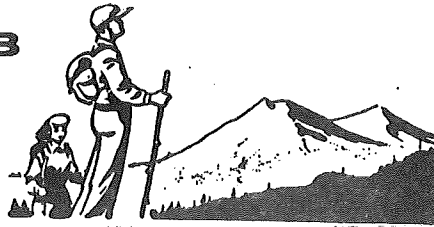


TERC HIKING CLUB



MAY, 1986
NEWSLETTER

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

CANOE TRIP NOTICE - DOE RIVER

LEADER: DAVE INGRAM

(Scheduled: Sat. May 3, 1986) The Doe River is familiar to most club members. It is a Class II, very technical stream. Plan to meet at 8:30 a.m. at McDonalds in downtown Johnson City (near the main Post Office and Paty Lumber Co.). Preregistration is requested. Contact Dave Ingram at 282-5856 or 246-7171.

40TH ANNIVERSARY PICNIC

LEADERS: KEVIN EDGAR & FRANK OGLESBY

(Scheduled: Sun. May 4, 1986) LOCATION: Eastman Recreation Area, Shelter #9. The third annual TEHC picnic will be held this year in spring, in order to celebrate the 40th anniversary of our club. We will begin the festivities at 4:00 p.m. with hikes led on the trails of the recreation area. At 6:30 p.m. we will commence eating, enjoying a feast of burgers, hot dogs, slaw, chili, fixin's, iced tea, coffee, and home made ice cream for dessert. After dinner we will reminisce, so please help out by bringing along your antique hiking equipment, as well as pictures and slides which illustrate the historic adventures (and misadventures) of our club. The cost is only \$3.00 each for adults, \$1.50 each for children under 12, so please come out and share the fun with us! In case of rain, we will start the celebration at 6:30 p.m. in the Eastman Cabin.

PLEASE SEND THIS RESERVATION FORM ALONG WITH PAYMENT BY APRIL 30 (SO WE HAVE TIME TO GET THE RIGHT AMOUNT OF FOOD) TO KEVIN EDGAR, B-150B, TEC.

ADULTS @ \$3.00 EACH:

CHILDREN UNDER 12 @ \$1.50 EACH

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED:

(Make checks payable to Kevin Edgar)

CANOE TRIP NOTICE - TOE RIVER

LEADER: EARL BROWN

(Scheduled: Sat. May 10, 1986) The Toe River between N.C. 80 AND N.C. 197 at Red Hill is, for the most part, a class I-II river. However, there are several rapids that are upper II's or lower III's at normal water levels. You will need to bring lunch, drink, and normal safety gear. In the event of extreme water level, high or low, the trip will be moved to another river or postponed. We will meet at the Colonial Heights McDonalds at 8:00 a.m. Please pre-register with Earl Brown, Building 54D, TEC, or 239-6696, so that you can be advised of any last minute changes.

HIKE NOTICE - GARDEN MOUNTAIN & DINNER AT TROUTDALE

LEADER: KIRK FINCH

(Scheduled: Sat. May 10, 1986) This hike was originally scheduled as Walker Mountain. After scouting the area, the mountain ridge north of Walker Mountain should have better views and is listed as moderate. This will be on a section of the A.T. north of Wytheville, Va. We will hike along the crest of Garden Mountain and Chesnut Ridge and should have excellent views of Burkes Garden, an immense farming cove 1000 feet below the trail and surrounded by mountains. We will leave the B-215 parking lot at 8:00 a.m. It is a 2 hour drive to Garden Mountain. The hike will be 7.6 or 10.7 miles, depending on the wishes of the group and the condition of some back mountain roads. On the return to Kingsport we will go by the Big Walker Lookout, a very tall observation tower. You can then return to Kingsport by about 7:00 p.m., or join some of us for a gourmet dinner at Troutdale on the way home. Bring lunch, water and appropriate clothes. For more information call Kirk Finch at 288-5739.

