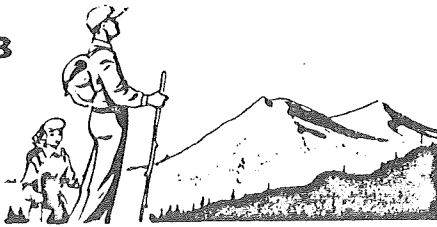


TERC HIKING CLUB

OCTOBER 1984 NEWSLETTER



* * * * * TRIP NOTICES * * * * *

(M) HIKE NOTICE Overnight Hike Carver's Gap to Highway 19E Leader John Thompson (Scheduled October 6 & 7) This 11 mile hike should be highlighted by nice early fall color and fine views from Roan, Yellow and Hump Mountains. We will carry backpacks, spend Saturday night in the U.S.F.S. Still property barn and walk about 5.5 miles per day. Those planning to make this trip please call John W. Thompson at 245-1455 (Kingsport) by Oct. 1st so that plans can be made for food. (Carry your own Saturday lunch; the rest will be provided by the leader). Common gear and transportation will be shared. Rain gear, some cold weather clothing, and plate-cup-spoon should be carried. We will leave the B-215 parking lot at 9:00 AM Saturday, October 6, and should be home by 5:00 p.m. Sunday, October 7.

(D) HIKE NOTICE Trail of the Lonesome Pine Leader - Gordon Newland (Scheduled Saturday, October 6) This trip will cover the third section of the trail between TN Route 66 and TN Route 70. We will walk from west to east, 11.6 miles. Bring mid-morning and mid-afternoon snacks, lunch, and at least 2 qts. of water per person. Dress for the occasion with sturdy shoes. The trail is rocky in places, but offers many fine views of the valley. Because of the relatively long car shuttle, we will be late (about 7:30 p.m.) returning to Kingsport. Meet at the Building 215 parking lot for a 7:30 a.m. departure. For further information and registration call Gordon Newland at 246-8845 (Kingsport).

(E) HIKE NOTICE The Crevices, Clinch Mountain Leader - Jean Brown (Scheduled October 13, 1984) Hike will be lead by Edith Olinger, who is a Sierra Club Member, and Jean Brown. This hike will reveal some unusual rock formations - the trail is on an old fire tower road. Hike is 8 miles round trip. Driving time is approximately one hour each way, 45-50 miles each way. We will take Hwy. I-81 to Meadowview Exit and go on 80 to top of mountain. Bring lunch, raingear, and sturdy boots or shoes. Meet at B-215 at 8:30; be prepared to share rides and cost of gas.

(M) HIKE NOTICE AT: US 58 Near Summit Cut to US 58 near Damasucs Leader - Kevin Edgar (Scheduled October 27, 1984) We will enjoy a moderate fall hike on the AT between Mt. Rogers and Damascus. We will cross the crests of Lost and Straight Mts., hopefully while being treated to a striking leaf display. The trail in this section follows beautiful Whitetop Laurel Creek for a time, and traverses an old railroad grade for another portion of its length. We should have good views of Beech and Whitetop Mts., if weather permits. The hike will be about 12 miles in length, and will involve about 1,000 ft. of climbing. The drive will be about 1½ hours each way - car placement will be relatively easy. Bring raingear, a flashlight, warm clothes, lunch, water, and, of course, good shoes. Meet at Building 215 at 7:45 a.m. for an 8:00 a.m. departure. Call trip leader, Kevin Edgar, at 239-5742 for further information. NOTE CHANGE OF DATE

(M) HIKE NOTICE Cedar Creek Cave Hike Leader - Greg Kramer (Scheduled Saturday, October 13, 1984) Meet at B-215 parking lot at 9:00 a.m. for a 9:15 a.m. departure. This will be a good trip for anyone who has not done much caving. The trip will be long, but not difficult. Return to Kingsport about 8:00 p.m. Bring water, flashlight, lunch, and change of clothing. Contact Greg Kramer at 239-7667 if hardhat or helmet mounted lights are needed.

