

TERC HIKING CLUB SCHEDULE

July - December, 1977

	Date		Trip	Hike Rating	Leader
✓	July 10	Sun.	½ day	Hilton Fire Tower	E Dick Clark
✓	July 16	Sat.	1 day	Sliding Rock	E M. Wilhelm
✓	July 23, 24	Sat.-Sun.	2 days	Roaring Creek-LeConte Lodge	D Stan Murray
✓	July 29 <i>Aug 27</i>	Fri.	Evening	Moonlight Hike-Grassy Ridge	E Lewis Carson
	Aug. 7 <i>Cancelled</i>	Sun.	½ day	Hike Bays Mountain	M Lester Church
	Aug. 14 <i>Cancelled</i>	Sun.	1 day	Unaka Mtn. Recreation Area	M Dick Ardell
✓	Aug. 21	Sun.	½ day	Hike Laurel Fork	M Bob Mynhier
✓	Aug. 27	Sat.	1 day	Hike Stone Mtn.	E Ed Allen
✓	Sept. 3, 4, 5	Sat.-Mon.	3 days	Multiclub Trip, Smokies	E-D Gordon Newland
✓	Sept. 10-18	1 week	9 days	Backpack A.T. in Maine, Katahdin	Very D Ray Hunt
✓	Sept. 17, 18	Sat.-Sun.	2 days	Hike Mt. LeConte Lodge	M Bob Miller
✓	Oct. 1, 2	Sat.-Sun.	2 days	Backpack Mt. Hardy-Richland Balsam Beyond 6000	D Hugh Thompson
✓	Oct. 9	Sun.	½ day	Hike Chimney Top	E Ed Allen
✓	Oct. 10-16	Mon.-Sun.	1 week	Backpack A.T. in Smokies	D Don Shields
✓	Oct. 23	Sun	¼ day	Oyster Dinner, Slide Show	E Collins Chew
	Oct. 30 <i>Cancelled</i>	Sun.	1 day	Hike Green Knob Fire Tower	M Dick Ardell
?	Nov. 5	Sat.	1 day	Hike Trail of the Lonesome Pine	M Gordon Newland
✓	Nov. 12	Sat.	1 day	Hike Gabes Mountain (Smokies)	E-M Don Nelan
?	Nov. 20	Sun.	1 day	Hike Beartown Mountain	M Hugh Thompson
?	Dec. 3	Sat.	1 day	Hike A.T. Spivey Gap to Nolichucky R.	M John Thompson
✓	Dec. 31	Sat.	½ day	Bays Mountain	E Bill Howle

FUTURE HIKES

Summer, 1978

Backpacking and Sightseeing in Iceland

E-D Dave Petke

Hike Ratings E — Easy M — Moderate D — Difficult

CANOE SCHEDULE

July - December, 1977

	Date		Trip	Class of** Difficulty	Leader
✓	July 9	Sat.	Watauga - Below Dam	I-II	Rick Phelps
✓	July 10	Sun.	Nolichucky River Races	I-III	Neal Sanders
✓	July 23	Sat.	French Broad Gorge	III, IV	Rick Phelps
✓	July 24	Sun.	Nolichucky Gorge	III, IV	Rick Phelps
✓	July 30	Sat.	Clinch River Race	I-II	Neal Sanders
✓	August 6	Sat.	Nolichucky - Below Erwin <i>South Holston</i>	II	Dan Bensing
✓	August 20	Sat.	South Holston - Below Dam	I-II	George Stevenson
✓	Sept. 10	Sat.	Chatooga III	III	Gordon Porter
✓	Sept. 11	Sun.	Nantahala	II (III)	
✓	Sept. 24	Sat.	French Broad - Del Rio Section	I-II	Bob Mynitier

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.

ROAN HIGHLANDS STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

Have you ever spent a night on Roan Mountain and awakened to the song of the Towhee and Junco, a cool breeze blowing across your face, clouds lining the valleys below you while Grandfather Mountain and Mt. Mitchell stretch out before you? We're looking for individuals and families who would like to spend a summer weekend in the highland meadows between Roan Mountain and Grassy Ridge along the Appalachian Trail.

This area is magnificent any time of year and is especially popular in the summer. The TERC Hiking Club and the Southern Appalachian Highlands Conservancy (SAHC) are working together to look after this section of Appalachian Trail and surrounding slopes of the Roan Highlands to insure the protection of this fragile landscape. Tom Gatti is spending high second summer on the mountain as a part of SAHC's Stewardship Program, and the Hiking Club will be assisting him on weekends. The duties involved are simple: paying a visit to the Grassy Ridge shelter and the Grassy Ridge Bald itself on Saturday evening, noting how many camping parties there are, chatting with some of the campers, picking up some litter if there is any. Tom and the Appalachian Trail Conference has found the program very beneficial in terms of learning how areas are being used and of communicating our personal commitment to keeping a quality trail environment and hiking experience.

There will be a orientation meeting for participants in the program in late June. We'll tell you everything you need to know then, including where to get great barbecue on your way home from the mountain. If you have any questions now, call Judy Murray, 323-4993. We'd like to have the program run at least through Labor Day, and we would be happy to go beyond that date.

