

THE TENNESSEE EASTMAN RECREATION CLUB HIKING CLUB is organized under the auspices of the Tennessee Eastman Recreation Club of Tennessee Eastman Company, a Division of Eastman Kodak Company, for the benefit of Eastman employees and their families. Membership requirements consist of concurrent membership in the Recreation Club and payment of \$1.00 annual dues.

Persons not Eastman employees are always welcome at all Club activities but must be invited and attend with an Eastman member. Nonmembers may obtain schedules at the Recreation Office in Building 89 or 310. Notices will be mailed to nonmembers on payment of \$1.00 per year.

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The Steering Committee, the governing body of the Club, is comprised of six members, three of whom are elected in December of each year for a period of two years. The committee chooses one of its members to serve as Club Chairman. Club members are encouraged to offer hike suggestions to the Steering Committee.

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As a Class A member of the Appalachian Trail Conference, the Club is responsible for the maintenance and marking of Cherokee Sections I-II of the Appalachian Trail from Damascus, Va., to Spivey Gap, 112 miles. The clearing of some portions is done by the U. S. Forest Service. This Trail maintenance is accomplished by a system of Trail teams within the Club. Several Scout Troops and Explorer Posts participate. Trail clearing trips are organized independently by each team to suit the convenience of its members.

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Maps, slide collections, books and other publications owned by the Club are available to use by members. Inquiries should be made to Jim Crowell. The A. T. C. publication **Appalachian Trailways News** is regularly circulated to all members.

A limited amount of camping equipment is owned by the Club for use by members who have not had the opportunity to secure their own. Inquiries should be made to the Building 310 Recreation Store.

Trail clearing tools, A.T. paint and brushes are furnished by the Club for Trail maintenance trips.

TRAIL OF THE LONESOME PINE

A current Club project is construction and maintenance of the Trail of the Lonesome Pine. This trail will follow the crest of Clinch Mountains from the Virginia line to U. S. 25 near Knoxville. It is hoped this trail will relieve congestion on the Appalachian Trail. The Tennessee state legislature has designated this trail as part of a state wide scenic trail system. Other trails which will be part of this system are the Natchez Trace Trail which parallels the Natchez Trace Parkway; the Appalachian Trail; the Cumberland Trail, which will extend from the Cumberland Gap to Chattanooga, Tn; the John Muir trail; and the Trail of Tears, which retraces the route the Cherokees took when they were removed from Tennessee.

CANOEING

River Difficulty and Paddler Skill Grading Guidelines

- CLASS I.** **Very Easy.** Waves small, regular. Passages clear. Sandbanks, artificial difficulties like bridge piers. Riffles. **Beginners**
- CLASS II.** **Easy.** Rapids of medium difficulty, with passages clear and wide. Low ledges. **Beginners with experience**
- CLASS III.** **Medium.** Waves numerous, high, irregular. Rocks, eddies. Rapids with passages that are clear through narrow, requiring expertise in maneuver. Inspection usually needed. **Intermediate-experienced**
- CLASS IV.** **Difficult.** Long rapids. Waves powerful, irregular. Dangerous rocks. Boiling eddies. Passages difficult to reconnoiter. Inspection mandatory first time. Powerful and precise maneuvering required. **Experts only**
- CLASS V.** **Very Difficult.** Extremely difficult, long, and very violent rapids, following each other almost without interruption. River bed extremely obstructed. Big drops, violent current, very steep gradient. Reconnoitering essential but difficult. Teams of experts
- CLASS VI.** **Extraordinarily Difficult.** Difficulties of Class V carried to extremes of navigability. Nearly impossible and very dangerous. For teams of experts only, at favorable water levels and after close study with all precautions. Not normally run—portage

RECOMMENDED EQUIPMENT

Coast Guard approved life jacket
Painters (approx. 10') on bow and stern.
Extra paddle (tied in for easy removal).
Knee pads.
Bailing bucket.
Rain gear (not poncho).
Waterproof container for lunches, camera, change of clothes, etc. (Heavy water coolers or ice boxes are not recommended).

SAFETY

More than two persons in a canoe is not recommended.
Wear life jackets — always.
Have a frank knowledge of your boating ability.
Know and respect river classification.
Be sure craft is in good repair.
Be honest in evaluating your own skill.
Support trip leader — His Word is Law. Do not get ahead of leader or lag behind the "sweep canoe".
Keep boat behind you in sight. In case of accident, pass word forward to the leader.
If you spill, get canoe downstream from you.

TENNESSEE EASTMAN RECREATION CLUB

Hiking Club

KINGSPORT, TENNESSEE



*PROVIDING A CONTINUOUS PROGRAM
OF HIKING ACTIVITIES SINCE 1946*

Time and place of departure is announced in the notice of each individual trip. Leaders should be contacted for all details. Unless otherwise stated, meeting point will be the parking lot at Building 215, Tennessee Eastman Company.

MEMBER of THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL CONFERENCE

An association of hiking and trail clubs and individuals who maintain The Appalachian Trail, a 2000-mile foot trail following the mountain crests from Mt. Katahdin, Maine, to Springer Mountain, Georgia.

TERC HIKING CLUB SCHEDULE

January — July 1977

Date			Trip	Hike Rating	Leader
Jan. 8	Sat.	1 day	Grandfather Mtn.	M	Don Shields
Jan. 16	Sun.	1 day	Bays Mtn. Trail	M	Darroll Nickels
✓ Jan. 23	Sun.	½ day	Steak Dinner, Swiss Slide Show	E	Collins Chew
✓ Feb. 5	Sat.	1 day	A.T. in Laurel Fork Gorge	M	Bob Mynhier
✓ Feb. 12	Sat.	1 day	Mt. Rogers — Pine Mtn.	M	Don Shields
Feb. 20	Sun.	1 day	Unaka Mtn. — USFS Trail	M	Dick Ardell
✓ Mar. 5	Sat.	1 day	New A.T. on Pond Mtn.	M	Dave Petke
✓ Mar. 12	Sat.	1 day	White Rock Mtn. (A.T. Relocation)	M	John Thompson
Mar. 19	Sat.	1 day	Bullface — Lynnville Gorge	M	John Tamblyn
✓ Mar. 26	Sat.	1 day	Clinch Mountain — Trail of Lonesome Pine	M	Gordon Newland
✓ Apr. 2	Sat.	1 day	Maddron Bald from Cosby Campground	D	Don Nelan
? Apr. 16	Sat.	1 day	Nolichucky — Hike through Gorge	M	Gordon Porter
✓ Apr. 23, 24	Sat.-Sun.	2 days	Bike Trip in Cades Cove	M	Powell Foster
✓ Apr. 30	Sat.	1 day	Table Rock, Chimneys, Linville Gorge	E	Don Nelan
✓ May 7, 8	Sat.-Sun.	2 days	Intermediate Backpack	M	Darroll Nickels
✓ May 14	Sat.	1 day	Baxter Creek — Wild Flower Hike	M	Bob Miller
May 19-22	Thurs.-Sun.	4 days	Backpack A.T. Cloverdale to James River	D	John Thompson & Ray Hunt
✓ May 28-30	Sat.-Mon.	3 days	App. Trail Conference	E	Don Nelan
Jun. 4, 5	Sat.-Sun.	2 days	Le Conte Lodge	M	Don Kreh
✓ Jun. 11	Sat.	1 day	Nu Wray Inn — Yeates Knob	E	Don Nelan
✓ Jun. 18	Sat.	1 day	Plott Balsam	D	Gordon Newland
Jun. 26	Sun.	1 day	Snowball Mtn. — Hawksbill Mtn.	D	Dick Ardell

