

TERC HIKING CLUB SCHEDULE

January - June, 1979

Date			Trip	Hike Rating	Leader
✓ Jan. 27 (6)	Sat.	1 day	Bays Mountain	E	Bob Mynhier
✓ Feb 11 (9)	Sun.		Dinner — Cabin		Bill & Vera Wortman
✓ March 10 (1)	Sat.	1 day	Railroad Grade, Mendota-Hiltons	E	Dave Petke
✓ March 17 (10)	Sat.	1 day	Fodderstack	M	Collins Chew
✓ March 24 (11)	Sat.	1 day	Cades Cove — Bike Trip	E	Allan Newland
? - April 14-15	Sat.-Sun.	2 days	Mt. LeConte Lodge	M	To be announced
✓ April 14 (27)	Sat.	1 day	Flint Mill	M	Powell Foster
* ✓ April 21 (14)	Sat.	1 day	Unaka Mt.	M	Collins Chew
✓ April 22 (1)	Sun.	1 day	Caney Creek	E	Ed Allen
✓ April 28 (2)	Sat.	1 day	Hawks Bill — Table Rock	E	Don Nelan
✓ May 4-5 (1900)	Fri.-Sat	1½ days	Beginner Backpacking — Bays Mountain	E	Lewis Carson
✓ May 6 (18)	Sun.	1 day	Route of the Tweetsie	E	Bob Miller
✓ May 13 (19)	Sun.	1 day	Stone Mountain	E-M	Ed Allen
✓ May 19	Sat.	1 day	AT-Carvers Gap — 19E	M	Bob Bible
✓ May 26, 27, 28	Sat.-Mon.	3 days	AT-Rockfish Gap to Tye River, Va.	D	Ray Hunt
✓ June 2	Sat.	1 day	Mt. Sterling — Smokies	D	Gary Bridges
June 9	Sat.	1 day	Pine Mountain	E	Bob Mynhier
June 16	Sat.	1 day	White Rocks — Sand Cave	M	Bill Simmons

FUTURE HIKES

Aug. 10-14

AT Conference — Carrabassett, Maine

Hike Ratings

E — Easy

M — Moderate

D — Difficult

CANOE SCHEDULE

January - June, 1979

Date		Trip	Class of** Difficulty	Leader
✓ March 24 (4)	Sat.	Big Moccasin Creek	I(IV)	Dan Bensing
✓ April 7 (4)	Sat.	South Fork of Holston River via Laurel Creek	II-III	Warren McLain
? - April 21-22	Sat.-Sun.	Bluestone River, West Virginia	II-III	Terry Dougherty
✓ May 6	Sun.	Elk and/or Doe River	II-III	Dave Ingram Gordon Porter
? - May 20	Sun.	Toe River	II-III	Dave Ingram
✓ June 1, 2, 3	Fri.-Sun.	Canoe School	I-III	Rick Phelps

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

Final arrangements are made by hike or canoe leaders.



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ACTIVITIES REPORT

April 10, 1979

COSMO:

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

1st period (total 2 activities)

Board of Directors meeting - Jan. 12th
Bays Mt. Park - Jan. 27th

7 present
6 present

2nd period (total 1 activite)

Annual Dinner - Feb. 11th

89 present

3rd period (total 3 activities) 1 cancelled

Abandoned Southern Railway Grade - Mar. 10th
from Mendota Va. to Hiltons, Va.

1 present

Fodderstack Mt. - Mar. 17th

10 present

Cades Cove Bike Trip - Mar. 24th

(weather)

cancelled



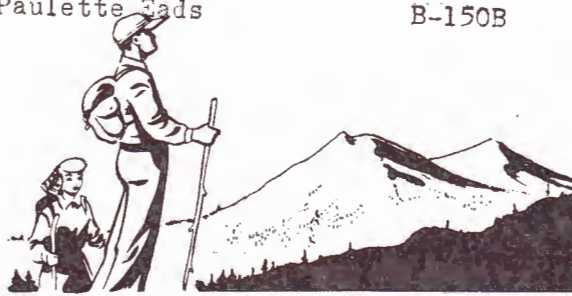
TERC HIKING CLUB

STEERING COMMITTEE 1979-80

The following persons are presented by the Hiking Club Steering Committee as nominees for the three vacancies for the 1979-80 term. The names are arranged in alphabetical order along with a brief statement of their hiking and/or canoeing activities and interests. Vote for THREE and return your ballot to Claude (Cosmo) Griffith, B-310, by November 22, 1978. Only ballots received by this date can be considered as valid.

- ☐ Larry Browning Has been a member of the Hiking Club for more than 15 years. Active member of a trail maintenance team and also serves on the trail relocation committee.
- ☐ Lewis Carson Has hiked in the Rockies and in Mexico as well as in the nearby mountains. Active hike leader and specializes in our annual moonlight hike.
- ☐ Lester Church A very active hiker and runner, averaging over 30 miles per month. Member of the Hiking Club and of a trail maintenance team for 11 years. Participated in clearing and marking the Trail of the Lonesome Pine.
- ☐ Terry Dougherty Both a hiker and canoeist. Has served on a trail maintenance team as well as helped organize the annual canoe school. Has previously served on a Steering Committee.
- ☐ Ray Hunt Chairman of Trail Relocation Committee. Former Steering Committee member. Led 1976 Swiss hiking trip. Active in Appalachian Trail Conference affairs. 1976 Hiker of the Year.
- ☐ Rick Phelps Helped organize the annual canoe school and regularly leads canoe outings. Has been active in preserving the balds of Roan Mountain and has previously served on the Steering Committee.
- ☐ A.D. (Don) Shields An avid backpacker who hikes in mid-winter. Has participated in two of the club's hikes in Colorado and regularly leads local hikes.
- ☐ Jack Young Has been a club member for more than 25 years. Leads hikes as well as participates in trail relocations and maintenance.

He who voteth not for Steering Committee Members loseth his license to COMPLAIN!!



TERC HIKING CLUB

Happy New Year! 1979 has opened with a cold snap that has cleared the air and made the surrounding mountains almost leap into our laps. With the leaves down, the ruggedly beautiful contours of our hills are again visible for all to enjoy.

Also with the New Year comes a fresh slate of Hiking Club Steering Committee members and officers. You have elected to help lead the club in 1979 three new committee members - Lewis Carson, Terry Dougherty and Ray Hunt - and at a recent organizational meeting, Lewis was elected to be Chairman for 1979 with Terry to serve as chairman-elect, a new post designed to improve the continuity of administration. Committee members continuing to serve are Gary Bridges, Garland Ruth and Vera Wortman. Completing their two year terms are Bob Miller, Bob Mynhier and Gordon Porter. Bob, the outgoing chairman, will serve as an advisor to the steering committee during 1979.

Although inflation continues to beset us everywhere else, Hiking Club dues remain at the bargain level of \$1.00 for 1979 for employee members and to be on the guest mailing list. Even if you never go on a hike, it should be worth your dollar to be kept posted on available outings and on what happens on the hikes and canoe trips of the club. Most of us tend to be procrastinators. We have the best of intentions, but somehow we keep forgetting to send in our dues. While it is fresh in your mind, DO IT NOW! Send in your dollar to Claude "Cosmo" Griffith, B-310. For members on the guest mailing list, the address is; Tennessee Eastman Recreation Club, Eastman Employee Center, Kingsport, Tennessee, 37662. By the way, we have dozens of Clubs in TERC, so be sure to identify your payment as Hiking Club dues. Cosmo's ESP never works well in cold weather!

Many of you responded to the recent request for suggestions on programs that would appeal to you. Thanks for your interest and help. Although a target date of January 1 was suggested for your response, your comments on program or any other aspect of club operation are always welcome. The outing schedule for the first half of 1979 is now being printed and should reach you soon. Partially in response to your requests, the schedule has more easy and moderate hikes and the majority of them are slated for Saturdays. Take advantage of these opportunities to enjoy the beautiful terrain of our area.

Good hiking and canoeing during 1979!

Bob Miller



TERC HIKING CLUB

CLASS "A" CLUB
A.T.C.

Trail Assignment: Damascus, Virginia, South to Spivey Gap U.S. 19W

Mileage: 120 Miles

Club Name: TERC Hiking Club, Tennessee Eastman Co., Kingsport, Tn. 37662

Officers:

	<u>name</u>	<u>location</u>	<u>phone</u>	<u>ext.</u>
President:	Lewis A. Carson,	Bldg. 284	(615) 246-2111	3357
Vice President:	J. Terry Dougherty,	B-150	"	2588
Secretary:	Paulette Byrd,	B-150B	"	2544
Treasurer:	Margaret E. Mays,	B-54D	"	2921

Chairman of Trails:

	<u>Maintenance</u>		
V. Collins Chew,	B-71	(615) 246-2111	3686

	<u>Relocation</u>		
Ray W. Hunt,	B-59	"	2262

	<u>AT Special Projects</u>		
Donald R. Nelson,	B-150B	"	3323

Other:

Library, Maps:	James S. Crowell,	B-284	"	4651
AT Guidebook:	Ray F. Hunt,	B-59	"	2262
	Barrod S. Nickels,	B-159	"	2557
Trail of the Lonesome Pine:	Gordon C. Newland,	B-150B	"	3742
Membership:	Vera Wortman,	B-75	"	2470
Equipment:	Gary Bridges,	B-21	(615) 247-9111	198
	Holston Defence Corp,	Kingsport, Tenn.	37662	

Number of Members: 200⁺

Annual election held: November

Address Presidents correspondence to:

Lewis A. Carson
B-284
Tennessee Eastman Co.
Kingsport, Tn. 37662

update as of: Feb. 1, 1979



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TRAIL OF LONESOME PINE REPORT

Our Hiking Club is responsible for the section of the Trail of the Lonesome Pine from the Tn-Va line to Route 25 at Bean Gap. The YACC constructed some trail from Flat Gap (Tn. Rt. 31) to War Gap (Tn. Rt. 66). The club constructed some trail between Tn-Va line and Looney Gap. The YACC improved part of this section and the club blazed it.

We need to do a lot of work on the trail this year! The section between Rt. 31 and Rt. 66 needs to be mapped and marked. The remaining portion of the section from Tn-Va line to Looney Gap needs to be mapped and marked. The section between Looney Gap and Tn Rt. 70 needs construction work and the section between Rt. 70 and Rt. 66 needs to be flagged for YACC work. In addition suitable water sources must be located and trails constructed to them.

Your help is needed with these projects. If you can work please fill in the section below and return to Gordon Newland, B-150B (1917 E. Sevier Ave., Kingsport, Tn. 37664). You will be assigned to a team and a project.

To: Gordon Newland, B-150B

Name _____ Telephone _____
Plant _____
Address _____ Home _____

Check one or more of the following activities.

