

TERC HIKING CLUB SCHEDULE

January-June, 1978

	Date		Trip	Hiking Rate	Leading
✓ Jan. 1	Cancelled Sat.	1 day	Unaka Mountain	M	Mira Wilhelm
✓ Jan. 22	Sun.	¼ day	Annual Dinner — TEC Cabin	E	Collins Chew
✓ Feb. 11	Sat.	1 day	AT in Laurel Fork Gorge	E	Bob Mynhier
Mar. 5	Cancelled Sun.	1 day	Paint Lick Mountain	D	Hugh Thompson
Mar. 19	Cancelled Sun.	1 day	Unaka Mtn. Recreation Area	M	Dick Ardelt
✓ Apr. 1	Sat.	1 day	Iron Mountain	D	Powell Foster
✓ Apr. 8-9	Sat.-Sun.	2 days	Backpack — Big Yellow	M-D	Darrol Nickels
✓ Apr. 15	Sat.	1 day	Big Creek — Wildflowers	M	Bob Miller
✓ Apr. 22	Sat.	1 day	Trail of the Lonesome Pine	M	Gordon Newland
✓ Apr. 29	Sat.	1 day	Table Rock, Hawksbill — Wild flowers	E	Don Nelan
✓ May 13-14	Sat.-Sun.	2 days	Mt. LeConte Lodge	M	Mira Wilhelm
✓ May 11-14	Thurs-Sun.	4 days	Backpack AT — North of James River, Va.	D	Ray Hunt John Thompson
✓ May 20	Sat.	1 day	White Rocks Mtn., Clinch Mtn.	M	Gordon Newland
✓ June 3	Sat.	1 day	Warriors Path Park — Hike and Swim	E	Powell Foster
✓ June 10-11	Sat.-Sun.	2 days	Backpack — Mt. Rogers from Grayson Park	M	Don Nelan
✓ June 17	Sat.	½ day	Moonlight Hike Grassy Ridge	E	Lewis Carson
✓ June 24	Sat.	1 day	Cold Mtn. (Beyond 6000)	D	Gordon Newland
✓ July 8-9	Sat.-Sun.	2 days	Creek Trip to LeConte	D	Stan Murray

FUTURE HIKES

July 1978	1 week	Cancelled	Backpacking and sightseeing in Iceland	E-D	Dave Petke
Oct. 1978	1 week		Backpack on Northern AT	D	Don Nelan

Hiking Ratings

E — Easy

M — Moderate

D — Difficult

CANOE SCHEDULE

January-June, 1978

	Date		Trip	Class of* Difficulty	Leader
✓ April 8	Sat.		Big Moccasin	I-IV	Gordon Porter
✓ April 23	Sun.		Upper Watauga	II-III	Charlie Williams
✓ May 6	Sat.		South Fork of Holston River (Above Damascus)	II	Paul Folk
✓ May 20	Sat.		North Fork of Holston River (Hiltons To Wadlow Gap)	I	Steve Banks
✓ June 2, 3 & 4	Fri.-Sat.-Sun.		Canoe School	I-III	Rick Phelps
✓ June 17	Sat.		French Broad — Del Rio Section	I-II	Bob Mynhier
✓ June 24	Sat.		Nolichucky River Below Erwin	I-II	Dan Bensing

*Class of Difficulty explained on back of this folder.

Final arrangements are made by hike or canoe leaders.



TERC HIKING CLUB

ACTIVITIES REPORT

March 29, 1978

COSMO:

Here is a report of the Hiking Club activities for the first three periods. I will send you this everyother period.

1st Period (total 3 activities) 1 cancelled

Bays Mt. Park - Dec. 31, 1977 6 present

Unaka Mt. - Jan. 14, 1978 Cancelled

Steering Comm. Meeting - Jan. 18, 1978 10 present

2nd Period (total 3 activities)

Annual Dinner - Feb. 5, 1978 81 present

Laurel Fork Gorge - Feb. 11, 1978 6 present

Buckeye Falls - Feb. 12, 1978 7 present

3rd Period (total 5 activities) 1 postponed

Paint Lick Mt. - Mar. 5, 1978 Postponed

Trail of Lonesome Pine - Mar. 10, 1978 4 present

Steering Comm. Meeting - Mar. 10, 1978 8 present

Unaka Mt. Rec. Area - Mar. 18, 1978 1 present

Survey of proposal of A T relocation - Mar. 25 5 present

Paulette Eads



TERC HIKING CLUB

ACTIVITIES REPORT

JUNE 13, 1978

COSMO:

Here is a report of the Hiking Club activities for the 4th and 5th periods. I will send this every other period.

4th period (total 9 activities) 1 cancelled

Standard First Aid Course - Mar. 21-April 18	20 present
Iron Mountain Trail Hike - April 1	15 present
Canoe - Big Moccasin Creek (cancelled - low water) Nolichuckey River - April 8	14 present
TSRA Meeting, Regional - River Activities - April 8-9 Nolichuckey Gorge Doe River	18 present
Big Yellow Backpack - April 8-9	7 present
Big Creek - Wildflower Hike - April 15	2 present
ATC Regional Meet - April - 15	2 present
Display of Rental Equipment - April 16	good turnout
Trail of Lonesome Pine Work Trip - April 16	3 present

5th period (total 7 activities)

Trail Captain's Conference - April 21	18 present
Trail of Lonesome Pine - Work trip - April 22	4 present
Canoe - Upper Watauga River - April 23	6 present
Table Rock - Hawks Bill Hike - April 29	10 present
Canoe - South Fork of Holston River - May 6	7 present
Turkey Pen Gap to Tenn 91 Work Trip - May 6	5 present
LeConte Lodge Hike - May 13,	11 present

Paulette Eads

Hiking Club Activities Report 6th - 11th periods - 1978

6th period (total 11 activities)

White Rocks Mountain - May 20th	3 present
North Fork of Holston River - Canoe trip - May 20th	2 present
Damascus - Abington Gap, AT Maintenance - May 20th	3 present
Turkey Pen Gap to Watauga Dam - AT Maintenance - May 20th	4 present
Dennis Cove to Bitter End School - AT Maintenance - May 20th	7 present
AT Backpacking Trip - May 26-30th	8 present
Cold Mountain - June 3th	2 present
5th Annual School of River Canoeing - June 2,3,4th	30 present
Warrior's Path Park Swim and Hike - June 4th	3 present
Indian Grave Gap to Nolichucky River - AT Maintenance - June 3rd	3 present
Mt. Rogers from Grayson Park - June 10-11th	4 present

7th period (total 9 activities) - 2 cancelled

French Broad River - Canoe trip - June 17th	10 present
Grassy Ridge Moonlight Hike - June 17th	16 present
AT rerouting - Moreland Gap - June 24th	4 present
Nolichucky River - Canoe trip - June 24th	2 present
U.S. 321 - Watauga Dam Road - AT Maintenance - June 25th	5 present
Unicoi Firetower - July 1st	
Roan Mountain Weekend - July 8-9th	2 present
Mt. LeConte Creek Trip - July 8-9th	12 present
Nolichucky River Races - July 9th	?

