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A Question of Balance

It is a time within our family of humanity where we see the endless systems of social regulations overlaying, countermanning, updating, and confusing our abilities to cooperate and move forward on many social fronts with constructive and purposeful development.

It is a time when we as a society pay the high cost of regulation . . . a time when our regulatory laws force a disruptiveness to both manufacturer and consumer by narrow and punitive interpretation of these many regulations. It is our real task, as Mr. Henry Ford II so aptly stated, to find the best balance between benefits to people as citizens and costs to people as consumers.

We as a society are beginning to face the consequences of answers before the correct questions have even been asked. What begins to evolve is a clear need for an overall plan of objectives. We begin to see the result of regulation which ripples through our society with a variety of

sophisticated DON'Ts. However, we have virtually no DO's to balance the DON'Ts. In effect, we have a massive system of regulations against rather than in favor of. Clearly it is the objective which is missing from the system. This may seem an unusual subject to broach in a publication of this nature; however, it is fast becoming the essential issue which touches everyone, including the lives of our Hawk owners. It describes a social situation unique to history (at least in scope) where in the productive sector of our society (Business) faces great odds in remaining productive.

Hamilton Davis, in his recent article, "Vermont's Hawk-Endangered Species?" made several saliently appropriate remarks, which I would like to recall from context:

"The hundred twenty or so homes that make up Hawk's three colonies (in the White River Valley) are striking examples of the second-home genre. They have been conceived and designed, in every detail, by a single man with a visionary philosophy about the art and craft of building in harmony with nature and the nature of man; a noteworthy achievement in a field tarnished by fast-buck operators.

How effective is legislation such as Vermont's Act 250? In the process of restraining the rapacious and the incompetent, does it hamstring the innovative and imaginative builder?"

Hawk, the organization, is an important part of the White River Valley. Through its planning and its dedication to excellence in the chosen field of environmental design, Hawk has contributed to the order and preservation of beauty of our small part of the world.

But Hawk is more, Hawk is you, the owners, the renters, and those of us who work each day toward the development and preservation of a way of life in which we all believe. Hawk is the people that believe in its values . . . the people that make it a living force.

And it is here that the awareness of us all must be sharpened to the realization of the importance of our smooth integration with this small valley in central Vermont.

Hawk is all of us and all we do, living with our environment and living with the other folks that share our environment with us.

Hawk indeed is a real estate venture well conceived and executed, but it is so much more to those of us who have built it and those of us (our owners) who have made it possible through their recognition of its values. It is a unique opportunity to live in an unspoiled environment and pursue our individual ends.

We are an important part of the White River Valley, and it is a timely time to shoulder our responsibilities in the preservation and continuity of this, the Hawk way of life, which we have all grown to love.

It is spring now in the high country . . . a time of new life. It is a time rich with challenge for our Hawk organization, and we honor the opportunity of getting on with it.

Robert Williams

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"Summer Adventure" At Hawk

Perhaps one of the many reasons why so many folks who first visit one of the Hawk colonies eventually become homeowners - and why so many guests return to rent Hawk homes again and again - is because this part of Vermont is such a great place for children. Winter sports, of course, are increasingly popular with the whole family, but summer is rather special - and Hawk plans to make it even more so this coming summer.

The concept of a summer camp resulted from a concern on Hawk management's part that, while young men could very probably find construction jobs during the summer, there really was no challenging or stimulating work for young girls. A summer camp sponsored by Hawk, as an adjunct to its own organization, could be integrated into the community, utilizing the skills and energies of the young people in the White River Valley area.

Therefore, beginning on July 3rd, and extending until Labor Day, Hawk's "Summer Adventure" Day Camp will operate from 11:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M., Mondays through Fridays. Children of Hawk owners and renters from the ages of 5 through 16 will be given preference in enrollment; local children will also be invited to participate.

Campers may attend sessions ranging from one day to nine weeks, but advance reservations are suggested for a specific period of time. The cost will be \$9 a day, or \$40 a week, including a daily picnic lunch.

Camp headquarters will be located in Stockbridge, near Timber Hawk, down a lovely stretch of dirt road away from the hustle and bustle of Route 100, bordered on one side by the White River with a



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delightful swimming area, and on the other side by virgin forest land. The Squash Barn is easily accessible for use of its facilities, and plans are underway for a pavilion to accommodate picnic tables and camp supplies, as well as a jungle gym and slide.