___ I'm willing to be a team captain.

___ I'm willing to do trail construction.

___ I'm willing to do scouting for trail location and water.

___ I'm willing to do mapping and marking.

___ I'm willing to pressure the Tennessee Dept. of Conservation for purchase of land right of way and easements.

(over)

TERC Hiking Club 1979
Steering Committee

		<u>Bldg.</u>	<u>Phone</u>
Chairman	Lewis Carson	284	3357
Activities Scheduling	Terry Dougherty	150	2588
Library, Maps	Jim Crowell	284	4651
Trail of the Lonesome Pine	Gordon Newland	150B	3752
AT Guidebook	Ray Hunt	59	2262
	Darrol Nickels	152	2557
AT Special Projects	Don Nelan	150B	3323
Leaders Dinner	Collins Chew	71	3686
Trail Relocation	Ray Hunt	59	2262
Equipment and Trail Maintenance	Gary Bridges	HDC 21	198
Membership Mailing List	Vera Wortman	75	2470
	Claude Griffith	310	2005
Secretary	Paulette Fade <i>Byrd</i>	150B	2544
First Aid	Garland Ruth	150A	2615
Treasurer	Margaret Mays	54D	2921
TERC Representative	Claude Griffith	310	2005



TERC HIKING CLUB

P. O. Box 511 / KINGSFORT, TENNESSEE 37662

April 24, 1979

Mr. Harry Williamson
State Trail Administrator
Tennessee Dept. of Conservation
2611 West End Avenue
Nashville, TN 37203

Attn: Mr. Williamson

On April 13 members of our club hiked completed portions of the Trail of the Lonesome Pine consisting of those sections between TN Route 31 and TN Route 66, TN Route 66 and TN Route 70, and that section presently under construction east of TN Route 70. We also inspected the proposed Route of the trail beyond the construction point. Earlier in the year we had inspected the completed section west of the TN-VA line. In general we found the trail in good shape. We are pleased with the quality of construction and marking of the trail. Our brief contact with the local residents indicated that relations with the Dept. of Conservation is good. Mike Dahl is to be commended for his efforts in both public relations and supervision of the YACC construction.

Our club, as a member of the Tennessee Trails Assoc., offers our assistance in maintenance of the completed trail. We presently maintain 112 miles of the Appalachian Trail and have some experience in this respect. As I understand the situation, maintenance of the completed trail will entail periodic patrols to repair blazes, pick up litter and remove blow downs, and any other activity mutually agreed upon.

We are looking forward to the completion of the trail and the formal opening of the section east of TN Route 31 and the eventual construction of the section between TN Route 31 and US Route 25. We will be interested in providing input on a revised master plan for trail and other department activities concerning the trail. We would urge the beginning of departmental planning for procuring state owned rightway or scenic easements to insure that the trail will remain open.



Class A Member, Appalachian Trail Conference

Again we commend Mike Dahl and the Dept. of Conservation in their progress to date and sincerely hope that similar progress will continue until the Trail' is completed to the terminus of Clinch Mountain.

Sincerely,

G. C. Newland
Trail of Lonesome Pine Coordinator

spb

cc: Lewis A. Carson, TERC HIKING CLUB President, B-284
Walter Criley, Director, Dept. of Planning, STA, 2611 West End Avenue
Joe Gaines, President, Tennessee Trail Assoc., 117 West Marthonna Ave.,
Madison, TN 37115



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TRAIL MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE 1979

Attached are the Trail Team listing and assignments for 1979. Our 112 miles of Appalachian Trail must be kept open and marked by our efforts - Your help is needed. If your name does not appear on a Trail Team for 1979, you may want to consider volunteering one day of your weekend for this good cause. You may do this by calling one of the 17 Team Leaders or Trail Maintenance Chairman, Collins Chew.

General Instructions to Team Leaders

Preparation

1. Pick a date for the Maintenance Trip and plan the trip
2. Notify all team members; arrange rides
3. Notify Collins Chew (239-6237) of date to be sure equipment is available
4. Assemble equipment as needed; white paint, blue paint (small jars), 1" or 1 1/2" brushes, paper cups, buckets, scrapers, small snips for cutting branches in front of blazes, rags, paint thinner, weeders, clippers, (small) bow saw, signs, wrench, and lag screws, trail maintenance record book, pencil, Adirondack pack, garbage bags, firstaid kit. (Most equipment is in Hiking Club room at Eastman Employee Center.

Maintenance Trip Do all you can of the following. The more important are listed first.

1. Blaze the trail with white paint
2. Clear brush
3. Check the trail description - comment on needed changes
4. Blue blaze trails to water - check springs
5. Install signs. comment on needs and list signs
6. Clear blowdowns
7. Check shelters - comment on problems
8. carry out litter
9. Improve blazing with neutralizer paint
10. Educate hikers you meet as practical and needed

Follow Up

1. Clean and return equipment promptly for others to use . Notify Collins Chew or Gary Bridges (HDC) of problems or damaged equipment
2. Complete comments in Trail Maintenance Record Book and return to Collins Chew, Building 71
3. Write up "For the Record" and trip report for recreation records and mail to Paulette Byrd, B-150B



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1979 TRAIL MAINTENANCE

Maintenance Section

1. Spivey Gap - Nolichucky River - length 10.2 miles

Collins Chew - Leader

Warren McLain
John Kiefer
Chester Bruner
John Beckler

J.R. Stubblefield
William Howle
Jerry Whorley
David Green

Paint blazes south to north. Last blazing N to S in 1977 and S to N in 1975. Install sign to water at No Business Knob shelter and water sign and blue blaze trail at 1.3 miles from South. There were some blow downs on the trail last year. Check slide on trail north of shelter.

2. Nolichucky River - Indian Grave Gap - length 8.4 miles

Dick Clark - Leader

C.E.C. Britton
Margy Clark
Peter Morison
Richard Poduska

Doug Clark
A.D. Shields
Waylon Jenkins
Jim Rosser

Paint blazes South to North. Last blazing N to S in 1977 and S to N in 1976. Install signs and blue blazes for water at 4.22 miles at Curley Maple Gap shelter. Check to see if signs or blue blazes are needed for water at 4.79 miles and at 5.56 miles from south. Remove litter at Curley Maple Gap shelter. More blazes may be needed along Jones Branch.

3. Indian Grave Gap - Deep Gap - length 3.5 miles

Darrol Nickels - Leader

Rick Phelps
Gerald Cassell
Don Nelan

Michael Knight
Carolyn Ledford
Russell Justice
Summy Chaney

Paint blazes South to North. Last blazed N to S in 1978 and S to N in 1977. Ray Hunt will place posts with blazes to water at Deep Gap and at Beauty Spot Gap.

4. Deep Gap - Iron Mountain Gap - length 7.0 miles

Mira Wilhelm - Leader

Van Wilhelm
Bill Hackett
Kirk Finch

Jeff Sirola
Ken Wilmoth
Tom Meredith
Darryl Muck

Paint blazes North to South. Last blazed S to N in 1978. The prior records are lost. Install signs and blue blazes to water at 1) 2.3 miles, Cherry Gap, 100 ft. from Trail on right, 2) 2.7 miles at Cherry Gap Shelter, 250 ft. southwest and 3) 3.7 miles at Low Gap, 200 yds. to left.

5. Iron Mountain Gap - Hughes Gap - length 8.1 miles

John Thompson - Leader

Gether Irick	Jim Ownby
Larry Beach	Tom Pridgen
Bruce Cunningham	Wilson Patton
	David Thomas

Blaze North to South. Last blazed S to N in 1978 and last blazed N to S in 1977. Install signs and blue blaze trail to water at: 1) 1.42 mi, 0.1 mile to right, 2) 4.1 mi at Grassy Creek Gap, 3) 4.17 mi and 4) 4.94 and 5) 5.95 mi at location of new Clyde Smith Shelter. Install sign on AT to point to shelter. Litter may be heavy at Hughes Gap. Describe slight changes in trail description (no blue blaze) at Hughes Gap.

6. Hughes Gap - Carvers Gap - length 4.6 miles

Garland Ruth - Leader

Scout Troup 188

Paint blazes South to North. Last blazing N to S in 1977 and S to N in 1976. Install signs and blue blaze at 1) 2.57 mi to water fountains to right, 2) to water at 2.92 mi to right at Roan High Knob and 3) to spring at Carvers Gap. Describe changes in trail description at Hughes Gap.

7. Carvers Gap - Bradley Gap - length 6.8 miles

Larry Bernard - Leader

Gerald Morie	Larry Browning
Lester Church	Gilbert Chartier
Jim Crowell	Charles Hasbrouck

Blaze in the direction of your choice. It was blazed in both directions in 1978. The blue blazed relocation from 3.1 mi to 4.41 mi at Yellow Mt. Gap going south should be repainted with white paint. Check location of new shelter, install sign and blue blazes to water at shelter

8. Bradley Gap - U.S. 19E - length 4.0 miles

Gordon Newland - Leader

John Tamblyn	George O'Neill
J. W. Clapp	Bill McSpadden
Bobby Scott	Dick Burrow
Ricky Cobble	Paul Falk

Blaze North to South. Last blazed S to N in 1977 and N to S in 1976. Blue blaze trail to water at 2.0 miles at Doll Flats campsite and at 3.2 miles on rock near summit of Hump. Describe changes in trail description for small relocation at Doll Flats.

9. U.S. 19E - (North of) Bitter End - length 10.7 miles (approx.)

Hugh Thompson - Leader

Tom Dosser	Shelton Thompson
Gil Sahlin	Stanley Davis
Ambrose Manning	

This section was almost entirely relocated last year. See separate description. See Ray Hunt for up-to-date location of Trail. Access to North end is 0.4 miles N on old road from Bitter End. Paint blazes in both directions. Existing blazes are apparently poorly done and need reworking with brown paint. Blue blaze to any good water and report its location.

10. (North of) Bitter End - Dennis Cove - length 9 miles

Robert Hester - Leader

Ray Hunt	Steve Banks
Bob Miller	J. F. Caines
Rudy Arnold	Ralph Russell
Mike Burgess	Melvin Holland

The southern 2.1 miles is relocated to the north. For access, walk .4 mi north from Bitter End on old road. See new typed description. Paint blazes South to North. Blazes were last painted N to S in 1978 and S to N in 1976. Some blazing is reported to be poor and needs reworking with brown paint. Additional blazes are needed at Coon Den Falls. There is much litter at the Knutt Place and White Rocks firetower.