FUTURE HIKES

Fall, 1977	1 wk.	Backpack A.T. to Katahdin, Maine	D	Ray Hunt
Fall, 1977	1 wk.	Backpack A.T. in Smokies	D	Don Shields

Hike Ratings E — Easy M — Moderate D — Difficult

CANOE SCHEDULE

January — June 1977

Date	Trip	Class of** . Difficulty	Leader
April 2	Big Moccasin Creek	I - II	Gordon Porter
April 8, 9, 10	TSRA Whitewater Camp	II - IV	Rick Phelps
✓ April 16	North Fork Holston River, (Hiltons to Weber City)	I	Dick Burow
✓ May 7	Upper North Fork of Holston (above Hiltons)	I - II	Bob Mynhier
✓ May 15	Upper Watauga River	II - III	Terry Dougherty
✓ May 21-22	New River Overnight	I - II	Paul Folk
May 27-28	Canoe School	I - III	Rick Phelps
✓ June 12	South Fork of Holston River	II	Richard Sparks
✓ June 17, 18, 19	TSRA Canoe School	I - III	Rick Phelps
June 25	Nolichucky River (Below Davey Crockett Dam)	I - II	Bob Bible
	Nantahala River Races	II - III	Rick Phelps

NOTE: Early season trips on the Doe River and on Copper Creek will be taken as water and weather conditions indicate. If you're interested in these, send your name and telephone number to Rick Phelps, B-54.

**Class of Difficulty explained on back of this folder.

Final arrangements are made by hike or canoe leaders.

1977 Steering Club Members

Rick Phelps

Collins Chew

Gordon Porter

Bob Mynhier

Bob Miller

Mira Wilhelm

Don Nolan, advisor

I'm not sure how these run
if D. Nolan is 1977
then Ray Hunt is 1976.
This information is on a plaque
in Bld 89 reading room.

Changes, improvements, standards in 1977
the most notable thing is replacement
of ^{rental} equipment - 2 inflatable canoes
and new packs

Another plus was Collins Chew organizing
the dinners. The cheaper dinner
made it possible for more to come
(it went from 40 to 90 in attendance)

Otherwise, we just kept the ^{A.T.} trail in shape
(replaced fence and styles several places)
and helped with trail of the lonesome pine

Jan 1977

Problems now facing hike club

- 1- how to get hike leaders to return slips to 3/10 on hikes lead and attendance on them. This helps with our budget
2. how to keep rental equipment in shape
- 3- multi-club meet this September
- 4- interesting younger people, who hike and those who don't now but want to, in joining the hiking club.
 - A. publicity - articles on beyond 6000 club trail repair multi-club meet
 - B. group meetings such as ski club has to swap equipment, learn about safety and new places to hike.

Mora Wilhelm



TERC HIKING CLUB

Remember the Highlands of Roan project? This is a major land conservation project that members of the Tennessee Eastman Recreation Hiking Club, in conjunction with the Appalachian Trail Conference, were instrumental in starting several years ago.

The goal of this project is to establish a natural area of some 12,000 acres between Carver's Gap and U.S. 19E near Elk Park, N.C., stretching for some 10 miles along the A.T. along the crest of the Roan.

The area is one of the most scenic stretches along the entire Trail. The hiker crosses Round Bald (5826'), and Jane Bald (5807'). Then a short distance from the Trail lies Grassy Ridge Bald (6189'). Following the A.T. again, the hiker comes in succession to Yellow Mountain Gap (4600'), Little Hump Mountain (5440'), Bradley Gap (5100'), Hump Mountain (5587'), and Doll Flats (4600').

The tops of the balds are covered with knee deep mountain oat grass, and the Highlands are accented toward the western end by clusters of flame azalea. Most striking are the masses of catawba rhododendron displaying their deep pink blossoms in mid-to-late June. Two hundred species of wildflowers grow there. All of this, amid stark outcroppings of Gneiss and Granite, combined with superbly undimmed Vistas, make hiking these miles a unique experience.

Where is the project today? Growing out of the initial efforts of hiking club members and the ATC, The Southern Appalachian Highlands Conservancy (SAHC) was founded and incorporated in 1974. This is a tax-exempt organization presently under the leadership of Stan Murray, who has served in many capacities of leadership in hiking and conservation organizations, including past chairmanship of the ATC. To date, over 1/3 of the Highlands have been protected, with the U.S. Forest Service playing an important role in the initial accomplishments.

SAHC estimates that over \$3 million in private funding will be needed to complete the project. Sources thus far have been from over 250 individual membership contributions, donations from garden clubs and other organizations, and three foundation grants.

The most recent fund-raising effort undertaken is the sale of a limited number of full color, 15 1/2 x 22" prints of "The Highlands of Roan." From an original watercolor by Raymond Williams, widely known throughout the Southern Appalachians. The painting portrays a view typical of the Roan along the A.T., with Rhododendron in the foreground, and grass balds and mountains beyond. The prints are signed and sequentially numbered by the artist, and sell for \$25 each. All proceeds go directly for protection of the Highlands.

For more information on the project, membership, or the prints, please contact:
Southern Appalachian Highlands Conservancy
P. O. Box 3356
Kingsport, Tennessee 37664



TERC HIKING CLUB

ATTENTION HIKE CLUB MEMBERS: Have you been missing club notices?

Do you know about the Appalachian Trail Conference meeting - May 28, 29, & 30?
How about the most recent spring hike notice for the Maddron Bold hike -
April 2, 1977? Our mailing notice was cleared a little early of people who
had not paid their dues. So, we are reinstating everyone for this reminder.
If you have missed notices check to see if you have paid your dues - We are
not part of the January computer payment system, so if your dues are not paid
mail the following information along with \$1.00 to Mr. Cosmo Griffith,
Building 310, or drop by B-310 in person.

Mail to Employee Center, Building 310, Attn. Mr. Cosmo Griffith

Your name _____

Payroll number _____

Department number _____

Building _____

Plant phone number _____

Recreation Pass number _____

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TERC HIKING CLUB

1977 TRAIL TEAMS

Here are the Trail team assignments for 1977. As you can see there have been some changes in Trail teams and in maintenance sections.

Your club is charged with the responsibility of maintaining 112 miles of the Appalachian Trail from Damascus, Virginia to U.S. 19W at Spivey Gap. This means that each team on the average has a little less than 7 miles of Trail to mark and maintain. We get help from the U.S. Forest Service, but we don't want to turn over all our obligations to the federal government. Continued stewardship of volunteer clubs and individuals is still essential to preserving the character of the Trail.

Trail teams are rotated north 4 sections each year so that in 17 years you cover all the Trail we maintain. This is not a difficult assignment and when your Trail team leader calls and asks you to help him in his assignment please give him your maximum cooperation. Each person on a Trail team has volunteered (or has been talked into) for this service. If you feel you would like to serve on a Trail team and have not been contacted, please call a member of the Trail Committee and let it be known. Likewise if you are on a team and feel you would no longer like to help in this endeavor let this be known also.