A wide variety of activities suitable for different age levels will be offered, utilizing the remarkable array of skills to be found among a number of Hawk personnel. "Summer Adventure" will consist of three basic areas of interest:

Nature-oriented Crafts - junior carpentry, gardening, kites, bow and arrow making, hikes, environmental exploration, etc.;

"Fun & Games" - tennis, swimming, volleyball, badminton, soccer, tumbling, and other organized sports;

Horseback Riding - available to campers, as well as all Hawk owners and guests.

Because this is a limited enrollment program, and because it's expected that it will generate an enthusiastic response from this summer's visitors to Hawk, Gary Gaskill, Hawk's Property Manager, has suggested that interested families make their reservations just as soon as possible. Questions about "Summer Adventure" may be referred to Gary, or any member of the Property Management staff, at Hawk's Pittsfield office.

Introducing . . . Dale Mariani

Sooner or later, most people who come to Hawk's Pittsfield office meet Dale Mariani - she's personable and attractive, with soft, blonde hair, and a bright smile, and has been a key member of the Hawk team for almost three years, first as Assistant Sales Administrator, and presently, as Home Co-ordinator.

"Home Co-ordinator" is a new title, and fills a new position; its creation recognizes the need to effect guidance and assistance to the new Hawk homeowner not only during the construction phase, but to aid in the smooth transition of the completed property from Construction to Property Management.

Dale's duties start at the early stages of construction, when a letter and plan detailing home furnishing suggestions are sent to the owner. If the home is to be on Hawk's Rental Program, Dale can advise what details will make it more appealing to prospective renters, the type of amenities most folks enjoy in their vacation homes, and practical hints which lead to easier maintenance. And obviously, it's important to resolve any needed structural

changes as quickly as possible in order that they may be co-ordinated with the overall house plan. This kind of early co-ordination with the Design and Construction Departments, carried through to the Construction phase while being fully communicated to the owner, when combined with the home furnishing package, results in the harmony of product for which Hawk constantly strives.

Dale's advice is based on solid experience derived from the careful evaluation of comments and reactions solicited from dozens of past renters; similarly, her personal knowledge of area suppliers enables her to recommend those best suited to the owner's specific desires and preferences.

After co-ordinating the installation of furnishings, Dale supervises the final cleaning and home preparation, with a personal inspection 24 hours prior to the new owners' arrival.

When the owners arrive, Dale meets them at the Hawk office, then spends as much time as necessary to give them a thorough familiarization tour of their home.

At this time, she presents Hawk's "turnover package", and explains Hawk's Owner's Warranty program; in keeping with Hawk's high standards of quality, and deviation from these standards reflected in workmanship or materials which occurs within one year of turnover will be corrected at no charge to the owners. One of Dale's duties is to meet with the owners when their visit nears an end, to discuss and list any problems which have come to light, and to advise action to be taken.

Dale plays a part in future owners' visits, too, for Hawk believes it vital that owners know personally a member of the Hawk staff to whom they may come with questions and problems - and Dale, with her experience in all phases of Hawk's organization, is ideally suited for this kind of liaison, carrying on the concept of total service to the customer which has made Hawk unique in its approach to a worldwide clientele.



A native of Maryland, Dale came to Hawk from the Killington-Pico Area Association. She holds a Vermont Real Estate Broker's License, and lives in Stockbridge with her two daughters and her husband, Dick, who works in automobile sales in Rutland. As a career business woman, Dale has dealt with a wide spectrum of Hawk clients, and most important, she genuinely enjoys them all, and the opportunity to be a part of the process which has developed so much enthusiasm and happiness for so many Hawk homeowners.

Dining Out . . . The Countryman's Pleasure

Several Months ago, hosts Kathy and Hans Etinger purchased and refurbished a 100-year old country house located in Mendon just off Route 4 as one heads west towards Rutland, perhaps half an hour's drive from Pittsfield.

Four of us spent a very pleasant evening there not long ago, and it appears that the Etingers have successfully overcome the

irritations normally associated with the start of any restaurant which aspires to a gourmet menu and unhurried dining in a comfortable atmosphere.

One enters the Countryman's Pleasure to be greeted by an unobtrusive service bar on the one hand, and a simply but cozy dining nook on the other (complete with wood-burning stove and many healthy hanging plants). We chose this smaller room in preference to the larger and more formal dining area towards the front of this charming old home.