HIKE NOTICE Andrews Bald (5,800 ft.) Leader - Collins Chew
(Scheduled October 20, 1984) A joint TERC Hiking/Camera Club Hike. Andrews Bald is one of only two mountains in the Smokies selected to be preserved as a grassy bald. It is also the bald surrounded by a spruce-fir forest. Others are in hardwoods. The passing of the balds seems sad as they are so beautiful and were being maintained as balds by Indians before the coming of the Europeans; however, the budget and wilderness considerations led to the loss of all the balds in the Smokies, except Andrews and Gregory. The easy (3.5 miles round trip) hike will provide the following sights if the weather is clear; the fine grassy bald, bald management techniques (tree cutting), fall trees in fine Fall color at lower elevations, a view of Fontana Lake, and the parts of the Park omitted from the Wilderness Bill, and excellent exposures of graywacke, the sedimentary rock which formed from gravelly mud slides in deep water over half a billion years ago and now makes up much of the ridge. There will be an experienced photographer along to answer your questions about nature photography. We will drive from TEC to Clingman's Dome Parking Area in the Smokies. We will then hike the 1½ miles to Andrews Bald, laze around a while and eat lunch. We will then return to the parking area where the hike will officially end. At that point there are several options: hike 1 mile round trip to Clingman's Dome, highest point in the Park, hike some on the AT, mingle with the Gatlinburg crowd and eat supper, or simply return to Kingsport.

Meeting time: 7:45 a.m.

Departure time: 8:00 a.m. (to beat the worst of the Gatlinburg traffic)

Meeting Place: Parking Lot in front of B-215 Driving Distance: 240 miles, round trip

Hiking Distance: 3.5 miles

Total hike climb: 700 feet

Bring lunch, water, warm clothes (expect 15° cooler than Kingsport), and raingear. For information call Collins Chew at 239-6237.

(E-M) HIKE NOTICE Roan Mt. State Park Leader - Frank Williams
(Scheduled October 27-28, 1984) Camp-Out with Smoky Mt. Hiking Club - This is a joint outing with the Smoky Mt. Hiking Club. We will meet Saturday morning (Oct. 27) at the Roan Mt. State Park. Short hikes are scheduled for Saturday afternoon and a program in the evening. On Sunday we will hike from Carver's Gap to 19E or vice-versa. Come prepared to spend the night and bring your hiking boots. Anyone needing more information or directions for reaching Roan Mt. State Park can contact Frank Williams at 245-8414.

*****FUTURE HIKES*****

November 1 (Thursday) AT, Unaka Mt. to Iron Mt. Gap (M)
November 8 (Thursday) AT, Watauga Dam Road to US 321 (E)
November 10 (Saturday) Rattlin Hole Hike (D)
November 11 (Sunday) Annual Fall Meeting - Eastman Cabin (E)
November 17 (Saturday) Little Tambling Creek, Saltville (M)

DON'T FORGET - The annual Fall dinner meeting will be held on November 11 (Sunday) at the Eastman Cabin. Make plans now to attend.

*****FOR THE RECORD*****

First Annual Joint SAHC-TEHC Weed Clearing Trip - July 28, 1984 Reporting - Collins Chew
Head-high weeds (nettles, angelica, blackberries, jewelweed, etc.) have given the magnificent Highlands of the Roan section of the AT a bad reputation in the summer with most of the problem along one short stretch. Normally the TEHC portion is "We don't do nettles" because they grow back so fast and clearing annuals in summer requires much heavy effort. This is such a fine section of trail that it seemed worth an experiment to see how much effort clearing took and how long it would last. It takes five hours of weeding by seven people to clear the 1.5 miles between Yellow Mt. Gap and Roan Highlands Shelter. Lunch and transportation require additional time. We don't know yet how long it will last and we hope hikers will let us know if the hiking stays pleasant for the rest of the summer. If you hike this section please give us a report. Opportunity to do this clearing arose when the trail maintenance volunteer list for SAHC's and TEHC's regular maintenance lists were combined and this joint effort scheduled workers were (SAHC) Carol Coffey, Bob Carlisle, Jess Green, George Sprow, Fran Hawkins, (TEHC) David Green, and (both) Collins Chew. It was a very pleasant day for weather and the interesting company of new friends. The TEHC team had done routine maintenance and marking in May with a group of nine workers.

