

TERC HIKING CLUB SCHEDULE

January-June, 1980

Date			Trip	Hike Rating	Leader
✓ Mar. 21-23	Fri.-Sun.	3 days	Backpack — GSMNP — Newton Bald	M	Bob Casper
Apr. 12	Sat.	1 day	Trail of the Tweetsie <i>Cancelled</i>	E	Bob Miller
Apr. 13	Sun.	1 day	Big Laurel Branch	M	Darrol Nickels
Apr. 18-20	Fri.-Sun.	3 days	Backpack — White Rocks/Sand Cave	D	Bob Casper
✓ Apr. 19	Sat.	1 day	AT — U.S. 321 to Watauga Dam	E	Collins Chew
✓ Apr. 26-29	Sat.-Tue.	4 days	AT — Harpers Ferry — Chester Gap (50 mi.)	D	Don Nelan
✓ Apr. 26-27	Sat.-Sun.	2 days	Mt. LeConte Lodge	M	Gary Luttrell
May 4	Sun.	1 day	Buckeye Falls	E	Darrol Nickels
May 10	Sat.	1 day	Wild Flowers — Hughs Gap to Iron Mtn. Gap	M	Collins Chew <i>Cancelled</i>
✓ May 11 <i>Post-Trip</i>	Sun.	1 day	White Rocks — Sand Cave	M-E	Bob Casper
✓ May 17-25	Sat.-Sun.	8 days	AT — Walk Through (120 mi.)	D	Ray Hunt
✓ May 17-18	Sat.-Sun.	2 days	Blaze the Trail Day — AT	E	All Trail Teams
✓ May 24	Sat.	1 day	Jennings Creek (4 mi.)	E	Steve Banks
✓ June 7	Sat.	1 day	Grassy Ridge Bald (4 mi.)	M	Steve Banks
✓ June 15	Sun.	1 day	AT — Big Bald	M	Gary Luttrell
June 21-22	Sat.-Sun.	2 days	Wilber Ridge (5 mi.) <i>Cancelled</i>	E	Don Nelan

CANOE SCHEDULE

January-June, 1980

✓ Mar. 30	Sun.	1 day	Big Moccasin Creek	I-III	Gordon Porter
Apr. 17-20	Thur.-Sun.	4 days*	Whitewater Camp — Obed River	I-IV	T. Dougherty
Apr. 26-27	Sat.-Sun.	2 days	Bluestone River — Pipe Stem Resort	I-III	T. Dougherty
✓ May 4 <i>May 31</i>	Sun.	1 day	Upper Watauga River <i>Postponed</i>	II-III	Warren McLain
✓ May 11	Sun.	1 day	Toe River	II-III	Dave Ingram
✓ May 21- June 1 <i>June 8</i>	Sat.-Sun.	2 days	Canoe & Kayak School		P. Darling & T. Dougherty
June 14-15	Sat.-Sun.	2 days	Nantahala River	I-III	P. Darling
June 28-29	Sat.-Sun.	2 days	Chattooga River, Sec. 3 & 4	I-IV	T. Dougherty

*Participation may be for any or all days.

FUTURE HIKES — 1980

Aug. 2-3	Mt. LeConte via Cannon Creek	S. Murray
Sept. 6-14	AT — Maine Hwy. 27 to Hwy. 5	Collins Chew
Sept. 27-28	Mt. LeConte	Lewis Carson
Oct.	Dinner Meeting — Slides from 10 Years of Creek Climbs	Stan Murray
Oct. 18	Historic Cave Trip — Overnight Inside	Collins Chew

*Class of Difficulty explained on back of this folder.

TEC 11928-1 (3-80)



TERC HIKING CLUB

RENTAL EQUIPMENT FOR TERC HIKING CLUB

The Hiking Club has recently purchased many new rental items. All of the tents, backpacks and cooksets are in excellent condition. Keep in mind that our tents are for lightweight travel and backcountry use -- please don't abuse them by misuse. If any equipment malfunctions during use (like a leaking tent) please notify Cosmo Griffith, Building 310, or Gary Bridges, HDC, so corrections can be made. It is important that these problems be identified so the next person does not get disappointed. A book with pictures and descriptions of each tent is available at the Building 310 employee store. Be sure to get the correct number of stakes when renting tents. A \$.20 per stake fee will be charged for unreturned stakes. Following is a list of rental items with descriptions and rates:

TENTS

<u>Description</u>	<u>Stakes Required</u>	<u>Identification No.</u>	<u>Rates</u>
Ward's 3-man w/rainfly (Green and Yellow)	14	HT-1 HT-7	1-3 Days \$1.00 4-7 Days \$2.00 8-14 Days \$3.00
Cannondale 2-man w/rainfly (Orange and Yellow)	4	HT-3, HT-5 HT-6	1-3 Days \$1.50 4-7 Days \$3.00 8-14 Days \$4.50
Cannondale 3-man w/rainfly (Orange and Yellow)	4	HT-2	
North Face 2-man w/rainfly (Navy blue)	16	HT-4	

COOKSETS

<u>Description</u>	<u>Identification No.</u>	<u>Rates</u>
SVEA 123 w/Sigg Tourister Pots	HS-21 HS-22	1-3 Days \$.50 4-7 Days \$1.00 8-14 Days \$1.50

BACKPACKS

<u>Description</u>	<u>Identification No.</u>	<u>Rates</u>
Blue REI w/full padded hipbelt, Large	HB-11, HB-12, HB-13, HB-15, HB-16, HB-17	1-3 Days \$.50 4-7 Days \$1.00 8-14 Days \$1.50
Green REI w/o padded hipbelt, Large	HB-14	
Red REI w/full padded hipbelt, Small	HB-18	
Green REI w/o padded hipbelt, Small	HB-20	



TERC HIKING CLUB

1980 Hiking Club Officers

The newly elected Steering Committee members for 1980-1981 are Dr. Richard B. Clark of O.C., B-231, Dr. G. Kirk Finch of Research Labs., B-150 and Dr. Jeff J. Sirola of Research Labs., B-150. Retiring from the Steering Committee after two years of service are Mr. Gary D. Bridges of HDC, Mr. Garland G. Ruth of Research and Mrs. Vera M. Wortman of Administration. The carry over members of 1979-1980 are Mr. Lewis A. Carson, Mr. J. Terry Dougherty and Mr. Ray F. Hunt.

Mr. Terry Dougherty is President of the Hiking Club for 1980.

1980 Dues are Due - Please send your check for \$1 to the Employee Center, Mr. Claude Griffith or pay in person at the Employee Center Store. For non-company guest on the Hiking Club mailing list the fee is \$2.00. Please remit your \$2.00 check to Tennessee Eastman Recreation Club, Eastman Employee Center, Kingsport, Tennessee.

1980 Membership in the TERC Hiking Club

Name _____ Home phone _____

Address _____

Payroll No. _____ Dept. No. _____ TERC pass no. _____

TEC Building No. _____ Ext. _____

\$ _____ enclosed

Attn: Mr. Claude Griffith, Eastman Employee Center

OF PUBLIC INTEREST

The TENNESSEE CONSERVATIONIST magazine will be forced to halt publication if the circulation does not increase by about 4,000 subscriptions by July 1, 1980. This is a magazine concerned with environmental problems in our state. If you are interested in obtaining a 1,2, or 3 year subscription contact Terry Dougherty, B-150 or Claude Griffith, B-310 for forms.

FINAL NOTICE - FINAL NOTICE - FINAL NOTICE - FINAL NOTICE - FINAL NOTICE

If you haven't paid your 1980 dues, please do so immediately. This will be your last notice unless payment has been made. TERC members dues are \$1.00. For Non-Eastman people and retirees wishing to be put on the outside mailing list the fee is \$2.00 per year. Please make checks payable to TERC and mail to Claude Griffith, Eastman Employee Center, Kingsport, Tennessee 37662.

VOLUNTEER ADVISORS NEEDED FOR HIKING EXPLORER POST

The local Boy Scout organization recently polled youth of Explorer Age (High School) for interests. About 400 young people said they were interested in Hiking. The Boy Scouts would like to organize an Explorer Post with a special interest in Hiking. They need adult leaders willing to work with youth and they are requesting the help of interested hikers. The Post would be organized when school starts this fall.

For further information call Collins Chew at 239-6237 or
George Toncray at 323-8338 or
Donald Cleek at 239-9104

NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS!!!!

Members of the Hiking Club may volunteer to help fight forest fires, according to Russ Griffith, Recreation Office for the Cherokee National Forest. To qualify you must pass a physical examination and have training given by the local Forest Service district rangers. If you are interested, contact Ray Hunt.

Congratulations: COLLINS CHEW, 1980 "Hiker-Of-The-Year!"

Notice on Appalachian Trail Conditions

The recent storms have caused blowdowns on the Appalachian Trail. If at all possible, Trail Team Leaders (and anyone else interested) should try to get these cut out whenever convenient. I heard one count of 18 blowdowns between Clyde Smith shelter and Moreland Gap. I will give more specific information to Team Leaders as I get it. Please let me know of specific information on the problem and any work we get done. Darrol Nickels has the club's chain saw. Gary Bridges is checking on getting new blades for our bow saw.

Collins Chew - Telephone 239-6237

FOR THE RECORD

Citing personal reasons, Hank Lautz tendered his resignation to the Board of Managers of the Appalachian Trail Conference on May 3rd, to take effect as of October 1. Hank has been with the Conference for seven years, having first joined the staff to promote liaison with the Clubs - a task which now is carried out in the field by five other workers. Hank then became Educational Officer, and then Acting Executive Director. Three years ago, with the resignation of Paul Pritchard, he took charge of the ATC staff as its Executive Director. Hank has distinguished himself for his work on passage of the A.T. legislation in 1978, and for having supervised growth of the A.T. professional staff by three fold, the budget by seven fold, and expansion of our extensive volunteer trailworker corps.

Chairman of the A.T. Board of Managers, Charles Pugh, has appointed a search committee to find a new Executive Director and to make recommendations accordingly to the Board. The Chairman is Dr. David Raphael - new Chairman of K.T.A.; other committee members, from the three regions respectively, are: David Field, Charles W. Sloan, and Raymond Hunt.

The search committee has already started work. An announcement will soon appear in several appropriate publications, inviting interested persons to apply for the position of Executive Director. In addition, suggestions are solicited from members of the Board of Managers and the maintaining hiking clubs.

If you are aware of any suitable candidates for the position, extend them an invitation to submit their applications for this position. The committee would like to receive them before the end of July, 1980.