8th period (total 9 activities)

Toe River Canoeing - July 15th	cancelled
U.S. 421 to Tenn. 91 - AT Maintenance - July 15th	4 present
Mt. Rodgers - July 22nd	2 present
Dennis Cove - Tenn 67 - AT Maintenance - July 22nd	8 present
Nolichucky River Davy Crockett Dam - July 29th	cancelled
Snowball Mt. Hawkbill Rock - July 29th	2 present
Roan Mountain Weekend - July 29-30th	2 present
Caney Creek - Aug. 6th	10 present

9th period (total 17 activities) - 1 cancelled

Watauga River below Wilbur Dam - Canoe trip - Aug. 12th	cancelled
Rattlesnake Ridge - Aug. 19th	7 present
Clinch River Races - Aug. 19th	?
New River Raft Trip - Aug. 20th	16 present
Multiclub Meet - Sept. 1-4th (12 different hikes were offered at this event)	42 present

10th period (total 5 activities) - 1 cancelled

Martin's Fork Cabin - Sept. 9-10th	3 present
Nantahala River Canoeing - Sept. 9th	cancelled
Cold Mountain - Sept. 16th	4 present
AT Crawford Pond to Kennebec River, Maine - Sept. 25th	7 present
Low Gap - Mt. Mitchell - Sept. 30th	?

11th period (total 7 activities) - 3 cancelled

Pond Mountain Ridge - Oct. 8th	2 present
Watauga & Elk River Canoeing - Oct. 14th	cancelled
Tweetsie Roadbed - Oct. 21st	2 present
Backpack North Smokies - Oct. 14th-15th	cancelled
LeConte Lodge Hike - Oct. 21-22nd	12 present
Big South Fork Canoeing - Oct. 28th	cancelled
Oyster Dinner - Oct. 29th	76 present

12th period (total 3 activities) - 1 cancelled

Trail of Lonsome Pines - Nov. 4th	cancelled
Chimney Top - Nov. 11th	4 present
Caney Creek/Stone Mt. - Nov. 19th	13 present

13th period (total 2 activities) - 1 cancelled, 1 rescheduled

Trail of Lonsome Pines - Dec. 2nd	cancelled
Fodderstack Mt. - Dec. 9th	(rained out) rescheduled



TERC HIKING CLUB

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR - to all you hikers, and may your xmas stocking be full of hiking/canoe/camping goodies!!!

Hiking Club Program Review

A review of club programs for the period mid-May through October reveals some interesting statistics. The nine best attended programs were:

Oyster Dinner, Oct. 29	76
Multi-Club Meet, Sept. 1-4	42
5th Annual Canoe School, June 2-4	30
Grassy Ridge Moonlight Hike, June 17	16
New River Raft Trip, Aug. 20	16
Mt. Le Conte Creek Trip, July 8-9	12
Mt. Le Conte Fall Hike, Oct. 21-22	12
French Broad River Canoe Trip, June 17	10
Caney Creek Hike, Aug. 6	10

Of the 25 other events actually held during this period, none attracted as many as 10 and the average participation was less than four (including the leader). Six of the twelve canoe outings were cancelled, presumable due to weather conditions.

It appears from the above analysis that Hiking Club members like to eat, attend multiclub meets (maybe because we were host), climb Mt. Le Conte, go on moonlight hikes and participate in some canoe outings. The Program Committee spends much time and effort in arranging for a large number of events which you apparently don't choose to attend.

Do you want longer hikes, shorter hikes, hikes nearer Kingsport, better publicity beforehand, more evening meetings (slides, movies, lectures, training schools) or what??? Suggestions for changes in the program to provide more activities which you want and will attend would be appreciated. Please send to Bob Miller, B-215, before January 1.

TRIP NOTICE

Unaka Mountain Hike - January 14, 1978

We will meet in Bldg. 215 parking lot at 8:00A.M. The route of this hike will depend on the weather and if we have enough people for a car shuttle. If the mountain road is icy, we will hike up from Rock Creek park. If road is in good condition we will go to Indian Grave Gap and hike the A.T. Plan on about a 7 mile hike, wear clothes suitable to the weather. Bring rain gear, lunch and water.

For further information call Mira Wilhelm.

*Cancelled
because
of snow*



TERC HIKING CLUB

RESCHEDULED - ANNUAL DINNER (because of snow)
February 5, 1978

The annual dinner will feature a steak (or hamburger) dinner at the Eastman Cabin. A childrens hamburger will also be served.

The Hiker-of-the-Year award will be presented and the new steering committee will be introduced.

The program will be a slide show of the clubs backpacking trip in Maine last fall. The trip consisted of a float plane trip to Crawford Pond and a one week hike on the northernmost 60 miles of the Appalachian Trail with a climb to the summit of Katahdin.

Date: Sunday, February 5, 1978
Place: Tennessee Eastman Cabin, Mays Mountain
Hospitality Tray: 6:00P.M.
Dinner: 6:30P.M.

Steak Dinner	\$3.50
Hamburger Dinner	\$2.25
dinner served with	Baked Potato
	Tossed Salad (Choice of Dressing)
	Rolls and Butter
	Coffee or Tea
	Dessert
Childrens Hamburger	\$1.50
	hamburger, drink and dessert only

Annual Meeting: 7:45P.M.
Program: 8:00P.M. - Slide Show of Maine Hike

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

I must have checks by February 1, 1978

To: Collins Chew (Building 71)
609 Green Meadow Drive
Kingsport, Tennessee 37663

Enclosed is my check for reservations for the February 5, 1978 Hiking Club Annual Dinner as follows.

_____ steak dinners at \$3.50 each _____
(_____ rare _____ medium _____ well done)
_____ hamburger dinners at \$2.25 each _____
_____ childrens hamburger at \$1.50 each _____

Name _____ Total _____

ANNUAL DINNER
February 5, 1978

Don't forget to send in your reservations NOW to Collins Chew, B-71, for the TERC Hiking Club Annual Dinner at the Eastman Cabin on Sunday, February 5, 1978. See you there!

FOR THE RECORD

Annual Dinner - February 5, 1978

Eighty-one persons traveled the icy entrance road to the TERC Cabin at Bays Mt. for the Annual Dinner. Some walked the last, icy, quarter mile. The main course was steak or hamburger. The meal was prepared by Diann and Charlotte Chew, Martha and Don Nelan, Georgia and Darrol Nickels, Myra and Van Wilhelm and Evelyn Griffith. "Cosmo" Griffith and David Chew cooked the meat. Ten people who planned to come decided the weather was too much and didn't make it. Fortunately there was enough money left over for refunds.

At the annual meeting the election results were announced and Hiker-of-the Year (Don Nelan) received some books on the mountains and the engraved plaque.

Several other persons arrived for the program including Dave Richie who is Project Leader for the U.S. Government's role in the Appalachian Trail.