Please send this form to Rick Phelps, Building 54 as soon as possible.
Your help is needed and you'll have a great time!

I would like to participate in the Roan Highlands Stewardship Program on the weekend of _____ 1st choice

_____ 2nd choice

_____ 3rd choice

Name _____

Phone (Business) _____

Address _____

Phone (Home) _____

TRIP NOTICES

Hilton Fire Tower - July 10, 1977
(Sunday afternoon)

This is planned as an easy half-day hike from the road along the North Fork of the Holston to the fire tower on top of Clinch Mountain near Hilton, Virginia. The driving distance from Kingsport is about 20 miles each way. Meet at B-215 parking lot for 1:00 p.m. departure. Even at a leisurely pace and with time to admire the view, we should be back to Kingsport by 6:00p.m.

For further information call Dick Clark at 4779 or 246-6007

Hilton Fire Tower- July 10, 1977

This scheduled hike did not take place. One person (Tom Meredith) joined the leader at 1:00p.m. on this unusually hot Sunday afternoon. The two of us decided to abandon the planned hike. After Tom left, John and Betty Fuzek arrived, but they too, indicated a general lack of enthusiasm for proceeding. If all four of us had been there at one time, we might have thought of some cool place to go.

Dick Clark

RAFT TRIP THROUGH THE NEW RIVER CANYON
IN WEST VIRGINIA

Rafting trips on thirty miles of the New River in the scenic canyon area from Prince to Fayette Station, West Virginia, are available. This section of the New River, snuggled in the foothills of the great Appalachian Mountains, is known as the "Grand Canyon of the East." The trips cover thirty miles of rough, turbulent white water and provides the most exciting float trips in the East. The river is surrounded by high, towering hills, trees, rock formations, and "the most picturesque wonders to be seen anywhere".

A trip is being planned through the New River Canyon, conducted by Wild-water Expeditions Unlimited, Inc., of Thurmond, West Virginia, for July or August if enough people are interested. Four options are available as described below:

OPTION 1

A one day trip on the upper (milder) section of the river from Prince to the base camp at Thurmond. The trip includes lunch on the river, rafting equipment, waterproof bag, transportation from Thurmond to Prince and a river guide per raft.

Cost: \$40.00 per person

Dates Available: July 15

July 23

August 19

Camping facilities are available at the base camp at Thurmond at \$2.00 extra per person.

OPTION 2

Same as Option 1 except it is on the lower (rougher) section of the river from Thurmond to Fayette Station. Transportation is provided from Fayette Station back to Thurmond. Participants on the lower section must be at least 14 years old.

OPTION 3

A two day trip on the upper and lower sections of the river. This trip includes 3 nights (primitive camping) lodging, all meals from breakfast the first day to lunch on the river the second day, rafting equipment, waterproof bag, transportation to Prince and return from Fayette Station, and river guide per raft.

Cost: \$120.00 per person

Dates Available: July 18-19

July 20-21

August 22-23

August 24-25

OPTION 4

Two consecutive days on the lower section of the river. This trip includes lunch both days on the river, rafting equipment, transportation back to

Thurmond, river guide per raft and lodging (primitive camping) three nights.

Cost: \$85.00 per person

Dates Available: July 14-15

July 22-23

August 18-19

If you are interested in going on one of these trips please fill out the form below and return by May 13 to Bob Mynhier, Building 184 or 1124 Meadow Lane, Kingsport, Tennessee 37663.

New River Canyon Float Trip

Name _____ Building _____

Address _____

Telephone: Work _____ Home _____

Trip Preference _____

Date Preference _____

List family members or others planning to go with you. Give ages of children.

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

FOR THE RECORD

Raft Trip on New River in West Virginia - July 11, 1977

This report is a little late but thought it may be of interest to some who may want to make this trip next year. Gordon Newland, Rick Phelps, Jerry Whorley and Bob Mynhier went to Thurmond, W. Va., and took a raft trip through the New River Gorge conducted by Wild Water Expeditions Unlimited, Inc. We camped at the base camp on the river Sunday night and took the raft trip on Monday, July 11, 1977. We rode in 12-man rafts with two guides in each raft. Before lunch the trip was fairly peaceful with only two major rapids. A major rapid was one rated class III, IV or V. However, after lunch we went through 17 major rapids with several being class V.

For a more detailed description of the trip see the September issue of Readers' Digest.

Bob Mynhier

SLIDING ROCK, JULY 16, 1977

For hike to Sliding Rock, July 16, 1977. Meet in Bldg. 215 parking lot at 8:00A.M. Bring lunch and water and a change of clothes or towels if you plan to try out the sliding rock. The hike to Sliding Rock is less than a mile so we may include another short hike in the area. I'm told even if the weather is hot, the water will be cold, so come prepared. This is an easy family hike. In case of rain or cold weather (?), this hike will be rescheduled. For further details call Mira Wilhelm, Ext. 5647 or 477-7406.

FOR THE RECORD

Sliding Rock Hike - July 16, 1977

The weather was warn and sunny. The water was cold, but refreshing for the Sliding Rock outing, July 16. Powell Foster, his son, Richard, Mira and Van Wilhelm tried out the sliding rock, visited the school of Forrester exhibit and took several short hikes in the area.