The Director has direct responsibility for management of the affairs of the Conference. These include management; maintenance and protection of the Appalachian Trail; publication and sale of guidebooks, periodicals and other related materials; management of the financial affairs of the Conference; and representing the Conference in its activities with public and with government agencies.

The applicant is expected to have appropriate education and experience for the position. Knowledge of and an interest in hiking and the hiking community and experience in directing and leading professional and support staff in their duties are particularly desired.

Interested persons should send their resume, with references, to:
Chairman, Search Committee, Appalachian Trail Conference, P. O. Box 236,
Harpers Ferry, WV 25425.

Roan High Knob Shelter

A new shelter is now available to A.T. hikers on Roan High Knob, 1.7 miles south of Carvers Gap in the Roan Highlands area. It is located on the Tennessee-North Carolina state line, at an elevation of 6,300 feet in a dense stand of balsam. There is a small spring about 50 feet away.

The shelter is a log cabin, built in 1934 for the U.S. Forest Service as a project of the Civilian Conservation Corps. It originally served as the residence of the fire warden for the fire tower, removed many years ago. Abandoned for more than 20 years, the cabin was completely renovated by the Cherokee National Forest in July, 1980, on the recommendation of the Tennessee Eastman Hiking Club.

The cabin has one room, a loft and a front porch, with a total interior floor space of 450 square feet. It should comfortably sleep 15 people. In the renovation, the Forest Service put in a new stone foundation, new plywood floors on both levels, and shutters on the two windows. They also replaced the worn wood shingle roof with sheet metal and rechinked between the logs.

There were several reasons why this cabin was selected to be renovated to serve as an A.T. shelter. First, the renovation was inexpensive, compared to building an entirely new shelter. Second, the design is unique and picturesque, although at the same time more than adequate for a shelter. Third, the cabin is well located, considering most factors. On the Trail, this shelter is 4.6 miles from the Road Highlands Shelter to the north, and 5.0 miles from the Clyde Smith Shelter to the south. It thus provides another convenient place to hikers to stay overnight in the Roan Highlands area, which is perhaps the most popular section of the whole southern Appalachians.

The location does have the disadvantage of being relatively close to a road. On the A.T., the shelter is only 0.4 miles from the nearest road. This is not as bad as it sounds, because the cabin and surroundings now show few signs of abuse, it is not visible from the road, and the A.T. access has been blocked to vehicles. However, this closeness to the road is still a calculated risk. If experience shows that the cabin is being abused by non-hikers, it will be dismantled.

- Hiking News -

Hostel in Elk Park, N. C.

There is a new hostel along the Trail, in Elk Park, N.C. It is operated by the Elk Park Christian Church. The minister, George Wiman, started it in May of this year after talking with some long-distance hikers who had come off the Trail to spend the night in a motel in Elk Park.

The hostel is 1.6 miles east on U.S. Highway 19E from where the AT crosses that highway. The hostel is a previously unused storage shed behind the church. It will house eight people. There are plans to add electricity for lighting, a hot plate and a small refrigerator. There is no charge for staying overnight, but donations are accepted.

This hostel is in a valuable location. The nearest shelters are 14 miles to the north on the Trail, and 8 miles to the south. The nearest hostels are in Damascus, Va. which is 72 miles to the north on the Trail, and in Hot Springs, N.C., which is 106 miles to the south. This new hostel is already well known to long-distance hikers through notes written by them in registers in nearby shelters. The Tennessee Eastman Hiking Club, which has responsibility for this part of the A.T., plans to place permanent signs in the nearest shelters telling about this hostel.

Forest Service Gets Option on Tract on Jane Bald

The Pisgah National Forest has acquired an option to purchase a 121-acre tract at Jane Bald in Roan Highlands area on the Tennessee-North Carolina state line. Known as the Hughes, Roan, Inc., tract, it includes most of the North Carolina side of Jane Bald, the second summit east of Carvers Gap. This key tract has been patiently sought by the Forest Service for many years, and only recently became available for sale. Although only 0.3 miles of the Trail is on this property, its acquisition will also protect the land near the Trail and the views from it. This is especially important at Jane Bald, as it is in the center of the series of balds between Carvers Gap and Grassy Ridge. This section of Trail is often called the most beautiful of the Southern Appalachians because of its unlimited vistas and foreground of grass dotted with rhododendron and azaleas.

Unfortunately, an option is not a purchase. Because of delays and possible cancellations of congressional appropriations for the A.T., funds may not be available for this purchase. This is a good example of the jeopardy in which land acquisitions are placed when essential funds are not available at critical times. At the time of this writing (September, 1980) the issue is not yet lost, but it is much endangered. It is greatly to be hoped that this purchase can be completed.



TERC HIKING CLUB

TRAIL MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE 1980

Attached are the Trail Team listing and assignments for 1980. Our 124 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 1980, you may want to consider volunteering one day of your weekend for this good cause. You may do this by calling one of the 18 Team Leaders or Trail Maintenance Chairman, Collins Chew.

General Instructions to Team Leaders

Preparation

1. Get specific instructions from Trail Maintenance Report form for your section.
2. Pick a date for the Maintenance Trip and plan the trip.
Target Dates for 1980: May 17 and 18.
3. Notify all team members; arrange rides.
4. Collins Chew (239-6237) will coordinate equipment for all groups on May 17-18.
5. Assemble equipment as needed; white paint (note white paint is latex), blue paint (small jars), foam paint pad and buckets, 1" or 1 1/2" brushes, paper cups, scrapers, small snips for cutting branches in front of blazes, rags, paint thinner if oil paint is used, weeders, clippers, (small) bow saw, signs, wrench, and lag screws, trail maintenance report form, pen, map, trail description, Adirondack pack, garbage bags, firstaid kit. (Most equipment is in Hiking Club room at Eastman Employee Center, but some personal equipment will be needed on May 17-18).

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 along trail
3. Check the trail description and map - comment on needed changes (New Draft description 1980)
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 Report Form and return map, report, form, Trail description to Collins, Chew, B-71.
3. Write up "For the Record" and trip report for recreation report and mail to Paulette Byrd, B-150B.

1980 Trail Maintenance Teams

Maintenance Section	Description and Team	Distance in Miles	Maintenance Section	Description and Team	Distance in Miles
1.	<u>Spivey Gap to Nolichucky River</u> Jack Young - Leader Lynn Byrd Frank Williams Paulette Byrd Ward Cochran Gary Byrd Ken Hatfield Gary Luttrell Scott Luttrell Gary Bridges	10.2	13.	<u>Tenn 67, U.S. 321 to Watauga Dam Road</u> Gordon Newland - Leader John Tamblyn George O'Neill J. W. Clapp Bill McSpadden Bobby Scott Dick Burrow Ricky Cobble Paul Folk J. Neve Bobby Beuris Ted Malone Gerald Tustin	4.6
2.	<u>Nolichucky River - Indian Grave Gap</u> Charles Boye - Leader Claude Griffith Larry Browning Evalyn Griffith Lester Church Terry Dougherty Threasa Fee Jim Davis Ed Allen	8.4	14.	<u>Watauga Dam Road - Turkey Pen Gap</u> Hugh Thompson - Leader Tom Dossier Shelton Thompson Ambrose Manning Stanley Davis	9.6
3.	<u>Indian Grave Gap - Deep Gap</u> Stan Murray - Leader Raymond Vachon William Wortman Paul Arapakos Vera Wortman Forrest Teets Tom Gatti Paul Worsham Charles Jarrett Linda Jewell	3.5	15.	<u>Turkey Pen Gap - Tenn. 91 (Cross Mtn.)</u> Jim Caines - Leader Ray Hunt Steve Banks Bob Miller Ralph Russell Rudy Arnold Melvin Holland Mike Burgess Billy Kappa Robert Hester W. Lynn Perry	6
4.	<u>Deep Gap - Iron Mountain Gap</u> Julian Lewis - Leader Bobby G. Scott Bill Murdock Stan Sellstrom Ray Owens Clint Iles Ed Allen Ron Nations Bob Taylor Herrick Brown, Box 69, Glendale Springs, NC 28629	7.0	16.	<u>Tenn. 91 (Cross Mtn.) - U.S. 421 (Low Gap)</u> Bob Mynhier - Leader John Steele Tom Banks Allan Newland John Whitehead Billy Simmons Ed McDaniel Elder Reynolds Roger Olson	6.8
5.	<u>Iron Mountain Gap - Hughes Gap</u> Collins Chew - Leader Warren McLain David Green Chester Bruner John Beckler John Kiefer Steve Crawford Ralph Young W. C. Dickason	8.1	17.	<u>U.S. 421 (Low Gap) - Abingdon Gap</u> Jeff Vanderbilt - Leader Bob Hembree Lee Roy Brown Pete Raynolds Jim Rosser Dave Kashdan Bob Harvey Paul Darling Tim McClain Mary Darling	4.9
6.	<u>Hughes Gap - Carvera Gap</u> Dick Clark - Leader C.E.C. Britton Doug Clark Mergy Clark A. D. Shields Peter Morison Waylon Jenkins Richard Poduska Jim Rosser	4.6	18.	<u>Abingdon Gap - Damascus</u> Jeff Sirola - Leader Dave Attridge Gary Godsey Lewis Carson Greg Kramer Virgil Stevens Patricia Jones Tom Pell	10.1
7.	<u>Carvers Gap - Bradley Gap</u> Darrol Nickels - Leader Rick Phelps Michael Knight Gerald Cassell Carolyn Ledford Don Nelan Russell Justice Sunny Chaney	6.8			
8.	<u>Bradley Gap - Bear Branch Road</u> Mira Wilhelm - Leader Van Wilhelm Tom Meredith Bill Hackett Wynn Herbert Kirk Finch Kenneth Carter	6.1			
9.	<u>Bear Branch Road - (North of) Bitter End School</u> John Thompson - Leader Tom Pridgen Bruce Cunningham Gether Irick Mary Cunningham Fred Shepherd Jim Ownby David Thomas Larry Beach	8.5			
10.	<u>(North of) Bitter End School - Dennis Cove</u> Garland Ruth - Leader Scout Troop 188 Ricky Coble	8.4			
11.	<u>Dennis Cove below Coon Den Falls - U.S. 321 via blue blazes trail at Hampton and blue blaze around Falls</u> Doug Lowman - Leader Steve Felling, Dennis Hall Steve Nyaradv Edwin Blakemore Phillip Cook	4.3 (includes 1 mi. blue blaze access)			
12.	<u>Pond Mtn. from Laurel Fork Gorge to Tenn 67, U.S. 321</u> Larry Bernard - Leader Gerald Morie Gilbert Chartier Jim Crowell Charles Hasbrough John Whitehead Boy Scout Troop 48 Bruce Kirkpatrick Robert Casper Linda Robinson Theona Moorehouse	7			

Watauga Lake Shelter Built by Cherokee National Forest

There is a new shelter on the A.T. 0.9 miles north of the crossing of Watauga Dam in Tennessee. Built in July, 1980, by the Cherokee National Forest, the shelter is on the 124 miles of Trail which is the responsibility of the Tennessee Eastman Hiking Club. The Hiking Club scouted this location for the shelter, and recommended it to the Forest Service.