The program was a slide show of the club hike on the Appalachian Trail in Maine last fall. Collins Chew narrated and showed slides taken by Darrol Nickels, Dick Ardell, Gordon Newland, and Don Nelan.

All in all a good time was shared by all. If you did not make the Dinner and Meeting this year, try to next.

Collins Chew

- Trip Notice -
LAUREL FORK GORGE

Saturday, February 11, 1978

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. Total hiking distance will be about 6 miles.

We will leave from Bldg. 215 parking lot at 9:00a.m. and should return to Kingsport by 4:00p.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 10:00a.m. For further information call Bob Mynhier at 239-6392.

FOR THE RECORD

A.T. Laurel Fork Gorge Hike - February 11, 1978

Six of us met on a rare day for this winter, for a hike in Laurel Fork Gorge. The sun was shining and the temperature was moderate. We hiked from the highway to the falls and then climbed up to Potato Top where we had lunch. There was still a lot of snow in the area and as usual plenty of other hikers. Laurel Falls was almost completely frozen over and there were some interesting ice formations caused by the spray from the falls. After lunch we slid down from Potato Top and hiked the old railroad bed back to the shelter. Those on the hike were Dick Ardell, Collins Chew, Ed McDaniel, Warren McLain, Bob Miller and Bob Mynhier.

Bob Mynhier

FOR THE RECORD

Buckeye Falls, Sunday, February 12, 1978

At the Hiking Club dinner Tom Dosser offered an unscheduled hike up Clark Creek in Unicoi County to see Buckeye Falls on Sunday, Feb. 12th. Buckeye Falls is a seven hundred foot cascade and is the highest waterfall east of the Mississippi. About two weeks before a heavy rain had been followed by a severe freeze and we expected to find a heavy layer of ice on the fall; The weather had remained quite cold and the fall is on a north slope.

Because of the limited daylight we drove up Clark Creek to the last turn around crossing seven fords on the way. From there we walked through ankle-deep snow up the narrow, steep valley stopping frequently to enjoy the unusual ice patterns in the creek or the rock formations beside it. At the last fork in the creek, Tom led us up the crest of a narrow spar which gave us a grandstand view of the fall and of the valley down stream. We stood in awe as we studied the massive sheets of ice covering the rock wall beyond the deep but narrow basin. At the very top of the fall a small stream of water was slowly thawing a slit in the ice.

It was a clear cold day under a blue sky. After a short rest we scrambled down the hillside and walked the two miles back to our car. Darkness was falling as we drove out of the valley. Participants were Bob Dennis, Tom Dosser, Frank Knisley, Wayne McClelland, Gordan Newland, Royal Spees and Darrol Nickels.

- March 5th Hike Postponed -

The Paint Lick Mountain Hike scheduled for March 5th has been postponed until further notice from the hike leader, Hugh Thompson.

FOR THE RECORD

Trail of the Lonesome Pine - Saturday , March 10, 1978

The first section (Tn-Va Line to Looney Gap) of the Trail of the Lonesome Pine was completed Saturday, March 10. We had previously worked from both ends and now we have joined the two together. The YACC will upgrade the Trail slightly and we will need to mark it and map it on April 22nd. Maybe you will help with this. Those participating in the ceremony on the 10th were Gordon Newland, Powell Foster, John Kiefer, and Frank Williams. We will be starting on Section (2) shortly - so stay close to the phone!

- Trip Notice -

FAMILY HIKE IN UNAKA MOUNTAIN RECREATION AREA

SATURDAY, MARCH 18, 1978

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 this time of year plus lunch, water, windbreaker and rain gear.

For further information contact Dick Ardell. The group will leave from the Bldg. 215 parking lot at 10:00A.M. and we should return by 5:00P.M. or earlier. Date of hike differs from hiking schedule.

FOR THE RECORD

Unaka Mountain Recreation Area - Saturday, March 18, 1978

Nobody showed up for this hike and I drove down to near the hike area but snow was present and no traveling had been done on the forest service road to the area.

Dick Ardell

TRIP NOTICE

IRON MOUNTAIN TRAIL - April 1 (Saturday)

This section of Iron Mountain Trail from U.S. 421 to Damascus, Va. passes through a proposed wilderness area. We will need to look for unusual fauna and flora as we hike so that we may document its wilderness character. There is good trail along the crest where the old AT used to be years ago. The hiking distance is about 10 miles. Meet at B-215 parking lot for an 8:00A.M. departure. Since a car shuttle is required we may be late returning. Bring lunch, water, rain gear and clothes and boots adequate for protection in April at 3800' elevation. For further information can Gordon Newland, 246-8845.

FOR THE RECORD

Iron Mountain Trail - April 1, 1978

Although the sun was potent, the fifteen hikers were spared sunstroke by a cooling wind during their journey along Iron Mountain from Damascus to US-421. The area is a wilderness study area and we found it highly qualified, the 11-12 mile crest of the mountains crossed by only one power line and one closable jeep road. Many very large oak and maple trees are still standing along the crest. One 2-3 acre track has been reforested with pines which are now 20-30 years old. A few spring flowers which were peeping through show promise of future abundance. Although the hike was strenuous the day was enjoyable and was enhanced by the company of seven lovely young ladies from Milligan College. Hikers were: Donald Shaffer, Janet Nelson, Linnie McFall, Becky Fort, Elizabeth Hudley, Melissa Roy, Roberta Coniea, Linda Harder, Kenneth Hatfield, Clint & Ann Iles, Tom Meredith, Dick Ardell, Darrol Nickels and Gordon Newland.

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CANOE TRIP

BIG MOCCASIN CREEK

April 8, 1978

A canoe trip is planned on Big Moccasin Creek on April 8, 1978. Plan to meet at Building 215 parking lot at 9:00 a.m. Put in will be near Snowflake, Virginia, and the trip will cover roughly six miles of mostly Class I and Class II water. There are several significant hazards on the trip - barbwire fences and cables across the river and one Class IV rapid.

Plan to 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, lunch and water, and rain gear if desired. Plan to return to Kingsport around 5:00 p.m.

For additional information contact Gordon Porter at 288-6513.

FOR THE RECORD

Big Moccasin Creek Canoe Trip was cancelled due to low water level!
Alternate trip taken on the Nolichucky - April 8, 1978

Fourteen people showed up for the scheduled trip on Big Moccasin Creek. Due to the unusually low water level, the Big Moccasin trip was cancelled and an alternate trip taken on the Nolichucky River. We put-in at Unaka Springs and took-out at the Big Rock just below the new highway 81 bridge. The river flow was roughly 1200CFS and the water quality significantly better than normal. During the trip, we noticed that the complexion of the river had been altered in several areas by the flood last winter. The most noticeable example of this is that there is no longer a Big Rock in the middle of the rapid at the take-out at Nolichucky Beach.

People making the trip were: Bob Strattan, Chris O'Lonnell, Beth and Bill Crawford, Jerry Tustin, Bob Maleski, Jim Hobbs, Dan Bensing, Lanny Farrar, Rudy Arnold, Ray Galloway, Dave Ingram, Dave Faulkner and Gordon Porter.