Collins Chew

Hugh Thompson

TRAIL COMMITTEE

TRAIL TEAMS

<u>Maintenance Section</u>		<u>Length</u>	<u>Direction For Painting</u>
1. Spivey Gap - Chestoa Bridge		6.93 miles	South to North
Hugh Thompson, Leader	Ambrose Manning		
Tom Dosser	Shelton Thompson		
Gil Sahlin	Stanley Davis		
Wayne McConnell			
2. Chestoa Bridge - Indian Grave Gap		7.64 miles	North to South
Robert Hester, Leader	Wiley Carico		
Ray Hunt	J. F. Caines		
Edell Collins	Ralph V. Russell		
Bob Miller	Melvin Holland		
Rudy Arnold	Reginald Martin		
Mike Burgess	Orville Kelly		
Steve Banks			

TRAIL TEAMS

<u>Maintenance Section</u>		<u>Length</u>	<u>Direction For Painting</u>
10. Bitter End School - Dennis Cove		8.00 miles	North to South
Collins Chew, Leader	Roy Fleming		
Warren McClain	Don Spann		
John Kiefer	William Howle		
Chester Bruner	J. R. Stubblefield		
John Beckler	William Howle		
11. Dennis Cove - Tennessee 67		4.07 miles	South to North
Dick Clark, Leader	Martha Anne Hut		
C.E.C. Britton	J. Douglas Clark		
P. D. Hendrickson	Dan Jordan		
Charles Swanson	George Trabue		
Powell Foster	Ed Oliver		
Jim Huffaker	A. D. Shields		
Peter Morison			
12. Tennessee 67 - Watauga Dam Road		7.16 miles	North to South
Darrel Nichols, Leader	Gerald Cassell		
Ed Gift	Donald Nelan		
Rick Philips	Michael Knight		
J. L. Daniels	Carolyn Jane Ledford		
Merton Dibble	Russell Justice		
13. Watauga Dam Road - Turkey Pen Gap		9.56 miles	South to North
Dick Ardell, Leader	Kirk Finch		
Myra Ratcliff	Jeffery Sirola		
Glen Bott	Ken Wilmoth		
Kenneth W. Hyche	T. D. Meredith		
Pete Burch	Darryl Muck		
Bill Hackett			
14. Turkey Pen Gap - Tennessee 91		6.05 miles	North to South
John W. Thompson, Leader	Valecia McAlister		
Mary Nelson	Bruce Cunningham		
Gether Irick, Jr.	H. Wilson Paton		
Robert McFall	Thomas C. Pridgen		
J. Larry Beach	J. F. Carner		
Ted Spetnagel	Jack Martin		
Bob Harvey	Don Bowles		
Bob Sterling	Bob Peer		
15. Tennessee 91 - U.S. 421		6.28 miles	South to North
David Petke, Leader	John Lafferty		
Charles Hasbrouck	Ed Allen		
Garland Ruth	Vincent Nicely		
Dave L. McCloskey	Jack Lawing		
Gary S. Luttrell	Jim Ownby		
Gordon Porter			
16. U. S. 421 - Abingdon Gap		4.68 miles	North to South
Gerald Morie, Leader	Kathy Crossley		
Jim S. Crowell	Phil Farrow		
J. O. Jackson	Gordon Porter		
James P. Cleveland			

Hiking Club Membership for 1977

If you have not yet renewed your Hiking Club membership for this year, please do so right away! This will keep you on our mailing list and entitle you to rent hiking equipment. Recruit your hiking friends into the club. Hiking Club membership is \$1.00 per year. Drop by the Recreation Stores Office, B-310 or mail them your \$1.00, name, payroll no., dept. no., recreation pass no., and last years Hiking Club membership no. They will mail your new card.

This is your club, please support it!! Send any suggestions for improvements, changes, activities, etc. to Paulette Eads, Bldg. 150B.

All Hiking Club trips notices and any other type information that is to be typed and distributed to club members are to be sent to Ms. Paulette Eads in Building 150B.

T E R C HIKING CLUB ANNUAL DINNER NOTICE

Date: Sunday, January 23, 1977

Place: Tennessee Eastman Cabin, Bays Mountain

Hospitality Tray: 6:00 P.M.

Dinner: 6:30 P.M.

Steak Dinner \$3.50

Hamburger Dinner \$2.50

with Baked Potato

Tossed Salad (with choice of Dressing)

Rolls and Butter

Coffee or Tea

Dessert

Annual Meeting - 7:30 P.M. - Presentation of Hiker of the Year Award,
Introduction of New Officers, Announcements.

Program - 7:45 P.M. - Slide show of TERC Hiking Club Trip to Switzerland,
August, 1976. A collection of slides taken by
several of the travelers. Bob Miller will present
the slide program.

For dinner reservations, send this notice and your check to Collins Chew,
Building 71 or to 609 Green Meadow Drive, Kingsport, Tennessee, 37663, by
Wednesday, January 19, 1977.

To: Collins Chew (Building 71)
609 Green Meadow Dr., Kingsport, Tenn. 37663

Please reserve _____ Steak dinners and _____ Hamburger dinners for
the Hiking Club Dinner, January 23, 1976.

Enclosed is my check

_____ Steak dinners at \$3.50 _____

_____ Hamburger dinners at \$2.50 _____

• Total _____

Signed

For the Record

Annual Meeting and Dinner

On January 23, 1977, approximately 80 people gathered for steak or hamburger dinner. The little heat wave cleared the roads in order to hold the meeting and dinner. Gordon Porter did a fine job cooking the steaks. Ray Hunt was presented the Hiker-Of-The-Year Award. Bob Miller presented a slide show of the Hiking Club trip to Switzerland last year. Everyone seemed to enjoy the night.

Collins Chew

Laurel Fork Gorge
Saturday, February 5, 1977

This hike will start where Highway #67 crosses Laurel Fork, east of Hampton, Tennessee. We will hike up the gorge to the falls and have lunch there before hiking back out. If the weather conditions are favorable and the group desires, we may hike up to Potato Top before starting back. If the weather continues to be like it has been in early January we may see some interesting ice formations at the falls. The total hiking distance will be about 6 miles.

We will leave from Bldg. 215 parking lot at 9:00 A.M., and should return to Kingsport by 4:00 P.M. The driving time is about 1 hour each way. Anyone who wishes may meet us at the bridge where Highway #67 crosses Laurel Fork at 10:00 A.M. For further information call Bob Mynhier at 239-6392.

For The Record
Laurel Fork Gorge, Feb.5th

On February 5, 1977, Warren McLain and Bob Mynhier met at Building 215 to make the hike in Laurel Fork Gorge. However, due to the slick roads caused by a light snow the night before it was decided that it would be wise to cancel the trip. The sun came out and by 10:30A.M. the roads were clear so we got back together and headed for Hampton. We followed the trail of a lone hiker through the 2 inches of fresh snow. The hiker turned out to be Jack Young who had planned to meet us there but had decided we were not coming. Jack was on his out when we met but joined us for the hike on to the falls. The area was beautiful with the fresh snow and the falls were almost completely frozen over.

MEMO TO ALL TERC HIKING CLUB MEMBERS

Trip Notice

Family Hike in Unaka Mtn. Recreation Area

Sunday, February 20, 1977

This is an easy hike that a family should enjoy. It will start at the Forest Service Pleasant Garden Recreation Area. The group will go along the Raven Lore Trail for a short distance before joining the Unaka Mountain Scenic Trail for 3 miles. Near the end of the hike an excellent view of the valley to the west and north of Erwin, Unicoi and Johnson City is provided if the weather cooperates.

Each hiker should have gear appropriate for the time of the year plus lunch, water, windbreaker and rain gear.

For further information contact Dick Ardell at 247-3718 after 7:00P.M. The group will leave from the Bldg. 215 parking lot at 9:00A.M. and should return by 5:00P.M. or earlier.

FOR THE RECORD

Unaka Mtn. Recreation Area Hike Cancelled

The Sunday, February 20, 1977 hike was cancelled to Unaka Mtn. Recreation Area due to bad driving conditions. It has been listed as a hike in the fall season of this year. Hope you can make it then!

Dick Ardell

TERC Hiking Club Trip Notice

Mt. Rodgers, Virginia

Saturday, February 26, 1977

This hike, originally scheduled for February 12, is delayed until February 26, to allow time for snow depth to decrease.

We will meet at 7:50 a.m. in the Building 215 parking lot and depart promptly at 8:00 a.m. Driving time is 1 1/2 hours each way. Exactly where and how far we go will depend on group choice. Arrival back at Kingsport 6:00-7:30, depending on group choice.