The shelter is made of vertical boards and battens and has a wood floor. It is built to sleep six, which means that it will sleep ten or twelve if it is raining. It is on a small knoll about 100 ft. from the Trail and by a stream that flows off of Iron Mtn. into Watauga Lake. There is flat ground nearby for overflow camping.

Watauga Lake has been proposed as the name of this shelter, because the Trail is near the lake both north and south of the shelter. However, the shelter itself is 1,000 ft. from the lake through dense woods and cannot be seen from the lake. The A.T. is the only access to the shelter. The nearest roads are a side road off of U.S. 321, 1.2 miles south on the Trail, and Watauga Dam Rd., 1.9 miles north on the Trail. This location will make the shelter easily accessible to hikers, but not convenient for non-hiking uses.

This shelter helps fill a 16.8 mile gap between Vanderventer Shelter to the north and Laurel Fork Shelter to the south. It is also a replacement for South Pierce Shelter on the other side of Iron Mtn. That shelter was made obsolete by a 1977 relocation which took the Trail off of the lower end of Iron Mtn. and took it over Pond Mtn. instead, to eliminate walking on roads and through a residential area.

Ray Hunt



Don Nelan's family has expressed a desire that gifts in his memory be made to benefit the Appalachian Trail. A fitting way to do this would be to accumulate the gifts in a fund and spend it on the Trail near here for some tangible object, such as a shelter or a bridge. The most practical system is to make the gifts to the Appalachian Trail Conference, to be held by the conference until requested by the Tennessee Eastman Hiking Club for a special project. Those who are interested in this should make checks payable to the Appalachian Trail Conference and send them to Ray Hunt, 4524 Stagecoach Rd., Kingsport, TN 37664.

If interested send this form to (or call) Collins Chew B-71, 239-6237

To: Collins Chew, B-71

I am interested in the Mt. Ranier Summit Climb - July 30-Aug. 4, 1981!

Name(s)

Bldg.

Telephone



TERC HIKING CLUB

Cross-Country (X-C) Skiing/Snowshoeing Trip

January 3, 1980

We will open the Hiking Club 1981 Season in a new way, skiing and/or snowshoeing on some of the suitable trails of the Mt. Rogers National Recreation area. Cross-Country or Touring Skiing is the fastest growing sport in America and there is usually ample snow for it to be undertaken in our mountains. The equipment is simple and can usually be rented while one is determining his interest in the sport. Reservations are required in case of a "no-snow" condition that necessitates a change of date or shift in location. If interested, call Frank Oglesby (245-5447).

FOR THE RECORD (November 8, 1980)

Three hikers departed from 215 parking lot at the appointed time, picked up two more in Johnson City and one in Elizabethton and were joined by yet another at the entrance to Hanging Rock Creek Road. The leaves that had made a beautiful landscape when the hike was scouted a month earlier now made one feel that for every step up the mountain one slipped back two as all of them were now underfoot. But the thousand foot climb was made in an hour where the excellent 360° view was enjoyed for 20-30 minutes, allowing time to reach the car at sunset. Darkness descended as we were enjoying doughnuts and hot drinks at Doughnuts Ect in Banner Elk. Those enjoying the hike were Linda Ann Reiff, Janet McGettrick, Karen Ronzagles, Tom Pridgen, Betsy and Frank Oglesby.

T-25370 Paulette Byrd

B-150B



TERC HIKING CLUB

TRIP NOTICE

MT. RANIER, WASHINGTON
SUMMIT CLIMB
JULY 30 - AUGUST 4, 1981

Vacation Required 3 days (or 1 week, optional)



Mt. Ranier -
approximate climbing route
and Camp Muir Shelter are
marked on picture.

This should be a real adventure in a short vacation. The mountain at 14,410 ft. is the most heavily glaciated peak in the lower 48 states and the highest in the Cascade Range. Ranier Mountaineering, Inc. (RMI) will guide a one day ice climbing school and the two day climb to the summit and return. The party (up to 24 people) will be roped when crossing glaciers. The tentative schedule is:

Thursday, 7-30-81 - evening flight to Seattle
Friday, 7-31-81 - rent car, drive to Ranier Nat. Park, hike to ice caves, cure jet leg.
Saturday, 8-1-81 - Basic climbing school
Sunday, 8-2-81 - Climb to Camp Muir Shelter (10,000') hike 5 miles, climb 4500'.
Monday, 8-3-81 - Climb 4400' to summitt and return to Hotel.
Tuesday, 8-4-81 - Return flight to Kingsport (or sightsee and hike a few days).

The approximate cost will be \$800 to \$1000 per person.

Stan Murray has made the climb with RMI several times and will give a noontime slide show and question and answer period for interested people.

See back!

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HIKING CLUB WINTER DINNER

FEBRUARY 10, 1980

Be sure to reserve Sunday, February 10, 1980 for the annual Hiking Club winter dinner meeting at the Eastman Cabin. We are planning a fellowship hour (with appetizer trays) from 5 to 6 PM. During this time there will be a surplus equipment sale, so plan to bring any hiking, camping, or canoeing equipment and clothing you have for sale--priced to move! Dinner will be at six, followed by a program on whitewater canoeing. This years meal will feature favorite dishes from East Tennessee and indeed from all over the world. We'll beat inflation and enjoy excellent food by having a pot-luck dinner. More details and a reservation form will be mailed to you later.

FOR THE RECORD

WINTER HIKING CLUB DINNER MEETING - TEC Cabin, Bays Mtn. - February 10, 1980

C. B. Hasbrouck

This years annual dinner and meeting was held on Sunday night, February 10. We had 72 members and friends present to share in the covered dish dinner.

Collins Chew was presented with Hiker-Of-The-Year Award. Terry Dougherty was installed as President for 1980. Other new officers were recognized. Warren McLain and Terry Dougherty showed films on Whitewater Canoeing. Cosmo Griffith and Gary Bridges held an entertaining auction of Hiking, Camping, and Canoeing equipment.

TERC HIKING CLUB

WINTER DINNER MEETING

Date: Sunday, February 10, 1980

Place: Eastman Cabin, Bays Mountain

5:00 p.m. Fellowship Hour (with appetizers)

5:45 p.m. Surplus equipment sale from Hiking Club properties. We will have tents, stoves and cook sets, and miscellaneous items for sale to the highest bidder. Bring any hiking, camping, or canoeing equipment and clothing you have for sale -- priced to move! Or, if you like, we will auction it off.

6:00 p.m. Dinner

7:00 p.m. Annual meeting with introduction of new officers and announcements.

Presentation of Hiker of the Year Award

Film -- "Whitewater Primer" by American Red Cross

Film -- "Canoeing and Kayaking on Gauley River, W. Va.

Talk -- Selection of trail sites and construction with objective of maintaining natural beauty, by U.S. Forest Service Representative.

DINNER PLANS

This will be a cooperative pot-luck dinner, so make up (or buy) your favorite dishes to share with the group. For dinner reservations, clip and mail this notice:

To: Charles Hasbrouck
TEC Bldg. 54-D or Rt. 10, Rock Springs Rd., Kingsport, TN 37664

Please set _____ places for me and my guests. I plan to bring the following food (check two)*

_____ Meat dish (for 6)

_____ Appetizer tray (for 16)

_____ Vegetable dish (for 8)

_____ Dessert (for 12)

_____ Bread (for 60)

_____ Coffee, tea, lemonade, Kool-Aid, napkins, lemon, sugar, cream, margarine. (We'll let you know which later).

_____ Salad (for 8)

*Note - Food quantities shown are based on approximately equal costs for two persons eating. If your party has more or fewer than two persons, then increase or decrease amounts accordingly. If we have too much of some items, we'll call to suggest others.

TRAIL MAINTENANCE DINNER - March 11, 1980 - Collins Chew

The Team Leaders for the Appalachian Trail Maintenance met Tuesday, March 11, 1980 at Preston Hills Presbyterian Church for their annual spaghetti dinner and planning session. There were two new topics this year: (1) Planning was started for the "Walk Through and Paint Blazing" on the weekend of May 17-18. This operation is to cover the entire 2100 miles of the AT and is being enthusiastically supported by the club on our 125 miles of AT. Equipment arrangements will be a bit more difficult but we should get an early and thorough completion of trail maintenance this year. (2) The new foam pad "blaze stamp" was demonstrated and tried by several of the group. This new method of blazing should result in much neater and more recognizable blazes for the Appalachian Trail - White paint will be latex this year for another change.

New team leaders, Jim Caines, Jeff Sirrola, Jeff Vanderfilt, and Doug Lowman were welcomed. Most team leaders were present, although a few sent someone from their team to represent them.

Many thanks to Preston Hills Presbyterian Church for allowing us to use their kitchen and Fellowship Hall. Also thanks to the cooks - Martha Hunt, Ruby Parker, and Charlotte Chew.



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TRIP NOTICE

Laurel Run Gorge, Sunday, February 10, 1980

You've had the chance to read about Laurel Run Gorge. In recent months the local newspaper has carried many stories about the efforts of some local citizens to have Laurel Run Gorge incorporated into a state park in conjunction with Bays Mountain Park. Here is your chance to see this rugged area about which so much has been written.

Laurel Run gathers slowly in two long, narrow valleys between Bays Mountain and Holston River Mountain, then it drops over 400 feet, over several falls and cascades, in its mile-and-a-half plunge through Laurel Run Gorge on its way to the Holston River.

This is an easy afternoon stroll of less than four miles.

Meet at the Eastman Employee Center (Bldg. 310) on Tenn. 93-B, Wilcox Drive (NOTE CHANGE FROM USUAL MEETING PLACE), at 12:45 p.m. for a one o'clock departure. Note: Meet at parking lot entrance nearest Wilcox Drive. Expect to return by five o'clock, in time to make it to the Hiking Club dinner.

Clothing should include sturdy shoes and foul-weather gear.

For additional information call Darrol Nickels at 247-7043.

Don't forget to join the TERC Hiking Club for 1980.

Why not introduce a friend to the Hiking Club.