TERC/Konnarock Hump Mountain Work Trips

Reporting - Gordon Newland

The Konnarock Crew has completed their time on the Hump Mt. relocation and the trail is still not finished. About 300 yards remain to be completed and this will be placed on our Special Projects list. Our participation was moderate. The crew worked a total of three weeks. TEHC was represented by the following members during this time (some members worked more than one day a week).

Week No. 1: Jack Young, John Thompson, Gordon Newland, Jeff and John Sirola, Frank Williams, and Ed Oliver

Week No. 2: Darrol Nickels, Jack Young, John Thompson, Gordon Newland.

Week No. 3: John Thompson, Jack Young, Ed Oliver, Frank Williams, Paul and Lisa Worsham, Jeff Sirola, Carl Rhea, and Gordon Newland.

Unthanks Cave Hike - August 11, 1984

Reporting - Greg Kramer

Unthanks Cave was closed but should be open soon. The trip was diverted to Wildcat Caverns and Wildcat Saltpeter Caves in Big Gap. There was more passage found in Wildcat Caverns than on the map. The trip into Wildcat Saltpeter was short but interesting. Participants were Greg Kramer, Betty Kramer, and Jay Cox.

Bays Mountain Recreation Area Trails

Reporting - Frank Williams

The two trails in the Eastman Recreation Area of Bays Mountain have been completed and are open for use. Those who worked on this project are: Ed Oliver, Gordon Newland, Lisa and Cade Johnson, Mary and Steve Banks, John, Jennifer and Jeff Sirola, Lisa and Carl Worsham, Darrol Nickels, Carl Rhea and Frank Williams. Also many thanks to Conley Bailey and the Recreation Department Staff for their help on this project.

Hiking and Canoeing Club Picnic

Reporting - Frank Williams

The Club picnic was a great success, but there were only 21 people there. The rest missed a great meal, a chance to hike the new trails in the recreation area, and homemade ice cream. See you at the Fall Dinner Meeting and next year's picnic.

So Soon?

It's hard to believe that another year is winding down and it's time to make plans for next year. With the newsletter is a request for hike and canoe trip suggestions. Please return this as quickly as possible so we can get our first half of the 1985 schedule out on time. Also, it is time to think about next year's steering committee. If you have anyone you would like to nominate, return the enclosed form to Frank Williams, B-56, or 2346 Inglewood Drive, Kingsport, TN 37664. No one will be placed on the ballot by the nominating committee until they have agreed to run and to serve if elected. Also, if there is anyone whom you feel deserves to be Hiker of the Year, send his/her name along also.

I would like to recommend the following for nomination for the Steering Committee:

Hiker of the Year:

REQUEST FOR HIKE AND CANOE TRIP SUGGESTIONS
JANUARY - JUNE 1985

Now that Fall is here, hiking is in full swing and canoeing may be slowing down, but Spring is just around the corner. It is time to start thinking about hikes and canoe trips that you would like to lead or that you would like to see scheduled during the first half of 1985

Include information on extended trips planned for 1985-86 so that they can be included on the schedule.

Questions or information on hikes and socials should be directed to Paul Worsham, B-231.
Questions or information on canoeing should be directed to Gerald Tustin, B-150B.

Please send in your form and participate in leading or suggesting trips for 1985.
Mail to Frank Williams, B-56 by October 19, 1984. Don't forget to suggest
Steering Committee nominees and Hiker of the Year on page 3 before mailing this form.

To: Frank Williams, B-56

January - June Suggestions, 1985

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Extended trips