Probably we will hike along the A. T. from Elk Garden past the Low Gap shelter, up over Mount Rodgers and out to Wilburn Ridge. Wilburn Ridge has several rocky windy pinnacles which afford spectacular panoramic views. Then, if we have enough cars, we will leave the A. T. and hike out Pine Mountain to the gap and then down to Highway 603. (Total about 10 miles.) Otherwise, we will return from Wilburn Ridge to Elk Garden by a different route.

This is one of my favorite hiking areas. It is high, windy, varied in terrain, and with the variety of trails and open spaces one can roam freely over the entire area.

Phone me if you are considering going (247-4242, TEC 5183).

Don Shields

TERC Hiking Club

Trip Report

Mt. Rodgers/Pine Mountain - February 26, 1977

We enjoyed beautiful spring weather as we hiked twelve miles from Elk Garden past Mount Rodgers, over Wilburn Ridge, out Pine Mountain, and down to the stables on Route 603. The first two miles were along the Appalachian Trail in the woods through 1-3 feet of untrampled snow. Very slow going. Thereafter, we took a circuitous route through open country with less snow. We spotted 15-20 deer and two horses from the wild (loose) herd.

Returning late, with soaked feet, were Mary Cunningham, Van and Myra Wilhelm, Gordon Newland, David Ingram, Ed Schell, Dave Benner and Don Shields.

MEMO TO ALL TERC HIKING CLUB MEMBERS

Trip Notice
POND MOUNTAIN

Saturday, March 5, 1977

The Pond Mountain territory of the Appalachian Trail is a new location, eliminating the walk along highway 321. We will start our hike at Laurel Fork Gorge, hiking into the Gorge to the point where the relocation begins, painting the former trail with blue blazes and painting to new trail for about 1,000 feet as we ascend out of the gorge to the trail we blazed last summer. We will follow the new trail over Pond Mountain, descending again to highway 321 at the boat-launching ramp on Watauga Lake. Hiking distance is about eight miles, with most of the climbing being out of the Gorge at the beginning of the hike. Consider the hike to be of moderate difficulty.

This will be the Club's first official hike over the new relocation. Jack Young and Dave Petke will guide the group. Be sure to bring lunch and water, and dress appropriately for the weather. I'm not even guessing at the forecast. High-calorie food, extra clothes and rainwear are necessities for this time and location. If you have any questions, call Dave Petke (246-9035 after 6:00 P.M.). We will leave from the B-215 parking lot at 7:30 A.M. on the day of the hike.

Dave Petke

For the Record

Pond Mountain

Saturday, March 18, 1977

"There they go, and I must hurry to catch up with them, for I am their leader!" This might be an apt slogan for the day, as the leader went only part of the way with the group of twelve hikers. We began our hike at the entrance to Laurel Fork Gorge on a cool, but clear day; we walked into the gorge to the point at which the relocation over Pond Mountain joins the trail, blue-blazing the old trail as we went. We ascended to the ridge of Little Pond Mountain on new trail, blazing as we went, until we reached the ridge where an earlier party had blazed the trail last year. Here Dave and Frederick Petke returned to the gorge, blazing the trail in the other direction, while the remainder of the group proceeded through on the new trail to Rat Branch. Although the day got more and more overcast, no rain fell, and a fine hike was enjoyed by all. Additional touches of paint by the Petkes opened up both ends of the trail relocations around Watauga Lake and across Pond Mountain, and Jack Young added the final touches with temporary signs at the beginning and end of the overall relocation. Through hikers were: Ray Hunt, Clint and Ann Iles, Gordon Newland, Ed Allen, Julian Lewis, Darrol Nickels, Bob Miller, Jack Young, and Collins Chew.

Trip Notice

New A.T. on White Rock Mountain

Saturday, March 12, 1977

This hike will include three miles of relocated A.T. near and on White Rock Mountain, from the Bitter End School area to intersection with the present A.T. south of Moreland Gap shelter. From that point, we'll return to the cars on the old trail. If the weather is clear we should have fine views of Roan, Hump, Beech, and Grandfather Mountains.

Be

Be prepared for possible cold or wet weather, and bring lunch and a canteen. The hike is considered moderate and total distance is about six miles. We will meet at Bldg. 215 parking lot at 8:00A.M. and should be home by 4:00P.M.

For additional information call John W. Thompson at 245-1455.

For The Record

White Rocks Mountain Hike

On March 12, 1977 three hardy hikers, Ed Allen, Darrol Nickels and John Thompson, left Kingsport at 8:00A.M., under threatening skies and were joined by Don Shaffer from Milligan College at Shell Creek. After parking in the Bitter End School area, we walked north about one half mile and cut across the relocated A.T. (not yet opened) which is in woods and roughly parallels the present trail on Walnut Mt. road. We hiked the new trail three miles to where it joins the present A.T. on White Rocks Mountain. From there we proceeded north on the trail to Moreland Gap Shelter where we had lunch - then back on the present trail to the car, eight miles total hiking. We saw the remains of two stills on the new trail, and all agreed it will be a great improvement over the present road trail. The weatherman was hink, and we picked up two large sacks of litter.

John W. Thompson

LYNNVILLE GORGE HIKE CANCELLED

John Tamblyn's March 19, 1977 hike to the Bullface in Lynnville Gorge has been cancelled!

Trip Notice

CLINCH MT. MAR. 26th

Tenn.-Va. line to Looney Gap. (7 miles)

This trip covers the first section of the proposed Trail of the Lonesome Pine. We will follow existing game trails from west to east. Expect some bush-whacking and rock scrambling. Meet at B-215 parking lot at 8:00A.M. Bring lunch and water for the day's hike. Wear sturdy shoes and brush-proof clothing; a pair of leather gloves might also be useful. We should be back in Kingsport by 5:30P.M. For further information contact Gordon Newland, 246-8845.

FOR THE RECORD

Three people took this hike of 10 miles on Mar. 26th. They were: Mary Cunningham, John Kiefer, and Gordon Newland.

Canoe

Trip Notice

Canoeing - Big Moccasin Creek

Saturday, April 2, 1976

Water levels permitting, we will canoe a 5 or 6 mile section of Big Moccasin Creek below Snowflake, Virginia. The majority of the trip will be through relatively easy water; however, there are a few Class II - Low Class III rapids. Plan to leave from B-215 parking lot at 9:00 a.m. and return around 3:00 p.m. Be sure to bring lunch, life jacket, canoe, and extra paddle.

If further information is needed, contact Gordon Porter at 288-6513.

TRIP NOTICE

MADDRON BALD from COSBY CAMPGROUND

SATURDAY, APRIL 2, 1977

The Sierra Club Totebook says, "The Maddron Bald Trail is probably the most interesting and spectacular of all the trails in the Cosby section." With beautiful weather what more could a hiker ask for? This hike is classified difficult because it features a 3,000' climb from Cosby Campground or a 3,500' climb from Indian Camp Creek. We will hike up from Cosby campground 5.3 miles and return by the same trail with a small group. With enough hikers for two groups we can start at both Cosby Campground and Indian Camp Creek and hike the complete circuit of 11.8 miles. Be prepared for cool spring weather, could be wet, and include a lunch and a canteen. We will meet at Bldg. 215 parking lot for an 8:00A.M. departure. For additional information call Don Nelan at 239-9534.