On March 19, 1980, Bill Martin, landscape architect for the Cherokee National Forest, presented a program on Forest Service visual resource management. Attending from our Hiking Club were Ed Allen, Collins Chew, Darrol Nickels, Gordon Newland, John Thompson, Lewis Carson, Mira Wilhelm, Kirk Finch, Jim Caines, Jeff Sirola and Jan Early.

Bill showed a training film on the subject, and this was followed by discussion. He defined what is meant by visual resources and how they are classified. He explained the application of their management principles to roads and trails, the Appalachian Trail in particular.

The impression we got was that the Forest Service was paying a lot of attention to what can be seen from the Appalachian Trail, and that they were making decisions about it in a orderly and careful way. Their objectives for the Trail are close to those of our hiking club. Ray Hunt.

BACKPACKING TRIP NOTICE

NEWTON BALK, GSMNP

March 22-23, 80

This trip will follow the Thomas Divide Trail through the Tuskee Gap to Newton Balk and then out a side trail to the Smokemont Campground; a total of 10.3 miles. The trip will be of moderate difficulty, requires at least 4 quarts of water per person (no springs until Sunday afternoon), and may require winter camping equipment. Make reservations as soon as possible to allow for food and transportation arrangements. Eight person maximum; departing early Sat., March 22. We should be back in Kingsport by 8:00 p.m., Sun., March 23.

Mail to: Bob Casper, Bldg. 95A, or call 247-7785 after 6:00 p.m.

Name

Home Phone Number

Can you Provide Transportation?

No. of persons

What kind?

For The Record

Newton Bald-Thomas Divide Trail - GSMNP, March 22, 23, 1980 - Bob Casper
On March 22 and 23, six people followed the Thomas Divide Trail to Newton Bald, where we spent the night. Saturday was a beautiful day, thawing out the ground and providing a clear view of the main ridge. That night was spent very close to the fire; telling jokes, learning how to tell time by the Big Dipper, and keeping track of that time by the number of hours past "Hee-Haw". The hike out on Sunday was again gorgeous. We were able to find several wilflowers and we provided quite a bit of trail maintenance by rerouting the rain-swollen creeks back off the trail. Participants were Tom Dosser, Ed Oliver, Owen Holbrook, Kenneth Hatfield, Steve Ferguson, and Bob Casper.

TRIP NOTICE

BIG MOCCASIN CREEK - CANOE TRIP

MARCH 30, 1980

A CANOE TRIP IS PLANNED FOR MARCH 30, 1980 ON BIG MOCCASIN CREEK NEAR SNOWFLAKE, 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 LUNCH AND APPROPRIATE CLOTHING FOR THE WEATHER.

PLAN TO MEET AT B-215 PARKING LOT AT 9:30 A.M.

DUE TO THE UNPREDICTABLE WEATHER CONDITIONS AND WATER LEVELS AT THIS TIME OF YEAR, PLEASE PRE-REGISTER ON THE FOLLOWING FORM IF YOU PLAN TO GO ON THIS TRIP, AND SEND 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

For The Record

Big Moccasin Creek Canoe Trip - March 30, 1980 - Gordon Porter
On March 30, 1980 seven people canoed Big Moccasin Creek from Snowflake, Va. to the bridge on Road 669. The water level was adequate although the weather conditions were not ideal. The trip began in a heavy rain which stopped after 15 minutes to be replaced by alternating periods of partial sunshine and heavy clouds. The trip went smoothly and was not marred by incidents that have plagued previous trips on this creek. (Snakes in boats, barbed wire across creek, pinned boats, etc.)

Participants were Ben and Lana Becker, Earl Brown and Rhea Robinson, Jack Hart, Jerry Tustin and Gordon Porter.

Backpack - Harper's Ferry, W. Va. to Chester Gap, Va. - April 4-7, 1980,
John Thompson .

April 4-7, Gordon Newland and John Thompson hiked this 51 mile A.T. section. We drove to Front Royal Thursday night and on to nearby Chester Gap Friday morning where Gordon began hiking north. I drove up to Harper's Ferry, parked the car at the Kiwanis Youth Hostel and walked south. We spent the second night together at Three Springs shelter, with three other backpackers. On Monday, Gordon reached the car picked me up in Chester Gap and on home at 9:30 a.m. Our weather was fine - sunny and no rain (the weekends before had been very bad). We saw numerous hikers the first two days, and plants like Bloodroot and Violets.

HIKE NOTICE

The Trail of the Tweetsie Saturday, April 12, 1980

A touch of nostalgia, a spectacular mountain gorge and an abundance of spring wild flowers all wrapped up in a half-day hike which will be all downhill on a gentle grade. What more could you ask for in this repeat hike along the roadbed of the old narrow gauge Tweetsie railroad. Distance - about 3.5 miles. Rated easy. Assemble at the parking lot in front of B-215 for a prompt departure at 1:30 p.m. We should be back by 6:30. Bring a comfortable pair of walking shoes, clothes appropriate for the weather, water and a snack if you wish. By all means, bring your camera; the scenery will be outstanding. For further information, call Bob Miller, 288-2572.

TRAIL OF THE TWEETSIE - April 12, 1980 - Bob Miller
Because of steady rain, the scheduled April 12 hike along the Trail of Tweetsie had to be CANCELLED. Unfortunately, there is no other suitable weekend for the leader to reschedule it this spring. Will try again in the fall of 1980 and/or the spring of 1981.

TSRA WHITEWATER CAMP

OBED/EMORY WATERSHED (CLASS II, III, IV, & V)

April 17, 18, 19, 20

Come join Mad Eugene and River Rats from all over the Eastern US for TSRA's annual Whitewater Camp. Last year we had River Runners from as far away as Michigan, Pennsylvania, and Louisiana. Float a river section that is new to you with a group of experienced TSRA paddlers or re-run an old favorite with your friends at the beginning of spring.

There will be 4 to 6 different trips each day. We will have at least one Class II, two Class III, and one Class IV trip each day. Decision on which river sections to run will depend on available water and will be made each morning and announced at 8:30 AM. EASTERN TIME with trips leaving about 9:00 AM. Announcements will be made at Whitewater Camp base headquarters. We will try to describe the difficulty of each float offered but will expect paddlers to know their own skill level and to take on only reasonable challenges. The Obed/Emory watershed is not appropriate for beginners. The TSRA trip leaders are unpaid and have volunteered for the fun of a whitewater trip. They will not be responsible for damage to equipment or yourselves and they do not expect to carry turkeys down the river.

Note that due to the Catoosa turkey hunt Devil's Breakfast Table and Potter's Ford roads will be closed except on Thursday. Pre-registration is mandatory and must be received by April 11. All registrants will receive a packet in the mail with a map of the system and the location of base camp. Camping will be primitive; bring your own drinking water, latrine shovel, garbage bags, etc.

Car Sitter and Shuttle Service: Vandalism or stripping of unattended vehicles occurs frequently in the Obed area. We have made arrangements with the Morgan County Rescue Squad to help reduce this risk by posting a guard with each group of parked cars if possible. These men will also help us with some of the car shuttling and maintain a watch at base camp. This is a money raising project for the Rescue Squad and a fee of \$5.00 per person is being charged to cover TSRA's payment to the squad, and to pay for use of the land we will be camping on.

Saturday Dinner at Base Camp also will be provided by the Morgan County Rescue Squad. A good "all you can eat" country dinner with meat, two vegetables, beverage, and a home-made dessert will be brought right to the camp. The dinner is optional at \$5.00 per person but will be good fun and good community relations. If you intend to eat you must prepay. This is the only way the squad can be prepared for the hungry masses.

Pre-registration form attached to this newsletter should be mailed to: TSRA Whitewater Camp c/o Robert Reeder; 967 Graybar Ln; Nashville, Tn 37204 (615) 385-3450(H).

TRIP SCHEDULE

Thursday, April 17

Class II Alan Davis and Pat Hill
Class III Lance Krafft
Class III Dick Tyson
Class IV Buddy Mayberry and Dan Baggett

Friday, April 18

Class II Bobby and Monte Smith
Class III Terry Adams and Libby Napier
Class III Alan Bartlett and Tex Davis
Class IV Buddy Mayberry and Dan Baggett

Saturday, April 19

Class II Tom Copeland
Class III Barnett Williams & R. Nichol
Class III Bill Griswold & Alan Bass
Class IV Dick Wooten & Bill Mitchum

Sunday, April 20

Class II Bo Rocker and Bill Brown
Class III Pat Hill
Class III Lib Napier and Dick Wooten
Class IV Bill Mitchum

REGISTRATION

TSRA WHITEWATER CAMP 1980

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: () _____

Number of cars: _____

Number of People: _____ X \$5.00 car and camping fee = \$ _____ (Mandatory)

Number of People _____ X \$5.00 Saturday dinner = \$ _____ (Optional)

TOTAL = \$ _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO TSRA

REMEMBER:

1. The \$5.00 car/camping fee is required of each registrant, regardless of the number of days you attend whitewater camp.
2. The Saturday dinner is optional, but if you intend to eat you must prepay with this registration.

WANT TO LEAD A TRIP?

I am willing to lead or co-lead a trip on:

Day _____

River Section _____

Mail completed registration form and a check payable to TSRA to :

TSRA Whitewater Camp
c/o Robert Reeder
967 Graybar Lane
Nashville, Tennessee 37204
(615) 385-3450

This is a good chance to see and canoe on one of the most spectacular river systems in the Eastern U. S. If you plan to go, make your reservation directly with TSRA. Let me know, If you plan to attend. I will help coordinate transportation.

Terry Dougherty, TEC, B-150

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IN DATE FOR THIS HIKE Hope This Does Not
Inconvenience Anyone!

HIKE NOTICE
APPALACHIAN TRAIL AROUND WATAUGA LAKE

~~APRIL 12, 1980~~ Now APRIL 19, 1980

We will have a pleasant, easy stroll around Watauga Lake and enjoy the spring and it's flowers. The two year old section of trail is nearly level around the lake and across Watauga Dam. Bring clothes to suit the weather, rain gear, lunch, and canteen.

For more information, call Collins Chew, 239-6237.

Date: April 12, 1980 (Saturday) — Now APRIL 19, 1980 (Saturday)
Meeting Place: Bldg. 215 parking lot at TEC
Meeting Time: 8:00 A.M.
Driving Distance: 80 miles (round trip)
Hiking Distance: 4.6miles
Estimated Return Time: 4:00 P.M.

