

TERC HIKING CLUB



NOVEMBER, 1985
NEWSLETTER

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

TRIP NOTICE - FALL DINNER MEETING

LEADER: PAUL WORSHAM

(Scheduled: Sun. Nov. 3, 1985) The Hiking and Canoeing Club fall dinner meeting will be held at the Eastman Cabin on Sunday, November 3 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Gordon Newland will present a program on last July's Inn to Inn hike on the Long Trail in Vermont. The menu will include sirloin strip steak, potatoes, salad, rolls and dessert. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. and the program will begin at 7:30 p.m. The cost of the dinner is \$6.50 per person. Reservations must be in by noon on November 1, 1985.

FALL DINNER MEETING RESERVATION:

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 1985 6:30 p.m.
MAIL TO: PAUL WORSHAM, B-345, TEC or
525 RANIER DRIVE
KINGSPORT, TENN. 37663

NAME: Collins Chew at \$6.50
3 guests at \$6.50
TOTAL \$ 26.00

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO TEC CAFETERIA. RESERVATIONS MUST BE IN BY NOON, NOVEMBER 1, 1985.

TRIP NOTICE - PAINTERS CREEK

LEADER: DARROL NICKELS

(Scheduled: Sat. Nov. 9, 1985) This trip will take us around the head waters of Painters Creek and back to our starting point by descending a hollow of our liking. We'll reach the low gap between Cassi and Painters creeks at about the same place we hit enroute upwards on our Cassi Creek hike of last March. The plans for this hike were made by Herrick Brown. He will not be able to lead the hike. Darrol Nickels has agreed to lead the hike. Darrol wants to investigate a white rock formation near the top of one of the mountains in this area. Part of this hike will be on trails and old roads. However, some of the hike will be off-trail hiking. Meet at B-215 at 8:00 a.m. Additional meeting places and additional information can be obtained by calling Darrol Nickels at 247-7043.

TRIP NOTICE - HALLEY'S COMET WATCH & WEINER ROAST LEADER: COLLINS CHEW

(Scheduled: Sat. Nov. 16, 1985) On November 16, 1985, we will take our hot dogs, hot chocolate, and fixin's to Beauty Spot on the AT near Erwin, cook out, and set up a telescope or two to look at Halley's Comet. The comet will still be quite faint, but may be visible with binoculars so bring them or small telescopes if you have them. There will be no moon and the comet will be quite close to The Pleiades, which is easy to spot. The Appalachian Long Distance Hikers Association has a work trip that day to help our club relocate the AT off the road in Dennis Cove. I have invited them to our picnic so we will have a chance to meet some interesting new 2000 mile hiker friends.

It may be quite chilly at 4000 ft. and in an open field so bundle up warmly. We need to stay until it is very dark and maybe an hour or so more to let the comet get well above the horizon. The sunset could be nice, too. Bring flashlights. If you want me to furnish food, send \$2.50 per person to Collins Chew. I will bring hot dogs, buns, fixings, hot chocolate, coffee, marshmallows, and potato chips.

Rating easy. Drive 80 miles and hike 100 yards.

PLACE AND TIME: Meet at B-215 at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 16.

NOTE: If the weather is very bad, we will go to shelter 27 at Eastman Recreation Area to cook, eat, and have fellowship.

I PLAN TO COME TO THE COMET WATCH, 11/16/85. NUMBER OF PEOPLE _____
PLEASE FURNISH FOOD FOR _____ PEOPLE. ENCLOSED \$ _____ AT \$2.50 PER
PERSON. FOR VIEWING I WILL BRING (TELESCOPE, ETC. - OPTIONAL) _____
NAME: _____

Send to Collins Chew: Bldg. 66 or 609 Green Meadow Dr., Kingsport, TN. 37663 or
phone 239-6237.