The dinner menu is impressive to review. In addition to the standard steak, chicken and fish entrees, it features three veal dishes (Cordon Bleu, schnitzel, and cutlets, with all veal fresh, boned, and prepared on the premises), "tafelspitz" (a boiled beef brisket), Bavarian sauerbraten, paprika goulash with homemade spetzle, a pork tenderloin with sweet and sour dressing, and rack of lamb with bernaise sauce.

It's a pleasure to report that our group's varied choices were as satisfying to taste as to order. The sauerbraten came with a fine, thick gravy, and the meat was tender, while the red cabbage was firm and thinly sliced; the spetzle were a nice change from the usual boiled potato. The several veal dishes my guests ordered were acclaimed as outstanding, and the tournade of beef obviously had received the chef's personal attention, for it was served a very precise medium-rare, and the bernaise sauce accompanying it was perfect. Side dishes of vegetables were fresh and well-cooked.

Preceding the main course, we'd indulged ourselves in clams on the half shell, stuffed mushrooms baked in a splendid sauce, and the finest snails (in mushroom caps) I've tasted in a long, long time. Other unusual appetizers we reluctantly left for another visit included such delicacies as smoked salmon on toast, fresh steamers or mussels in season, and marinated shrimp.

A salad consisting principally of fresh chilled lettuce between appetizer and

entree gave us an opportunity to sample the house dressing - others are available, but try this one . . . it reflects the quality found in everything served to us, and in combination with the cut (not shredded or chopped) lettuce made the salad course more than a dull interlude before the entree, particularly when served with fresh breads and dishes (not patties) of whipped, sweet butter.

The consensus, after this Lucullan repast, was that none of us had sufficient appetite for dessert - but upon seeing the tray of Viennese pastries, we all partook. Black Forest cake, trifle, a delicate orange confection, fresh fruits, and on and on. All home-baked, and all delicious.

Coffee - mit Schlag, if you wish - completed a truly splendid meal. The wine list is extensive, and numerous imported beers are available, as well as mixed drinks.

One caveat: this is very definitely not the place to go for a quick meal. Service can be somewhat slow, especially during the evening with a full house, so the wise diner will arrive early, and bear in mind that all dishes are cooked to order.

Countryman's Pleasure is also open for lunch (11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.), and the menu is varied and unique - popovers filled with ham and cheese, or artichoke, melted cheese and hollandaise sauce on pumpernickle, for example. Pastries and coffee are served from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., a nice addition for those seeking an afternoon snack rather than a large mid-day meal.

Dinner is served from 5:30 to 9:00 p.m., and reservations are an absolute necessity (phone 773-7141). During the Spring, Countryman's Pleasure is open Tuesday through Saturday; otherwise, it is open every day but Monday.

The Entingers' operating philosophy is stated in the menu: We would like . . . to be thought of as an old Wayside Tavern where all are welcome, feel relaxed, and are given a good meal." On the basis of our experience, we would say they have succeeded admirably in doing just this.

A Different World

For some, it might be difficult to think of trout fishing while looking out on three inches of new snow, but surely as sap will run from maple trees in the Spring, there will be a large number of devoted and hardy fishermen out when Vermont's season opens on the second Saturday in April. How large their catch, and at what cost to their physical well-being after standing in ice-filled waters is, of course, almost academic to those who find the lure of the North Country's rivers, streams, brooks and lakes irresistible.



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I guess I'm one of them, though not to the point where I enjoy reeling in an ice-covered line through high waters. My interest in the elusive trout builds in direct proportion to the advent of warmer temperatures, not so much because I object to fishing in brisk weather, but because, as blue skies and full sun become a commonplace and daily occurrence, I have much to do with reacquainting myself with my land after its winter coat of snow has disappeared. Just walking about to

observe the emergence of hardy flowers from bulbs planted in autumns past, or to greet with surprise and pleasure the small evergreens which have survived three feet of snow unscathed can be a time-consuming occupation.

It's when the White River has receded to a respectable depth and the white water canoists have pulled in their paddles that I seek out those time-honored fishing holes marked plainly by paths worn over the years by those who find in casting for this superb fish not only the thrill of the catch, but a degree of patience and skill unmatched by almost any other outdoor sport. I regard several hours on the river as time well spent, even though I may return empty-handed, for the Compleat Angler enjoys his surroundings as well as his trout.