FOR THE RECORD

MADDRON BALD - April 2, 1977

The weather report cited an 80% chance of rain for the day. We got some burn from the sun and sind but no rain on the trip down, the hike and the trip home. We had seven hikers from Milligan College, Donald Shaffer, Jim Dahlman, Linda Harder, Barb Holman, Ruth Hordan, Cort Mills and Darleen Yocum. They hiked from Indian Camp Creek up to the Ball and down to the campground. From Kingsport was Bob Miller and Don Nelan who hiked from Cosby Campground to Indian Camp Creek. Spring flowers in bloom were: Dogwood, Dutchmans Breeches, Hepatica, Frasers Sadge, Purple Violets (3varieties), Redbud, Rue Anemone, Service, Showy Orchis (in bud), Squirrel Corn, Spring Beauty, Trailing Arbutus, Trout Lily (adder's tongue), White Violets (2varieties), White Trillium (erectum), Yellow Violets (2 varieties), Yellow Trillium and Daffodils around the old cabin.

Donald Nelan

The Spring wildflower hike will be held April 9 as scheduled. The hike will be on the Holston Army Ammunition Plant property along the base of Bays Mountain. Flowers are reported to be in good bloom and should provide a good display with many varieties to photograph. Jim Gilland will be the leader of the group. If you would like to go, plan on meeting the group at Eastman Employee Center, April 9, 1977. The group will pool rides and leave promptly at 9:30 a.m. If you prefer you may meet the group at the main entrance of HAAP at 10:00 a.m. A bus will take you through the plant to the area where the hike will begin. The group will return about 2:00 p.m.

Anyone going on this trip must be at least 16 years old. This is a HAAP regulation.

Don't forget your cameras, plenty of your favorite film, good walking shoes, and a poucho, and a bag lunch. In case of rain the hike is rescheduled for April 16, same place, time, etc.

If you have any questions, call Jim Gilland, 4679 or Cosmo, 2005.

Weather permitting, Allen Cook will lead a wildflower hike in the Smokies on April 16, 1977. The group will assemble at the Employee Center at 8:00 a.m. and will leave shortly thereafter. Call Allen Cook at 4589 or Cosmo at 2005 for details.

Trip Notice
Hike - Nolichucky Gorge
Saturday, April 16, 1977

Provided final approval is obtained from the Clinchfield Railroad, we plan to enter the Nolichucky Gorge by crossing the railroad trestle at Popular, North Carolina, and then follow the railroad right-away to Unaka Springs. For those contemplating canoeing this section of the Nolichucky, this hike will offer an excellent opportunity to scout the river.

Plan to leave B-215 at 8:00 a.m. We'll set up the shuttle at Unaka Springs and hopefully be ready to enter the gorge by 10:00 a.m. Bring lunch and rain gear. Total hiking distance will be about 10 miles.

This hike is dependent upon our receiving final approval to cross the trestle at Popular. The railroad has indicated that they will work with us, but final approval will depend on train schedules and/or the availability of personnel. Therefore, please complete the form below and return it to me if you plan to participate in this hike. If a change in plans is required, I will contact those who have preregistered for this hike. For further information contact Gordon Porter, B-54D, at 288-6513.

TO: Gordon Porter, B-54D

I plan to participate in the hike through the Nolichucky Gorge.

NAME: _____ HOME PHONE: _____
PLANT PHONE _____

Canoe

CANOE TRIP NOTICE

North Fork of Holston River - Canoe Trip

Class I - II

Saturday, April 16, 1977

(Rain Date: Sunday, April 17, 1977)

Provided it is not raining (Rain Date will be Sunday) , and there is enough water in the river, we will go down the north fork of the Holston River from U.S. Highway 58 at Hiltons Virginis to U.S. Highway 23 at Weber City, Virginia. This will cover about 12 miles of river and will be a moderately paced trip. We will leave bldg. 215 parking lot at 9:15A.M. and return in the late afternoon.

Each group must provide the following: a canoe and paddles, with at least one extra paddle, a means of transporting your canoe, at least one life jacket per person, lunches and water, and raincoat if desired. If you plan to go please notify Dick Burow, B-226, Ph. 3661 or 288-3452.

CANOE TRIP ON NORTH FORK OF THE HOLSTON RIVER

FROM HILTONS TO WEBER CITY, VA

Saturday, April 16, 1977, was a perfect day for river canoeing. Seven Hiking Club Members in 4 canoes enjoyed this beautiful warm day canoeing 12 miles beside the Clinch Mountains on the senic North Fork of the Holston River. It was unbelievable that 10 days earlier this river was 15 to 20 feet higher and flowing over bridges and homes that were now far away from it. Highway signs, storm windows, and various items were seen in the trees along the banks as evidence of the distruction that was done the week before. Most of the homes did not appear to be badly hurt by the high water but a few were observed to be almost completely destroyed.

We had lunch on a rock landing of one of the numerous fords along this section of the river. This particular ford provides the only access to a log cabin built in the early 1800's.

Numerous fish, turtles, snakes, ducks, birds, wildflowers, etc. were observed on this trip. The participates were Jim Hobbs, Steve Banks, Martha Hut, Ben Thompson, Craig Burow, David Burow, and Dick Burow.

BAYS MTN. PARK - SPRING FESTIVAL

April 23, 24 and 30

and May 1, 1977

Management of Bays Mtn. Park has asked the hiking club to take part in its Spring Festival, April 23, 24 and April 30, May 1, by leading hikes on each of these Saturdays. The hikes will follow the new trails in the western end of the Park and be similar to those organized by Darrol Nickels for Dec. 5th. These hikes will start in the parking lot in front of the Nature Interpretive Center at Bays Mtn.

On Saturdays - April 23 and 30th:

At 1:00P.M. there will be an easy hike of about 4 miles along the Lakeside Trail and Cherry Knobs Trail then west along the old fire road and New Cherry Knobs Trail. Wear clothing suitable for the weather and comfortable walking shoes.

At 10:A.M. the moderate hike leaves, following Bays Ridge Road, to Front Hollow and from there to a gap in Cherry Knobs. Return will be along New Cherry Knobs Trail. Total distance about 5 miles. Carry lunch, rain gear and canteen of water.

At 8:30A.M. there is a difficult hike along Bays Ridge to near Little Horse Gap then into Gront Hollow to western end of Cherry Knobs. The hike will then follow crest of pretty Ridge, drop into Kiner Hollow and follow this to its head then skirt the side of the ridge, descending to big spring near Feagins homestead. Then climb to crest of Cherry Knobs and follow new trail back. Wear sturdy Hiking boots and clothing suitable for the weather, carry lunch and a canteen of water. Be prepared for a short section of trail blazing.

Hope to see you on the trails - For more information call Mira Wilhelm, B-230, Tel. 5647.

FOR THE RECORD

It rained all weekend and again on the 30th. Little or no participation for all hikes.!

Bicycle Trip, Cades Cove

April 23, 24, 1977

WHAT YOU SEE.....

Man became part of Cades Cove beyond reach of human memory. Indians hunted and farmed here for uncounted centuries, but hardly any sign of them remains. White settlers crowded the Indians out of the Cove and their sign is everywhere: buildings and roads, apple trees and fences, daffodills and footpaths. Cades Cove is now an open air museum, set aside to preserve the material culture of those who last lived here. The 11-mile loop road follows many of the grades and turns of the old wagon roads, fording a stream now and then. Along the way you are likely to see some wildlife: deer and wild turkey year-round, lots of groundhogs in the summer. The cattle grazing here help keep the Cove from returning to forest.

TRIP DETAILS.....

We will set up camp in Cades Cove Campground on Saturday. Arrive whenever you would like, and take some hikes out from the campground. On Sunday, we will bike around the loop, either individually or as a group, depending on the desires of the participants. Bring your meals, camping equipment, raingear, and bicycles. Campground fee is \$4.00 per nite-site, with site occupancy limited to 8 persons. If you will let the leader know you are coming, he will attempt to pick up a site for you by noon on Saturday morning, and arrange for combined occupancy of sites and cars. He also will make available recommendations on hikes for Saturday....Call Powell Foster, 239-8609.