Mira Wilhelm

SUMMER MT. LeCONTE CREEK TRIP

JULY 23-24, 1977

The Greenbrier Cabin has been closed to the public, but the Lodge will still be open in 1977 - so we have taken reservations for sixteen persons. The main difference from previous trips is that we will leave Kingsport early Saturday morning instead of Friday night and meet in Gatlinburg for a big, hearty breakfast before setting foot in the creek.

We've plenty of time to decide on the particular creek; but for those to whom it might make a difference, Roaring Fork has been tentatively selected. It starts (for us) at Grotto Falls.

To hold our reservations we each need to have \$10.00 at the Lodge office by December 1. An additional \$7.40 (estimated) will be collected next year sometime. Send your checks to Stan Murray, Building 244, or to P. O. Box 3356, Kingsport, Tennessee, 37664.

The first sixteen names to be submitted with checks will be accepted.
Any unfilled places as of 5:00 p.m., November 29 will be cancelled.

The trip is rated difficult.

FOR THE RECORD

Le Conte Creek Trip - July 23-24, 1977

Everything combined for a perfect creek trip - the weather was sunny, the water was low, we didn't get lost, and we got to the Lodge in time for supper! This year's creek was Roaring Fork; we returned by the Bullhead Trail. One of the highlights was a mama bear with her two little cubs roaming around the cabin area.

MOONLIGHT HIKE ON FRIDAY EVENING 7/29 FROM CARVER'S GAP TO GRASSY RIDGE

A moonlight hike on the evening of July 29 is planned going from Carver's Gap to Grassy Ridge and return, approximately 4 miles. This is an easy hike up and down Round Bald and Jane Bald to Grassy Ridge (6020) where we (hopefully) will watch the Sunset and the Moon rise. The return hike is by Moonlight and/or flashlight. Bring a good flashlight, poncho and windbreaker, and wear hiking boots or sturdy shoes.

Meet at Bldg. 215 Parking Lot at 6:00P.M. for departure at 6:15P.M. Or meet us at the Carver's Gap Parking Lot at 7:30P.M. Trip will be cancelled by rain or heavy clouds. We should be back in Kingsport shortly after Midnight.

Lewis and Doris Carson, leaders
246-4880

*Rescheduled
Aug. 27th*

MOONLIGHT HIKE WILL BE RESCHEDULED

The Moonlight hike on Friday, July 29th from Carver's Gap to Grassy Ridge was rained out, but will be rescheduled. Watch your Hiking Club Trip Notices for details.

TRIP NOTICE

Canoe

CANOEING - NOLICHUCKY RIVER BELOW ERWIN

Saturday, August 6, 1977

This trip will be through class I-II rapids - Persons interested in making this trip should contact Dan Bensing. We will probably leave Kingsport at 8:00a.m. and return around 5:00p.m. Be sure to bring lunch, life jacket, and extra paddle.

Contact Dan Bensing (Ext. 2675) for further information.

FOR THE RECORD

CANOE TRIP - August 6, 1977

The original trip down the Nolichucky - below Erwin, was cancelled due to low water level. However, with Warren McLain's navigational ability a group of us found our way to the South Holston River. With 5 canoes and a kayak, we enjoyed the scenic trip. George Stevenson and his son Pat even treated the group to a unrehearsed demonstration on the art of body surfing at the only rapids.

Dan Bensing

BAYS MOUNTAIN HIKE, SUNDAY - AUGUST 7, 1977

This will be an easy to moderate Sunday stroll. The actual route will depend upon the group participants. Plan to leave from the upper parking lot at Bays Mtn. Nature Center at 1:00P.M., August 7th. We will return before 5:00P.M. A canteen of water and tennis shoes are recommended. For additional information contact Lester R. Church, TEC ext. 3819 or 477-3374.

Bays Mountain Hike - August 7, 1977

Too bad-----No one showed for this hike! The leader had a pleasant hike planned, which he completed alone so as not to make the day a total waste.

Unaka Mtn. Recreation Area - scheduled for Aug. 14, 1977

This hike was cancelled because the leader was out of state on the scheduled date. The hike will be rescheduled.

Dick Ardell

Trip Notice

AMC - ROAN MOUNTAIN WORKSHOP, SUNDAY, AUGUST 14, 1977

This summer four young men from the Appalachian Mountain Club are spending ten weeks doing trail rehabilitation work on the Carvers Gap to 19E section of Appalachian Trail. Previously, they each spent four seasons as trail crewmen in the White Mountains of New Hampshire and their work is superb.

They are eager to meet the TERC Hiking Club members and share some of their know-how with us. They have some valuable skills to offer which can aid us in our trail construction, rehabilitation and maintenance programs. The crew has offered to hold an on-site workshop on Roan Mountain on Sunday, August 14.

Bring water, lunch and raingear. Meet at Bldg. 215 parking lot at 8:00a.m. Sunday, August 14. Leader: Stan Murray, ext. 2438

LAUREL FORK GORGE - Sunday, August 21, 1977

This hike will start where Highway No. 67 crosses Laurel Fork east of Hampton, Tenn. We will hike up the gorge to the Falls and return. This will be a fairly easy hike of about 6 miles and you will have time to wade in the creek if you so desire. You will not need to take a lunch but you will need water and you may want to take a snack with you. We will meet in the Bldg. 215 parking lot and leave at 1:15p.m. We should return to Kingsport before 7p.m. The drive to Hampton takes about 1 hour.