Gordon Porter



TERC HIKING CLUB

REGIONAL T.S.R.A. MEETING - RIVER ACTIVITIES
April 8-9, 1978

This is your chance to find out about the Tennessee Scenic Rivers Association (T.S.R.A.) - A state-wide canoeing and river conservation group. This is also your chance to take your choice of several early season whitewater trips. These activities supplement our already scheduled Moccasin Creek trip on April 8th.

Representatives of TSRA will present a program Saturday night at the Holston Valley Unitarian Church (U.S. Hwy. 23 south of Colonial Heights, close to the Washington County line, on the west side) which will include slides and movies of the Gaulley River, W. Va. and several Tennessee streams. The program will start at 7:30P.M. We need a good turn out of East Tennessee River Rats for this program!

Hopefully a good group of TSRA folk from Nashville and other locales across the state will attend. Several river activities are scheduled to make their long drives more enjoyable. On Saturday, in addition to the Big Moccasin Creek trip to be led by Gordon Porter, there will be a fairly short (6 miles) and easy (class II to low III) run on the Doe River from Hampton to Elizabethton. Leaders of this trip are Ed Rzeszot and Bruce Bartlett of Bristol. Meet at 10:00A.M. at the Warrior's Path State Park camp ground.

On Sunday, April 9, two Nolichucky River trips are planned. A gorge run (class III to IV) will be made if the water level is suitable. Leaders of this trip will be Terry Dougherty, Richard Sparks (Bristol, 764-8063) and Rick Phelps. This is a difficult run for experienced solo paddlers with extra flotation. All cool weather precautions including changes of clothing, wool clothing and/or wet suits will be required. Pre-register with a leader and come prepared. We'll meet at White's Supermarket on the right in Erwin (Johnson City side) at 10:00A.M.

The second trip on Sunday, April 9, will start at Unaka Springs and run 5 miles or more. This will also be the alternative trip in case light water cancels the gorge trip. Meet at Warrior's Path State Park camp ground at 9:00A.M. Leaders will be Neal Sanders (239-5191), Ed Rzeszot (323-2045) and Bruce Bartlett (Bluff City, 538-4619). Pre-registration is not required for this trip but extra cool-weather canoeing precautions should be taken.

Support the T.S.R.A. and come on out for some or all of these.....

Saturday - April 8 - Doe River - Ed Rzeszot and Bruce Bartlett

Saturday - April 8 - Moccasin Creek trip - Gordon Porter

Saturday Night - April 8, 7:30P.M. - Meeting and Slides, Movies - Unitarian Ch.

Sunday - April 9 - Nolichucky River Gorge - T. Dougherty, R. Phelps, R. Sparks

Sunday - April 9 - Nolichucky River, Unaka Springs - N. Sanders, E. Rzeszot,
B. Bartlett

For additional details call Rick Phelps, Kingsport.

Regional Meeting of the Tennessee Scenic Rivers Association - April 7, 1978

The Meeting was held in the Kingsport area the weekend of the 7th. Sunday, the TERC Canoe Club and the TSRA floated the Nolichucky Gorge. It was a beautiful sunny day for the 18 canoes and kayaks in our group. The river was unusually clear with a flow of about 1200 c.f.s. which was enough water to produce a total of about 10 upsets for our group. The October flood changed the course of the river in a few places and also changed several rapids. It is now easier to turn left in Riverboat Rapid and Big Mamma no longer has the giant standing wave in the middle of the rapid. Participants included several people from Nashville and Chattanooga, and some people from Georgia and Alabama.

Terry Dougherty

Trip Notice

Big Yellow Backpack
April 8-9, 78

This two day hike will give participants the opportunity to enjoy the early wild-flowers on the Highlands of Roan and to try out the new Grassy Ridge Shelter. From Roaring Creek we will climb to the summit of Big Yellow Bald; beyond we will follow the Appalachian Trail south along Yellow Mountain through Yellow Mountain Gap, to the new shelter in Low Gap where we will spend the night.

On Sunday we will leave the Trail on Grassy Ridge then cross the summit and go through Grassy Gap to Little Yellow Mountain. The eastern ridge of Little Yellow Mountain will lead us back to our car along Roaring Creek.

The trip is rated moderate to difficult. The first days walk is seven miles and includes a good climb. We will walk eight miles the second day.

If you wish to participate call Darrol Nickels at 247-7043 after 6:00P.M.

FOR THE RECORD

Big Yellow Backpack - April 8-9, 1978

It was a brilliantly sunny but pleasantly cool day as we climbed the side of Big Yellow Bald from Roaring Creek. We got started at 10:00 and were on the bald for lunch. By 5:00 we had reached the shelter at low gap. After supper a few of us sat on the nearby cliffs and tried to identify the constellations all of which were clearly visible that night.

Sunday was another clear and sunny but windy day. We walked slowly and rested frequently as we enjoyed the beauty of the day and explored the rugged landscape on our way over Grassy Ridge, through Grassy Gap and over Little Yellow Mountain. Along the way we tested the cold and delicious water at several springs.

Wildflowers were plentiful. We found Trout Lily, Purple and Yellow Violet, Fringed Phacelia, Yellow Trillium, Wakeribin, Bloodroot, Golden Ragwort, Wild Ginger, Carolina Spring Beauty, Dutchman's Breeches and Toothwort. We encountered ten other backpackers on Grassy Ridge and met two others who planned to camp at Bradley Gap. Our group were Judy and Tom Akin, Dick Ardell, Tom Gatti, Kenneth Hatfield, Gary Luttrell and Darrol Nickels.

Darrol Nickels

FOR THE RECORD

Trail Captain's Conference - April 21, 1978

A Trail Captain's Conference was held on April 21st with 18 persons attending. Maintenance of the Appalachian Trail was the topic of discussion. You will be contacted by your Trail Captain SOON...be ready to help! G. Newland

ATC REGIONAL MEET - April 15, 1978

On Saturday, April 15, Ray Hunt and Bob Miller attended a southern regional Appalachian Trail Conference meet called by Roanoke ATC VicePresident, Charlie Pugh. As many of you know, President Carter recently signed the Amendment to the National Trail Acts. One feature of this bill is that \$90M is provided to buy land and/or preserve the right of way of the Appalachian Trail. An average of 125 acres per mile may be secured for this purpose. A unique feature of the bill is that while the government will buy the land, management and maintenance of it is left to the volunteer ATC. This is both an opportunity and a responsibility. To preserve the present character of the AT, the Conference (of which TERC Hiking Club is a class A member) must operate and maintain the trail in such a way that the government's investment is protected and there is no basis for having operation put in the hands of a government agency. Your help will be needed in this endeavour. When your trail maintenance leader calls, be prepared to help.