WHAT YOU DON'T SEE.....

Can you visualize this Cove in 1850, supporting the 685 members of 132 families?

The first white settlers entered the Cove legally after an Indian treaty transferred the land to the State of Tennessee in 1819. Year after year they funneled through the gaps, driven by whatever haunted them behind or drew them in front, until they spilled over the floor and up the slopes. Most of them traced their way down the migration routes from Virginia into east Tennessee (now Interstate 81/US411). Tuckaleechee (modern Townsend) was the last point of supply before leaving for Cades Cove. A few years later, pioneers moved directly over the mountains from North Carolina. They all came equipped with personal belongings, and the tools and skills of an Old World Culture, enriched by what they learned from the Indians. The people of Cades Cove did not enter, settle, and become isolated from the rest of humanity. They were not discovered by twentieth century

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FOR THE RECORD
CADES COVE BIKE HIKE

The Cades Cove Bike Hike scheduled for April 23rd and 24th was nearly cancelled due to threatening rain, but five hardy individuals were not to be denied their weekend in the Smokies. While everyone else was deciding to stay home, Bill Hackett and four guests left Kingsport for Cades Cove at 2:30 Friday afternoon, and proceeded to have an outrageously good time. The guests were Dr. Paul and Lois Tosh, and Alvin and Joanna Woody.

After setting up camp, the group feasted on charcoal broiled steak, corn on the cob, and tossed salad. Following supper, a good healthy amount of shooting the bull took place around the campfire until bedtime. It rained from sometime after bedtime until just before dawn. Bill was up at first light for an 8 mile hiking/fishing trip down Abrams creek. After a very enjoyable morning of fishinf, he was back in camp for a lunch of chicken and dumplings. The three men next grabbed their bikes and set out for the loop road. By this time the sun was really shining and the scenery in the Cove was simply breathtaking. The circuit was completed in about 75 minutes, and the men returned to camp for a supper of barbecued grouse and chicken, baked potatoes, tossed salad, and banana bread.

The rain came again after dark and continued until approximately 9:00 Sunday morning. Breakfast consisted of pancakes with bacon and sausage, after which the group reluctantly broke camp and headed for home.

As stated in the pre-trip notice, wild game is abundant in the cove. Four different sightings of turkeys were made, totaling about 15 of these beautiful birds. Also sighted were several deer, many squirrels, and countless groundhogs.

Bill Hackett

Trip Notice

Table Rock - Chimneys

April 30, 77

We will meet at the Building 215 parking lot at 8:00A.M. for a pleasant drive to the Linville Gorge area in North Carolina. We have two easy hikes, one up to Table Rock and the other along the rim of the gorge to the Chimneys. Bring a lunch and wear suitable clothing for the weather. For further information call Don Nelan, 239-9534.

FOR THE RECORD

TABLE ROCK & HAWK'S BILL - APRIL 30, 1977

The "Old Man in the Red Hat" picked a good time of year to hike in this area. The Carolina Rhododendron and Mountain (sand) Myrtle were in full bloom. We also saw 38 other spring blooms (official count by C.C.) including 7 varieties of Violets, Painted Trillium, Gay Wings, Dwarf Iris (2 varieties), Pink Ladies Slipper, Dogwood, Silver Bells, etc. No wilderness permits were available at the Country Store so after our climb to the top of Table Rock we climbed Hawk's Bill instead of walking the edge of the gorge to the Chimneys. It was cloudy and foggy all day so we couldn't take in the views usually enjoyed from these vantage points, but the beauty at hand compensated for this. Enjoying the trip were Richard, Pam, Greg and Kristen Poduska, Van & Mira Wilhelm, John & Bettye Fuzek, May, Larry, Jeanne & Nicki Bernard, Collins Chew, Harry Rockey and Don Nelan. A repeat of this hike should definitely be scheduled for next April.

Don Nelan

OVERNIGHT TRIP NOTICE
SAT.-SUN., MAY 7-8, 1977

This overhighter is designed for those who want to test their skills on a trip that requires no more than moderate exertion. After departing Kingsport at 9AM Saturday, we will spot cars at Elk Park on U.S. 19E and at Carver Gap on Tenn. (N.C.).

From Carvers Gap to Yellow Mountain Gap a walk of 4 1/2 miles will take us over four short climbs totaling 960 feet in elevation gain and four drops totaling 1790 feet for a net loss of 830 feet (It's better to drive up the mountain and walk down). Along the way we'll have an opportunity to inspect the new shelter at Low Gap.

After spending the night at Yellow Mountain Gap, two climbs and two descents will bring us to our journeys end at Elk Park on U.S. 19E. Our second days walk is 6 miles with an elevation loss of 1500 feet. We will have walked over Yellow Mountain, Little Hump Mountain, through Bradley Gap and over Hump Mountain. Clear skies will permit views of Roan High Knob, Mount Mitchell, Hawksbill, Tablerock, and White top.

If you wish to participate: call Mr. Darrol Nickels at 247-7043.

May 7-8, 1977, Roan Highlands overhighter, Intermediate Backpack
Nine present for hike: Garry, Judy and Scott Luttrell, Ray, Carol,
Karen and Kathy Owens and Darrol and Georgia Nickels. Hike totaled
9.7 miles and was taken purely for recreation.

Darrol Nickels

FOR THE RECORD

Work began on the construction of the Trail of the Lonesome Pine (Clinch Mt.) May 7, 1977. The eastern access from Poor Valley near the Tn-Va line was constructed and about 2 miles of trail on the crest of the mountain. Property owner consent has been secured for almost all the section from Tn-Va line to Tn Route 70 at War Gap. We would like to get the club's section of the trail completed during 1977. So----if you have ever complained about the trail on which you were hiking and the sadist that laid it out, here is your chance to build one to your specifications. We have about 40 miles to do and most of it will "from scratch". If you can work on this project - Contact Gordon Newland, Plant tel. 3742 or home tel. 246-8845 or send in the registry below. Those taking part in the opening ceremony were Frank Williams, Powell Foster, Jack Watson, Tom Meridith, Jim Caines and Gordon Newland.

Name _____

Plant Tel. _____ Home Tel. _____



Put me down for every weekend in 1977.



Put me down for less than every weekend in 1977.

Mail to: Gordon Newland, Building 150B

Canoe

Canoe Trip Notice

North Fork of Holston River - Above Mendota, Virginia

Class I - II

Saturday, May 7, 1977

A canoe trip is planned on the upper part of the North Fork of Holston River. We will put in the river about 7 miles above Mendota, Va. and canoe down to Mendota. We will leave B-215 parking lot at 9:00A.M. and should return to Kingsport by 5:00P.M.

Each group must provide the following: A canoe and paddles with at least one extra paddle, a means of transporting the canoe, at least one life jacket per person, lunches and water, and raingear if desired. For additional information call Bob Mynhier at 239-6392.

Canoe Trip on North Fork Holston River above Mendota, Va. - May 7, 1977

Although the weather did not look very promising, 9 people meet on Saturday morning, May 7, 1977, for a canoe trip on the North Fork Holston River above Mendota, Va. It rained while we were driving to Mendota but stopped before we started down the river. The sun came out early in the afternoon and it turned out to be a very nice day. This section of the river is easy to canoe and has some very pretty scenery. Don Shields was enjoying the trip so much that we had trouble getting him to come on down the river. However, he could set the pace for the trip since he had the only car at the take out point. Those making the trip were Steve Banks, Jim Hobbs, Warren McLain, Mindy Davis, Ben Thompson, Dick Burow, Don Shields, Ron Peach, Bob Mynhier.

Bob Mynhier.