WORK TRIP - DENNIS COVE (WITH ALDHA) LEADER: DOUG LOWMAN
(Scheduled: Sat. Nov. 16, 1985) A trail crew composed of members of the Appalachian Long Distance Hikers Association (ALDHA) will be in Dennis Cove on Saturday, November 16, 1985, to assist with the relocation of the AT. This relocation will move the AT off of about 1/4 mile of paved road onto the recently purchased Senter property and other adjacent USFS property. TEHC members interested in helping with this project should meet at the Eastman Personnel Building (B-215) at 7:45 a.m. for an 8:00 a.m. departure. Contact Doug Lowman (B-150, TEC or 4613 Belvedere Lane, Kingsport, TN or phone 239-9701) for additional information.

TRIP NOTICE - CHIMNEY TOPS HIKE LEADER: JUDY McCLANAHAN
(Scheduled: Sat. Nov. 23, 1985) Dane Faulkner, who canoes with our Canoe Club occasionally, is giving us access to Chimney Tops via his farm. The drive to his farm will be short - under 20 miles. The hike is also short, but because it is a very steep climb, we will rate it moderate. Bring water and lunch and wear comfortable shoes and layered clothing appropriate for the weather. Meet at B-215 (Eastman Personnel Building) at 8:00 a.m. Contact Judy McClanahan at 246-3787 for further information.

TRIP NOTICE - GILLEY CAVE HIKE LEADER: GREG KRAMER
(Scheduled: Sun. Nov. 24, 1985) Gilley is the largest cave in southwest Virginia. It is also a dry cave compared to most East Tennessee and Southwest Virginia caves and a majority of the passages are walking passages. This should be a good trip for a first timer in a cave. All participants should bring lunch, water, a spare light, and a change of clothes. Helmets and helmet mounted lights are also required but can be supplied by the trip leader. Contact Greg Kramer at 239-7667. Meet at B-215 Sunday, November 24 at 9 a.m. We should return by 7 p.m.

***** FUTURE ACTIVITIES *****
DATE TRIP LEADER
Dec. 21 Grindstaff Cave Hike G. Kramer

***** CHANGES IN CLUB CONSTITUTION *****

PROPOSED: THAT EASTMAN AND HDC RETIREES BE ALLOWED TO HOLD OFFICE IN THE TERC
HIKING AND CANOEING CLUB.

VOTE: FOR X AGAINST _____

NEW EQUIPMENT FOR RENT

Two new 2-person tents and one new 4-person tent have been purchased and are available in the Recreation Stores in the Eastman Employee Center for rent.

***** ADDITION TO HIKING CLUB LIBRARY *****

Thanks to a generous donation by Mike Idacavage, the Hiking Club now possesses a virtually complete set of "Backpacker" magazine from its inception in 1973 to 1984. The magazines contain a wealth of articles about hiking in various areas of the country and the world, and of course the more recent years contain many pertinent articles about equipment. The magazines are located in the hiking club equipment room in the Eastman Employee Center. They are currently in very good order and easy to use. Please make use of them and keep them that way!

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

HIKE/RAFT TRIP - August 17 & 18, 1985 Judy McClanahan

Steady rain fell on eight of us hikers as we hiked eleven miles from Spivey Gap to Nolichucky Expeditions. Spirits were not dampened, however, and excitement rose when we viewed the swelling Nolichucky River from the saddle of Cliff Ridge. From this vantage spot, we watched as a commercial raft trip negotiated the waves before taking out at Unaka Springs. We could hear the thrilling yells of the rafters below, and our thoughts turned to the next day when we were scheduled to raft. The conditions were looking promising for plenty of water for our trip on Sunday.

Nolichucky Expeditions basecamp and staff proved to be very accomodating. After getting our gear set up for the evening, we relaxed on the front porch of Crockett Cabin facing the river. We enjoyed the serene setting so much that it was difficult to leave to go to Chucky Trading Post where we elected to have dinner. After a tasty meal and lively discussion at Chucky, we headed back to basecamp, arriving before the rising river had inched over the road which leads into basecamp.