Bob Miller

- TRIP NOTICE -

Big Creek - Wildflower Hike
Saturday, April 15, 1978

Big Creek empties into the Pigeon River in the north end of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park near Mt. Sterling, N.C. Spring wildflowers should be at their height about mid-April. The hike will be about 9 miles total with a maximum climb of 1300 feet, so it is rated easy to moderate. Be prepared for warm to cool spring weather. Bring raingear, lunch, water and camera, binoculars or a wild flower guide if you wish. Departure will be from the B-215 parking lot at 7:45A.M. Driving distance is about 90 miles each way. We should get back to Kingsport by 6:00P.M. For additional details call Bob Miller, 2882572.

Big Creek - Wildflower Hike - April 15, 1978

Two people showed up for the hike, myself and Kenneth Hatfield, but we went as planned. The weather was beautiful as were the wildflowers and rolling waters of Big Creek. It happened to be opening day for trout fishing, so needless to say, we saw many hopeful fishermen with their fly rods. We also saw many natural rainbow trout as we hiked along the creek. The hike was 5.9 miles each way with only 1300 feet elevation change so it was relatively easy hiking. The ones who failed to make this hike should consider one next year as it was an excellent spring hike.

Gary Bridges

DISPLAY OF RENTAL EQUIPMENT

Sunday, April 16

If you have wondered what the Hiking Club has to offer in the way of rental equipment, come by the Employee Center Sunday, April 16, from 12:00 noon to 3:00 P.M. and see for yourself.

The rental tents will be set up outside and other rental equipment, such as backpacks, cook stoves and rafts will be displayed for your viewing.

If you are a TERC Hiking Club Member and interested in using rental equipment come by and see the fine equipment that is available for a nominal rental fee. It is only a bargain to you if you use it. Any suggestion for purchases of new equipment would be appreciated as a Hiking Club representative will be available to discuss this with you. Also, if you have not paid your 1978 dues, this would be an excellent time to do so.

In case of unusually bad weather the display will be rescheduled at a later date.

- TRIP NOTICE -

Trail of the Lonesome Pine
Saturday, April 22, 1978

The time has come to mark, measure and map the first section of the Trail of the Lonesome Pine. We have the trail cut so we can now blaze it and find out for sure how long it is. We will need a good crew so we can work in both directions in one day. So come out and join in the effort and be a part of this memorable occasion. Bring lots of water, wear sturdy shoes and gloves. Meet at B-215 parking lot for a 7:30A.M. departure. If it is too wet to paint blazes the trip will be postponed. Call Gordon Newland at 246-8845.

Trail of Lonesome Pine - Work Trip - April 16, 1978

Three people attended a work trip on the Trail of the Lonesome Pine on April 16th, from 8:00-5:00P.M. You may contact Gordon Newland if you are interested in attending any future work trips.

Gordon Newland

Trail of Lonesome Pine - Work Trip - April 22, 1978

Four people donated Saturday, April 22, 1978 from 8:00-6:00 for a work trip on the Trail of Lonesome Pine. They blazed 4.6 miles in both directions, strating at Va.-Tenn. line.

G. Newland

UPPER WATAUGA RIVER

Sunday, April 23, 1978

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 8:45A.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 4:00-5:00P.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!

Charlie Williams, Bldg. 54D, TEC

Home Phone 357-3203

Name _____

Phone _____

Eat at Daniel Boone Inn _____ yes _____ no

Upper Watauga Canoe Trip - April 23, 1978

An early spring canoe trip on the upper Watauga River on Sunday, April 23, 1978 proved to be a very enjoyable outing. The low water level made the Class IV rapid totally impossible to get a canoe through and caused a lot of scraping along the way. It was a good "training" trip for better things to come this season. Somebody forgot the onions to go on the sardine sandwiches! Those present were: Dan Benzing, Dave Ingram, Chris O'Donnell, Gordon Porter, Bob Stralan, and Charlie Williams.

Charlie Williams

TABLE ROCK - HAWKS BILL
April 29, 1978

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 and last year at this time the Carolina Rhododendron and Mountain Myrtle were in full bloom as will as 38 other spring varieties. Bring a lunch and wear suitable clothing for the weather.

For further information call Don Nelan, 239-9534.

FOR THE RECORD

Table Rock - Hawks Bill - April 29, 1978

There was snow in the mountains - we could see it on the Roan Highlands through to the Hump from our vantage point. Ten of us, Dick Ardell, Creston Barker, Susan Morgan, Bob Mynhier, Jim and Janice Ownby, Virginia Willis, Jenny Wilson, Nancy Wilson, and Don Nelan, enjoyed warm sunny weather and excellant views of the surrounding countryside. Although spring is late this year, there were very few leaves on the trees, we saw several spring flowers in bloom. Gay Wings, Painted Trillium, Iris, Violets, Dog Hobble, Silver Bells and Rhododendron, to name a few. We all enjoyed the hospitality of Creston and Lovie Barker at their home in Ginger Cake Acres before and after the hike.

Don Nelan

CANOE TRIP

SOUTH FORK OF HOLSTON RIVER

(Above Damascus)

May 6, 1978

A canoe trip is planned on the South Fork of the Holston River for May 6, 1978. Plan to meet at Building 215 parking lot at 9:00A.M. This river is class I and class II and should be good for beginners.

You should provide the following:

- 1) A canoe and paddles with at least one spare
- 2) Means of transporting your canoe
- 3) One life jacket per person
- 4) Lunch and water
- 5) Rain gear if desired

Plan to return to Kingsport around 5:00P.M.

If you plan to attend please return the following form to PAUL FOLK, B-54B

Name _____

Telephone _____

Experienced _____ Intermediate _____ Beginner _____

FOR THE RECORD

Upper South Fork of the Holston River - Canoe Trip - May 6, 1978

The water level and day were perfect for canoeing. Seven participated in this trip. We covered seven miles on the river. Karen Hobbs and Sam Erwin made their first white water trip, and without a mishap.

Paul Falk

FOR THE RECORD

Turkey Pen Gap to Tenn. 91 - Trail Clear, May 6, 1978

Five workers hiked the AT on Iron Mountain from Turkey Pen Gap to Tenn 91. We freshened the blazes, cleared a few blowdowns and briars, picked up litter and thoroughly enjoyed a fine hike. It is one of the most beautiful times of the year with wildflowers along the trail and great views through the still bare trees to the green valleys below. The access to Turkey Pen Gap was less pleasant. The rumor of a road to Turkey Pen Gap is either 50 years old or else refers to jeep roads to the North or South of the Gap. There were mutterings about a "Stan Murray Creek Hike" as we slogged up Hurley Branch and wound our way through Rhododendron thickets but we did get straight to Turkey Pen Gap - 1 1/2 hour for 1 1/2 miles from the end of the paved road. Hikers (workers) were Jack Young, Larry Barnard, Chet Bruner, Keron and Collins Chew.

Collins Chew

- TRIP NOTICE -

LeConte Lodge Hike - May 13, 1978

We have reservations for 12 people on May 13 at LeConte Lodge. To get your name on the list call Mira Wilhelm. Then send payment (\$17.49 for adults, \$12.83 for children 10 years of age and under) in full to Mira by April 10 to hold your reservations. The club must send payment in full to the Lodge 30 days in advance to hold our reservations, so we need your money promptly.