11. Dennis Cove - Tenn 67 (U.S. 321) - length 9.8 miles

Bob Mynhier - Leader

John Steele	Tom Banks
Allan Newland	John Whitehead
Ron Peach	Ed McDaniel
Billy Simmons	Roger Olson
Jim Huffaker	Robert Terrell
Elder Reynolds	Skip Batson

Blaze in the direction of your choice. Over 7 miles are on a recent relocation and were blazed in both directions in 1978. The portion along Laurel Fork was not blazed in 1978. See separate trail description. Install signs and paint blue blaze trail to shelter. Use existing trail to shelter and old railroad grade to provide high water route around falls and hazardous section on Laurel Fork. Install signs and blue blazes at Pine Tree Springs 7.1 mi from north end and at Waycaster Spring 7.7 mi from north end. Litter may be bad at Laurel Fork shelter. A short relocation has been flagged at very steep section north of Pond Mtn. summit. Cut trail and white blaze section if possible. Mark out steep abandoned section; see Ray Hunt for details.

12. Tenn. 67 (U.S. 321) - Watauga Dam Road - length 4.6 miles

Lee Roy Brown - Leader

Bob Harvey	Andrea White
Jim Rosser	Gary Godsey
Phil Gibson	Lewis Carson
Gordon Porter	

Paint Blazes North to South. Last blazed S to N in 1978 and both directions in 1977. Almost all of this section is newly relocated. See separate trail description.

13. Watauga Dam Road - Turkey Pen Gap - length 9.6 miles

Zellie Earnest - Leader

Scout Troop 255 John Gunter

Paint blazes South to North. Last painted N to S in 1978 and S to N in 1977. Install sign and blue blaze trail to water at 2.7 mi from south at 4.37 mi just before Vanderventer Shelter, and at 9.14 mi. Closest access to Turkey Pen Gap is by blue blazed jeep road up from Hurley Branch which reaches AT about 1/2 mile North of Turkey Pen Gap.

14. Turkey Pen Gap - Tenn. 91 (Cross Mtn.) - length 6 miles

Jack Young - Leader

Frank Williams	George Stevenson
Paulette Byrd	Ward Cochran
Lynn Byrd	Gary Bridges
Gary Luttrell	Scott Luttrell
Ben Pardue	

Paint blazes North to South. Last painted S to N in 1978 and N to S in 1977. Install sign and blue blaze to water at 3 mi. from North, Grindstaffs spring, and sign at Iron Mtn. Shelter for water to south on trail. Closest access to Turkey Pen Gap is by blue blazed road up from Hurley Branch which reaches AT about 1/2 mi. north of Turkey Pen Gap.

15. Tenn. 91 (Cross Mtn.) - U.S. 421 (Low Gap) - length 6.8 miles

Charles Boye - Leader

Claude Griffith	Lester Church
Evelyn Griffith	Thresa Fee
Terry Dougherty	Ed Allen
Jim Davis	Fred Ehmke

Paint blazes in direction of your choice. Last blazed in both directions in 1978. Install signs and blue blaze trails to water at 3.4 miles from North at Double Springs Shelter, at 4.2 miles and at 4.3 miles from North.

16. U.S. 421 (Low Gap) - Abingdon Gap - length 4.9 miles

Stan Murray - Leader

Robert Vachone	Kent Blazier
Paul Arapakos	William Wortman
Forrest Teets	Vera Wortman
Paul Worsham	Tom Gatti
	Charles Jarrett

Paint blazes in direction of your choice. Last blazed in both directions in 1978. Install signs and paint blue blaze trail to water at Abingdon Gap Shelter.

17. Abingdon Gap - Damascus - length 10.08 miles

Julian Lewis - Leader

Rann Vaultx	Ron Nations
Bobby G. Scott	Philip Gibson
Stan Sellstrom	Bill Murdock
Wayne McConnell	Ray Owens
Clint Iles	Ed Allen

Paint blazes South to North. Last blazed N to S in 1978. S to N has not been blazed recently. Install sign and paint blue blazes to spring at 7.73 mi. from Abingdon Gap. Relocation under active consideration near Damascus. More blazes are needed on main street of Damascus and in half mile of fields near there. Please add some signs or metal AT markers in Damascus.

Side Trails - Leader is responsible for blue blazing the trail - He should request people to go with him as needed.

Holston High Knob

Ed Allen - Leader

Iron Mountain at Wilber Lake

Kirk Finch - Leader

Special Projects Team - This group is not part of the maintenance committee, but handles special improvement projects:

Don Nelan - Chairman

Larry Browning
Jim Caines
Phil Farrow
Zellie Earnest
Scout Troop 255
Bob Miller
Darrol Nickels
Tom Meredith
R. J. Horton

Rick Phelps
Jim Rosser
Bill Simmons
Glen Smith
George Williams
Jack Young
Frank Williams
Clint Iles
Gerald Morie

FOR THE RECORD

Appalachian Trail Maintenance in 1979 - Collins Chew, Maintenance Committee Chairman
The TERC Hiking Club has responsibility for maintaining about 120 miles of the Appalachian Trail. The seventeen trail teams kept the trail in pretty good shape this year. All of the teams got out on their sections. Blazes were painted on all of 13 sections and parts of three others. The blazing on the Pine Mountain - Sugar Hollow relocation is not yet up to standard and the blazing is faded around Watauga Lake, but persons should not have trouble following the trail. The trail is clear of brush. Most of the blowdowns were removed.

Litter is still a problem in several areas. The shelters are generally in good shape although some have litter problems. The trail is widening and sloughing off in several places, particularly north of No Business Knob.

Over 57 persons worked on trail maintenance for one or more days. Three new team leaders took charge of sections for maintenance this year. They are Garland Ruth, Mira Wilhelm, and Jim Caines.

Bays Mt. Park
January 27, 1979

A hike is planned for January 27, 1979, in Bays Mt. Park. The hike will be easy to moderate difficulty and the exact hike to be taken will depend on the weather and the desires of the group. Bring lunch and dress for the weather. We will meet at 10 a.m. in the parking lot in front of the Nature Center at Bays Mt. Park. For further information call Bob Mynhier at 239-6392.

FOR THE RECORD

Bays Mountain - January 27, 1979 - Bob Mynhier

On January 29, 1979, six of us met to hike in the Bays Mountain Park. With rain, sleet and snow before starting the hike, we were not sure we wanted to go. However, at the scheduled time for the hike to start the weather had cleared somewhat, so we left the Nature Center and went west along Lake Road and continued along Front Hollow Road. We had lunch in an old barn in Front Hollow and were thankful for the shelter because of a very hard downpour of rain while we were there. However, the sky cleared before we finished lunch and stayed clear the rest of the hike. After lunch we continued along Front Hollow Road to the west end of Cherry Knobs and then up Back Hollow Road to the Cross Ridges Trail. From the Cross Ridges Trail we took the Cherry Knobs Trail back to the lake. Those making the hike were Gil, Lenny and Gilbert Chartier, Kenneth Hatfield, Mark and Bob Mynhier.

TERC HIKING CLUB ANNUAL DINNER

DATE: Sunday, February 11, 1979

PLACE: Eastman Cabin

HOSPITALITY TRAY: 6:00 p.m.

DINNER: 6:30 p.m.
Steak Dinner \$3.50
Hamburger Dinner 2.50
with: Baked Potato
Tossed Salad
Rolls and Butter
Cherry Pie
Coffee or Tea

ANNUAL MEETING: 7:30 p.m. - Presentation of Hiker of the Year Award,
Introduction of New Officers, Announcements.

PROGRAM: 7:45 p.m. - Slide presentation by Bob Mynhier on canoeing
in the Canadian boundary waters. Don Nelan will also
show slides on last fall's backpacking trip on the
Appalachian Trail in Maine.

For dinner reservations, send this notice and your check to Vera Wortman,
Building 215, or 4205 Skyland Lane, Kingsport, TN 37664, by February 5, 1979.

To: Vera Wortman, Building 215 (or 4205 Skyland Lane)

Please reserve _____ Steak Dinners at \$3.50 each \$ _____

_____ Hamburger Dinners at \$2.50 each \$ _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

(Make check payable to Vera Wortman)

Signed _____

Note: If there is any balance left over after the purchase of the food,
it will be sent to the Appalachian Trail Conference as a donation.

FOR THE RECORD

TERC Hiking Club Annual Dinner, February 11, 1979 - Bill & Vera Wortman
Eighty-nine people attended the Annual Dinner on February 11 at Eastman
Cabin. The meal was prepared by Van and Mira Wilhelm, Lewis and Doris
Carson, Collins and Charlotte Chew, and Bill Wortman.

Gordon Newland was honored as Hiker of the Year. New members of the
Steering Committee were announced:

Lewis Carson, Chairman
Ray Hunt, Chairman - Elect
Terry Dougherty

Bob Mynhier showed some slides from his canoeing trip in the Canadian
boundary waters, and Don Nelan showed slides from last fall's backpacking
trip on the AT in Maine.

There was a balance of \$15.13 left from the purchase of the food. This
was sent to the ATC as a contribution from the club.

ABANDONED SOUTHERN RAILWAY GRADE FROM MENDOTA, VA., TO HILTONS, VA.

SATURDAY, MARCH 10, 1979

This hike is rated easy.

The Southern Railway used to run trains from Bristol to Gate City through Mendota and Hiltons, Va., but reduction in traffic has caused this line to be abandoned several years ago. A few summers ago, the track was the home of the Southwest Virginia Scenic Railroad, a tourist operation far from the tourist trade. Because of the remote location and spiraling insurance costs, the SWVRR quit operations in 1977 and sold its equipment last fall to the state of North Carolina for their new transportation museum at Spencer.

Our hike will start at Mendota and we will hike along the right-of-way to Hiltons over undulating track with very little grade. The hike is about 12 miles long. Bring along clothing appropriate to the weather, lunch, water, and be prepared for a day of railroad fun. Your leader will be Dave Petke. Home phone: 246-9035.

FOR THE RECORD

Mendota to Hiltons, Va., March 10, 1979 - Dave Petke

No hikers showed up, so the leader hiked the 3-mile trip from Mendota east to the Holston River bridge and back to his car.

TRIP NOTICE

FODDERSTACK MOUNTAIN - MARCH 17, 1979

Fodderstack Mountain, the ridge southwest of Chimney Top, should make a nice six mile loop hike with nice views through the leafless trees. We will start up an old road to Wolf Gap between Chimney Top and Fodderstack Mountain. After climbing to the ridge, we will follow the relatively level ridgetop to the southwest end of the mountain. There is no trail so the route may be a bit rough with a few briars. Ray Hunt will be our guide. We will descend to his farm and the log cabin built by he and his uncle, Curt Trompe. Ray promises hot chocolate, coffee, and doughnuts at the cabin, Curt's home. The trip should be of medium difficulty. Bring lunch, water and sturdy clothes to fit the terrain and weather. This trip was rescheduled from December.

Meet at Bldg. 215 parking lot at 8:00A.M., Saturday, March 17, 1979. Driving distance will be about 30 miles roundtrip, and hiking distance about 6 miles. Climb will be 1400 feet. We should return before 4:00P.M.

For information, Call Collins Chew at 239-6237.