Contact Bob Mynhier (239-6392) for further information.

Laurel Fork - scheduled for Aug. 21, 1977

Nine of us met on a warm Sunday afternoon for a hike to Laurel Falls. We were met at the falls by three others who hiked up a little later. All of us went wading while one went in swimming intentionally and two went in unintentionally. Those on the hike were: Ben, Sonnie, Melody, Holly and Stan Chaney, Hugh and Lyn Thompson, Wayne Oler, Brian Gregory, Bob, Robby and Mark Mynhier

R. M. Mynhier

TRAIL OF LONESOME PINE - WORK TRIPS- 1977

The scheduled work trips for construction of the Trail of Lonesome Pine, (Clinch Mt.) is listed below. They will leave B-215 Parking lot at 8:00A.M. and return at 4-5:00P.M. If you would like to go along please call Gordon Newland, ext. 3742; 246-8845.

<u>Trip. No.</u>	<u>Date</u>
1.	July 16
2.	July 30
3.	Aug. 13
4.	Aug. 27
5.	Sept. 24
6.	Oct. 8
7.	Oct. 22
8.	Oct. 29
9.	Nov. 12
10.	Nov. 19

FOR THE RECORD

Trail of Lonesome Pine - Work Trip - Aug. 27, 1977

Seven people participated in the work trip. We were away from home 11 hrs. for this work trip. Thanks to the participants!

Gordon Newland

TRIP NOTICE

MOONLIGHT HIKE (Rescheduled) SATURDAY, AUGUST 27th

The July 29th hike got rained out!! This hike is scheduled for full moon night of Saturday, August 27th. The round trip from Carver's Gap across Round Bald and Jane Bald to Grassy Ridge is approximately 4 miles. This is considered an easy hike. The return trip will be by the light of the full moon and flashlights. Bring a flashlight, snack, poncho or wind-breaker, and wear hiking boots or sturdy shoes.

We will meet in B-215 parking lot, at 4:30P.M., pool transportation and depart by 4:40. Anyone who would desire may meet us at the Carver's Gap parking lot at 6:15.

Snacks will be enjoyed at the 6189 elevation at the top of Grassy Ridge while watching the sun set and the moon rise. The trip will be canceled by rain or heavy clouds. Return to Kingsport is estimated to be 11:30P.M. All guest are welcome.

For further information contact Lewis Carson at 246-4880.

Grassy Ridge - scheduled for Aug. 27, 1977

Sixteen people enjoyed the 3rd in famous Eastman Hiking club Moonlight Hike to Grassy Ridge on the evening of Sat., Aug. 27. This was a rescheduled date from the rainy Sat., July 29.

Beginning at Carver's Gap at 6:30P.M. the group hiked the 2 miles in to Grassy Ridge enjoying a spectacular view of the surrounding vallys and ridges laced with wispy clouds. Grassy became surrounded by low lying dense clouds, however, and the group at supper braced against the cold winds. Ripe blueberries were plentiful along the way and the trail is in superb condition thanks to major restoration work this summer by the Appalachian Mountain Club.

As you would suspect we drove out from under those dense clouds about a half mile down from Carver's Gap, the trip home was in brilliant moon light.

It is suggested that the name be changed to "Grassy Ridge Hike at Night"

Lewis Carson

TRIP NOTICE

STONE MOUNTAIN - CANEY CREEK - Sunday, Aug. 28th

This will be an easy to moderate Sunday hike, about five miles total, very little uphill. We will meet at parking lot, B-215, at 1:00P.M., Sunday, Aug. 28th. A canteen for water and hiking shoes, (part of trail rocky) are recommended. We will have a hot dog and cokes at my cabin after hike. Should be back to town by 6:00P.M.

Call Ed Allen at 246-6573 for further information.

TRIP NOTICE

MULTICLUB MEET SEPT. 3-4, 1977

The Smoky Mt. Hiking Club is host for the Multiclub Meet this year. The pertinent data are:

Where Tremont Campsites, Inc. on Tn Rt. 73, 1/4 mi. from Townsend Entrance to the park.

Cost \$.50 Registration per adult, children free.
\$3.50/night/vehicle with 2 people plus \$.50 per additional person, (Payable for tent campers to SMHC)

Program

Fri. Sept. 2	Early arrivals welcome, No events scheduled.
Sat. Sept. 3	9:00 a.m. Registration opens 1:00 p.m. Hike to Abrams Falls (E) 5mi. 1:00 p.m. Hike to Rich Mt. (E) 5.5mi. 8:00 p.m. Evening Program (Boyd Evison, Sierra Club Slide Show)
Sun. Sept. 4	9:00 a.m. Hike to Spence Field and Thunderhead (H) 10mi. 9:00 a.m. Hike to Gregory Bald (M) 11mi. 10:00 a.m. Hike to Spruce Flats-Lumber Ridge(M)8mi. 10:00 a.m. Hike to Cove Mountain Tower (E) 8mi. 8:30 p.m. Business Meeting
Mon. Sept. 5	9:30 a.m. Hike to Abrams Falls (E) 5mi. 9:30 a.m. Hike from Tremont to Big Spring Cove(E)5mi. 4:00 p.m. Encampment ends.

