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## Recording History in the Journal

I appreciated Rob Burbank's appreciation of our long-running *Appalachia* journal in the Appalachian Mountain Club's member magazine, *AMC Outdoors* (January/February 2015). The journal plays a vital role as the definitive historical archive of the AMC and our members' activities, and this spirit was beautifully captured in three delightful articles in the Winter/Spring 2015 edition (LXVI no. 1).

First was the comprehensive account of huts as classroom by John Nutter and Ken Olson; second, the history of the Great Gulf Wilderness by David Govatski; and, third, Julie Boardman's story about "Old Man Thompson." These authors displayed thoroughness and attention to detail with the results clearly true labors of love. Bravo to these authors and to editor Chris Woodside for writing and featuring these important stories.

To add one little anecdote to the Nutter/Olson piece: In 1970 hutmaster Tom Johnson posted the phrase "Stop at Two" in the Zealand Falls Hut dining room. This attracted interest from Tom Deans (then I believe deputy to AMC Executive Director Fran Belcher), and we croo members explained we were promoting zero population growth. Change was certainly in the wind at the AMC huts!

—Doug Teschner, Conakry, Guinea

*Editor's note: Teschner, the longest-running contributor to the journal these days, is a member of the Appalachia Committee.*

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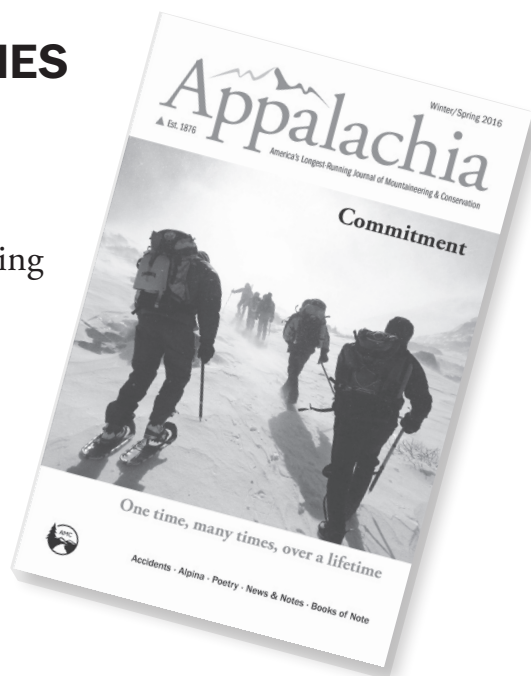
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