FOR THE RECORD

Fodderstack Mountain - March 19, 1979 - Collins Chew

Ten hikers spent a beautiful day hiking the length of Fodderstack Mountain and enjoying fine views off both sides of the narrow rocky ridge. We were also treated to doughnuts and hot chocolate at the log cabin home of Curt Trompe on Ray Hunts farm. Ray was our guide and he and Curt were our hosts. The other hikers were Bob Miller, Warren McLain, Tom Repenning, Tom Meredith, Kenneth Hatfield, Bill Wortman, Don Nelan, Gordon Newland, and Collins Chew.

Thanks a lot to Ray and Curt!

TRIP NOTICE

CADES COVE BICYCLE TRIP
MARCH 24, 1979

Lets welcome Spring to East Tennessee with a trip to one of the loveliest areas in the Smokies. Cades Cove is an isolated valley surrounded by rugged mountains. Before the establishment of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park approximately 100 farm families lived in Cades Cove. The Cove is now maintained by the National Park Service as an open air museum. The land is leased to area farmers who raise hay and graze cattle in the open fields to prevent their returning to wilderness conditions. An 11-mile one way loop road encircles the Cove.

We will plan to meet in the B-215 parking lot at 7:00A.M. and drive to Cades Cove via Knoxville and Maryville. Driving time is approximately 3 hours. Those who want to drive down on Friday and camp in the Cades Cove Campground should plan to meet us in the parking lot at the entrance to the loop road at 10:00A.M., Saturday morning. The Cades Cove Bicycle rental concession will not be open this early in the season so everyone must bring a bicycle. In addition, dress according to the weather and bring a lunch. The bike trip around the loop will be at a leisurely pace with plenty of time allowed for photographing wildflowers, visiting the various exhibits or just enjoying the view. We should complete the loop by 3:00P.M., allowing time to stop in Knoxville for an Arby's Roast Beef Sandwich, We should arrive back in Kingsport by 8:00P.M.

If you have any questions concerning the trip, contact Allan Newland at 323-2435.

FOR THE RECORD

Cades Cove Bike Trip - March 24, 1979 - Allan Newland
This trip was cancelled due to bad weather.!

TRIP NOTICE

BIG MOCCASIN CREEK-CANIE TRIP

SATURDAY MARCH 24, 1979

*rescheduled
March 31*

It's time to get your canoes out of storage for the first outing of 1979! We will canoe the Big Moccasin Creek in Virginia. This is a class I-II creek with a class IV rapid that may be portaged. The trip will probably take most of the day, so bring a sack lunch. Due to the unpredictable weather conditions this time of the year, the trip may have to be rescheduled. Therefore it is essential that everyone preregister with Dan Bensing, B-54B (Home Phone: 323-4965).

FOR THE RECORD

BIG MOCCASIN CREEK CANOE TRIP - March 31, 1979 - Dan Bensing

The trip originally scheduled for March 24 was rescheduled and held March 31. Several people could not attend on the new date, but the four of us that went had a great time. It was a good trip for stretching our muscles and warming up for the new canoeing season. The only person who got wet was the group leader, Dan Bensing. He tried to blame his misfortune on an unlucky gust of wind that turned him sideways before one of the rapids! Gordon Porter won the prize this time for spotting the most number of snakes. Luckily for him, they all stayed out of his canoe this time!

Dan Bensing

TRIP NOTICE

UNAKA MOUNTAIN - STOMPING GROUND RIDGE Bonus Hike - ROCKY BRANCH WATERFALL SATURDAY, APRIL 7, 1979

We will follow the former Appalachian Trail from the Stomping Ground Picnic Area on Unaka Mountain down to the community of Limestone Cove. The open balds of Stomping Ground Ridge have fine views with interesting overlooks of the valley and a large rock slide area. The hike is downhill 4.6 miles long and should be easy. We will cross one of the most likely areas for a RARE II Wilderness. Some early spring wildflowers should be out. Don Shaeffer will be our guide.

For those who didn't get enough walking on Stomping Ground Ridge, Don will lead a three mile round trip to a little known waterfall on Rocky Branch. This hike starts at the Limestone Cove Recreation Area.

Bring lunch, raingear, water, and clothing to suit the weather.

Kingsport Meeting Place and Time: Building 215 parking lot at 8:00 A.M.
Alternate Meeting place for those in Johnson City area: Wisemans Store on U.S. 23, South of Johnson City at 8:45 A.M.

This trip was originally scheduled for April 21. For more information call Collins Chew at 239-6237.

Stamping Ground Ridge and Unaka Waterfalls - April 7, 1979 - Collins Chew
Fourteen people spent a beautiful day exploring on Unaka Mountain and Limestone Cove. Donald Shaffer was our guide and expert on the proposed RARE II Unaka Mountain Wilderness Area. Our first stop was at spectacular Red Fork Falls. Next we drove up to Stamping Ground Ridge and hiked the 4 downhill miles to Limestone Cove on the pre 1954 route of the Appalachian Trail.

This early, only trailing arbutus and violets were common woldflowers on the trail. Most of us tasted the teaberries. The views through the leafless trees were nice and Gordon found a good spring at our lunch site. While drivers were retrieving the cars, the others visited the Bell cenetary. We found out more about the Civil War "Bell massacre" than we did about the "Bell Witch". Most of the group elected to take the "bonus hike" to the waterfalls on Rocky Branch. We went up to three of the four lovely little waterfalls. The forest service is building a road on the approach trail to Rocky Branch falls, that portion of our hike was quite muddy. Donald Shaffer has temporarily had the road work stopped sence it is in a proposed addition to the Wilderness Area.

We had an excellent variety of hikers which adds greatly to the outing. We had quite an age spread from 5 years old into mid fifties, plus one expectant mother. We had plenty of old timers to tell yarns and enough novices to listen politely. All in all it was a fine day. Thanks a lot to Donald Shaffer for guiding and lecturing on the Wilderness. Hikers were Linda and Jeff Vanderbilt, Betty and John Fuzek, Gary, Billy, and Scott Luttrell, Gordon Newland, Revel Smith, Jack Young, Donald Shaffer, and David, Dianne and Collins Chew.



TERC HIKING CLUB

CANOEING

South Fork of Holston River
via Laurel Creek

Saturday - April 14, 1979

This trip was originally scheduled for April 7th! Hope you can make it this Sat.!

This should be a good trip if there is plenty of water in the streams. We plan to put in on Laurel Creek about 2 miles above Damascus, VA, on Highway 91, opposite the Damascus VFW. The creek is small there, and requires hard work from a paddler, dodging rocks. However, it increases rapidly in size, and soon you will find yourself paddling through "downtown" Damascus, paralleling the AT about two city blocks away. You will have the unique experience of portaging your canoe past the Damascus Post Office to get around a 10-foot dam. It is Class I-II water with several nice rapids, to about 2.5 miles below Damascus where there is another 10-foot dam to be portaged. Immediately below this dam is a Class III rapid which can be run or portaged. (This is directly across from the Cavalier Drive-In on US-58.) Persons wishing a shorter and calmer trip could join the party just below this rapid, as there is a put-in at this point.

Soon thereafter, Laurel Creek flows into the South Fork of the Holston River, and we will continue about 3 miles on Class I-II water to the take-out, above South Holston Lake.

It will require about 1-1/2 hours driving to the put-in and an equal time for the shuttle and return home. We should spend 3-4 hours on the river, including time for lunch and bailing canoes.

A spare paddle for each canoe, life jacket for each person and a change of clothes (in a waterproof bag) are required. Dress appropriately for the weather, and bring lunch, kneepads, etc.

Call Warren McLain at 288-5762 if you plan to go, or if you want more information.

Let's plan to leave from the parking lot in from on B-215 at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 14, 1979.

The leader will attempt to learn about water flow in the streams, and if there is too little (or too much), will try to arrange an alternate trip on a dam-controlled stream, which may require an earlier departure time. Therefore, it might be a good idea to let me know if you plan to go, so I can let you know if there is any change of plan.

Canoeing South Fork of Holston River via Laurel Creek - April 14, 1979 - Warren McLain

This trip was postponed one week from the originally scheduled date due to cold weather. When we met for the trip the weather was perfect for canoeing, and the water levels almost perfect for canoeing anywhere in the area. After some discussion it was the consensus of the group to change the trip to Big Moccasin and had a very enjoyable day. We had enough spills (1 1/2) to enliven it some. The water seemed warmer than expected for this time of year. Participants were Bill Crawford, Tony Harrison, Ben Thompson and Warren McLain.

The leader will make an effort to re-schedule the Laurel Creek/So. Holston trip in the future.

MT. LE CONTE - APRIL 14 and 15, 1979

The TERC Hiking Club has 12 reservations at Mt. LeConte lodge for the night of Saturday, April 14th. The first twelve request accompanied by payment will make the spring journey to this most favored mountain and lodge. Included in the \$18.00 plus tax fee per adult and \$12.10 per child under eleven will be a hearty dinner and breakfast as well as the overnight lodging. A \$1.50 discount is allowed if the person brings his own sleeping bag.

The group will decide which of the 5 trails will be used Saturday on the hike up the mountain and which one they will come down on Sunday.

For further information or to make reservation contact Lewis Carson, B-284 or 246-4880.

TRIP NOTICE

FLINT MILL RARE II PROPOSED WILDERNESS AREA HIKE

SATURDAY, APRIL 14, 1979

This moderate hike will offer the opportunity to see a proposed wilderness area. It is located in Carter and Johnson Counties and contains 7,183 acres. It was added to the Forest Service RARE II inventory after the Cherokee National Forest Wilderness Coalition appealed its rejection to Assistant Secretary of the Agriculture Cutler. The Coalition has now recommended the area for wilderness designation as a part of the Citizens' Alternative W. It is one of only two Northeast Tennessee areas designated for further study by the Forest Service. Additionally, approximately 3,817 acres in Sullivan County, containing the well-known Flint Rock have been excluded by the Forest Service and still are under appeal.

We will climb 1000 feet in one mile from the new Flatwoods Road, constructed by the Jacobs Creek Job Corps Heavy Construction Unit, to Flint Rock, with its exceptional views of Holston Lake and of the timber clearcuts. We continue another mile to Flint Mill Gap along the route of another road, proposed for "Practice" construction by Jacobs Creek and stopped by action of local conservations through the National Forest Unit Planning process.

We will inspect construction work on an eight mile logging road, temporarily stopped through Coalition action. We will then climb 700 feet in two miles to Holston High Knob for an overall view of the area with views of Shady Valley, Holston Valley, Iron, Roan, Unaka, Grandfather and Clinch Mountains.