Take advantage of this opportunity to spend Labor Day in the Smokies and get acquainted with the southern members of the ATC. Each group should plan its own camp arrangement. The SMHC will arrange camping for tenting and non-hookup. Trailer hookups are available by prior reservation with Mr. John Wallace, Box 5, Townsend, Tn. 37882. Additional answers might be available from Gordon Newland, Tel. 246-8845, who has a copy of the program.

FOR THE RECORD

Multiclub Meet - Sept. 3-4, 1977

The Multiclub meet was held over Labor Day in Townsend. The S M H C was host and did their usual thorough job. The weather was excellent and the hiking extraordinary. Boyd Evinson, Park Supt., told us about the future plans for the park, which include a public transportation system (this should eliminate car shuttles). Hank Lantz, ATC Director, reported that the ATC is running smoothly. The program also included two excellent Sierra Club shows on wilderness and a SAHA presentation by Charlotte Ellis. The total attendency was 200. The Eastman Hiking Club was represented by 15 people. Next year TERC Hiking Club is host and many people expressed the hope that we would have hikes in the Roan Area.

Gordon Newland

FOR THE RECORD

Backpacking on A.T. in Maine - September 10-18, 1977

From Sept. 10 through 18, nine members of the Hiking Club took a week-long backpacking trip on the northernmost 60 miles of the Appalachian Trail in Maine. Those on the trip were Ray Hunt, Collins Chew, John Kiefer, John Thompson, Gordon Newland, Don Nelan, Dick Ardell, Darrol Nickels, and Powell Foster.

We flew by commercial plane to Bangor, and then by pontoon plane to a lake near the Trail to start the hike. The pontoon plane flight was one of the highlights of the trip. It was a necessity as well, because this part of the Trail is remote, being crossed by only one public road. In spite of this remoteness, we saw an average of seven hikers per day, many of them through-hikers completing the whole Trail from Georgia, over 2,000 miles.

The Trail was in dense woods, with many beautiful small lakes and streams. It was easy to follow, not as boggy as we had expected, nor were there many uncleared blowdowns. This all made it easier to hike than we had anticipated, except for Mt. Katahdin, which was something else. It is still as steep and crowded with boulders as it ever was, so it took us a full day to climb it and return to camp, a total of ten miles. We were rewarded with magnificent views all around. We were fortunate to be able to climb it, because it is closed to hikers about half the time at this season, because of bad weather.

We had two days of rain, but the other days were clear and cool, excellent hiking weather. The rainy days were miserable, which surprised nobody, but we survived with nothing more than discomfort. It helped to get unexpected shelter for lunch in a private camp on one of those rainy days. One sunny day we camped on a sand beach of a large lake, and this was our most enjoyable overnight stop.

Although this was a difficult hike by most standards, we were fortunate that no one had any significant physical problems. And the only mental problem was that by the end of the week we had told all of our favorite stories and were telling them the second time.

This is the sixteenth trip taken by this group on the Appalachian Trail in the last twelve years. Those who have gone on all the trips have hiked nearly 1,000 miles of the Trail. Others are welcome to join the group on future trips. We need you, to listen to our stories.


Ray Hunt

TRIP NOTICE

Mt. Le Conte Hike - September 17-18, 1977

We should see some early fall color at higher elevation this hike. Plans are to hike in Saturday from Newfound Gap via the Boulevard trail and out on Sunday via Alum Cave. Because of a cancellation, one reservation is still available on a first come-first serve basis. If you would like this reservation, call me promptly at 288-2572 and send your check for \$17.49. LeConte Lodge is tentatively scheduled for removal, so this may be one of your last chances to visit this unique Inn.

Bob Miller

For The Record

Mount Le Conte - Scheduled on September 17, 1977

For the hike up to Mount Le Conte on September 17, the weatherman predicted a 30% chance of showers, and on the average he was about correct. It rained (poured) 100% for about a third of the trip and yero for the rest. The group hiked in via Boulevard Trail on Saturday (8 miles, 1500 feet elevation, 5 hours) and out via Alum Cave (5 miles, 2300 feet elevation, just under 3 hours). The hardy hikers on this trip were Jimmy Jones, Bruce Bridges, Brandt Bridges, Gary Bridges, Don Bridges, Wendell Barker, Cresten Barker, Horace Barker, Jim and Janice Ownby, and Doris and Bob Miller. Le Conte Lodge will operate in 1978 but its fate beyond this is undecided.

Bob Miller

Canoe

TRIP NOTICE

Canoeing on French Broad River - Saturday, 9-24-77

A canoe trip on the French Broad River east of Newport is scheduled for Saturday, September 24, 1977. The trip will be on Class I-II water from DelRio to the Highway 25-70 bridge. We will leave Bldg. 215 parking lot at 8:00a.m. and should return by 5:00p.m. If you plan to go please call Bob Mynhier at 239-6392. This trip will be cancelled if there is not sufficient interest.