App. Trail - Rat Branch to Watauga Dam Rd. - April 19, 1980 - Collins Chew
Eighteen hikers turned out on the beautiful warm day for a hike around Watauga Lake on the Appalachian Trail. There were over 30 species of wildflowers blooming along the way and the photographers clicked away at the larkspur, bleeding heart, spring beauty anemone, pennywort, etc. A nice site for a shelter was selected and flagged. The U.S. Forest Service plans to build it this year. Attending were: David and Karen Parris, John and Betty Fuzek, Lynn and Rita Perry, Carolyn Carter, Susan Morgan, Kent and Nancy Wilson, Bill Dickason, Linda Jewell, Gordon Newland, Jack Young, William Little, and Charlotte and Collins Chew.

TRIP NOTICE

Mt. LeConte Lodge, April 26-27, 1980

All 13 reservations have been filled for the April 26-27 Mt. LeConte Lodge trip. Departure is set for 7:00 A.M. from B-215 parking lot.

Contact G. S. Luttrell if you have a question about this trip.

MT. LE CONTE - April 26,27, 1980 - Garry S. Luttrell

Thirteen of us left the Alum Cave parking lot at 10A.M. on Saturday morning for the climb to the lodge. Despite the weatherman's high probability of rain, no raingear was needed for the ascent and the temperature was ideal for hiking. The views along the trail were outstanding but rain clouds blocked the views from Cliff Top and Myrtle Point. Heavy rain and thunderstorms woke a few of us during the night; but, in spite of the loss of sleep from the storm and from the switch to daylight savings time, everyone was seated at the breakfast table before the call bell was sounded. After breakfast the weather was again cooperative as the rain stopped in time for our departure. The clouds lifted during our descent allowing good views from both sides of the Boulevard Trail. The trees were just beginning to bud at the higher elevations, but Spring was well underway in the lowlands. There was considerable blowdown at the higher elevations, especially along the Boulevard Trail which was frequently blocked by fallen trees.

The hikers varied in age from 6 to 61 years. Those participating included Tom Pridgen, Kay Newell, Bill Hackett, Glenda Helbert, Tom Akin, Judy Luttrell Akin; and, the following Luttrells: Arvell, Mike, John, Ruby, and my sons Scotty and Billy.



TERC HIKING CLUB

CANOE TRIP NOTICE

BLUESTONE RIVER, PIPESTEM WEST VIRGINIA

APRIL 26 & 27, 1980

On Saturday and Sunday, April 26 - 27, 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 the West Virginia Turnpike 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	\$19.00 per night
Double per room is	\$11.85 per person per night
3 people per room is	\$ 8.90 per person per night
4 people per room is	\$ 7.50 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 4, 1980.

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Hiking Club Trip Notice

Buckeye Falls, Sunday, May 4, 1980

On a tributary branch of Clark Creek in Unicoi County, Buckeye Falls is said to be the highest waterfall east of the Rockies. Buckeye Falls is a cascade rather than a true fall, and in dry seasons most of the water reaches the bottom as mist. Buckeye Falls faces the north, and on the four or more visits I have made there the afternoon sun was casting deep shadows on the face of the falls, making it difficult for me to get a satisfactory picture.

It is hoped that the timing of this trip will overcome those two difficulties. After the April rains there should be a good flow of water. By going early in the day we may find the sun on the face of the falls and be able to get a good photograph.

We will be leaving the parking lot at Bldg. 215 at 6 a.m. with stops at the Johnson City Post Office at 6:30 a.m. and at the intersections of Tennessee Routes 81 and 107 at 7 a.m.

Wear clothing suitable for the weather, including sturdy shoes. Bring water and foul-weather gear. We should return in time for lunch.

For additional information call Darrol Nickels at 247-7043.

POSTPONEMENT

Upper Watauga River - Canoe Trip
May 4, 1980

Due to conflict with the Centennial Family Visits, it is necessary to postpone the Upper Watauga River Canoe Trip scheduled for May 4, 1980.

A new date for the trip will be announced soon. Warren McLain, leader.

CANCELLED

Hughs Gap to Iron Mtn. Gap - May 10, 1980

A hike in the Smokies to Old Black (Beyond 6000) is planned for June 14, 1980 in place of this May 10 Iron Mtn. hike. Look for a trip notice the first of June on the Old Black Trip. Leader, Collins Chew.

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HIKE NOTICE

DON NELAN MEMORIAL HIKE

May 10, 1980

A special Don Nelan Memorial Hike will take place May 10, 1980. It will leave Carver's Gap at 1:30 p.m. and hike to Grassy Ridge and return. The hiking club and other friends are invited to participate. This area is mostly open balds and Grassy Ridge is over 6000'. It is recommended that comfortable shoes and suitable clothing be worn.

Gordon Newland, 246-8845

Walk-Through of the APPALACHIAN TRAIL, May 17-18, 1980 - reporting - Collins Chew

The Appalachian Trail Conference challenged all maintaining clubs to inspect their section of the Appalachian Trail on the weekend of May 17-18, 1980. The TERC Hiking Club met the challenge with enthusiasm and also did most of the annual maintenance at the same time. Scheduling forced some teams to go a different week, but we got practically all our work done much earlier in the year than usual. Ninety people participated and many thanks are due them. For several, this is their only club hike of the year but they gladly do this work. Brush was trimmed, blowdowns were removed, litter was removed, and the white paint plaques were renewed on 115 miles of our trail. The new foam stamp pads for painting blazes were used for 100 miles and it was generally agreed that people using this method made blazes neater and faster than with a brush. This year was also different in that we got radio, newspaper, and TV coverage of our maintenance. Also several U.S. Forest Service people went with us to discuss our joint responsibilities for maintenance. Charles Wagner, of Congressman Quillen's office, met with us about the work. Lewis Carson, Gordon Newland, and Margie Clark helped with publicity. The following reports were submitted by the individual teams.

1. Spivey Gap to Nolichucky River - Reporting - Jack Young
Six people cleared and blazed this section on May 17, despite the constant threat of showers, some of which did materialize. Our big worry was whether latex-base painted blazes would dry before showers washed them off the trees. We think we won... Along the way we saw several individual pink lady slippers and paused by a crystal-clear mountain stream for lunch and rest. Participants were Ward Cochran, Ken Hatfield, Ken Hyché, Eric Hyché, Gary Luttrell and leader Jack Young.
2. Nolichucky River to Indian Grave Gap - Reporting - Charlie Boye
Rained out - to be rescheduled.
3. Indian Grave Gap to Deep Gap - Reporting - Paul Worsham
On May 10, a crew of eight took advantage of a beautiful, warm day to weed and blaze this nearly four mile section of the Appalachian Trail. Except for a lot of litter in the camping areas the trail is in good shape. We encountered two hikers planning to walk the entire trail this summer and fall. Participating were Ben and Lana Becker, Kevin Edgar, Mike Idacavage, Linda Jewell, Paul and Lesa Worsham, and Teresa Walker.
4. Deep Gap to Iron Mountain Gap - Reporting - Julian Lewis
On May 17, the rain was blowing up hill on Unaka Mtn. and a retreat was called. The group returned on June 7, and blazed the trail, installed water signs, cleared blowdowns and installed a water bar. Workers were Ray, Carol, and Cathy Owens, Stan Sellstrom and Julian Lewis.
5. Iron Mountain Gap to Hughes Gap - Reporting - Collins Chew
Eight workers started and ended the hike in a light but blowing rain, but most of the day was spent in pleasant, cool, dry weather. Blazes were renewed, brush cut, blowdowns removed, litter picked up and signs installed. Many wildflowers were blooming. Workers were John Kiefer, Ralph Young, Bill Dickason, Ben Pelot, Earl Brown, Kevin Trimble and Collins Chew. Jim Davidson of the Cherokee National Forest also accompanied us and we discussed our responsibilities for maintenance as we looked at specific problem areas. Jud Barry, Jack Young, and Collins Chew returned later to do some unfinished work. We found the rain did damage a few of our blazes.
6. Hughes Gap to Carvers Gap - Reporting - Dick Clark
A team of seven initiated the AT walk-through one week early with a blazing and clearing expedition over Roan High Knob to Hughes Gap. More than walk-thru, the group worked hard, but perfect weather and a peak wild flower display made the day more recreation than work. Participants were Pete and Whit Morison, Waylon Jenkins, Jim Rosser, Doug Clark, Dick and Margy Clark. Margy wrote an account of this trip and the AT walk-through which appeared in several area newspapers.
7. Carvers Gap to Bradley Gap - Reporting - Darrol Nickels
Blazes were renewed. Several long distances hikers commented on the good condition of our section of the AT.
8. Bradley Gap to Bear Branch Road - Reporting - Mira Wilhelm
"What can you expect from a trip that started in the pouring rain?" I heard one team member mutter as we headed for the cars. First of all, we found a beautiful sunny day! Then, there was a minor relocation that involved moving several heavy logs, only to find they had formed a barrier to keep cattle up on the ridge and would have to be put back. After that, there was lunch high atop Hump Mountain and ofcourse the thrill of squishing blazes on with the new paint pads - and last but not least - there was the excitement of being attacked by three enormous dogs while their owner watched from his porch. The merits of the paint pads, the ferocity of the dogs and who had the most sore muscles were discussed over barbecue and ice cream in Roan Mtn. The members who survived this work trip were Kirk Finch, Bill Hackett, Ed Oliver, and Van and Mira Wilhelm. (Note: Jeff Sirolo and Ray Hunt have already rerouted the trail into the woods around the dogs' yard so maybe they won't be as bothersome.)
9. Bear Branch Road to (North of) Bitter End School - Reporting - John Thompson
With paint brushes, saw, clippers and litter bag, five of us did maintenance work on this wooded 6.5 mile part of our section of AT (the 2.3 mile road section had been blazed the day before). Beautiful day - one thru hiker on the way to Maine - saw no snakes - nice lunch together atop Big Pine Mountain - had plenty of sighs and sore muscles climbing in Sugar Hollow. Making the trip were: Bruce and Mary Cunningham, Tom Pridge, Kenneth Hatfield and John Thompson. (Note: the USFS cut a less steep trail into Sugar Hollow where Ray Hunt and others had flagged a way. Tom Pridgen and Jeff Sirolo have already blazed the new trail.
10. Bitter End School to Dennis Cove - Reporting - Garland Ruth
Work was started by Scouts on May 17, but the rain was too hard to continue. Garland Ruth and his son returned on July 8, to blaze the trail and cut a few blowdowns. "Purify water" signs were installed at two creeks. Litter was removed. The shelter was in good shape and the foam pad worked well and faster than a brush. Several wild turkey and deer were seen.
11. Dennis Cove to U.S. 321 at Hampton - Reporting - Collins Chew
Seven workers reblazed the trail through Laurel Fork Gorge and completed the clearing and cleaning of this delightful section of trail. Several experts shared in naming the myriad wildflowers. Workers were Jack Young, Phil Cook, Steve Myarady, Steve Falling, David Green, Dennis Hall and Collins Chew.