This unique trip will feature a car key switch with members of the new Northeast Tennessee Group of the Sierra Club, who will be doing the trip the easy way (in reverse, involving a 1700 foot descent instead of ascent). The entire group will then meet at the Ridgewood Restaurant for a late lunch or early supper of their famed barbeque. Bring raingear, water and a snack if you wish. Meet at the Personnel Building parking lot (B-215) at 8:00 AM. Call Powell Foster, 239-8609 if you need further details. Or, if you prefer to hike with the Sierra Group, meet at the Johnson City Post Office, 530 East Main Street, Elizabethton side at 8:30 AM (note time difference) and call Linnie McFall, 928-9701 if you need details.

Flint Mill Hike - April 16, 1979 - Powell Foster

The weather was perfect for this four mile hike along the Holston Mountain. Visibility from the fire tower and from Flint Rock was exceptionally clear, resulting in views of Grandfather, Roan, Snake, the Unakas, Rogers, White Top, the Clinches, and more. Several of the twenty seven who participated enjoyed a snack of ramps, the wild cross between garlic and spring onion. After the hike, the participants sampled the excellent barbeque at the Ridgewood Restaurant. This hike was through an area which is in the Wilderness Study category, one of only two so designated by the Forest Service in Northeast Tennessee. Low point of the trip was observing the damage done by a road constructed by the Forest Service in the area, obliterating the blue-blazed trail on which we were traveling. The road construction was started even though the Forest Service knew of the attempts being made to include the area in wilderness designation,

and was stopped only on appeal to the Assistant Secretary of Agriculture. This trip was a combined trip with the local State of Franklin Group of the Sierra Club.

TRIP NOTICE

SPRING BACKPACKING TRIP ON THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL - 1979 APRIL 21 and 22

This year, the Memorial Day weekend backpacking trip on the Appalachian Trail will be on April 21 and 22. It will cover 25 miles from the Tye River to Rockfish Gap, just south of the Shenandoah National Park. We will leave Kingsport at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 20, and stay in a motel near Rockfish Gap that night. We will walk about half the distance each day and camp along the Trail on Saturday night. We should be back in Kingsport by 10:00 p.m. on Sunday night. Most people would say this hike should be rated as difficult.

So far, there are nine people planning to go on this trip. This is mainly the same group that has been making one or two trips on the A.T. each year since 1966. Others are welcome to come on this hike, provided it meets your tastes and capabilities. If you are interested, call Ray Hunt at 288-5182.

App. Trail - Rockfish Gap to the River, April 21-22, 1979 - Ray Hunt

On April 21 and 22, Twelve of us hiked the 25 miles on the Appalachian Trail from the Tye River to Rockfish Gap, just south of the Shenandoah National Park. Those going on the trip were Don Nelan, Gordon Newland, John Thompson, Darrol Nickels, Jack Crowder, Ken Hatfield, Ray Hunt, Collins Chew, John Kiefer, Bob Miller, Jeff Vanderbilt and Bob Hembre.

We left after work on Friday and spent the night in a motel in Waynesboro. The next morning we divided into two groups and placed cars so that each group walked to a car over the southern half of the trail we planned to hike. Saturday night we stayed at Forest Service Shenando Lake Camp, near the midpoint of our hiking. On Sunday we did the northern half of our hike with the same car arrangements. We got back to Kingsport late Sunday night.

It was still early spring time in the mountains, and so we had cool weather and saw the early wildflowers. We had no rain. Because we carried only day packs, our hiking was easier than a normal A.T. Backpacking trip. We had to do a lot of driving to make this trip, but we felt that it was worth it. Those in the group who have made all these A.T. trips have now covered the entire Trail from Georgia to the north end of the Shenandoah National Park, 775 miles.



TERC HIKING CLUB

CANOE TRIP NOTICE

BLUESTONE RIVER, PIPESTEM WEST VIRGINIA
APRIL 21 & 22, 1979

On Saturday and Sunday, April 21-22, 1979 a slightly different kind of canoe trip is being planned. To the canoeist it will be what a Mt. LeConte trip is to the hiker, but with a little more luxury. On Saturday we plan to canoe down the Bluestone River in Southern West Virginia from a point a few miles north of Princeton, WV to Pipestem State Park and spend the night in Mountain Creek Lodge on the bank of the Bluestone River. Mountain Creek Lodge is a part of Pipestem Resort and is accessible only by cable-car or canoe. The accommodations there are excellent and there is a good restaurant in the Lodge. The next day we will continue down the Bluestone River to Bluestone Lake where we will take-out and return home. It will not be possible to take-out at Pipestem to make this a one day trip.

The river is a small stream that is canoeable only in the Spring and has some Class III rapids but will be mainly Class I and II.

If you go on the trip you will have the option of going to Pipestem on Friday night or meeting the group on Saturday.

The room rate for Mountain Creek Lodge is as follows:

Single per room is	\$16.00 per night
Double per room is	\$10.00 per person per night
3 people per room is	\$ 7.34 per person per night
4 people per room is	\$ 6.00 per person per night

If you are not familiar with Pipestem Resort I have a limited number of brochures available about the Park and will send you one on request.

Those interested in going on this trip please complete the form attached and return to Terry Dougherty, Building 150, on or before April 2, 1979.

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TERC HIKING CLUB

BLUESTONE RIVER - Trip Form

Mail to: Terry Dougherty, B-150

I PLAN TO GO ON THE BLUESTONE PIPESTEM CANOE TRIP - April 21 & 22, 1979

Name(s) _____

Phone No. - Home _____ Work _____

Number of People in Party _____ The rack capacity of my auto is _____ canoes.

☐

I will go to Pipestem Friday, April 20th!

☐

I will meet you Saturday at 9:00 A.M. in the Mountain Creek Lodge Parking lot and spend only Sat. night at the Lodge!

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I would like you to make reservations for my party at
Pipe _____ Park
For _____ Friday and Saturday night
For _____ Saturday night only.

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I have inclosed \$ _____ to pay for the room for
_____ people at the room rate listed on the first page.

☐

I prefer to make my own room arrangements.

☐

I will have people in my party that will not be going canoeing but will help with the car shuttle on Saturday and Sunday if they are needed.

FOR THE RECORD

Bluestone River - Canoe trip and Pipestem weekend - April 21 & 22, 1979 - T. Dougherty
This was a good trip, We canoed about 20 miles. Those participating were James Cloud, Gorden Porter, Dan Benzing, Tim Dougherty, Patrick Dougherty, Thresa Fee, Terry Dougherty and Dame Insram.

TRIP NOTICE

ROGERS RIDGE (PROPOSED WILDERNESS AREA) ~

SATURDAY, APRIL 21, 1979

Collins Chew has moved the hike in the proposed Unaka Mountain wilderness area, originally scheduled for this date, to April 7. So on April 21 we will take advantage, hopefully, of the good visibility of the spring atmosphere to enjoy the grandiose vistas from the extensive high elevation balds of the northern part of the proposed Rogers Ridge Wilderness Area. The views include nearby Mt. Rogers and Whitetop Mtn. (the highest peaks in Virginia), Mt. Jefferson and Grandfather Mtn. in North Carolina, and Iron Mtn. in Tennessee. We will hike in all three states for a total of about 7-1/2 miles, plus an optional side trip over the highest bald (about 1-1/2 more miles, round trip). Total climb is about 1,800 feet.

Bring lunch, water, and clothing appropriate to the weather on exposed, windy balds up to 5,000 feet.

We will meet at Building 215 parking lot at 8:00 a.m. For further information, call Donald Shaffer, 928-4854.

FOR THE RECORD

ROGERS RIDGE - April 21, 1979 - Donald Shaffer

Connie VanDeventer, Dan Dillon, and Donald Shaffer enjoyed miles of views of Virginia, North Carolina, and Tennessee mountains on this hike in three states. The spring weather was pleasantly warm and the visibility reasonable good. Nearby Mt. Rogers and Whitetop dominated the views in the early part of the trip, countless North Carolina peaks in the middle part, and Holston, Iron, Doe, and Stone Mtns. in Tennessee (as well as Damascus and Taylors Valley, Va.) in the last part. The balds of this proposed wilderness area are beautiful and very extensive. (For those who wanted to see this area but were unable to on April 21, we will schedule it on Sat., May 26. (See above)

TRIP NOTICE

CANEY CREEK/STONE MT. / SUNDAY, APRIL 22, 1979

A family hike, total distance of about 6 miles is planned for April 22th. We will go a short distance up Caney Creek and then up the side of Stone Mt. and return. The trail is moderate, but not too steep.

We will meet at parking lot, B-215, at 1:00 P.M., Sunday, April 22, 1979. Trip will involve twenty three miles driving each way, about 35 minutes, We should be back to Kingsport around 6:00 P.M.

Bring walking shoes, canteen for water, and suitable clothing.

Futher information call Ed Allen, 246-6573.

Caney Creek - April 22, 1979 - Ed Allen

Mr. and Mrs. John Fuzek came to the parking lot at B-215, but decided to go to the dog show when no one else came. I went back to Caney Creek and hiked alone.

FOR THE RECORD

Trail Maintenance Team Leaders Dinner - April 24, 1979 - Collins Chew
On April 24, 1979 the Trail Maintenance Team Leaders held their annual planning meeting at Preston Hills Presbyterian Church. There were 22 people present including team leaders or their representatives, a few other committee chairmen, ATC Southern Field Representative Rima Farmer, and the cooks - Charlotte Chew, Martha Nelan and Martha Hunt.

We are ready and raring to get started at maintenance and the teams are being contacted for work dates. As the Government role in the AT increases, our responsibility for maintaining our Trail also increases. We shared dinner and a very productive meeting.

Thanks a lot to the church and to the cooks.

AT-TM 19-E to Bradley Gap - April 28, 1979 - G. C. Newland

The trail maintenance trip for the section of the Appalachian Trail from 19-E to Bradley Gap was done on April 28. We repainted the blazes, picked up a sack of trash, cleaned out the springs and installed private property signs. The trail in this section is in good shape with the exception of some erosion on the north side of Hump Mt. The month of April may be too early to do maintenance on the Hump. It was foggy with some small patches of snow and hoarfrost on the trees. Lunch break was shortened because fingers got too numb to crack peanut shells! Nine hikers helped with this maintenance trip involving 8 hours work. Total miles in this section is six.

TRIP NOTICE

TABLE ROCK - HAWKS BILL
APRIL 28, 1979

We will meet at the Building 215 parking lot at 8:00 AM for a pleasant drive to the Linville Gorge Area in North Carolina. We have two easy hikes and if spring is not late this year we will have good views of Carolina Rododendron and Mountain Myrtle in full bloom. Bring a lunch and wear suitable clothing for the weather.

For further information call Don Nelan, 239-9534

Hawks Bill - Table Rock - April 28, 1979 - Don Nelan

Rain in Kingsport should not keep you from hiking in North Carolina. As happens so many times, the weather changes at the mountains on the state line. Creston Barker and Don Nelan enjoyed a warm sunny hike from Hawk's Bill over Sitting Bear and Gingercake Mt. down into Gingercake acres. We saw many wild flowers but the rhododendron was not yet in bloom. We hiked a total of about 5 miles.