Bob Mynhier

Canoeing on French Broad River - September 24, 1977

Five people met on Saturday morning, Sept. 24, 1977, for a canoe trip on the French Broad River above Newport starting at Del Rio. We had reports that the river had been up earlier in the week but we decided to drive down and take a look. As it turned out the water was at a very good level for canoeing. There are several good rapids on this section of the river and one small falls. Three of the four canoes in our group attempted to run the center of the falls and one was successful. Bob Bible was able to make it down the river after lunch without getting dry. He was seen at one time paddling down the river with a canoe full of water. Those making the trip were Martha Hut, Bob Bible, Warren McClain, Tom Repenning, and Bob Mynhier.

Bob Mynhier

TRIP NOTICE

Mount Hardy - Richland Balsam, October 1, 1977

Again it is that invigorating time of year with cool nights and warm days when the comradeship of man and mountain is at its zenith. The present plans are to drive to Sunburst, Saturday morning, Oct. 1st, set up camp and climb Mt. Hardy. From the long northern ridge. Sunday, we will again attempt the eastern assault of Richland Balsam and then move on to Rheinhardt Knob. Contact your leader Hugh Thompson at 928-0472 for particulars. If you plan to go please let me know by Tues., Sept. 27th, so food arrangements can be worked out.

Hugh Thompson

FOR THE RECORD

Mt. Hardy - Richland Balsam - October 1-2, 1977

Yes we're back and we didn't get lost but 1 time, that was 7:30, Sat. til 6:00P.M. Sunday. For you who are still working on "South Beyond 6000" we have a new route to Mt. Hardy and for you who like undisturbed mountain tops and large perfectly ripened huckleberries, this ridge offers an area free of the refuse and traffic of backpackers. Greene Knob and Ridge extends 2-3 miles north from Mount Hardy and is at an elevation of 5800 feet. To the east is Sam Knob, Cole Mountain, Shinning Rock and others. To the west is Richland Balsam. The trail on top was basically unused (by man) but was open enough to afford pleasant walking. Thundershowers Saturday night did not dampen our sperits and by 10:00A.M. the Sun had broken through. By 1:30P.M. we were at the top of Richland Balsam and by 2:00 we had seen the summit of Rheinhardt Knob. The return trip took 3 1/2 hours and was by trail to Double Springs Gap (now clear cut by champion papers) and by a new log road to Sunburst Campground. Those participating - Tom Dossen, Hugh Thompson.

Hugh Thompson

Backpack Through Smokies on Appalachian Trail - October 10-15 (?), 1977

The details of this trip are subject to group wishes. The general idea is to backpack through the Great Smoky Mountains on the Appalachian Trail during a 6-7 day period during the fall of 1977, preferably during the peak of the fall colors. However, if more prefer, we could go in November when the leaves are down and views are good.

We would hike 10-14 miles every day, perhaps take a few side trips, sleep in tents as much as possible, and group-cook. It would be enjoyable, not arduous, for those in good condition.

If you are interested, phone me now at Ext. 5183 or at 247-2213 after 7 p.m. Give me your ideas on when and how to do this hike.

Don Shields

LOBSTER or STEAK DINNER and SLIDE SHOW

October 23, 1977

The dinner meeting, originally scheduled for oysters, will take advantage of a good price on lobsters and a volunteer to cook them. The lobsters will be flown in live from Boston and cooked by Dave Petke at the TEC Cabin. Bring your bib and tools to crack claws. Steaks and hamburger will also be available.

The program will consist of your favorite slides from the past few years hiking or canoeing trips. Bring slides from local or distant trips with the club or on your own. Please try to limit your number of slides to about 20. If you don't want to bring slides, just come and enjoy the show.

Date: Sunday, October 23, 1977

Place: Tennessee Eastman Cabin, Bays Mountain

Hospitality Tray: 6:00P.M.

Dinner: 6:30P.M.

Lobster Dinner (1 pound lobster with melted butter)	\$6.00
Steak Dinner	\$3.50
Hamburger Dinner	\$2.50
all the above served with	Baked Potato
	Tossed Salad (with choice of Dressing)
	Rolls and Butter
	Coffee or Tea
	Chocolate Cake

Program: 7:45P.M. - Show of slides by those attending.

see page 3 for reservations.....

Annual Lobster Dinner and Slide Show - Oct. 23, 1977

Seventy seven persons gathered at the Eastman Cabin for a Sunday evening supper and slide show. Most enjoyed lobster cooked by Dave Petke. Gordon Porter cooked steak or hamburgers for the others. The Nelans, Wilhelms, Betsy Oglesby, Ruby Parker, Margie Baker, and Charlotte Chew prepared the rest of the meal. Slides were shown by Jim Cochran, Bill Tindall, Gordon Newland, Darrol Nickels, Stan Murray, Frank Oglesby, and Collins Chew. Slides were of Spitzbergen, Wyoming, Trail of the Lonesome Pine, Mt. Ranier as well as the Southern Appalachians. It was a very pleasant evening - enjoying good food, talking with friends, and viewing the varied outdoor scenes in sun, snow, or storm. If you missed this, hope you will join us next year.

Collins Chew

Green Knob Fire Tower, Sunday, October 30, 1977

This is a unique trip as the summit is elusive and never seems to come. Each level of the last part of the steep trail appears to be the top but when reached, another top looms ahead. Eventually there is a genuine summit and it has a tower with remarkable views of Mt. Mitchell, the Blue Ridge and the Catawba River headwaters valley.