HIKE NOTICE - WALNUT MTN. ROAD TO US 19E

LEADER: KEVIN EDGAR

(Scheduled: Sat. May 10, 1986) NOTE: CHANGE IN DATE FROM JUNE 21. This will be a substitution for the hike from Dennis Cove to Walnut Mountain Road, originally scheduled for June 21. The leader had a conflict that weekend, and also elected to postpone that particular hike until fall when the Dennis Cove relocation

should be complete. We will instead begin at Walnut Mountain Road and hike trail south, ascending Big Pine Mountain and the dropping into Sugar Hollow. We then will follow Jones Branch for some distance, ascend to a summit which will afford us excellent views of the Roan Massif (weather permitting), and finally descent through Bishop and Bear Branch Hollows to the highway. The hike is moderate at only 6.7 miles. Bring lunch, water, rain gear and layered clothing. Meet at B-215 parking lot at 8:00 a.m. Call Kevin Edgar at 239-5742 for further information or to arrange other meeting points.

HIKE NOTICE - PAINTER CREEK WILDFLOWER HIKE LEADER: DARROL NICKELS
(Scheduled: Sun. May 11, 1986) Painter Creek flows in a deep, narrow valley, protected from wind and excessive sunshine; the valley floor is sandy and in places has pockets of rich soil which should afford a good display of wild flowers. Many wild flowers of this area are at their peak in early May. This hike is only 5 to 6 miles and the elevation gain is gradual but because of brushy conditions and some rock hopping required in the creek it should be rated moderate. Assemble at the B-215 parking lot at 8:45 a.m. for a 9 a.m. departure. Yes, nine o'clock. Carry lunch, camera and raingear. Heavy boots are not necessary. We should return to Kingsport by 5 p.m. For additional information or to arrange other pick-up points call Darrol Nickels on 247-7043.

CANOE TRIP NOTICE - NORTH TOE RIVER LEADER: DAVE INGRAM
(Scheduled: Sat. May 17, 1986) The North Toe River starts near Newland, N.C. and flows into the Nolichucky River. It is a wet weather stream in that higher water levels in the spring of the year are required in order to canoe this river. It is a mostly Class II, technical stream. If the water level is low another stream will be chosen. Meet at 8:30 a.m. at the downtown McDonalds in Johnson City (near the main post office and Paty Lumber Co.). Preregistration is requested. Contact Dave Ingram at 282-5856 or 246-7171.

WORK TRIP NOTICE - SENTER PROPERTY LEADER: COLLINS CHEW
(Scheduled: Sat. & Sun. May 17&18, 1986) The Appalachian Long Distance Hikers will be helping on the relocation trail-south from Dennis Cove (the Senter property). The relocation should be completed on this work trip. Anyone interested in helping on this relocation should contact Collins Chew.

HIKE NOTICE - AT, ELK GARDEN TO SUMMIT CUT LEADER: STEVE BANKS
(Scheduled: Sat. May 17, 1986) This is one of a series of hikes on the AT in the beautiful Mt. Rogers National Recreation Area. This 7.2 mile moderate day hike will begin where the AT crosses VA 600 in a high (4434 ft.) wind gap known as Elk Garden. We will travel trail-south on the AT, ascending to the bald summit of Whitetop Mountain (5520 ft.), from which there should be good views of Mt. Rogers and the surrounding area. We will then continue trail-south, descending through open fields and woods to where the AT crosses US 58 near "Summit Cut" (3760 ft.). Bring water, lunch, and sturdy boots or shoes, and clothing appropriate for the weather. Meet at B-215 at 7:45 a.m. for a prompt 8:00 a.m. departure. For more information, contact Steve Banks at 288-3570.

HIKE NOTICE - TURTLE ROCK, JONAS RIDGE N.C. LEADER: G. NEWLAND/J. TAMBLYN
(Scheduled: Sat. May 17, 1986) John Tambllyn has invited the club to see Turtle Rock and Caroline Falls in their natural state for the last time before development. Meet at B-215 for an 8:00 a.m. departure. The driving time is about 2 hours. The hike is a relatively easy 6 miles. We should be back in Kingsport by 6:00 p.m. Bring lunch, water, rain gear and dress for the weather. Contact Gordon Newland for further information (phone 246-8845).

HIKE NOTICE - LITTLE STONEY CREEK FALLS LEADER: REUEL SMITH
(Scheduled: Sat. May 17, 1985) In north Scott County Virginia Little Stoney Creek tumbles over two falls as it passes through a rugged gorge. From the USFS Hanging Rock Recreation Area near Dungannon we will follow a gently graded trail for four miles (while gaining 900 ft.) to the upper end of the gorge and have lunch on Bear Rock. Bear Rock affords an expansive view of the gorge and surrounding ridges. A small variety of purple rhododendron will be in bloom on the cliffs as well as several other early-blooming wild flowers in the gorge and on the ridges. Meet at the B-215 parking lot at 7:45 a.m. for an 8:00 a.m. departure. Driving time to Dungannon is approximately one hour. Bring lunch, water, raingear, and an extra sweater or light jacket. Expect to return to Kingsport by 5 p.m. This hike is rated easy-to-moderate (rating=2). This is a joint hike with the State of Franklin Group of the Sierra Club. For additional information call Reuel Smith at 239-9974.