TERC HIKING CLUB

CANOE TRIP NOTICE

ELK and/or DOE RIVER
SUNDAY- MAY 6, 1979

Both rivers can easily be run in one day providing there is sufficient water flow. Usually there is this early in May. Each river requires about 2 1/2 to 3 hours paddling time. This is very exciting class II and relatively easy class III water. Both rivers are located in Carter County, Tennessee.

Put in on the Elk will be at the bridge below Stone Mountain Church on Poga Road. Take out will be at U.S. 321 bridge in Elk Mills.

The section of the Doe River planned is from U.S. 19E bridge south of Hampton to the sawmill in Valley Forge, located between Hampton and Elizabethton.

Arrangements will be made at the time of departure for those desiring to run one or both rivers.

Plan to meet at Building 215 parking lot at 8:00 A.M.

For additional information contact Gordon Porter - Telephone 288-6513 or Dave Ingram - Telephone, work 246-7171, ext. 20, home 926-0843, J.C.

If you plan to attend - please pre-register on the following form and send it to Grodon Porter, Building 54D. If there is a change in plans or a cancellation only those who have pre-registered will be notified.

To: Gordon Porter, B-54D

Yes I plan to go on the Elk and/or Doe River Trip planned for May 6, 1979!

Name(s) _____

Telephone _____ / _____
work home

TRIP NOTICE

THE TRAIL OF THE TWEETSIE
SUNDAY, May 6, 1979

There have been requests for more easy hikes. This one fits that description to a "T". Distance, 3-4 miles, and it's all down hill on a gentle grade. We will be hiking the road bed of the narrow gauge Tweetsie railroad from Route U.S. 19-E near Whitehead's Store down to the former Hillbilly World park near Elizabethton. The hike leads through the spectacular Doe River Gorge, sometimes called the Grand Canyon of the East. There should be an abundance of spring flowers, and to add to the spice of the trip, we will cross several bridges and go through two or three short tunnels. Assemble at the parking lot in front of B-215 for a prompt departure at 1:30P.M. We should be back by 6:00-6:30 P.M. Bring a comfortable pair of walking shoes, clothes appropriate for the weather, water and a snack if you wish. If you would like to capture the scenery, bring your camera.

For further information, call Bob Miller, 288-2572.

Trail of the Tweetsie Hike - May 6, 1979 - Bob Miller

Sunday, May 6 turned out to be a beautiful spring day with mild temperatures and not a cloud in the sky. Eighteen enthusiastic hikers - ranging in ages from 3 to 60+ - turned out to follow the Trail of the Tweetsie. Participants included the Lucas family - James, Fran, Luke, Stephen, Phillip and cousin Laurence Gratecap (from France)-, Judy Roach, Margaret Arnold, Jeff Smith, Nancy Ketron, Nancy Inman, Dorothy and Reuel Smith, Janice and Jim Ownby, Lynn and Hugh Thompson and Bob Miller. A driver car was spotted at the mouth of the Doe River gorge, and the party then drove up 19E to intercept the Tweetsie roadbed near Whitehead's store. As advertised, the hike was all (well, nearly all) down hill on a gentle grade. The group traversed two bridges (one a bit hairy), and three tunnels. Wild flowers were in abundance. Among those spotted were wild iris, showy orchis, fire pink, wild ginger, phacelia, miterwort, Carolina rhododendron, purple, white and yellow violets, galax, geranium, dog wood, maiden hair fern, stone crop, and saxifrage. After retrieving the cars, and picking up the hikers, the group got back to Kingsport by about 6:30 p.m. Plan to join this hike the next time it is scheduled!

P.O. Box 236
Harpers Ferry, West Virginia 25425
Telephone (304) 535-6331

TO: Presidents and Trail Supervisors of North Carolina and Tennessee
Appalachian Trail Maintaining Clubs

FROM: Rima N. Farmer, ATC Southern Field Representative

DATE: March 6, 1979

SUBJECT: ATC TRAILS WORKSHOP - SPRING 1979

In my January 2 letter to the southern AT clubs, I reported that trail construction workshops were in the offing this spring. These workshops are viewed by the Conference as a major means of helping the clubs become more competent to handle their increasing maintenance and management responsibilities. In addition to presenting basic trail design, construction, and maintenance techniques, the workshops will provide an opportunity for members to learn more about what will be expected of them as AT managers.

The Tennessee-North Carolina workshop has been scheduled for May 12 and 13 in Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Leadership will be drawn from ATC staff and volunteers, the Great Smoky Mountains National Park staff, the U.S. Forest Service, and State trails offices of North Carolina and Tennessee. The weekend's activities will provide an opportunity for informal discussion and exchange of trail philosophy, standards, policy, etc., among the various groups and agencies involved with the Appalachian Trail.

In a few weeks I will send you a tentative agenda and more details about food and overnight arrangements. In the meantime, it would be helpful if your club leaders could begin passing around the word about the workshop and getting a rough idea as to how many participants your club may send. Workshops are fun, as well as educational, so we are expecting a good turnout.

Trail Skills Workshop - May 11-13, 1979 - Collins Chew

Nine people from the TERC Hiking Club joined about 40 others in the Great Smoky Mountain National Park to review trail construction and reconstruction techniques. There were representatives from at least five hiking clubs. The National Park Service, U.S.F.S. of North Carolina and Tennessee, State Governments of North Carolina and Tennessee, and the Appalachian Trail Conference. The primary instructors were from the Appalachian Mountain Club in New Hampshire. The N.P.S. also brought a horse. We built log waterbars and stone waterbars and steps on a quarter mile section of severely eroded trail south of Little Indian Gap on the AT in the Smokies. Some people spent Friday and/or Saturday night at Tremont where there was an interagency discussion and trail construction slide show on Saturday night. We learned quite a bit about salvaging overused trail. The contacts with so many trail people and governmental trailmakers were fascinating. Rima Farmer and Dave Startzell of the ATC did a fine job coordinating the workshop. Those attending from the TERC Hiking Club were Bob Mynhier, Mira and Van Wilhelm, Ray Hunt, Darrol Nickels, Stan and Judy Murray, Tom Gatti, and Collins Chew.

AT-TM Iron Mountain Gap - Hughes Gap - May 12, 1979 - John Thompson

On May 12, Kenneth Hatfield, Tom Pridgen and John W. Thompson did Appalachian Trail Maintenance on the section between Iron Mt. Gap and Hughes Gap (8.1 miles). Blazes were repainted (North to South), A large bag of litter was picked up, and signs were installed at three springs and in the New Clyde Smith Shelter. Four Georgia to Maine hikers, who complimented our trail and scenery, were encountered.

TRIP NOTICE

CANEY CREEK/FODDERSTACK MT.

SUNDAY, MAY 13, 1979

A family hike total distance of about 7 miles is planned for Sunday, May 13. We will hike up an old log road about 2-1/2 miles to head of Caney Creek and then through woods to the base of Fodderstack Mt. about 1 mile, and return, easy walking for any age.

We will meet in parking lot B-215 at 1:00 p.m. Sunday, May 13, 1979. Trip will involve twenty-three miles driving each way, about 35 minutes.

Should be back in Kingsport around 6:00 p.m. Bring walking shoes, canteen for water and suitable clothing.

For further information call Ed Allen at 246-6573.

Stone Mountain Hike - May 13, 1979 - Ed Allen

This hike was cancelled because of rain. Call Ed Allen, 246-6573 anytime- to hike Stone Mountain Area. He will be there each weekend.

AT Work Trip - AT SECTION 14 - May 19, 1979 - Jack D. Young

Saturday, the weather was near perfect as six hikers worked the Iron Mt. section of the AT from Tenn. Highway 91 near Shady Valley to Turkey Pen Gap. We cleared litter from the trail and Iron Mt. Shelter, renewed blazes, and put up signs to water sources. Some highlights of the trip were visiting hermit Nick Grindstaff's tomb, talking to three through-hikers on their way to Maine from Georgia, and the wonderful views of surrounding mountains and valleys. Workers were Ward Cochran, Ken Hattfield, Gary Luttrell, Ben Pardue, Frank Williams and Jack Young (leader).

AT Trail Clearing - Spivey Gap to Nolichucky River - May 19, 1979 - Collins Chew
May 19 was a beautiful day to be out hiking. We enjoyed the views of the Nolichucky River Gorge (and a raft), the big hemlocks and other scenery. We also blazed the trail from South to North. Cleared some rhododendron and blowdowns, and installed a sign at the shelter. Jeff and John carried out an enormous bundle of trash from the shelter by swinging it from a pole on their shoulders. The trail itself was very clear of litter. Walking south to north were John and Jean Kiefer and Jeff Vanderbilt. Walking north to south were David Green and Collins Chew.

TRAIL BUILDING AND PICNIC AT
EASTMAN'S BAYS MOUNTAIN RECREATION AREA
SATURDAY, MAY 19, 1979

The Hiking Club is building some additional hiking trails at Eastman's Bays Mountain Recreation area. The preliminary work in laying out the trails and obtaining permission to build the trails was done by Gordon Newland. We now need a lot of man (and woman) power to build the trails. The new trails will have to be cleared of brush and blazes painted; some grading will also be needed.

On May 19, 1979, we plan to have an all day work session to build these trails. In addition to trail building, we will also hope to have a big picnic lunch. Shelter No. 9 has been reserved so there will be room for a large crowd. Plan now to come out and help build these trails. Have the entire family join us for the picnic. Everyone should bring their own picnic lunch and a little extra for the workers.

If you cannot work all day, then come for as long as you can. If you cannot come to work, then join us for the picnic. If you cannot come at all - send food.

Trail Building - Meet in front of the Cabin at 9:00 A.M., May 19, 1979. Tools will be provided; but, if you have a shovel, mattock, rake, clippers, axe, or bow saw, bring them along.

Picnic - Shelter No. 9, 12:30 P.M. We will have the shelter from 11:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Plan now to help build these trails and enjoy a fine family outing.

Beginners Backpacking - Bays Mountain Park - May 19-20, 1979 - Lewis Carson

This was a great experience. For Suzanne and David Burow, Phil and Wade Farrow, Judy McKee, Devin Schell and Doris and Lewis Carson the hike around Bays Mountain Park lake thru Feagins gap into the back hollow was a comfortable hike. The primitive campsite is a very nice one. There are four picnic tables and an unconstruction log cabin sitting atop the hump of ground resulting from a land slide that plugged the valley many years ago. The park has cleared off an area, seeded grass, built a large and small campfire circle and supplied plenty of fire wood. A good water supply is close by. All of this makes for a perfect place for an overnight outing. The hike objectives were met; some hiking, a lot of learning and plenty of fellowship. There will be another beginners backpacking hike to the same reserved camp site on October 6-7. If this interest you mark it on your calendar now.