The trip starts in South Toe River at Black Mtn. campground and this hike is 6 miles round trip with a climb of 2,000 feet. Ascent takes 2 hours and can be strenuous.

People interested in going will meet at B-215 parking lot at 7:45A.M. for an 8:00A.M. departure. Please bring rain gear, water, lunch, and windbreaker. For additional info. contact Dick Ardell at 247-3718.

Dick Ardell

FOR THE RECORD

Green Knob Fire Tower - October 30, 1977

Due to the fact that only the hike leader appeared, this hike was cancelled.

Dick Ardell

TRIP NOTICE

Trail of Lonesome Pine, Clinch Mt. - November 5, 1977

We have been working summer and fall to get the trail open. With 2 work trips left (Oct. 22 and 29), I think we will be able to get it measured and marked for the trip. We will hike from Looney Gap east to Piney Grove Crossing, a distance somewhere between 4 and 8 miles. Bring the usual hiking gear and enough water to sustain you for the trip. Meet at B-215 parking lot for an 8:00A.M. departure. Expect to return after dark (the car shuttle will take up a lot of time). If the weather is wet the trip will be cancelled, but we will go if it is just cold. Contact Gordon Newland, 246-8845.

TRIP NOTICE

Gabes Mountain (Smokies), Saturday, Nov. 12, 1977

Gabes Mtn. trail is a midland trail and therefore requires only easy to moderate climbing. The 8.2 miles of trail connects Cosby and Indian Camp Creek Valleys, passing beautiful Henwallow falls, groves of mature cove hardwoods and an old log cabin. Bring water, lunch, raingear and wear suitable clothing for a brisk autumn hike. Meet at bldg. 215 parking lot at 8:00A.M. Return to Kingsport around 6 or 7 P.M.

Don Nelan, 239-9534

FOR THE RECORD

Gabes Mt. Hike - November 12, 1977

Six of us (Vera & Bill Wortman, Dick Ardell, Julian Lewis, Tom Meridith and Don Nelan) enjoyed an easy, brisk autumn hike on a beautiful clear day through the foothills connecting Cosby Cove and Indian Camp Creek Valley. We saw Henwallow-Falls and were surprised at all of the icicles so early in the year. We ate our lunch at a sunny spot along side Henwallow Creek above the falls and later passed through groves of mature poplar and hemlock. The end of the hike was along Indian Camp Creek fire road and by an old cabin that is rapidly deteriorating. A dying fire in the fireplace was a surprise as we had met or seen no hikers in that area. This is a good and an easy hike for any season of the year.

Don Nelan

TRIP NOTICE

Spivey Gap to Nolichucky River (Appalachian Trail)

December 3, 1977

This hike on the A.T. south of Erwin, Tn. provides some fine views in clear weather. It is a medium-difficulty hike of 10.2 miles, with moderate elevation changes. We will not go if it is raining. Meet at Bldg. 215 parking lot at 8:00a.m. Bring lunch, canteen and clothing suitable for rain or cold weather. We should be back about 5:00p.m. For further information call John Thompson at tel. 245-1455.

For The Record

Spivey Trip to Nolichucky River - December 3, 1977

At departure time only John Thompson and Dick Ardell were present, so we changed plans and hiked in clearing, windy weather from the Nolichucky River to Temple Hill fire tower, returning by a side road via Unaka Springs. To our disappointment we found the fire tower had been removed. Later we found that the Phil Farrow family and friends, a total of seven, had arrived shortly after our departure and had proceeded to Spivy Gap for a hike of several miles toward Little Bald and return.

John Thompson

Cross Mountain to Watauga Dam
December 11 & 12

An overnight backpack along the Appalachian Trail from Highway 91 south to Watauga Dam is planned for December 11 & 12. We are hoping for reasonably cold and moderately snowy weather, but we will not go in the rain. We will leave from the Recreation Center parking lot at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 11 and drive to Watauga Dam Power House, where we will leave a car. From the dam we will double up in cars and drive to the A.T. crossing at Highway 91. We will hike south and plan to stay in the second trail shelter. Those interested contact Alan Lewis, 288-9500.

TRIP NOTICE

Bays Mt. Park Hike - December 31, 1977

A hike is planned for Dec. 31, 1977 for Bays Mt. Park. The hike will be easy to moderate difficulty. Several alternatives are available as to the route we will take, and the choice will depend on the desires of the hikers. We will meet at 8:00A.M. at Bldg. 215 parking lot. Bring lunch, rain gear and dress for the weather. For further information contact Bill Howle at 288-6440.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR - to all TERC Hiking Club Members and their families and may Santa bring you lots of new hiking equipment...