12. Pond Mtn. at Laurel Fork Gorge to U. S. 321 - Reporting - John Whitehead
A trail maintenance team consisting of John Whitehead, Linda Robinson and Scouts, Robbie Day and Clay Phillips hiked the Pond Mountain Section on Saturday, May 24. Except for a half-hour rain, the weather was cool and excellent for hiking this rather steep section. Numerous blowdowns were cut out or pulled off the trail. One of the highlights was seeing two doe on the trail. In addition we saw 28 pink lady's slippers, many shades of flame azalea, clinton's lily, umbrella leaf and others.
13. U. S. 321 to Watauga Dam Road - Reporting - Gordon Newland
Blazes were painted, blowdowns and litter were removed. A minor relocation was made to remove the trail from the road in Shook Branch Recreation Area. The YACC had previously done some litter removal. Duke Barr of the USFS went on the trip and agreed to the new shelter location which was flagged during the TERC Hiking Club hike there earlier this spring. Workers were Ted Malone, Duke Barr and Gordon Newland.
14. Watauga Dam Road to Turkey Pen Gap - Reporting - Hugh Thompson
Blazed the trail in both directions. Worker-Hugh Thompson.
15. Turkey Pen Gap to Cross Mtn. - Reporting - Jim Caines
Trail was blazed where possible during intermittent rain. Duke Barr of the USFS was along and agreed to improve several boggy places and to block several places where 4-wheel drive vehicles were entering the Trail. Workers were Ray Hunt, Mike Calvert, Duke Barr and Jim Caines.
16. Cross Mtn. to Low Gap - Reporting - Bob Mynhier
On Saturday, May 10, four of us made a trail maintenance trip from Tenn 91 at Cross Mountain to U. S. 421 at Low Gap. We blazed the trail in both directions, picked up trash, cut out several blowdowns, cut back briars and blue blazed the trail from Double Springs Shelter to the spring. The wild flowers were very pretty along this section, especially the painted trillium and wake-robin. Those working the trip were Tom Banks, Allen Duffield, Ed McDaniel and Bob Mynhier.
17. Low Gap to Abingdon Gap - Reporting - Jeff Vanderbilt
Pete Raynolds, Brenda Green, Paul Darling, Mary Darling, Patti Hembre, Bob Hembre, Ken Carter, Kent Wilson, and Jeff Vanderbilt engaged in trail maintenance on the Appalachian Trail between Abingdon Gap and Low Gap on May 17. It was cool, windy, and overcast, but the rain that did fall was very light. Trail blazes were painted from north to south. Blowdowns were cleared, and seven bags of trash were removed from this section. A doe was spotted and observed just north of Abingdon Gap, and a small flock of goldfinches was spotted south of McQueen's knob. Numerous species of wild flowers were in bloom.
18. Abingdon Gap to Damascus - Reporting - Jeff Siirola
Believing the fair weather forecast despite the heavy morning showers, a small group ventured out as part of the Appalachian Trail Conference sponsored walk-through on a maintenance trip from Damascus, VA. to McQueen Gap. The Trail has survived the winter in fairly good shape, with only a few new major blowdowns and drainage problems. Whether the trail can survive the impact of people is more in doubt: Two motorcyclists were encountered and more than 15 pounds of trash were picked up. However, the weatherman prevailed, the sun came out, and the profusion of flame azalea and wildflowers in bloom seemed to make it all worthwhile. Participating were David Attridge, Tom Pell and Jeff Siirola.

If you have never participated in our Appalachian Trail maintenance program, but would be interested in helping next year - contact Collins Chew.



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TOE RIVER CANOE TRIP FOR MAY 11

RESCHEDULED FOR MAY 18

The Toe River canoe trip scheduled for May 11 has been rescheduled for Sunday, May 18. The Toe is the main tributary of the Nolichucky and is located in Mitchell County, North Carolina.

The trip will be about 10 miles of mostly class II water. There are a couple of class II rapids and also a flat stretch of about 1 mile. The last 2 miles the river drops faster, at the rate of 30 ft. per mile, that presents constant white water.

Meet at 8:00 A.M. in B-215 parking lot. Bring lunch, rain gear and necessary canoe equipment. For more information call Dave Ingram, home 282-5856 or work 246-7171 EXT. 20.

If you plan to go please complete the form below and return it to Gordon Porter, B- 54D TEC.

To: Gordon Porter, B 54D TEC.

_____ I plan to float the Toe River May 18.

Toe River Canoe Trip - May 18, 1980 - David Ingram

Ten people canoed or kayaked the Toe River on May 18, 1980. Although the water level was rather high the day was sunny and warm and everyone had a good time, even those (including the trip leader) taking an unscheduled swim in rather cold and muddy water.

Those participating were: Paul and Mary Darling, Dan Bensing, Ben Becker, Edd Brown, Ray Robinson, Gordon Porter, Mike Hilmick, Jerry Lubach and Dave Ingram.

Beginners Backpacking on Bays Mountain - May 25, 1980 - Lewis Carson

As if responding to our special request, the rain ceased just in time for Debbie and Larry Nycum, Judy and Charles Williams, Jerry Best, and Doris and Lewis Carson to head for the back hollow of Bays Mountain on May 25. The reserved campsite offered its log house, fast-flowing spring and freshly mowed lawn for our enjoyment. The Boy Scout leaders training group from the night before had constructed a beautiful fire circle with large inviting rocks for sitting and gazing into the fire. The clear mild night entertained us with its brilliant stars and called to us with the voices of wild birds.



TERC HIKING CLUB

UPPER WATAUGA RIVER - CANOE TRIP

SATURDAY, MAY 31, 1980

This is a rescheduling of the Watauga River Trip originally scheduled for May 4, 1980.

Plan to meet at B-215 parking lot to arrange car pooling in time for an 8:30 a.m. departure.

Bring lunch, spare paddle, appropriate clothing for the weather, etc.

We will paddle a scenic section of the Watauga River upstream of Watauga Lake. The put-in is where U.S. Hwy 321 crosses the river between Hampton, TN and Boone, N.C., and the take-out is a few miles downstream at Guy's Ford Rd. (3 mi. from Tn/NC state line). The river is class I and II, with one rapid near the put-in which must be portaged.

Additional possibilities, depending on interest, water level, etc., are paddling the Elk or Doe Rivers after we complete the Watauga, or going to the Daniel Boone Inn in Boone for supper.

As this trip just is not practical at low water, pre-registration is suggested in case plans must be changed, due to water level.

Leader: Warren McLain, Bldg. B-267, Home phone 288-5762

To: Warren McLain, B-267

_____ I plan to go on the Watauga River Trip
planned for May 31, 1980.

Name(s) _____

Upper Watauga River Canoe Trip - Saturday, May 31, 1980 - Warren McLain
Four paddlers in two canoes made this trip. Ben Thompson and Barbara Burke and Warren McLain and Jan Silver. The water flow was 190 CFS, which is nearly ideal for this river. The "Unrunnable rapid" (well, almost) was portaged, and the remainder of the river was quite lively because of the good water level. It made for a very enjoyable day of paddling for both the novice and more experienced paddlers. Weather was mainly good, with an occasional light sprinkle.



TERC HIKING CLUB

School of River Canoeing and Kayaking

June 6, 7, 8, 1980 (NOTE: This is a change from the original date!)

Pre-registration Required

The seventh annual Hiking Club School of River Canoeing and Kayaking will be held June 6-8. This year the school will be divided in two sections - one for canoeing and one for kayaking. Instruction will be geared towards beginners and intermediate paddlers in both sections. The canoe section offers two river trips while the kayak section will have one day of flat water practice and one river trip. It is required that all participants be able to swim and unafraid of the water. Participants should furnish their own equipment, but anyone who has room for someone else should so indicate on the form below. For the kayak section there will be a few outfitted kayaks available for those who don't own one. There is a registration fee which is used to provide refreshments and an American Canoe Association Certification.

Required Equipment

- Canoe Section: Canoe, 3 paddles, 2 life jackets, front and back lines (painters), knee pads
- Kayak Section: Kayak with walls, air bags, and grab-loops; paddle, spray shirt, life jacket, helmet (essential)
- Both Sections: Food and change of clothing in a 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 6.

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

--Schedule--

June 6 (Friday) Registration, lecture, and films, 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. at Shelter No. 9 , TEC Bays Mountain Recreation Area.

~~June~~ June 7 (Saturday)

Canoe Section: River Trip - Everyone meet at 9:00 a.m. at B-215 parking lot - Bring lunch and equipment listed above.

Kayak Section: Flat Water Practice - Will be held at Warrior Path State Park between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. - Bring lunch and equipment listed above.

June 8 (Sunday) River Trip (Both Sections) - Everyone meet at 9:00 a.m. at B-215 parking lot - Bring lunch and equipment listed above.

Appalachian Trail - New Jersey to Vermont - June 3-July 1 - John Thompson

During the period of June 3, 1980 to July 1, 1980, I backpacked the Appalachian Trail from High Point State Park, New Jersey, to Highway 103 near Rutland, Vermont. I was alone, not having anyone else with the time or desire to go along. During the previous 13 years I had hiked the Trail from Springer Mt., Ga. to High Point Park (Approx. 1400 miles), and needed about 700 m. to complete the entire Trail to Mt. Khatadin, Maine. I retired from Tennessee Eastman Company on May 31, 1980, and decided to attempt to finish the Trail this summer. This I planned to do in two sections: (1) 350 miles from High Point Park to Rutland in June and (2) from Rutland to the Kennebec River, Maine in August (I had already hiked from Mt. Khatadin to the Kennebec in prior years).

I began planning for these final hikes in the late fall of 1979. I had backpacked from High Point Park to Eckville, Pa. in September, 1979 (eight days, 110 m.) to complete the Trail that far North and to see how I fared on long stretches by myself. That went off O.K., so I felt I could attempt the longer distances. During the winter and spring I obtained Trail Guides with Maps to the unfinished sections, and made plans in terms of a schedule of daily distances, places to camp each night, food resupply Post Offices (food parcels to be mailed to me for pickup every 100 m.), places near the Trail where I could spend a night in a motel about once a week, equipment, etc. All of this I had pretty well finalized in mid-May. So, having retired Fri., May, 31st, I was packed and ready to go Tuesday, June 3. I planned to fly to LaGuardia (New York City) and take a bus to New Jervis, N.Y. (about 4 m. from where the Trail cut across NJ23) and take a taxi to the starting point, which was only 2 m. to the Shelter where I planned to spend the first night.