TERC HIKING CLUB

OVERNIGHT BACKPACKING TRIP FOR NOVICES

May 19-20, Bays Mountain Park

Easy 4-mile round trip

Have you always wanted to try backpacking, but been hesitant to do so-- or just never got around to it? Here's your chance to spend a night out in our "back yard" wilderness, Bays Mountain Park, at a back-country campsite.

Under the guidance of Doris and Lewis Carson the group will hike to the back hollow (Feagin's Gap) of the Park on Saturday afternoon, May 19, and return on Sunday to cars parked at the Nature Center. The distance is about 2 miles to the campsite, which has been reserved for the TERC Hiking Club backpackers, and is a protected and secure location with a good water supply.

We will pitch tents, cook supper and breakfast, sit around the fire after dark, and spend the night just a ridge away from Kingsport. If you're interested in backpacking, this is an excellent opportunity to find out if it's for you.

For information about equipment, clothing, food, etc., call Doris and Lewis at 246-4880; participation will be by reservation only.

CANOE TRIP NOTICE

TOE RIVER

MAY 20, 1979

A canoe trip is planned on the Toe River near Bakersville, North Carolina on May 20, 1979. Plan to meet at Building 215 parking lot at 8:00 A.M. Put in will be at North Carolina State Route 80 bridge at Boonford (near Bakersville, N.C.) The trip will cover about 11 1/2 miles of Class II and III water. This is an area of outstanding scenic beauty. Take out will be at North Carolina Route 197 bridge at Red Hill, North Carolina.

Travel time from Kingsport, Tennessee to the put in is about 1 hour and 45 minutes. Plan to arrive back in Kingsport about 6:00 P.M.

Plan to provide the following:

Canoe and paddles with one extra paddle, a means of transporting the canoe, one life jacket per person, lunch and water and rain gear if desired.

For additional information contact Dave Ingram - telephone, home 926-0843 (Johnson City, Tenn.) or work 246-7171, ext. 20.

If you plan to attend please pre-register on the following form and sent it to Gordon Porter, B-54D. If there is a change in plans or a cancellation, only those who have pre-registered will be notified.

To Gordon Porter, B-54D

Yes, I plan to go on the Toe River trip planned for May 20, 1979.

Name(s) _____

Telephone _____ / _____
home work

Toe River Canoe Trip - May 20, 1979 - Gordon Porter

Nine persons canoed the Toe River. We covered a 6-7 mile section of the river.

TRIP NOTICE

BIG LAUREL BRANCH (Proposed Wilderness Area)

SUNDAY, May 20, 1979

Along the lower reaches of Iron Mountain, 6000 acres have been recommended for inclusion in the National Wilderness System. This area, known as Big Laurel Branch, is bordered on the south by Watauga lake and on the north by Stoney Creek Valley; it is about five miles from Elizabethton. On Sunday, May 20, you will have an opportunity to explore a very small portion of this beautiful primitive area. We will walk at first along an old wagon road beside Lower Nidifer Creek, and then to the headwaters of the stream, a spring that serves Vandeventer Lean-to along the Appalachian Trail. From the spring we will continue climbing to the lean-to on the crest of Iron Mountain where we can enjoy spectacular views across Watauga Lake.

Though it is five miles long with an elevation gain of 1450 feet and one or two short sections of poorly defined trail, it will be an easy hike because we will make frequent stops to rest, listen to the stream or song birds, or take pictures. This hike is suitable for grandparents, and their grandchildren.

Meet at 7:45 a.m. in the parking lot in front of Building 215 for an 8:00 a.m. departure. We will stop briefly at the Camara Inn in Elizabethton to pick up participants from that area and continue from there at 9:00 a.m.

Bring lunch, raingear, canteen and camera; wear clothes suitable for the weather. Expect to return to Kingsport at about 5:00 p.m. For additional information call Darrol Nickels at 247-7043.

FOR THE RECORD

A Late Spring (May 25-27) Solo Hike on the AT from Carvers Gap to Erwin Tennessee (Almost!) - G. Irick

After expressing much faith in the local weather prognosticators, Steve Irick dropped his dad (Gether) off Friday evening at Carvers Gap. The hike up to Roan High Bluff and then to the parking area was uneventful except that the rain and sleet falling at Carvers Gap had become a raging snowstorm at 6267 ft. The picnic area and parking lots in the vicinity of the rhododendron gardens (6150 ft) were covered with a layer of ice plus 2-3 inches of snow. Visibility in the very windy storm was nearly zero. After about 1½ hrs. of wandering around semi-lost, the southbound AT was finally found. The first mile of the descent was through snow from 3-6 inches deep (measured). Tent was pitched ½ mile from Hughes Gap in near darkness on a soft blanket of snow over ground frozen ½-1" deep (ever try to keep a plastic ground cloth on the ground in a blizzard?). Water in a 1-pint bottle was frozen, but a 2-quart canteen in a better insulated location in the pack was O.K. Sleeping was difficult with the wind noise and the snow blowing through the thin nylon tent (one end of which blew down during the night making a miserable night even worse). Saturday morning the joys of putting on wet clothes and boots with frozen fingers in a wet tent were re-experienced. Happily, the wind had lessened and the ground was no longer frozen. Packed wet gear, ate cold breakfast and made decision to abort plans to hike to Erwin. Walked to Hughes Gap in beautiful weather, enjoyed views of the valley and mountains to the Northeast and the snow-capped peaks to the West and pounded the gravel and asphalt the final 8½ miles through Burbank to Roan Mountain Village. Ate a hot lunch at the Roan Mountain Motel/Restaurant. Total distance covered was somewhere between 16 and 2000 miles. Moral of this story? Never trust a weather prognosticator!

FOR THE RECORD

Rogers Ridge - May 26, 1979 - Donald Shaffer

Ten People braved the snow (yes, snow!) and icy winds of Memorial Day weekend to enjoy the breathtaking views and great natural beauty of Rogers Ridge, the proposed wilderness area in the northeast tip of Tennessee. There was an unseasonable late light covering of snow on the ground above 4000 ft., and considerably more above 5000 ft. on nearby Mt. Rogers and Whitetop Mtn., the highest peaks in Virginia, whose whitened summits at times glistened brilliantly as the sun broke through on them. They were in plain view the entire time we were walking the long bald crest of Rogers Ridge, as were Holston, Iron, and Doe Mtns. in Tennessee, Mt. Jefferson, Snake Mtn., The Peak, Grandfather, Hanging Rock, and Beech Mtns. in North Carolina, and the tiny commanderies of Whitetop and Taylors Valley, Virginia. Visibility was good, even sharp, though not excellent. Flame azalea was blooming around 3200 ft. and Fraser magnolia from 3000 to 4000 ft., but the mountain laurel and Catawba rhododendron atop Rogers Ridge and around the jagged cliffs near the top of Catface Knob were not yet out - which seemed judicious of them in view of the blanket of snow on them. We hiked in three states, reaching both the summit of Pond Mtn. on the North Carolina line (just 20 ft. less than 5000 ft.) and the North Carolina corner, where North Carolina, Virginia, and Tennessee meet. The ten frozen participants were Arthur Smith, Adrian Good, Edie Patrick and son Martin, Owen Holbrook, Beverly Boy, Donald Shaffer, and three Summer Technical Employees: Sharon Fridovich, Greg Toms, and Burch Zehner.

TRIP NOTICE

ROGERS RIDGE (Proposed Wilderness Area)

SATURDAY, May 26, 1979

Those who have no special plans for Memorial Day weekend may want to participate in any or all of three easy to moderate day hikes in proposed wilderness areas - this one and the two following ones!

On Saturday we will climb to the extensive high elevation balds of the central part of the Rogers Ridge Area - up Piney Knob Ridge and Rogers Ridge itself to the highest point in the area, the summit of Pond Mtn. on the North Carolina line, only 20 ft. less than 5,000 ft. high - and return by the same route. This is a moderate hike, 9 miles round trip, with a total climb of 2,180 ft. The mountain laurel should be blooming around the cliffs at the head of Catface Ridge. Views from the balds are extensive. If visibility is good, we should be able to see Mt. Rogers and Whitetop Mtn. (the highest peaks in Virginia), Holston and Iron and Doe Mtns. in Tennessee, many peaks in North Carolina, and the communities of Mountain City, Damascus, and Taylors Valley.

Bring lunch, water, and a camera. Meet at Building 215 parking lot at 8:00 a.m.

For further information,
call Donald Shaffer, 928-4854

TRIP NOTICE

UNAKA MOUNTAIN (Proposed Wilderness Area)

SUNDAY, May 27, 1979

On Sunday afternoon we will take an easy 3 mile hike in the Unaka Mountain Scenic Area and atop Horseback Ridge. The open, rocky crest of the ridge provides grand views of Tennessee and Virginia mountains and of the valleys as far as Johnson City and Kingsport. The hike begins at Pleasant Garden, with its panoramic views of North Carolina mountains, including Mt. Mitchell. Leaving a forest of tall old growth red spruces, it passes through a virgin forest that includes some enormous hemlocks. Total climb is only about 700 ft. Some of the trail is grown over, so wear long pants.

Bring a camera, water, and snacks. Meet at Building 215 parking lot at 1:00 p.m., or at 1:45 p.m. at the north end of Wiseman's Store parking lot, south of Johnson City (west side of U.S. 23; 3.2 miles south of end of Tenn. 137 expressway, or 1 mile south of junction of Tenn. 67-A) For further information, call Donald Shaffer, 928-4854

Unaka Mountain Scenic Area - May 27, 1979 - Donald Shaffer

No one showed up for this delightful little 3-mile afternoon stroll in the rain. We may reschedule it, preferably without the rain!

TRIP NOTICE

POND MOUNTAIN (Proposed Wilderness Area)

MONDAY, May 28, 1979 (Memorial Day)

On Monday we will hike over Pond Mtn., south of Watauga Lake, on the newer section of the Appalachian Trail. This is a moderate hike of about 6 3/4 miles, with a total climb of about 2,100 ft. Flame azalea and mountain laurel abound along this section of trail and should be in full bloom. The trail also passes through a little virgin forest at the head of Rat Branch. It passes the striking formation called Buckled Rock beside Laurel Fork and includes a splendid view of Laurel Fork Gorge.