And what surroundings! I know a series of quiet pools backed on one side of the river by huge granite blocks fallen from a long-unused quarry; the water is deep, and reflecting off the granite, a greenish-blue shade of unspeakable beauty. One can see clearly to the stream's clean gravel bottom, and glimpse the shadowy flicker of a brook or rainbow hurtling past. It's where I go when the day's pressures seem onerous, or the weather too warm, for there is nothing more refreshing than standing in mid-stream while cool currents swirl therapeutically about one.

There was a time when I'd rise before dawn, to hurry to the river for the first cast as the sun came over the mountains. As the years have passed, however, I've decided that, lovely as the fresh morning may be, the fish I am after probably are not much interested in early feeding. Instead, I now meander down in late afternoon, and fish while the sun sets slowly, the evening haze falls over the stream, and a full moon starts its ascent. One settles back as the days come to a close, and absorbs the serenity which comes with Vermont's summer evenings.

Inevitably, of course, the fishing season approaches its end in early Fall - but

not before autumn's colours have had their chance to dazzle the fisherman. Fishing in Vermont in September and early October is not only fine sport, but not unlike standing in the middle of an artist's palette at the same time.

There are streams other than the White River - try the small feeder brooks off a dirt road, or the many branches which lead into the White, and the Tweed River. Much of the White is stocked, and one can obtain a State fishing guide map at the Hawk office, while licenses and basic fishing gear are almost always available at most of the small country stores along Route 100.

James H.L. Morse

K eeping in Shape at Hawk



A visit to Hawk doesn't mean that one has to miss, even for a few days, the personal satisfaction and feeling of well-being that come with regular exercise.

Many Hawk owners and guests make a practice of daily jogging through our lovely country - certainly the air is pure, and traffic virtually non-existent (and you'll likely meet several of the Hawk staff en route). Cyclists, too, find a leisurely

tour of our communities, topped off with a swim at either of our spring-fed ponds, or at our riverfront beach in Stockbridge, an exhilarating way to spend part of the day.

But there's more: two all-weather tennis courts are ready in Stockbridge, right off Route 100 and adjacent to Timber Hawk, and may be reserved for use through Property Management, at a rate of \$5 per court, per hour. Our Squash Barn is located in a refurbished red barn at Timber Hawk, and contains a squash court (which may also be used for paddle ball), an exercise room, sauna, dressing rooms and showers. This court may also be reserved at the rate of \$6 per court, per hour, which includes use of the sauna.

Squash Barn memberships on an annual basis are available, and include use of all facilities mentioned above, at very modest cost. Further information may be obtained from Gary Gaskill or any member of the Property Management staff at the Pittsfield office.

C hristmas is Coming ...

And with it, the proposed opening of Hawk's new restaurant complex, to be housed in the former Dwyer farmhouse located at the intersection of routes 100 and 107 in Stockbridge, adjacent to the Tweed River. This lovely old home, built in the early 1800's, was recently purchased by Hawk, and is presently undergoing extensive renovation to include not only a restaurant facility, but a reception area for visitors to Hawk, and new offices for the Property Management Department.

The casual sense of comfort which is so basic to living at Hawk will be carried through to the new restaurant: it will be an informal and cheerful gathering place for members of the local community, as well as for Hawk owners and guests, and each evening's menu will feature a special



entree at modest cost, in addition to a soup-and-sandwich menu in the lounge area. No matter what one's dining pleasure, however, all can participate in the weekly musical entertainment, consisting of country, bluegrass, classical guitar, et al, played by local musicians. The atmosphere will be that of the immediate ease one feels upon entering an old home, with good food and drink, and an aura of relaxation.

There will be a number of intimate dining areas, several with greenhouse settings, and during the summer there will be dining on the deck overlooking the river. Picnic lunches may be ordered, to enjoy by the riverfront, or elsewhere on the fifteen acres of meadowland surrounding the farmhouse.

Hawk President Robert Williams feels it vitally important to effect a smooth integration of this new project, and any other undertaking of a similar nature (such as Hawk's Summer Adventure Camp), as well as the several Hawk communities, and in fact the entire Hawk way of life, with our larger community of townspeople, the overall goal being the coalescence of people of varied backgrounds and interests into an harmonious entity.

The best way to experience first-hand this exciting new addition to the Hawk way of life is to plan a trip to Hawk during the winter holidays, and see for yourself.