The rain had subsided by Sunday morning, and the river had crested and was receding. Unfortunately (?), the water level still exceeded the allowable maximum for commercial trips. Not to let us be disappointed, Nolichucky Expeditions shuttled us by bus to their outpost on the French Broad near Hot Springs, N.C. We found ourselves faced with a virtual ocean! As we shot through the huge waves and felt the suction of giant "keeper" hydraulics on the bottom of our rafts, we were really grateful for the presence of our competent guides, Ron, Alan, Dave, Mickey, and Melody. The sixteen in our group had lunch on a rock in the midst of the crashing waves. Our anticipation rose as we listened to our guides discuss how to get through the holes in the Ledges Rapid which we were overlooking. We make it through with ease as we did Frank Bell Rapid which

we scouted before attempting. With the sun shining as we pulled into basecamp back in Erwin, it was hard to believe that this adventure began only the day before. Participants included Powell Foster, Cathy and Cecilia Cummins, Tom Dosser, Royal Spees, Joy Kyle, Judy Davidson, Karen Watkins, Alan Phillips, Edith, Ron and Alan Gray, Emmett Dougherty, Pat Carroll, Nancy Graham, Brenda Owings, and Judy McClanahan.

APPALACHIAN TRIAL CONFERENCE - August 3-9, 1985

Collins Chew

The Green Mountain Club hosted the twenty-fifth meeting of the Appalachian Trail Conference at The Green Mountain College in Poultney, Vt. with many interesting workshops and meetings as the clubs and ATC enter into new responsibilities with the National Park Service in land management. Speakers included the lady governor of Vermont, its lone congressman and the new head of the National Park Service. The Board of Managers was elected with reelection of Ray Hunt as Chairman and Collins Chew as one of the representatives for the Southern region. Darrol Nickels and Gordon Newland presented a TERC-HC slide show exhibit. Following the meeting, the group divided into several groups, with Ray Hunt and Collins Chew taking four days of hikes in Southern Vermont and Northern Massachusetts (14 to 21 miles per day for a total of 67 miles). Charlotte Chew and Martha Hunt provided car shuttle service. Peter Neuell of the British Rambler Association joined us for one day and we compared hiking organizations. Friday night was spent at AMC's fascinating Bascom Lodge, atop Mt. Greylock on the AT and highest mountain in Massachusetts. The interpretive program included the AT. TERC representatives at the meeting were Doug Lowman, Stan Murray, Gordon Newland, Darrol Nickels, Ray and Martha Hunt and Charlotte and Collins Chew.

WORK TRIP - ROUND BALD August 17&18, 1985

Kevin Edgar

It's hard to know which crew to admire more. The Saturday bunch, including Paul Worsham, Darrel Wilder, Tom Pridgen and Emmett Dougherty, came out in a downpour Saturday morning, drove up to Carvers Gap ready to work all day in the cold fog and rain, but (with extreme reluctance) were forced to return to warm homes when the Konnarock crew decided not to try to work in the foul weather. Konnarock crew leader Rob Spaulding testified incredulously, "I've never seen volunteers come out in weather like this!" On Sunday Mike Idacavage, Hugh Thompson, Ed Oliver, and Steve Cook (Jack Young came out two days and Frank Oglesby worked all five days) set out in warm Kingsport sunshine, only to find the familiar cool, damp mist and fog at Carvers Gap. Despite the weather, all concerned worked long and hard on Sunday, Konnarock built steps and waterbars and hauled gravel, while club members cut and dragged brush and carried rocks to obscure and fill in the areas where errant hikers had widened the trail. By the end of the day the trail up Round Bald was better defined, narrower, and more comfortable to walk, and had improved drainage, and a safer level stile had replaced the stepstool stile over the fence at the gap. Most of the club workers finished a rewarding day by treating our exhausted, wet and famished bodies to a fine repast at Hog Heaven on the way home.

AT- TANYARD GAP TO ALLEN GAP August 23, 1985

Steve Banks

A steady rain on August 16, the originally scheduled date for this hike, forced a week's postponement until August 23. The weather on August 23 did not look much better. We made the trip from Tanyard Gap over Mill Ridge, and got to the car in Hot Springs just as the rain began to fall. Hikers were Rod Gray and Steve Banks.