Bring lunch, water, and a camera. Meet at Building 215 parking lot at 8:00 a.m., or at 9:00 a.m. at the east end of the parking lot in front of the Camara Inn of Elizabethton (north side of U.S. 321 just past the rayon plants as you enter Elizabethton from the west). For further information, call Donald Shaffer, 928-4854

Pond Mountain - May 28, 1979 - Donald Shaffer

Jack Young, Dan Dillon, Gene Smith, and Donald Shaffer defied the threatening skies and put in a full day of mostly dry hiking in this splendid proposed wilderness area. Since we were the only four who showed up, we decided to expand the format of the hike to include the entire Appalachian Trail through this area. Leaving Dennis Cove, we hiked through Laurel Fork Gorge, exploring several side trails, and then up over Pond Mtn., noting a number of the rarer plants of the area and enjoying the Catawba rhododendron and flame azalea. Near the highest point the trail reaches on Pond Mtn., we noticed a newly constructed trail branching off, signed "Pond Mtn. Trail." The Forest Service tells us the YACC has reopened the old trail along the crest of the mountain.

HIKING AND CANOEING CLUB NOTICE

School of River Canoeing

June 1, 2, 3, 1979

Pre-Registration Required

The sixth annual Hiking Club School of River Canoeing will be held June 1-3. 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.

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 1.

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

--Schedule--

June 1 (Friday) Registration, lecture, and films, 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. at Shelter No. 9, TEC Bays Mountain Recreation Area
June 2 (Saturday) River Trip - Everyone meet at 9:00 a.m. at B-215 parking lot - bring lunch
June 3 (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 30, 1979 - 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 text 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).

AT Trail Maintenance - Carvers Gap to Bradley Gap - June 2, 1979 - Larry Bernard. Scouts Allan Piner, Jeff Harris, Scott McKay and Assistant Scoutmaster Ben Harris from Troup 48, John Whitehead and Jack Young reported for Trail Maintenance Duty. The weather was fine and the trail in generally good shape. A recent frost appeared to have killed off some vegetation, but did not seem to have affected the Rhododendron. We estimated that good bloom should be right on schedule, about the 20th of June. Thanks to all for a good work session, especially those visitors from the Scout Troup.

Program on Backpacking in Ecuador, Tuesday, June 5, 7:30 P.M.

"Ecuador -- Mountains, Jungles and Islands". In February of 1978, three Knoxville hikers, Will Skelton, John Thomas and Charlie Frye, went to Ecuador with the goal of climbing to the summit of Chimborazo, at 20,700 feet the highest of the Ecuadorean Andes. The trip involved searching the jungle for a lost companion; visiting Banos, the city of miracles and cocaine; couring the Galapagos Islands offshore; finding a vegetarian restaurant in Quito; and, of course, making the expedition to Chimborazo. The climb itself included altitude sickness, lots of ice and snow, and partial success. Will Skelton will present this program to which the public is invited at the Sierra Club meeting Tuesday, June 5, at 7:30 PM, at Holston Valley Unitarian Church. To reach the church, take the Eastern Star Exit from TN 137 between Kingsport and Johnson City. Follow the road crossing over TN 137 downhill, and take a right turn just beyond the interchange. Follow the road (becomes dirt) and HVUC signs about one mile to the church, which faces TN 137.

Powell Foster

HIKE NOTICE

STONE MOUNTAIN HIKES - EACH WEEKEND

Any Saturday or Sunday this summer, Ed Allen will be glad to hike with anyone or a group who will call him. He has a cabin on Caney Creek at the base of Stone Mountain and is very familiar with the area as well as some of the fascinating histories. All you need do is call him and he will give you direction to come down. There are several nice hiking trails so take advantage of Ed's hospitality. Call Ed at 246-6573!

FOR THE RECORD

Whitewater Film Showing - June 2 & 12, 1979 - Warren McLain

Three films on whitewater sport were shown at the Canoe School, and at the Eastman Employee Center. They were: The Uncalculated Risk - A safety film, Whitewater Primer - an instructional film, and Whitewaters - An entertaining film .

A varied audience of about fifty persons viewed the films, and most of them volunteered favorable comments. A third film titled Margin for Error is now available in the series of Uncalculated Risk, and Whitewater Primer. It is produced by the same people and made at the same locations as the first two films. Comments are solicited regarding showing of these films on an annual or semi-annual basis. We are indebted to the local chapter of the American Red Cross for obtaining and lending these films to us. Approx. 50 people attended these film showings.

AT Work Trip - Hughes Gap - Carvers Gap - June 2, 1979 - Garland Ruth.

Boy Scout Troop 188 painted blazes south to north and north to south. Several blow downs were cleared. Encountered eight hikers that started at Springer Mt. Ga. Four attempting to hike the entire trail. One hiker was a lady in her mid sixties. She said the trail in our area was in excellent condition compared to the Smoky Mt. Section. She complained about the lack of Blazes in the Smokies.

Those participating were Dayton Brown, Johnny Willis, Billy Stratton, Jeff Cox, Tony Morelock, Todd Brown, Van Begley, Mark Smith and myself. Trip took 9 hours. We hiked 4.6 miles.

FOR THE RECORD

AT T. Clearing U. S. 421 to Abingdon Gap - June 9, 1979 - Stan Murray
Stan Murray's trail team worked the Appalachian Trail north from U.S. 421 to Abingdon Gap on June 9. This is a very pleasant section without much climbing along Holston Mountain. Present were Paul, Anna and David Arapakos, Paul and Lesa Worsham, Bill Wortman, Tom Gatti, and Stan Murray. When we reached the site of the McQueen's Knob firetower, we were surprised to find it just recently demolished. A check with the district ranger revealed it was outmoded. Fire surveillance now relies on air reconnaissance and telephone reporting.

AT Work Trip - Iron Mtn. Gap to Deep Gap - June 9, 1979 - Mira Wilhelm

On June 9, 1979, Kirk Finch, Tom Meridith, Jeff Sirrola, and Van and Mira Wilhelm cleared brush and painted blazes on the section of Appalachian Trail from Iron Mtn. Gap to Deep Gap. The Cherry Gap shelter was fairly clear. We got to see the trail in both good and rainy weather. The trip was brightened with Rhododendron just beginning to bloom, flame azalea in full color, as well as Clinton's lily and jack-in-the pulpits.

June 16, 1979 - AT Trail Clearing - Indiagrave Gap to Nolichucky River - Dick Clark

Four persons, Jim Rosser, Peter Morison, Dick and Margy Clark, participated in a successful mission. Blazes were painted in both directions until light rain began about midway and gradually increased in intensity. Margy claims she has painted every blaze between Damascus and Sams Gap. That's a slight exaggeration, but comes close. This section of the AT is beautiful and interesting in its variety of terrain, and easy in the downhill direction. It is in good shape, recommended to all!

TRIP NOTICE

JENNINGS CREEK (Proposed Wilderness Area)

SATURDAY, June 23, 1979

We will take a short, extremely easy hike on the Appalachian Trail near Camp Creek Bald firetower into the proposed Jennings Creek (or Coldspring Mountain) wilderness area and should have no trouble returning in plenty of time to allow participants who wish to get on over to Banner Elk, N.C., for the annual Southern Appalachian Highlands Conservancy dinner and membership meeting that evening. Our hike includes spectacular cliffs in both Tennessee and North Carolina (Blackstack, Whiterock, Baxter, and Bearwallow Cliffs) and views of mountains as far away as Virginia and Kentucky if it's clear enough, as well as a superb overview of the rugged Jennings Creek Area and of the matching Big Creek RARE II Area in North Carolina, which is the other side of Coldspring Mountain. The total distance is only 3 miles and the total climb a mere 300 feet.

Bring lunch, water, and camera. Meet at Building 215 parking lot at 8:00 a.m. For further information, call Donald Shaffer, 928-4854.



TERC HIKING CLUB

THE PAUL M. FINK ADVENTURE HIKE

TRIP NOTICE JUNE 28-30, 1979

Each Fourth-of-July week, Tennessee's oldest town sponsors Jonesborough Days, a week of celebration of arts and crafts, good food, around the clock music, street dances, a parade, fireworks, and much more. This year, a 32 mile, 2½ day back-packing adventure has been planned in order to honor a local preservationist, conservationist and folk hero--Mr. Paul M. Fink.

The First Annual Paul M. Fink Adventure Hike will begin June 28 and retrace Mr. Fink's first backpacking adventure taken in August of 1914 and described in his book Back-packing Was The Only Way. The highlight of this adventure is reaching the summit of Big Bald Mountain (5,516 ft.). The hike will conclude on June 30 with participation in the Historic Jonesborough Days Parade.

In addition, there will be a banquet honoring the participants in the hike. Each person completing the hike will be presented with a very nice embroidered arm-patch commemorating the event. After the banquet, each hiker is invited to participate in a scheduled street dance in front of the Court House.

The cost of this hike is \$10.00 per hiker. Each hiker will receive a Trail Guide, arm-patch, banquet ticket, and be permitted to participate in the Historic Jonesborough Days Parade.

The Paul M. Fink Adventure Hike will be limited to 25 hikers. Each hiker will be responsible for his or her own safety and equipment. Camp stoves, etc. will be required for all cooking in order to minimize the impact on the environment.

If you wish to participate, use the attached application blank.

For information call Darrol Nickels at 247-7043.

If you wish to participate, use the application blank on back.....



TERC HIKING CLUB

TRIP NOTICE

OVERNIGHT BACKPACK - MT. STERLING (SMOKIES)
Saturday and Sunday
June 30 and July 1, 1979

The group will depart from Bldg. 215 parking lot at 8:00 a.m. Saturday and drive to Big Creek Ranger Station and obtain overnight permits. Depending upon the desire of the group, we will ascend Mt. Sterling (5842 ft.) by either of two trails (1) Baxter Creek Trail - begin at Big Creek Ranger Station and take a very demanding hike of 6.6 miles with 4142 ft. elevation gain or (2) Mt. Sterling Ridge Trail - begin at Mt. Sterling Gap on old N.C. 284 and hike 2.6 miles with 1945 ft. elevation gain.

Depending upon the group size, we may split up-some carrying the heavier loads (tents, cooking gear, etc.) up the shorter trail while the remaining take the more demanding trail if they so desire. We can switch trails on the return trip to avoid backtracking. We should be back to Kingsport by 6:00 p.m. Sunday.

EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS:

Good hiking shoes, rain protective clothing, backpack, tent, sleeping bag, cooking gear, food and personal items. Tents and meal preparation can be shared to the extent practical. If you are interested in this hike, contact Gary Bridges, 247-4380, as soon as possible to allow for necessary planning.

If you are lacking needed equipment, tents, backpacks and cook sets they can be obtained through the Hiking Club Rentals at very reasonable rates.

TRIP NOTICE

UNAKA MOUNTAIN (Proposed Wilderness Area)

SATURDAY, June 30, 1979

This is an easy hike to the three lovely waterfalls on Dick Creek in the proposed Unaka Mountain wilderness area. By stooping, a person can walk all the way across behind Middle Dick Creek Falls. Total distance is 6 miles, with a gentle ascent which totals only 1000 feet. However, we must wade one wide creek.

Bring lunch, water, and camera. Meet at Building 215 parking lot at 8:00 a.m. For further information, call Donald Shaffer, 928-4854.