Trip information : Meet at Bldg. 215 parking lot at 7:30A.M., Saturday, May 13th. Group will decide which trails to travel. You will need trail lunches for Saturday and Sunday. Payment to Lodge covers Saturday evening meal and Sunday morning breakfast.

Wear comfortable walking shoes and bring rain gear, warm sweater or jacket for cool evening. The lodge furnishes bedding, but you will need to bring towel, soap and toilet articles.

Send Reservation Form to MIRA WILHELM, B-230

Name _____

Bldg. _____

I am enclosing a check for LeConte reservations

for _____ adults @ \$17.49 each and

_____ children @ \$12.83 each for

a total of _____.

Mt. LeConte Lodge Hike - Weekend, May 13-14, 1978

FOR THE RECORD

Mt. LeConte Trip - May 13, 1978

In the pouring rain, eleven hikers - Gary and Scott Luttrell, Vera and Bill Wortman, Don and Holly Shields, Terry Dougherty, Bill Hackett, Thresa Looper, and Van and Mira Wilhelm - left Kingsport for Mt. LeConte on Saturday morning. Fortunately, the rain stopped, clouds lifted and we hiked the Alum Cave trail enjoying an unlimited view all the way to the lodge. This warm, sunny, shirt-sleeve weather on Saturday was our only luck. Sunday, we left LeConte lodge in snow, sleet and a driving rain.

Because we were well prepared - wool shirts, ponchos, long underwear, a change of clothes, etc. - we made the bottom with no lasting ill effects. However, Scott Luttrell (6 years old and a good hiker) got very cold and wet. It took Vera's down jacket, a pair of dry socks for mittens and some piggy-back rides to get him down safely. Please be prepared for any type of weather even in the middle of May, especially if there are children along.

WHITE ROCKS MOUNTAIN
Saturday, May 20, 1978

The White Rock Mt. is in the Clinch Mountain Recreation Area north of Saltville, Va. (Also known as Tumbling Creek). We will drive 7 miles over a dirt road to the camp ground (at 3400') and climb to the crest (about 1200' more) for lunch. White Rocks is large limestone out cropping with excellent views in all directions. After lunch we will take the long way (mostly downhill) back to the camp ground along some open ridges and Roy's Bottom. There should be some wildflowers. Total driving distance is about 80 miles (each way) and walking distance of 6 or 7 miles. Bring lunch, canteen and raingear. Meet at B-215 at 8:00 A.M. Due to the long drive it will probably be 6:00 before we return. Contact Gordon Newland if interested.

White Rocks Mountain Hike - May 20, 1978

Three people enjoyed an almost perfect day in the uplands of Clinch Mountain Recreation Area on May 20th. Spring is late this year and the wildflowers were profuse. We estimated 1000 acres of White Fringed Phacelia. Trillium were still in bloom at the higher altitudes. Tumbling creek was full and living up to its name. Hikers were Mary Cunningham, Russ Overbay and Gordon Newland. Six miles were hiked.

Gordon Newland

CANOE TRIP NOTICE
North Fork of Holston River-Canoe Trip
Class I

Saturday, May 20, 1978
(Rain Date: Sunday, May 21, 1978)

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. 58 at Hiltons, Virginia to the bridge at Wadlow Gap, Virginia. This will cover about 11 miles of river. We will leave the B-215 parking lot at 9:00A.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.

Please call Steve Banks at 349-6420 for further information.

North Fork of Holston River - Canoe Trip - May 20, 1978

Although it was a beautiful day, only two people showed up for this canoe trip from Hiltons to Wadlow Gap, Virginia. Those who made the trip got a short-lived movie career and a case of sunburn. Eleven miles was canoed. Participants were Rudy Arnold and Steve Banks.

Steve Banks

Appalachian Trail Work Trip - Damascus, Va. - Abington Gap, Tenn. - May 20, 1978

Dick Ardell, Tom Meredith and Jeff Sifrola blazed north to south on the AT between Damascus, Va., and Abington Gap, Tn. for a distance of 10.2 miles. This work detail was done in sunny 80° weather with a slight breeze. We met one hiker traveling south on a day trip and four hikers going north who had left Springer Mtn. in Ga. on April 10 and intended to go all the way to Mt. Katahdin in Maine.

A Boy Scout Troop out of Bristol was camping at and around Abington Gap shelter for an overnight campout and this troop had at least 15 persons present.

This section of the trail is in good shape at the present time with no bad blowdowns and a fairly wide trail all the way for this section.

Dick Ardell

FOR THE RECORD

Turkey Pen Gap to Watauga Dam - Trail Clearing - May 20, 1978

A party composed of Bob Taylor, Ron Nations, Jay Nations, and Julian Lewis cleared blowdowns and painted blazes on the AT from Turkey Pen Gap to Watauga Dam Road. This was the second party this year to make the ascent to Turkey Pen Gap. We did it by jeep. Directions are: Drive along Harley Hollow Road until the road ends in Harley Hollow Creek, turn left out of the creek and ascend along an impossible jeep track, stop when a large fallen tree blocks the track, the AT is about 50 yds. ahead, Turkey Pen Gap is about 1/2 mile to the right. There were no rebellious complaints such as those sounded in the first ascent on May 6. The riders were too shaken up to say anything at all!

Julian Lewis

Dennis Cove to Bitter End School - Trail Maintenance - May 20, 1978

Seven workers hiked the eight mile section of AT from Dennis Cove to Bitter End School on the Walnut Mt. Road, clearing the trail of under-growth and blowdowns and renewing blazes. The weather was beautiful and we met many other hikers including six people and two dogs who were attempting to hike the trail from Georgia to Maine. Workers were Frank Williams, Gary Luttrell, Scott Luttrell, Ben Pardue, Ward Cochran, Kenneth Hatfield and Jack Young.

Jack Young

FOR THE RECORD

Appalachian Trail Backpacking Trip - May 26 - 30, 1978

From May 26 through 30, eight members of the Hiking Club took a four-day backpacking trip on the Appalachian Trail. We went 46 miles, from the James River to the Tye River, northeast of Roanoke and near Natural Bridge and the Blue Ridge Parkway. Those going on the trip were Ray Hunt, Collins Chew, Bob Miller, John Thompson, Don Nelan, Dick Ardell, Gordon Newland, and Darrol Nickels. We were joined by Harry Rockey of Blacksburg, Va.

We hiked in two groups going in opposite directions on the same section of Trail. This made cars available to each group at the end of the hike, with no ferrying or waiting. We used dehydrated food, prepackaged by the meal, and we cooked by wood fire and gasolene stove, as the situation warranted. We stayed at shelters or camped in tents, depending on our stopping place for the night. Our packs weighed an average of 35 pounds.

We found the Appalachian Trail in excellent condition. Seven winter blowdowns had almost all been moved. Markings were clear, so we were never in doubt about which way to go. Shelters were all in good condition. There was little litter at the shelters or along the trail, even near road crossings. We saw more hikers than usual, but it was never crowded at shelters or campsites.

