I'd like to Volunteer" Form

Friends of the Outlet, Inc.



Yes, I want to volunteer and am willing to work on behalf of the trail preservation and maintenance.

Date: _____ Phone Number: _____

Name (s): _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Email: _____

If you are representing an organization please identify: _____

Days of the week and times I am available:

<input type="checkbox"/> Sunday	_____ to _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Monday	_____ to _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday	_____ to _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday	_____ to _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday	_____ to _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Friday	_____ to _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Saturday	_____ to _____

I would like to volunteer for:

- Property maintenance/management (outside work on the trail)
- Children's Programs and Educational Sessions
- Work on the Al Jensen Visitor Center
- Fundraising, promotions or the quarterly newsletter
- Trail Events
- Board of Directors or Committee position
- Administrative work

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Recently a review of the statistics database for Friends of the Outlet membership shows an incredible 560 members.

Unfortunately less than 17% of our members are up to date on their membership dues.

In fact, less than 50% have rendered dues during the last 3-5 year timeframe. We are proud to have such a robust list of members, but must stress the importance of staying up to date on dues. Publication of the quarterly newsletter and insurance coverage account for 65% of the annual operating budget. The ongoing production and mailing costs associated with the newsletter can only be maintained if membership fees are collected. **Our reminder message is urgent for each and every member to become current on dues now for 2010.**

Thank you.

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