Virginia Appalachian Trail Hike - May 12-15, 1977

From May 12 through May 15, Thursday through Sunday, eight members of the Hiking Club took a four-day backpacking trip on the Appalachian Trail north of Roanoke. We divided into two groups, going in opposite directions on the same section of the trail, and swapping cars. Those on the trip were Ray Hunt, Collins Chew, John Kiefer, John Thompson, Gordon Newland, Don Nelan, Dick Ardell and Darrel Nickels. We were joined by Harry Rockey, a member of the Roanoke A.T. Club, who lives in Blacksburg.

We hiked 52 miles, from where the Trail crosses Interstate 81 at Daleville to the crossing of the Hames River near Natural Bridge. This is a nice section of trail, well designed and well maintained. We saw little evidence of abuse, over-use or litter. Much of the trail was near the Blue Ridge Parkway, which detracted from the feeling of remoteness but caused no real problems. Wildflowers were abundant, with more than 100 varieties in bloom. Pink trillium, pink rhododendron, spiderwort, laurel, wild geranium, and pink agalea were especially profuse.

We stayed in shelters two nights, and one night in our tents where there was no shelter. For the southbound group, the two nights in shelters were noisy, one because of a mouse eating our garbage in plastic bags, and the other because of snoring, and I don't mean a mouse. We met over 20 hikers along the way. Many of them had started a month or more before from Springer Mtn., and had thus come about 700 miles when we met them.

Although this was a difficult hike, we suffered only from sore feet and bites. The bites were mostly insect bites, except for one notable dog bite, an unavoidable contact with civilization. Maybe we came out as well as we did because the weather

was so nice: mild, sunny, and no rain!

This is the fifteenth trip taken by this group on the Appalachian Trail in the last twelve years. Those who have gone on all of the trips have hiked more than 900 miles of the Trail. Others are welcome to join the group on future trips.

Ray Hunt

TRIP NOTICE

Baxter Creek

Saturday, May 14, 1977

Baxter Creek is a tributary of Big Creek in the north end of the Great Smokies. The hike will start in a mixed hardwood forest and ascend to spruce and fir areas. Wild flowers should be abundant. The trailhead is near the town of Mt. Sterling, just off I-40. The trail distance to the top of Mt. Sterling is six miles with a 4,142-foot climb. We will take as much of this as the group wishes. Be prepared for warm to cool spring weather. Bring raingear, lunch, water, and a camera or binoculars if you wish. Departure will be from Building 215 parking lot at 8 a.m., promptly. Driving distance is about 90 miles each way. For additional details call Bob Miller, 288-2572.

FOR THE RECORD

Baxter Creek Wildflower Hike - May 14, 1977

What was billed as an easy wildflower hike up Baxter Creek was upgraded by the participants - Larry Bernard, Bob Miller and Don Shaffer (Milligan College) - into a difficult hike when the group elected to go for the Mt. Sterling fire tower. Round trip distance from Big Creek Campground was 12.2 miles with a change in altitude of 4,140 feet. Ascent time - 3 hrs. 45 min. Descent time - 2 hrs. 5 min. It was a pleasant sunny day and the trail was shady and beautiful. Hardwoods were prevalent at the start, changing to spruce and balsam near the top. Although 18-20 wild flowers were identified, the flowers were past their prime. During the lunch break we spotted two black throated, blue warblers, the first I'd ever seen.

Bob Miller

CANOE TRIP NOTICE

UPPER WATAUGA RIVER

Sunday, May 15, 1977

Canoe

This float will be on a 5 mile portion of the Watauga River above Watauga Lake. This is a particularly scenic section of the river with good water quality and several nice small rapids. There is one good ("bad") rapid near the start of the run that can be portaged or run depending on your skill and courage. This trip is suitable for practiced beginners provided they portage the good rapid.

We will meet at 9:00A.M. in the Bldg. 215 parking lot to consolidate cars and canoes and then leave as soon as possible. Please bring all the necessary equipment for a day of canoeing.

When we finish the trip about 4-5:00P.M. only a few miles from Boone, N.C. I plan to have dinner at the Daniel Boone Inn and welcome you to join me.

Please return this form if you plan to go!

Terry Dougherty, Bldg. 150, TEC Home Phone 323-8153

Name _____

Phone _____

Eat at Daniel Boone Inn _____ yes _____ no

Canoe Trip on Upper Watauga River - May 15, 1977

We canoed a very scenic 5 mile portion of the Watauga River above Watauga Lake. A total of 16 people participated in the trip. Eight canoes and 2 Kayaks were used. We had a couple of spills in the good rapid near the start of the run which provided us with lots of experience rescuing paddler, paddles, equipment, and canoes. Needless to say most portaged this rapid. We had lunch after the great rescue, all except Richard Sparks and son. Their lunch somehow ended up alittle soggy. We finished the trip about 5:00 and most of the group had dinner at the Daniel Boone Inn in Boone, N.C. before returning to Kingsport.

Terry Dougherty

Canoe

CANOE TRIP NOTICE

New River - Below Mouth of Wilson, Virginia and North Carolina
Class I-II

Saturday, May 21 and Sunday, May 22

This is an overnight trip which will cover approximately 25 miles of the New River with good scenery. I recommend tandem canoeing due to possible wind in slow areas. It is about a three hour drive to the put in. A planning meeting will be held Friday, May 13 at 12:00 in Conference Room 601A, Building 54D (6th floor and go left off elevator) to discuss gear requirements, and trip details. The number of canoes may have to be limited, so please return the attached slip as soon as possible. For additional information contact Paul Folk, Extension 5994, Home 323-4508.

Name _____

Canoe partner's name (if you have one) _____

Your phone number: Home _____ Work _____

Canoeing ability: Experienced _____ Intermediate _____

Beginner _____

Return to Paul Folk, Building 54B, by Thursday, May 12.

Overnight Canoe Trip on New River - Below Mouth of Wilson, Virginia and N.C.
May 21-22, 1977

Ten people participated in this weekend trip totaling 34 hours away from Kingsport. We canoed 20 miles in all and had a very recreational trip.

Paul Folk

TRIP NOTICE

BAYS MOUNTAIN TRAIL, SUNDAY, MAY 22, 1977

A trail along the crest of the Bays Mountains from Kingsport to Bulls Gap is merely a dream existing in the minds of a few people. This hike offers an opportunity to explore accesses and a segment of the proposed trail.

Starting in the Oak Glen Community we will climb for 3/4 mile along the crest of a spur ridge to the eastern end of the Chimneytop ridge. From there we will follow the crest of Chimneytop for about two miles to the ruins of the airway beacon at the summit. The net gain in elevation is 1680 feet. From the beacon we will continue west while descending to Wolf Gap where we follow the head waters of Pyborn creek to a passable road and a waiting car. Total walking distance is 5 miles.

Wear clothing suitable for the weather, including heavy shoes, long pants and long sleeved shirt, and carry a generous supply of water.

Meet at B-215 parking lot at 12:50P.M. for a one o'clock departure, estimated time of return is 6:00P.M.

For additional information call: Mr. Darrol Nickels at 247-7043.

May 23, 1977, Bays Mountain Trail. Eight present for hike: Dick Ardell, Jim Caines, Garry Luttrell, Scott Luttrell, Tom Meredith Darrol Nickels, Georgia Nickels, and Virginia Willis. Hike totaled 7 miles and was taken purely for recreation.

Darrol Nickels

ATC HOLDS BIENNIAL CONFERENCE

MEMBERS!!!!!!!

Here is your chance to kick up your heels and meet other friends of the Appalachian Trail and hiking clubs from all over the U.S.

The Appalachian Trail Conference will hold its biennial Conference on May 28, 29, 30 and 31.

Historic Shepherdstown, West Virginia. Hiking opportunities are unparalleled both close by on the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, or the Tuscarora/Big Blue Trail and within a day's drive, at West Virginia's Blackwater Falls and Dolly Sods.