FOR THE RECORD

Bays Mountain - December 31, 1977

On Saturday, December 31, 1977, Don Nelan, Dick Ardell, Betty, Will, Ken and Bill Howle ushered 1977 out by hiking the Bays Mountain area. The hike originated at the Nature Interpretive Center. We hiked a section of the Lakeside Trail to the Sweetgum Trail. The Sweetgum Trail runs into the road which leads to Feagins Gap. At Feagins Gap the group went to the right and up the road which leads to the fire tower. At the top of Holston River Mountain we went to the left and walked along this road until we reached the gate for the HAAP. Here a trail to the left is marked with red tape, but is not cleared as the trail runs through the government property. We followed this trail to Laurel Run and then to the primitive camp ground where we had lunch. After lunch we followed the trail put in by the Youth Conservation Corp. up to the Cherry Knobs. At the highest knob we could see the Park Road going to Ledbetter Gap. At Ledbetter Gap the group continued straight up to the Bays Mountain Ridge which overlooks Dolans Gap. We then returned to the Nature center. The temperature was in the 40's and the hike was a distance of 8-10 miles.

Bill Howle



TERC HIKING CLUB

HIKER OF THE YEAR AWARD - 1977 Nomination

The Steering Committee has nominated DON NELAN and STAN MURRAY for Hiker of the Year Award. This award recognizes outstanding achievements in encouraging hiking. A brief description of Don and Stan's achievements are given below.

STAN MURRAY has been very active in the field of conservation this past year. He served as President of the Southern Appalachian Highlands Conservancy, a group organized to protect the highlands of Roan (12,000 acres). He also served as secretary of the Appalachian Highlands Association, an organization which is doing long-range planning towards an Appalachian Greenway along the mountain ranges which provide the route for the Appalachian Trail. In addition to these jobs, Stan served as chairman of the Southern Region of the Appalachian National Scenic Trail Advisory Council and as a "consultant" on the Appalachian Trail Conference Board of Managers. Stann and Judy Murray took time out recently to hike in the Swiss and Austrian Alps and also to hike in the Grand Canyon and other places in Arizona and Utah. Stan helped with the AMC Roan Mountain Workshop on trail building and is famous for his creek trips up LeConte.

DON NELAN has been very active within the TERC Hiking Club having served as chairman of the Steering Committee in 1976 and then advisor in 1977. Since 1971, Don has lead numerous hikes ranging from day hikes to weeklong backpacking trips. This year he lead hikes to Maddron Bald, Table Rock, Hawksbill and Yeates Knob (which included dinner at the NuWray Inn). He is also planning to lead a day hike to Gabes Mtn. in the Smokeys in November. Don is also in charge of the Appalachian Trail special projects committee for our club which this year has built one stile on the Bitter End School section of trail and constructed another stile and repaired fence torn down by hikers on Little Hump Mtn. Besides this Appalachian Trail work, Don is a team captain working on the construction of the Trail of the Lonesome Pine which is a project of TERC Hiking Club and the Tennessee Trails Association of which Don is also a member. Don, also, represented our club at the multiclub meet at Dilly's Mill, W. Va. in 1976, and participated in the club trip to Switzerland.

Mail to: MIRA WILHELM, Building 230

(on or before Dec. 12, 1977)

B A L L O T 1977 HIKER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Vote for one:

_____ STAN MURRAY

_____ DON NELAN

TERC HIKING CLUB

1978/1979 STEERING COMMITTEE ELECTION

The six candidates listed below have been nominated to serve during 1978 and 1979 on the steering committee of the Hiking Club. They have agreed to serve if elected. From these six candidates, three will be elected by the club membership. Brief biographical sketches are given below.

LARRY BERNARD has been a hiking club member since his return from field sales assignment about a year ago. He enjoys family hiking and is an avid jogger. Recently he jogged 3 miles as a warm-up for the 12 mile round trip hike to Mt. Sterling (4200 ft.) fire tower. As a teenager he once hiked 41 miles in one day.

GARY D. BRIDGES has been a member of the hiking club for 2 years. He has served on trail maintenance team and has helped repair some of the hiking club's rental equipment. He says his best credentials are his interest in hiking and backpacking, and his willingness to serve the hiking club. He would like to see more members get involved in the club. Besides hiking with the club, Gary is interested in skiing, family camping, photography and canoeing. He works in HDC Production.

WILLIAM HOWLE joined the club as a canoeist, but has since participated actively in hiking and backpacking. He helps maintain the Appalachian Trail. Bill is also a long distance cyclist and works with the Boy Scouts.

GARLAND RUTH has been a member of the TERC hiking club for about 15 years. He has been on a trail maintenance team for 10 years and has covered most of the 125 mile section of Appalachian Trail (AT) that our club maintains. For the last 5 years he has been Scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 188, which also works as an A.T. Trail maintenance team. Garland works in Research.

FRANK L. WILLIAMS works in Tenite and has been a hiking club member for about 10 years. He is active in the Trail Relocation Committee, Trail Education Committee, Trail Maintenance and in establishment of the Trail of the Lonesome Pine. He frequently enjoys day hikes and occasionally backpacks.

VERA WORTMAN has been a member of the hiking club for 8 years. She has worked on trail maintenance, and participates in club hikes, especially enjoying the Swiss trip and Mt LeConte trips. She is also interested in skiing. Vera works in Industrial Relations.

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B A L L O T

T.E.R.C. HIKING & CANOEING CLUB NOMINEES FOR 1978/1979 STEERING COMMITTEE

_____ LARRY BERNARD

_____ WILLIAM HOWLE

_____ FRANK WILLIAMS

_____ GARY BRIDGES

_____ GARLAND RUTH

_____ VERA WORTMAN

vote for only three: