

# TERC HIKING CLUB

AUGUST 1983



Addressee, please note change of building number here \_\_\_\_\_ and return to Eastman Employee Center, B-310. Hiking Club. My Name is \_\_\_\_\_

Dept. No. \_\_\_\_\_ Payroll No. \_\_\_\_\_

DATE			TRIP	RATING	LEADER
Aug. 13	Sat.	1 Day	AT, Bitter End to U.S. 19E	M	S. Banks
Aug. 13-21		9 Days	AT, Franconia to Hanover, N. H.	D	C. Chew
Aug. 20	Sat.	1 Day	Abrams Falls (Smokies)	E	M. Kirk
CANOEING					
Aug. 7	Sun.	1 Day	Nolichucky Gorge	III/IV	B. Becker
Aug. 13	Sat.	1 Day	Nolichucky (Below Unaka Springs)	I/II	I. Maupin
Aug. 20	Sat.	1 Day	Green River	I/II (III)	W. McLain

## CLUB LIBRARIAN?

After long and faithful service, Jim Crowell would like to be relieved of his duties as Club Librarian. Is there anyone who would like to volunteer for this position? The only requirement is an adequate storage place here at work for all of the books, maps and etc. which the Club owns. The librarian checks these materials out to club members who request them and makes sure they are eventually returned. If you are interested, contact Gordon Newland or Frank Williams.

## FAMILY PICNIC and CLUB DINNER MEETING NIGHT?

It has been suggested that the Hiking and Canoe Club sponsor a family picnic. Are you in favor of such an event and would you participate? It has also been suggested that an evening other than Sunday would be preferable for the Club's Dinner Meetings. Do you have a preference? Please return the following to F. L. Williams, B-56.

I am in favor of a family picnic and would support it. \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

I am in favor of having the Club Dinner Meetings on: \_\_\_\_\_ Friday Evening  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday Evening \_\_\_\_\_ Sunday Evening \_\_\_\_\_ Evening

## BITTER END to U.S. 19E - AT, (M), SATURDAY, AUGUST 13, 1983

This hike will cover the section of the AT from Bitter End to U.S. 19E, a total distance of about 10 miles. The hike should be rated moderate. There should be good views of Roan Mountain and surrounding mountains. Bring a lunch and water, rain gear and sturdy boots or shoes. Meet at B-215 at 8:00 a.m. This is a joint Tennessee Eastman Hiking Club/State of Franklin Group, Sierra Club hike. Additional information can be obtained and/or additional meeting points can be arranged by calling the trip leader, Steve Banks, at 349-6420.

## ABRAM'S FALLS (Smokies) - SATURDAY, AUGUST 20, 1983 (E)

The Cades Cove area is beautiful this time of year and the Abram's Falls hike leaving from the back of the cove loop should be no exception. It is a relatively easy hike of about 5 miles and we will eat lunch at the falls. Bring comfortable shoes and a good lunch and meet at B-215 at 8:00 a.m. It will be a 3 to 3 1/2 hour drive to the cove. If there is sufficient interest, a run around part of the cove may be arranged. For more information, contact Martin Kirk at 239-4345.

NOLICHUCKY GORGE CANOE TRIP, Class III-IV, SUNDAY, AUGUST 7, 1983

The gorge section of the Nolichucky from Poplar, N.C. to Unaka Springs, TN is the most difficult section of the river and one of the most beautiful. The 8 mile trip is through a narrow 2000 foot gorge with a river gradient that averages about 40 feet per mile. This run is usually considered a "big water" trip with powerful currents and large holes although at lower summertime water levels the trip becomes more technical. This section of the river presents hazards to both equipment and people, and those electing to make this trip should be intermediate to advanced paddlers, knowledgeable in both self-rescue and rescue of others, and have proper safety equipment (including a Coast Guard approved life vest, Spare paddle, and throw rope). Helmets are mandatory and extra floatation for the canoe is recommended. Meet at B-215 at 8 a.m., Sunday, Aug: 7. Bring extra clothing, lunch, etc. The driving time is about 1 hour each way. Pre-register with Ben Becker, B-231 using the attached form.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Canoeing experience, list similar rivers which you have paddled. \_\_\_\_\_

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NOLICHUCKY CANOE TRIP (UNAKA SPRINGS TO BIG ROCK BEACH)  
CLASS I,II - SATURDAY, AUGUST 13, 1983

We will meet at McDonalds, Colonial Heights at 8:00a.m. and will be gone until approximately 3:00 p.m. Driving time to the put-in (just past Erwin) is about 45 minutes. Proper safety equipment is essential. Also bring a lunch. Since water level is questionable at this time of year, contact Ira Maupin if you plan to go on this trip (in case of cancellation, rescheduling, etc.)

GREEN RIVER CANOE TRIP, Class I-II(III), SATURDAY, AUGUST 20, 1983

The Green River is a somewhat small dam-controlled whitewater stream, near Saluda, N.C., just off I-26, approx. 20 mi. south of Asheville. Green River offers some of every kind of canoeing, a few tree-covered placid spots, lots of Class II, and one or two low Class III. River distance is 6-7 miles. There are some places requiring tight turns and intricate maneuvering. Minimum equipment is life jacket and lunch for each person, and spare paddle for each canoe - dry clothes optional. Meet at McDonald's in Colonial Heights at 8:00 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 20. Leader is Warren McLain at 288-5762. Plan on being gone 12-14 hours.

For The Record

WATAUGA DAM ROAD to U.S. 321 - AT - May 14, 1983 - Steven C. Banks

This was a very pleasant hike from Watauga Dam Road, across the top of Watauga Dam (which is a little muddy due to some construction on the dam), and around the shore of Watauga Lake to the point where the AT crosses U.S. 321, a total distance of 4.4 miles. This is a good family hike on the AT. Those on the hike were Marilyn Coble, Kevin Edgar, Diane Human, Licia Mueller, Brian, Christine, and Rachel Kneller, Ken, Sandra, Greg, Brian, and Mark Booty, Penny and Jennifer McLaughlin, Christy Suarez, Rodney Gray, and Steve, Mary, and Steven Banks.

LAUREL FALLS (HAMPTON, TN) - May 21, 1983 - A. Meyers  
This hike was cancelled due to inclement weather.

1983 TEHC CANOE SCHOOL - May 21 & 22, 1983 - J. T. Dougherty

The 1983 (16) canoe school participants left Kingsport on Saturday in a driving rain to canoe the Doe River. By the time we got there the rain had stopped and it turned-out to be a nice day for canoeing. Sunday was almost the reverse of Saturday's weather conditions. We had less than the usual number of whitewater swimmers in this class. Overall most people seemed to enjoy the class and I saw improvement in everyone's canoeing during the class.

SMOKIE MT. BACKPACK - May 28 - 30, 1983 - Kevin J. Edgar

A total of ten fellow travelers joined Jeff Vanderbilt for his last hike before departing for Texas. We (Jeff, Kevin Edgar, Ted Malone and Jamie Herman) hiked the AT in the western half of the Smokies, from Fontana Dam to Newfound Gap (38 miles). Another group (including TEC hikers Butch McNally, Steve Banks and Gether Irick) traversed the route in the other direction. The trip was grueling at times, particularly during the first day's 3500 ft. elevation gain, but also contained many stretches of almost idyllic beauty. Deer were seen in abundance, wild boar were either seen or heard by all, and bear stories were all around us. One hiker had to cut the trip short at Clingman's Dome due to fatigue, but for all of us the hike was a strenuous but very special experience.

AT CONFERENCE - May 28 - 30, 1983 - Frank Williams

Ten TEHC members and guests attended the A.T. Conference at the State University of New York in New Paltz, New York. There were a total of 850 people in attendance at the conference. Ray Hunt was elected Chairman of the Board of Managers and Collins Chew was elected to the Board. Those in attendance from TEHC were Stan Murray, Linda Jewel, Doug Lowman, Ray Hunt, Lewis and Doris Carson, Collins and Charlotte Chew, Frank and Betty Williams. The slide-tape program prepared for TEHC by Doug Lowman was well received.

NEW RIVER OVERNIGHT CANOE TRIP - May 28-29, 1983 - Paul Folk

Three couples, three father/son, one father/daughter, one mother/son and one solo canoe made the overnight canoe trip on the South Fork of the New River. The water was fast with little difficulty. The state park campsite, for canoeers only, was excellent. Few fish were caught, but the river did catch a few lures and Pat Stevenson's rod and reel.