The Appalachian Trail crosses from Maryland to Virginia with some of the finest views of the whole Trail from the Maryland-Virginia heights.

The Conference will feature workshops you can't afford to miss. The latest in hiking techniques and equipment will be discussed by experts in the field-- Dry Stopping (waterless hiking); Outdoor Photography; Backpacking and Hiking Equipment; Preventics-hiking health; Wild and Edible Plants, just to mention a few.

This Conference will also conduct the business of the ATC--voting on Managers and Officers; constitutional proposals; and resolutions. If you are not a member already, don't miss this opportunity to participate in the running of this vital organization.

Your registration fee is only \$5.00 if you are a member; \$7.50 if not. (Membership in A.T.C. is \$12.50 initially, \$10.00 for every year thereafter). For information on membership in ATC, write P.O. Box 236, Harpers Ferry, West Virginia 25425.

PLEASE FORWARD ALL REQUESTS FOR RESERVATIONS FOR 1977 CONFERENCE TO:

B. F. Sherman, Jr.
6329 Mori Street
McLean, Va. 22101

A T C Conference - May 28, 29, 30, & 31

The A T C Conference will be held May 28, 29, 30, 31 at Shepherd College, Shepherdstown W. Va. The host club is the Patomac Appalachian Trail Club. The Theme of the Conference is: Building on a Vision: from the Appalachian Trail to a National Network. May 1 is deadline for registration by mail. The Patomac Club will also offer a series of area hikes during the week following the conference. Registration forms are available from Paulette Eads, B-150B, Tel. 2544.

A.T. CONFERENCE - MAY 28, 29, & 30

Our hiking club will have a booth at the A.T. Conference, May 28, 29 & 30. In this booth we hope to show slides of our clubs activities and our hiking area. If you have any slides you think might be suitable for this, please mail your slides to Ms. Mira Wilhelm, Bldg. 230. Slides will be copied and returned to you. Please help make this one of the best booths at the conference. THANK YOU!!!

RIVER CANOEING SCHOOL - June 3,4, & 5, 1977

Another well attended and successful School of River Canoeing was held June 3, 4,5. Approximately 50 students and instructors participated in one evening of lecture and two river trips on sections of the Nolichucky close to Erwin.

The weather and river were perfect and by Sunday afternoon almost everyone had felt the urge to cool off in the inviting 'Chucky - usually close to a rapid. Altho - one instructor managed to turn over in 6 inches of water about 100 feet from the end of the trip.

Thanks to all the instructors for their fine help and to the "Students" - we hope you learned enough and had a good time.

P.S. - Two borrowed paddles turned up missing - one (wooden) belongs to Paulette Eads and one (aluminum shaft Mohawk) belongs to Rick Phelps. If you know of the where abouts of these - please call their owners.

Rick Phelps.

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HIKING/CANOEING CLUB NOTICE

TSRA School of River Canoeing

The Tennessee Scenic Rivers Association is again offering instruction in river canoeing. The class is the best available in this area and will be held June 10, 11, 12 (Friday night through Sunday afternoon) on the Hiwassee River close to Etowah, TN.

Beginner (tandem only) and Intermediate (tandem and solo) instruction is available. Fees are \$16.00 for first family member, \$6.00 each additional family member for non-TSRA members. TSRA members deduct \$5.00 from the \$16.00 initial fee. Textbook is included.

Prerequisite: ability to swim.

All applications must be received by June.1.

Contact Rick Phelps, B-54, extension 5164 for application blanks and information.

TRIP NOTICE

NU WRAY INN - YEATES KNOB

JUNE 11, 1977

The main feature of this trip is the evening meal at the Inn, served about 6:30P.M. at a reasonable price of \$6.00. For those who want a moderate hike we will walk from Balsam Gap on the Blue Ridge Parkway across Yeates Knob to the gap near Ogles Meadows. For those who want an easy hike there is Ogles Meadows. For those who do not wish to hike there is the North Carolina Country side to enjoy. We will need reservations (they will take 15 to 20) so send a \$3.00 deposit per person to Don Nelan, Bldg. 150B by June 7th. We will leave Bldg. 215 parking lot at 10:00A.M. for the main hike. Bring lunch and wear suitable clothing for the weather. Those not going on the main hike will meet at the Nu Wray Inn in Burnsville, N.C. by 6:30P.M. for the evening meal. For further information call Don Nelan, Ph. 239-9534.

FOR THE RECORD

NU WRAY INN - YEATES KNOB, June 11, 1977

Seventenn of us - May, Larry and Nicki Bernard, Ray Hunt, Pam, Dick, Greg and Kristen Poduska, Dick Ardell, Virginia Willis, Doris and Bob Miller, Gordon and Bobbie Newland, Rann Vaulx and Martha and Don Nelan enjoyed an excursion to North Carolina. Some of us hiked from Balsam Gap on the Blue Ridge Parkway across Yeates Knob to Cane River Gap and others hiked from Cane River Gap up to Ogles Meadow and back. We all enjoyed an evening meal at the Nu Wray Inn at Burnsville.

Don Nelan

TRIP NOTICE

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PLATT BALSAM - JUNE 18, 1977 (Saturday)

Platt Balsam is one of the 6000' peaks along the Blue Ridge. We will climb it according to the recommendations of the 6000' club for qualification. Meet at B-215 parking lot for an 8:00A.M. departure and plan for an after 6:00P.M. return. Bring lunch, water, raingear and wear briarproof clothing.

For further information call Gordon Newland at tel. 3742 or 246-8845.

Plott Balsam - June 18, 1977

Three adventurers made the ascent almost as planned. Since we only had one car, we elected to climb from Plott Creek and return via the same route. The attempt for Mt. Lyn Lowery, Waterrock Knob and Yellow Face was abandoned, due to poor visibility, heavy vlow down and exhaustion. We did istablish one thing: it is possible to follow your own trail, even in the flg, if you are the first party up this season. The trip was: 3 hrs. up, 1/2 hr. wondering and 1 1/2 hrs. back. Gordon Newland, Jim Caines, and Andy Nickols.

Canoe

TRIP NOTICE

NOLICHUCKEY RIVER CANOE NOTICE

(Davey Crockett Dam To Highway 411)

SATURDAY

JUNE 25, 1977

Class I, II - Excellent trip for first time canoeers. Meet at 8:00a.m. at B-310 (Recreation Building). We will travel as a group to Greeneville to the Davey Crockett Dam. We will be in the water no later than 10:00a.m. Bring your lunch. We will eat at the half way point. If you don't have a canoe, find a friend who does and ask him to share a ride down the Nolichucky. Life jackets are required.

Robert J. Bible

TRIP NOTICE

SNOWBALL MTN., HAWKBILL ROCK AND LITTLE SNOWBALL MTN. TOWER

SUNDAY

JUNE 26, 1977

Being at high elevation, this trip offers thrilling scenes which include Reems Creek Valley towards Weaverville, the distant French Broad River and the Craggies. A pleasant, not too difficult hike, but may be overgrown in summer (some poison ivy). The tower on Little Snowball Mtn. offers vast panorama views and also has a spring near it.

Plan to leave B-215 parking lot at 8:00A.M. Bring lunch, rain gear, hiking shoes and appropriate clothes for the weather. This trip starts just off the BlueRidge Parkway near the Craggy Gardens picnic area. Hiking distance round trip is 8 miles and the climb is 700 feet.

For further information contact Dick Ardell at 247-3718 after 6:00 P.M.

FOR THE RECORD

Snowball Mtn. - Hawksbill Mtn. - scheduled for June 26, 1977

Nobody showed at the B-215 parking lot for this hike except the leader. Needless to say, the hike was cancelled.

Dick Ardell