This section of Trail was mostly at elevations between 2000 and 4000 feet, except at the two river crossings, which were less than 1000 feet. It was mostly in woodland, with some bald peaks. Wildflowers were abundant. We saw over 150 varieties, the most profuse being pink rhododendron, pink azalea, and pink trillium. The weather was mild (which means hot when climbing uphill with a pack), and with rain only one evening. Aside from being very tired at the end of long, hard days, we had no significant physical problems.

This is the eighteenth trip taken by this group on the Appalachian Trail in the last 13 years. Those who have gone on all trips have covered over 1000 miles, about half of the whole Trail! Some of us may make it the whole way, if we last long enough. Others who enjoy this kind of hiking are welcome to join the group on future hikes.

Ray Hunt

HIKING AND CANOEING CLUB NOTICESchool of River Canoeing

June 2, 3, 4, 1978

Pre-registration Required

The fifth annual Hiking Club School of River Canoeing will be held June 2-4. The school will offer two river trips and both beginner and intermediate tandem types of instruction.

The two-day format will allow more practice, and safety will be strongly emphasized. We require that participants be able to swim and be unafraid of the water. All participants will be required to "body surf" a rapid, as this is an important part of river canoeing (can't stay dry all the time!). Participants should furnish their own equipment, but anyone who has room for someone else should so indicate on the form below. The registration fee will provide refreshments and American Canoe Association certification.

Required equipment is as follows:

Each boat: 3 paddles, 2 life jackets, front and back lines (painters)
Personal gear: knee pads, rain jacket (hat), food and change of clothing in water-proof bag

Participants will be responsible for transport of themselves and their gear.

The text for the course is *Basic River Canoeing* by McNair and may be purchased as part of the course fee or borrowed. We recommend the purchase of this excellent book and will try to get it to you before June 2.

Your participation in all three sessions is strongly encouraged. You must participate in the Saturday trip in order to go on Sunday.

--Schedule--

June 2 (Friday) Registration, lecture, and films, 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. at Shelter No. 9, TEC Bays Mountain Recreation Area

June 3 (Saturday) River Trip - Everyone meet at 9:00 a.m. at B-215 parking lot - bring lunch

June 4 (Sunday) River Trip - Everyone meet at 9:00 a.m. at B-215 parking lot - bring lunch

--- * * Pre-registration Form * *

Return to R. C. Phelps, B-54 before May 31, 1978 - Enclose check payable to R. C. Phelps.

Name _____ TEC Bldg. No. _____ Home Address _____

TEC Tel. No. _____ Home Tel. No. _____ City, State, Zip Code _____

I am a beginner _____ intermediate _____. My partner will be _____

_____. I have no partner, please assign one _____.

I need a course test book _____ (Enclose \$6.00 for book and registration fee.)

I have a text already (borrowed or stolen) _____ (Enclose \$3.00 for registration fee.)

Enclosed is my check for \$_____.

For further information, call Rick Phelps (ext. 5164).

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Fifth Annual School of River Canoeing - June 2,3,4, 1978

The fifth (?) annual school of river canoeing was sucessfully completed on June 2,3,&4 with a total of 30 students and instructors participating. This year's group was composed mostly of related couples (father/son, husband/wife, etc.) and considering the increased communication problems this sort of combination generally couses, all did well. This year even the canoes returned intact!

Numerous, unplanned, white water swims were taken and a particaly outstanding exhibition occurred at "chucky beach in full view of several sun-drenched observers.

Special thanks to the long-suffering instructors and to the sun which finally appeared Sunday.

Rick Phelps

HIKE NOTICE

COLD MOUNTAIN TRIP RESCHEDULED FOR JUNE 3, 1978

Cold Mountain is one of the 6,000' peaks in the Shining Rock Range. The club schedule list this trip as June 24th, but it has been rescheduled to June 3rd, to allow the leader a vacation. We will try the ascent through Crawford Creek to Low Gap and return the same way. Cold Mountain is south of Waynesville, N.C. Meet at B-215 parking lot at 8:00A.M. Bring the usual gear to sustain life in the fugged Appalachians i.e. lunch, water, raingear, windbreaker and determination. Call Gordon Newland if interested at 246-8845.

Cold Mountain Hike - June 3, 1978

The Crawford Creek approach to Cold Mountain is clearly the easy way up. Crawford Creek Road is well marked and in good shape. Since this area is privately owned it is necessary to check with the caretaker (Mr. Freeman) before beginning the hike. He can be found usually at the little cabin on the left about a mile below the gate. If he is not there, leave a note readable through the windshield of your car stating who you are, that you are hiking and when you expect to return. "Otherwise", Mr. Freeman says, "I'll have to come up there looking for you". Our experience was that he comes armed for bear.

After we received Mr. Freeman's blessing we strolled along an old logging road by Crawford Creek, up past Mr. Frady's summer home, through a pasture, cantoured along same mare logging road and then a brief climb to Deep Gap. Lunch, snooze and a stroll along the Art Loeb Trail put us atop Cold Mountain before the clouds closed the view. Rhodendron and Pink Laurel were in bloom; Shinning Rock and Sam's Knob were clearly visible before the rain. We went back a slightly steeper but shorter route. It was fine trip - 1 1/2 hours to Deep Gap, another 45 min. to the crest of Cold Mountain at 6030' and down hill all the way back. After another visit with Mr. Freeman it was bach home in time for supper. The hardest part was the drive to and from the mountain.

Gordon Newland and Dick Ardell

FOR THE RECORD

Appalachian Trail - Indian Grave Gap to Nolichucky River - work trip - June 3, 1978

Three members of the Leadership Corps of Troop 48 surveyed the condition of this section of trail. Three areas of maintainance need attention: there are many trees across the trail; the shelter at Curly Maple Gap needs to be cleaned out, and the trail along Jones Creek to the river, which was heavily damaged by the winter's flood, needs to be remarked and improved. This work will be done by other work groups during the month of June.

Dave Petke

TRIP NOTICE

WARRIOR'S PATH PARK

SWIM AND HIKE

June 4, 1978 (Sunday)

This easy after church hike will start from the golf course side of the bridge across Lake Patrick Henry in Warriors Path State Park. Meet there at 12:45 with lunch, swim suit, water and tennis shoes to protect your feet from glass in the lake. We will climb the lake trail to some high cliffs where we will have lunch. We will then drop down to the lake for a swim, and return before 5:00P.M. To reach the bridge, turn off US23 onto the road opposite Bass World and the Gulf Station. Turn left just before the park entrance. Do not confuse this bridge with the causeway which is near the marina in the park. Contact Powell Foster, 239-8609 for more information.

Warrior Path Swim - Hike - June 4, 1978

Three were present and participated in this four mile hike. This was very well received - too bad others weren't present to enjoy!