AT MASSEY GAP to VA 603 - June 4, 1983 - Kevin Edgar

The expected throng was thinned somewhat by threatening weather and the wet reputation of the Mt. Rogers area, but six brave souls showed up for the trip across high balds, among massive gray boulders, and through lush forest. Some brief showers and fog barely marred a fine day for hiking and a thoroughly enjoyable trip. The hikers were Helen Keith, Doug Lowman, Judy McClanahan, Kathy McDavid, Jack Young and Kevin Edgar.

N. FORK HOLSTON RIVER CANOE TRIP - June 4, 1983 - Keith Smith

Eleven people showed up at Sullivan North High School on Saturday, June 4, for the North Fork Canoe Trip. Those persons participating were Earl Brown; Dewey Fuller; Noel Fuller and his wife, Martha; Jerry Morie and his son, Brad; Art Mullins and his son, Mathew; Jim Steffen; and Keith Smith and his daughter, Dudley. The group gathered under threatening skies following a terrible thunderstorm the night before. Amid reports of 80% chance of thundershower activities for the day, the group decided to go ahead with the trip. The put-in was at the upper Hiltons bridge, and the group enjoyed an easy float that the higher-than-average water level presented to them. They had a good float, observing through the day such wildlife as hawks, mama duck with her brood of young, and other waterfowl. The scenery was beautiful under a cool and cloudy sky, and by the end of the trip at Wadlow Gap bridge, the score still stood perfect - canoeists - 11, weather - 0!

BISHOP HOLLOW MAINTENANCE TRIP - June 5, 1983 - Doug Lowman

Several hikers have complained about inadequate blazing at the head of Bishop Hollow. On June 5, 1983, Jeff Sirola and George Ford went into the area to correct the problem. They built two cairns. (One where the trail turns toward the woods and the other half way to the woods), repainted and added blazes, and removed any old blazes found on the old AT route at the head of the hollow. Hopefully this will remove the confusion at this location along the AT.

HUMP MOUNTAIN RELOCATION WORK TRIP - June 5, 1983 - Doug Lowman

The AT from Doll Flats to the summit of Hump Mountain is to be relocated to the east for a better grade and better treadway. On June 5, 1983, Ed Oliver, Lisa and Paul Worsham, Hugh Thompson, Doug Lowman and Frank Williams cut brush on the flagged relocation so that the Konnarock volunteer work crews can come in and start work on the treadway of the relocation. Jeff Sirola and George Ford joined us after they finished in Bishop Hollow.

SAND CAVE/WHITE ROCKS HIKE - June 11, 1983 - Judy McClanahan

Warm weather, sunny skies encouraged 19 hikers to join this hike. Upturned sod where grass was being sown on portions of Ewing Trail made negotiation on the south side of the Cumberland Range difficult. The undaunted group found the north side trail, which descends to a waterfall and the Sand Cave, in excellent condition and lined with fuchsia rhododendron blossoms. After lunch, several of the group bushwhacked to a bathtub-shaped pool above the falls, while others waded at the foot of the falls. Following the Ridgeline, the group made its way to White Rocks where everyone basked in the sun while viewing distant mtn. ranges in VA, TN, KY and NC. The group encountered a pack of horseback "trail riders" and 2 hikers (who shared location of pool), saw interestingly-shaped and colorful rock formations, and identified 2 varieties of huckleberries in bloom as well as various wildflowers, ginseng and sassafras. The spirited group included Jean Brown, Tom Dosser, Rod Gray, Bill Little, Mary Nelson, Clarence and Edith Olinger, Freda Ratliffe, Carl and Mike Ray, Ann and John Scott, Reuel Smith, Virgil Stephens, Nancy Taylor, Robert Walker, and Judy McClanahan.

IRON MT. to HUGHES GAP - June 15, 1983 - Doug Lowman  
This hike was cancelled!

KONNAROCK VOLUNTEER WORK CREW TRIP - June 16-June 20, 1983 - F. L. Williams

Six people from the Konnarock Volunteer Work Center worked on the Doll Flats - 19E relocation from June 16-June 20. The main thrust of their work was to build stairs across a rock cliff, improve the treadway and to improve some switch backs. On Saturday the crew was joined by Dale Blakely and Frank Williams and on Sunday by Ed Oliver and Frank Williams. Much was accomplished, but much also remains to be accomplished. The Konnarock Crew will be on Hump Mt. on June 23-27, July 14-18, and July 21-25.