

# Old-Time Tramp Celebrations

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Many things have changed with the club over the years, but some things remain the same. In addition to hiking, biking, paddling, and skiing, Tramps have always enjoyed a good celebration, especially if it involved eating a meal together! Here are some of the fun events over the years;

- \*1939** Planned Winter Carnival in Cold Brook – hours of outdoor play followed by dining and dancing.
- \*1949** New Year's Eve – 9 PM to 1 AM - \$1.00. Tramps were encouraged to plan for this: "In what month were you born? You needn't confess, But wear something that tells so that we may guess." White elephant gift exchange. (Bring something you were going to discard at the end of the year and wrap it as a gift.) Old-time Tramps celebrated late into the evening!
- \*1949** St Patrick's Day - "Bring TEN SHILLINGS (\$1.25) per month, PROGENY 0 – 15 SIX BITS (\$.75)." Parties were cheaper back then!
- \*1949** Halloween Party – This included dining, games, songs, and stunts. Tramps were encouraged to "Come dressed to represent something you have always wanted to be...release your inhibitions."
- \*1951** Six-Day Hike to end the year. Dec 27 through Jan 1 at Irondequoit Club at Piseco Lake. What a great way to finish off the year!
- \*1954** All Fools Day/Easter celebration. "We don't trust our cooking on April Fool's Day, so bring a covered dish. An Easter parade we must have, so bring your own hat creation."
- \*1959** Harvest Party - "Come as a song title or come as you are. Children and pets are welcome".
- \*1960** First Day of Spring - "Let's Rock, Rock, Rocket Away From Winter's Launching Pad. Welcome Spring with T&T, and cash in your Green Stamps for enjoyment. Relax to your favorite barbershop quartet, or TV skit, play ping pong, shuffleboard, billiards, bowl, play cards or dance." Tramps have always known how to have a good time!

By Dianna Morris with excerpts from the Tramp & Trail history books.