Powell Foster

MT. ROGERS FROM GRAYSON PARK - JUNE 10-11, 1978

Overnight Trip

A visit to the Highlands of Virginia, Wilburn Ridge, Mt. Rogers, Pine Mt., Rhododendrun, Wild Ponies and more can be enjoyed on this easy to moderate expedition. Mt. Rogers from Grayson Park - June 10-11. This hike will cover approximately 6 miles round trip. Plan to go!! All you need is two lunches, breakfast and supper food, shelter for the night, and clothing suitable for the weather. (it sometimes rains in this area). If this sounds interesting, call Don or Martha Nelan at 239-9534 for further information. We will leave from Interstate 81 - Route U.S. 23 intersection at 8:30A.M. on June 10th, Saturday.

Backpack Grayson Park - Mt. Rogers, Va. - June 10-11, 1978

Dick Ardell, Bill Hackett, Ken Hatfield and Don Nelan enjoyed an overnight backpack in the Grayson Highlands Park, Wilburn Ridge, Mt. Rogers, Pine Mt. area. If you haven't been there, you should go some time. If you have, then you know what we enjoyed, It was all that had been advertised, and more. The Visitors Center on Haw Orchard Mountain in Grayson Highlands Park is well worth a visit.

Don Nelan

CANOE TRIP NOTICE
CANOEING ON FRENCH BROAD RIVER - SATURDAY, JUNE 17, 1978

A canoe trip on the French Broad River east of Newport is scheduled for Saturday, June 17, 1978. 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

Canoe Trip on French Broad River - June 17, 1978

Ten people participated in the canoe trip on the French Broad River east of Newport on June 17, 1978. We had a quiet float before stopping for lunch at the falls. After lunch we all successfully (?) negotiated the right side of the falls. One canoe was pulled back across the rocks for an unsuccessful attempt at the center of the falls. After getting the canoe and canoeist back together we continued on downstream where later in the afternoon the leader and his partner took a good spill. Some reforming had to be done to the bottom of the canoe before we could continue to the takeout point. Those making the trip were Martha Hut, Ben Thompson, Jim & Karen Hobbs, Dan Bensing, Bob West, Lester Bright, Steve Banks, Allen Duffield and Bob Mynhier.

Bob Mynhier



TERC HIKING CLUB

TRIP NOTICE

Saturday, June 17, 1978

GRASSY RIDGE MOONLIGHT HIKE

The TERC Hiking Club is offering a moonlight hike in the Roan Mountain Highlands on Saturday, June 17. Hikers will meet in the B-215 parking lot at 4:45 p.m., consolidate rides, and leave by 5:00 p.m. After parking at the Carver's Gap parking lot, we will head north on the Appalachian Trail. This will be about 6:45 for those who may wish to meet us there. We will turn off the Appalachian Trail and proceed to the top of Grassy Ridge (6050 ft.) in time to see the sun set. After the full moon is up the entourage will proceed back down the mountain by the light of the moon supplemented by flashlight. Cars should arrive back in Kingsport by 12:30 a.m.

This hike is rated easy because it is only 4 miles round trip, but there are several good climbs and some rocky trail so wear sturdy shoes. Bring a windbreaker, poncho, flashlight, and a trail snack for grassy ridge. Families, friends, and all interested persons are invited to participate. Rain or heavy clouds will cancel this hike. Leaders are Doris and Lewis Carson, 246-4880.



FOR THE RECORD

Moonlight Hike to Grassy Ridge - June 17, 1978.

A very congenial group of 16 hiked from Carver's Gap to Grassy Ridge in the late afternoon. Some time was spent in joining the top of the mountain and visiting some of the 4 separate parties camping across its top. After eating our lunch and the sun had set the group returned to their cars by the light of the full moon. There were times that flash lights had to supplement nature. It was a relief to get back to the warmth of the lowlands after bracing the too coolness of the higher elevation. For the first time in 3 years the clouds cooperated to allow us the joy of an open starstudded sky.

Lewis A. Carson

Moreland Gap - Bear Branch Road, Appalachian Trail rerouting - June 24, 1978

On Saturday, June 24, four members of our club rerouted a twelve-mile length of the Appalachian Trail between Moreland Gap on White Rocks Mtn. and Bear Branch Road, near U.S. Hwy. 19E. Those making the trip were Ray Hunt, Jim Caines, Jack Young, and Frank Williams. This trip is the completion of more than five years of planning and work to get this new trail into use. The Forest Service first suggested the new route and flagged it. Members of our club checked out the suggested route and recommended some changes. The Forest Service bought several tracts of land to gain access to roads at one end of the Trail. Then they constructed the trail by clearing trees and digging a footpath where necessary. Members of our club then blazed the new Trail except for the connections at each end. On this latest trip, we blazed in the sections at each end, and painted out the blazes on the old trail. The main purpose of the relocation was to get the Trail off of about three miles of road. Most of this was on Walnut Mtn. Rd., which is paved, has frequent houses, and a fair amount of car traffic. This relocation completely bypasses Walnut Mtn. Rd. by looping north of it on Forest Service land. It lengthens the Trail by five miles. There are still two miles of Trail on roads at the southern end of the relocation, and getting the Trail off of them is a project still ahead. Putting this new trail into use was delayed for over two years because of the Forest Service and our hiking club were unable to agree on which route to take to get from the southern end of this relocation to U.S. Hwy. 19E. The present route is a compromise, under which we agreed on a route for the present, with final location to be settled later.

The compromise was accelerated by the recent robbery and rape of four girls who were hiking the Trail in this area. By coincidence, the place where this incident took place was on the part of the Trail that has been abandoned by this relocation. In view of the incident, the Forest Service proposed that we proceed with the relocation, and we agreed. The relocation does not guarantee that this will never happen again, but it should be a step in the right direction. The Hiking Club has a committee that works on relocations like this. We are concerned with all aspects of relocations: planning, flagging, sometimes construction, and blazing. It is interesting and rewarding work.

If you are interested in helping with this, call Ray Hunt.

Ray Hunt

CANOE TRIP NOTICE

NOLICHUCKY RIVER BELOW ERWIN-Saturday, June 24, 1978

A canoe trip down the Nolichucky River below Erwin is scheduled for Saturday, June 24, 1978. This section of the river is rated class I-II. We will leave Bodg. 215 parking lot at 9:00A.M. and should return by 5:00P.M. Bring a sack lunch along with the other required canoeing essentials.

Anyone planning to go must contact Dan Bensing, B-54B, 246-3452.

Rat Branch on U.S. 321 to Watauga Dam Road - A.T. Work Trip - June 25, 1978

Bill and Vera Wortman, Paul and Lisa Wortman, and Stan Murray trimmed out the section of A.T. between the Rat Branch crossing of U.S. 321 and Watauga Dam Road. The portion close to the road (about 1 mile) must qualify as one of the noisiest, most littered sections of the A.T.! It can also claim a prize on its poison ivy coverage. We picked up all the trash we could, trimmed the poison ivy, and tried to ignore the highway noise. The other end - toward Watauga Dam - is very nice.

Stan Murray