I should comment on several things at this point. I planned to hike about 12 m. each day and to stay in a Trail Shelter if available or otherwise in a one-man tent ("Pocket Hotel", Early Winters, 2 lbs., Gore-Tex canopy, 2 ft. high x 3 ft. wide at ground front). Second, I made a serious mistake in choice of a sleeping bag, taking a sleeping bag liner rather than my down bag in order to save 2 lb. weight. This June set a record for low temperatures in New England, with frost two nights and snow flurries reported on a mountain in Vermont in early June. I'm cold natured (Gordon Newland had advised me to take the down bag), and for most of the 30 nights I slept in a down jacket and frequently with two shirts and trousers in addition. My total equipment was as follows (about 35 lb. wt.):

- Back pack and waterproof nylon cover
- Sleeping bag
- Two piece rain suit
- One-man tent
- Waterproof Nylon tarp, 4 ft X 7 ft
- Down Jacket, two sets shirt and trousers, 4 pr wool socks, 4 pr polypropylene inner sox
- Svea 123 gasoline stove and Sigg Tourister cook kit, plus 1qt fuel bottle
- 10 days food (2-man Mountain House dehydrated supper meals, bullion cubes, cup-a-soup packages, oatmeal and grits packages, Cool-Aid powder drinks, Gouda cheese, peanut butter, soda crackers, peanut and raisin mix, fig or oatmeal cookies), spoon, cup, plastic dish
- 1-Qt water bottle, first aid and personal item kit, hunting knife
- Flash light, matches, nylon cord
- Trail Guides plus maps, compass
- Hiking boots (3.1 lb), and heavy vinyl slippers with hard rubber soles.

June 3 - Severe storm during bus trip from LaGuardia to Port Jervis, N.Y. - an omen? Stopped on way and bought Coleman stove fuel, since I couldn't carry it on the plane. Could only take a quart in my pack, so took the 1-gal can balance for use at first shelter by hikers needing fuel. A taxi took me from Port Jervis to the Appl. Trail, 4 miles away at High Point Park, N.J., from whence it's 2 m. North to the shelter. Arrived there just before dark to find three other backpackers, headed North.

June 4 - I knew last night that my sleeping bag was too thin. Had to wear my down jacket. First one up, and off at 6:30 a.m. Picked up a 4-foot stick in morning which I carried balance of trip (about walking sticks I should say that they help to climb, descend, maintain balance, avoid falls, keep dogs away, and also protect against snakes and varmints. I think it's significant that most long-distance hikers I've seen carry one. They range from pick-up things like mine to fancy "L. L. Bean" carvings). Saw sign on A.T. which invited hikers to stop by "Roger's" 28 m. ahead (Roger is a teacher who has a home 1/4 m. from Trail and who offers food, beds, rides, etc. to hikers. I've seen letters referring to his accommodations in the Appalachian Trail-way News.) Hiked 14 m., mostly on roads. Spent night in an orchard in my tent.

June 5 - Up at 6 and off at 7:15 a.m. Cool night and warm sunny day. Bads again, as is much of the Trail for about 50 miles. Am walking almost East along the N.J.-N.Y. line. Spent night at the Willowbrook Inn, an old, rustic place near Warwick, N.Y. Called home, washed socks (I wear two pairs, inner polypropylene and outer wool. I'm wearing new boots which I broke in somewhat by use around Kingsport. They did fine- I had no blisters during entire trip). Tried to buy blanket from Inn but none available.

June 6 - Off at 7 a.m. after coffee and oatmeal in room since no one else was up (I was the only roomer last night-early in their season). Passed Roger's turn-off after hard hot hike over Bellville Ledges (fine views, but elevation on these mountains is mostly under 1500 feet). Too early for stay at Roger's. Hiked 13.5 m. and camped in a fine balsam grove near a brook.

June 7 - Rained hard during the night but I stayed dry in tent (sure pays to waterproof all tent seams carefully). Walked in fog and clouds all day. Much mountain laurel in bloom. Got to Fingerboard Shelter at 6:30 p.m. TIRED, after 15 m. including 3 m. extra on a relocation. Rained again during night.

June 8 - Two N-to-S hikers came into Shelter at 5 a.m. The police at Lake Tiorati Circle had routed them from their car at 4 a.m. (illegal to sleep in cars), and they hiked with flashlights 2 m. to keep warm. Moon hot and sunny, but a sudden rain storm at 1 p.m. barely gave me time to put on pack cover and rain suit and crouch behind a large boulder to avoid high winds. Two Ga.-to-Me thru hikers passed me (Skip Daufen and Mark-----), with only one ahead of them, Roger Masta. Later I saw all three names in Registers ahead and they steadily pulled away from me (about 25 m/day compared to my 12 average). Spent night in Trading Post Motel, Ft. Montgomery, N.Y., on west bank of the Hudson River. Washed clothes (no laundromat here), dried wet equipment, enjoyed long hot bath and a LARGE restaurant meal. Cold and windy night.

June 9 - Crossed the Hudson at 7:30 a.m. in bright cool sun (10¢ fee). This is 4 m. below West Point and at spot where Continental Army stretched chains across river in 1776 to keep British from going up river. Incidentally this is the lowest elevation on A.T. Ate lunch in rain. Got in tent at 5:39 p.m., after quick supper, due to cold and drizzle.

June 10 - Awake at 3 a.m. but stayed in bag to 5:30. Cloudy and cold. On trail at 6:45 after grits, juice and coffee. Spent night in Farmers' Mill Shelter. Have noticed many caterpillars on trees and suspended over trail - a severe Gypsy moth infestation which extended from N.J. into Vermont. It's wierd, but their noise (leaf droppings, etc.) sounds like heavy sleet. Later in the N.Y. Times an article indicated that their presence for two years running would kill trees.

June 11 - Last night was COLD. Wore all my clothes again. Got up at 2 a.m. and spread tent over top of sl. bag. I passed a man inspecting flowers in a nearby yard and he said it was 30°F. last night. Must be a June record. Trail almost all on roads which is uninteresting and hard on feet (I decided the foot problems on roads is due to the same step and foot area, whereas on the dirt Trail each step is varied and you use all the foot). Spent the night in Ed Murrow Memorial Park, Pawling, N.Y., a nice place with grass where I pitched my tent. Had a hot shower, washed clothes, wrote cards and called home. Earlier I had picked up my food package at the P.O. in Holmes, N.Y. for the next 100 miles.

June 12 - Beautiful, cool day but still mostly on roads. Am one-third (115 m) thru hike. Got to Webatuck Shelter in early afternoon, where there were four mattresses, courtesy of local Trail Maintenance Group (attention Collins Chew). Took advantage of hot sun to wash clothes, dry equipment and shave. Realized that I had not seen or talked to another person for 24 hours (first time in my life for such a strange feeling which was to occur several times more during this hike).

June 13 - Must be extra careful today since it's Friday 13th. I'm being careful anyway since I've met very few people on the Trail, much to my surprise. Some of the Trail north of Maryland I consider DANGEROUS due to steep rocky areas where it is easy to slip, lose balance or fall. Being alone I can't afford a sprain or broken bone. I'm watching for things in this order: (1) A.T. paint blazes, to stay on the trail; (2) the Trail itself, to avoid falls; (3) poison ivy; (4) snakes. I crossed the N.Y.-Conn. line at 9:30 a.m. Spent night at a Tourist Home in Kent, Mass. called "The Candlelight". Kent is a unique, old place, with many businesses on a village green. Also Kent is the home of famous private schools.

June 14 - Up at 7 a.m. after a good night's sleep in a real bed. Beautiful hot day. Must comment on the trees around Kent. All varieties are huge. Much larger than I've ever seen elsewhere: maples, oaks, sycamores, coniferous, etc. Must be some soil or weather environmental factor. Saw first grouse today, dragging a wing and making distress cries, evidently to protect chicks. Much of the Trail here is along the bank of the Housatonic River, where I saw numerous weekend hikers, campers, canoeists, and fishermen. Spent night in Mountain Brook Shelter, near river (on top of tarp, since shelter was damp).

June 15 - Didn't sleep well last night. Two canoeists came in late, and a camping cornetist nearby played old 1940's-type songs until the wee hours (he was very good). Much of today's 13.5 m. was on roads and my feet hurt. Spent night in Boulder Mt. Shelter #1, a nice place near top of several ski runs.

June 16 - TROUBLE! My gasoline stove quit-broken needle valve. Also my left ankle is swollen and quite sore. Luckily I found a public phone on the road and ordered a new Svea 123 stove from Stow-A-Way Industries, near Boston, to be delivered along with a food package several days ahead at Dalton, Mass. Good old Master Charge! Until then I used a few wood fires and Sterno. Saw first live snake today; harmless but it startled me.

June 17 - After going over tough Barrack Mt. I ate a second breakfast at a roadside restaurant near Fall Village, Conn. Then fine hike over Bear Mt. (highest in Conn). May have overdone it today, hiking 18 m. on rough trail. Camped in tent in Sages Ravine, a beautiful place. HOORAY: 1/2 thru today; having passed 170 miles.

JUNE 18 - A coon ruined last night's sleep. Heard noise several times near my pack just outside tent entrance but saw nothing with flashlight. Finally I got up and suspended the pack several feet in a tree. Another noise and the light revealed a red coon sitting on top of the pack. I think I hit him with my stick. He didn't get in the pack. Crossed into Mass. this morning. Trail over Mts. Race and Everett (2602 ft.) rough but beautiful views. Ankle very sore. Lost the Trail on roads due to inattention at cross road and finally caught a ride near dark to Great Barrington, Mass., where I spent the night in the Monument Mt. Motel, a nice place.

June 19 - My left ankle is so sore I'm not sure I'll be able to continue hiking, despite feeling fine otherwise. I bought an ace bandage and an ointment and am walking slow. I bathe the ankle frequently in cold streams. Spent night in isolated Mt. Wilcox Shelter-again no one on trail or at shelter.

June 20 - More coon trouble last night, but lost sleep only problem. Ankle no worse and I feel the bandage and ointment are keeping me on the Trail. Ate lunch in the rain on road side in beautiful Tyringham Valley. Camped in tent near spring, where I slept well despite rain and cold.

June 21 - Today I met a large Trail Maintenance Team doing extensive, bridge, water bar and clearing work (included local GMC members Dave Hapgood and Jon Clement). They were instructed by ATC employees Roger Moore and Roger Sternburg from White Mountains Area. Hiked 13 m. and spent night in tent at "the Cascades", a plunging stream seven m. south of Dalton. While there three local day hikers (Ken Loveman & his son Mike and Ivan Garshels from Pittsfield, Mass.) invited me to eat supper with them: can't beat T-bone steak, french fries, salad and a bottle of spring chilled wine. All I had to contribute were cigars and fig newtons. (As I found out several times there is also "Northern Hospitality").

June 22 - Up early and off at 6:15 a.m. this Sunday morning, after a cold, clear night. Dalton and a motel only 7 m. away! Trail vegetation needs clipping badly. Speaking of Trail maintenance, the TERC Hiking Club can be proud of it's maintenance compared to 90% of this 350 miles. Reached Dalton at 11 a.m. Greatly enjoyed a motel bed, three restaurant meals, TV and Sunday NY Times. Met a young fellow at the motel who planned to backpack to Tennessee, and then canoe down the Tenn. River towards New Orleans (he had hiked here from Boston).

June 23 - Up early to buy supplies and get packages from P.O. The stove was there. Gave store owner 3 qts. Coleman fuel to drive me 1 m. to the A.T. Beautiful trail North to Cheshire, Mass. on a hot day. Hiked 13 m. to Kitchen Brook Shelter, on way up highest mountain in Mass., where four teenagers were camped. Ankle is better and I think I'll be able to complete the hike.

June 24 - Tough climb up Anthony's Nose and to top of Mt. Graylock (highest in Mass. at 3491 ft.). Ate second breakfast plus 3 ice cream sandwiches at a fine Lodge on top, which provides meals and dorm-type beds to hikers. Great views in all directions. Camped in tent beside a nice mountain brook a few miles north of North Adams, Mass.

June 25 - Last night was first not to sleep in down jacket. This is an eventful day since I crossed line into Vermont and started on The Long Trail, which the A.T. occupies for about 100 m. North. It runs from Vermont to Canada. Lunch by a high-elevation beaver pond. Spent night in Congdon Camp an enclosed hut operated by the Green Mountain Club.

June 26 - Heard noise during night and went outside to find a porcupine (have been warned to suspend pack and especially boots). More people on Trail, including 16 teenage boys and leaders headed South for a week. Spent night at Mt. Glazenbury Shelter where mosquitos and black flies were almost intolerable. Because of them I spent late afternoon and night in a floored tent supposed to be occupied by the caretaker (she had quit because of the bugs). Near dark I walked 1/4 mile to summit (3780 ft.) where a tower gave splendid views. Good thing I went for next a.m. was too cloudy-foggy to see. A backpacking English teacher and two students from a high school near Grand Central Station were on top of the tower and camped nearby.

June 27 - Bugs bad this a.m., and I finally stopped and applied repellent. Made fine time on almost level trail in a Wilderness area. Got to Stratton Pond at 4:30 p.m. in a strong, cold wind. Caretaker assigned me to one of three shelters (fee \$1.50, which caretaker gets. They are usually college-age boys or girls. Sort of isolated, tough summer, but they all congregate one day a week in Bennington, Vt. for food, fellowship, supplies, shower, etc). In return for a peanut butter and honey sandwich this caretaker asked me to take some money 8 m. north to next caretaker in an envelope labelled "by Long Trail Express". Cold wind blowing so to bed before dark.

June 28 - More porcupines last night but no damage. After a fast 10 m. in the morning I found the caretaker and left the money. He gave me a liberal supply of raisins and salted peanuts mix, for which I sent him \$2 from Rutland. Also he agreed to call my wife collect from town next day and say I was OK (I hadn't been near a phone since leaving Dalton. Hiked 15.3 m. to Mad Tom Shelter where I spent night under threat of rain. Cold again.

June 29 - Didn't sleep well last night. May be excited by prospect of completing hike and heading home. Speaking of health, I've never felt better in my life with simple easy-to-digest meals, much exercise and plenty of sleep (nothing else to do after dark). Cloudy this morning and no views from high Mt. Peru. Better views from rocky, exposed top of Mt. Baker (has emergency decent route in case of storms). Spent night in Little Rock Pond Shelter, where I was glad to be since we had a rain-lightening storm while I was cooking supper. Strange, every one except hikers want rain - the springs are drying up due to record low snowfall last winter.

June 30 - The Vermont Trail so far has been very rocky and rooty. Have seen no laurel and few flowers for several days, except dwarf dogwood. As to trees, birch, elm, maple and beech predominate with some oak, spruce and other pine-like species. Reached Sunnyside Camp (recently renamed Minerva Hinckley in honor of a long-time Trail volunteer) at 11:45 a.m. after 9 miles. No one there. I shaved, took cold bath, put on fresh clothes, ate a large lunch (am eating up XS food). HOORAY: only 3 m. to Vt #1), and from whence its 7 road miles to Rutland, where awaits motel, bath, restaurant food, and bus to New York and my Piedmont flight home (Super Saver Round Trip fare is only \$127, whereas bus fare is \$112). About 3 P.M. there was a noise at the shelter door and in walked Nauri Wintturi, an GMC member out checking Shelters. Said he attends all ATC meetings every two years, and was at Boone, N.C. in 1975.

July 1 - Up at 5:30 and off at 6:20 a.m. All my food is gone except peanut butter and crackers which I ate during first rest stop. It rained last night so I put on rain suit to avoid getting fresh clothes wet. I was extremely careful descending the mountain to Rt. 103 due to mud and slick rocks-can't afford a fall now! Reached road at 8:30 a.m., but had trouble catching a ride to Rutland. Finally at a small store an hour later a driver gave me a ride to the Rutland bus station where I checked on bus schedules to N.Y. for next morning. Spent night in local Holiday Inn, which provided car to and from bus station. Clouds finally blew away and I got a good look at Mts. Killington and Pico, which I must climb when I resume my hike North in August.

July 2 - Off by bus at 9:30 a.m. for N.Y.C. via Albany. It rained most of the day but I was able to spot the place where I crossed this Interstate a few weeks earlier with my backpack. Got to New York about 4:30 p.m. and went on out to LaGuardia immediately to see if I could get on the 6 p.m. flight to Tri-Cities as a stand-by (didn't make it due to heavy July 4 weekend travel). I have 6 p.m. on July 3, confirmed flight. Spent the night in airport to be first stand by for 7 a.m. flight. It was almost full, but they had room for me so I got home several hours ahead of schedule - GREAT to be home, but am looking forward to returning to Rutland in August and finishing the Trail into Maine.

John Thompson

HIKE NOTICE

GRASSY RIDGE BALD, JUNE 7, 1980 (Saturday)

On June 7, 1980, there will be a hike from Carvers Gap to Grassy Ridge Bald, on the Highlands of Roan. This famous section of the Appalachian Trail offers splendid views of the surrounding mountains and countryside, and is unsurpassed with its open heath balds and windswept character.

We will leave from the B-215 parking lot at 9:00 a.m., stop at the Johnson City east side post office at 10:00 a.m., and then proceed to Carvers Gap. We should be back to Kingsport by 5:00 p.m.

Bring a lunch, raingear, and a study pair of boots. For further information, call Steve Banks at 349-6420.

FOR THE RECORD

Grassy Ridge Bald - June 7, 1980 - Steve Banks

Six hikers traveled to Carvers Gap to hike along the Appalachian Trail to Grassy Ridge Bald. Two hikers turned back after reaching the top of Round Bald, but four of us continued over Jane Bald to Grassy Ridge Bald, where we ate lunch before returning over the same route to Carvers Gap. Although the views were quite limited, a good time was had by all. The rhododendron blooms were just beginning to open, adding to the splendid beauty that is the Highlands of Roan.

Hikers were Linda Jewell, Kevin Edgar, Terry Good, Sue Trent, Chuck Inman, and Steve Banks.

TRIP NOTICE

BIG BALD, June 21-22, 1980
(Rescheduled from June 15)

The Big Bald hike originally scheduled Sunday, June 15, has been rescheduled for Sat.-Sun., June 21-22. This hike has been changed to a two day trip which will include an overnight stay in M. L. Whitt's cabin at Wolf Laurel and a hike of about 8 1/2 miles Sunday to Spivey Gap. Cars will be parked at the cabin to avoid the vandalism that frequently occurs at Spivey Gap. We will be met at Spivey Gap Sunday afternoon and the drivers will be shuttled back to the cabin to pick up their cars.

Each hiker will need to provide his own meals and sleeping gear. The cabin has an electric stove, refrigerator, and sink and will be available for use. Equipment will be left at the cabin during the Sunday hike enabling hikers to carry a light day pack with lunch, rain gear, and appropriate clothing. The Sunday hike will be easy and will cross extensive meadows and balds offering magnificent views of the Black Mountains, Roan Mountain, Cold Spring Mountain, and if it is a clear day, Le Conte.

We will leave B-215 parking lot at 3 P.M. Saturday and we should return by 6 P.M. Sunday. A \$2.00 fee per hiker will be collected to pay for cabin utilities. Space is limited, therefore; if you plan to go, please complete the reservation form below and send to G.S. Luttrell, B-56.

For further information call G. S. Luttrell, home 239-9854.

To: G. S. Luttrell , B-56

I plan to go on the Bog Bald Trip, June 21-22, 1980

Name _____ Phone _____

No. of Reservations _____

I can provide transportation to Big Bald _____ or _____ for _____ people,
yes no number
including myself.

Big Bald Trip - June 21-22, 1980 - Garry Luttrell

On Saturday afternoon eight of us drove to Wolf Laurel to spend the night in a cabin. We enjoyed a roaring fire in the fireplace during a cool evening and everyone appreciated the nice facilities. Thanks go to M. L. Whitt for allowing the Hiking Club to use his cabin. The appalachian trail is less than half a mile through heavy growth from the cabin, but Sunday morning we chose to walk 2 miles by road to reach the trail. The weather was very good for hiking, but haze limited the distant views from Big Bald. Wild strawberries were abundant along the trail, especially at Big Stump. Weed growth crowded the trail from Big Stump to Little Bald, and a few of us managed to find stinging nettles. Those participating were Suzan and Mark Greenwood, Frank Williams, William Little, Dr. Chuck Inman, Tom Akin and Garry and Billy Luttrell.

TRIP RESCHEDULING

The April 18-20 Backpacking trip to White Rocks/Sand Cave has been cancelled and RESCHEDULED for June 27-29, 1980.

Contact Bob Casper, B-95A or at 247-7785 if you have questions about the White Rocks/Sand Cave, June 27-29 trip.

TRIP REPORT

White Rock/Sand Cave - June 27-29, 1980 - Bob Casper
This trip was cancelled!