HIKE NOTICE - OBEY CREEK CAVE HIKE LEADER: GREG KRAMER
(Scheduled: Sat. May 17, 1985) Meet Saturday, May 17 at B-215 parking lot at 9:00 a.m. Obey Creek Cave is not as wet as the name implies. Actually, we will have to cross Obey's creek twice to get to the cave. Once inside the cave, water should not be a problem. All hikers should bring lunch, water, spare light, and a change of clothes. A helmet and helmet mounted light are also needed but can be supplied by the trip leader. Contact Greg Kramer at 239-7667 for more information.

HIKE NOTICE - ROAN MTN. MOONLIGHT HIKE

LEADER: LEWIS CARSON

(Scheduled: Fri. May 23, 1986) See and hike across the mountain tops by the light of a full moon. Meet Lewis Carson at B-215 parking lot at 5:45 p.m. Friday, May 23 for combining transportation to Carver's Gap. We should be leaving Carver's Gap parking lot about 7:20 to hike the two miles across Jane's Bald to the top of Grassy Ridge. Here at 6200 feet elevation we will watch the western sunset and the eastern moonrise. The return trip will be by moonlight (and flashlight) with return to Kingsport about midnight. You might want to have with you a sweater, a snack, drink and a flashlight. In case of heavy clouds or general overcast the hike will be cancelled.

HIKE NOTICE - EMBREEVILLE MOUNTAIN TO DEVIL FORK GAP

LEADER: D. NICKELS

(Scheduled: Sat.-Mon. May 24-26, 1986) This three day backpacking trip will start at a rural school in Embreeville Community about five miles northwest of Erwin, Tenn. After climbing to the top of Embreeville Mountain we will follow its crest generally southwest to Rich Mountain, continue along Rich Mountain across Wilson Knob to Cold Spring Mountain where we will join the Appalachian Trail at Big Butt. The A.T. takes us south along Cold Spring Mountain, across Flint Mountain and down to Devil Fork Gap. Total distance is 27 miles. The final seven miles are on the A.T., one mile is on Squibb Creek Trail, about five miles near Wilson Knob are on logging roads, leaving 14 miles on narrow ridge crests separating Cassi, Painter and Clark Creeks to the northwest from Higgins, Mill and Bumpass Cove Creeks to the southeast. There could be a day of bushwhacking! However, we would constantly enjoy long views and a great variety of wild flowers in bloom. A part of this hike will traverse the edge of the proposed Jennings Creek Wilderness Area. Preregistration is required. Participation will be limited both in number and to experienced backpackers subject to acceptance by the leader and will be allotted on a first come - first served basis. If this hike interests you, call Darrol Nickels at 247-7043.

HIKE NOTICE - AT, DEEP GAP TO UNICOI GAP BACKPACK

LEADER: KEVIN EDGAR

(Scheduled: May 24-26, 1986) First, note that the Georgia terminus for this 3 day backpack is Unicoi Gap, not Dicks Gap as the author erroneously claimed in the 6-month schedule. Happily, this means we get to hike an extra 17 miles. The whole trip is about 31 miles, beginning just north of the NC-GA border and finishing in the Blue Ridge Mountains in Georgia. The undulating trail has roughly 4500 feet of climbing along the ridgeline through the wilderness of north Georgia. Rhododendron, mountain laurel and flame azalea abound along the trail. Preregistration is required for this trip, which will also involve Friday night in a motel somewhere in the Franklin, NC area. The number of participants will be limited, so sign up as soon as possible by calling Kevin Edgar, 239-5742.

CANOE SCHOOL LEADER: RICK PHELPS

(Scheduled: May 28 and May 31 - June 1, 1986) The 1986 TERC Hiking and Canoeing Club Canoe School will be on Wednesday, May 28 at 7 to 9 p.m. in Room 115 of the Eastman Employee Center and on the river Saturday and Sunday, May 31 and June 1. The course will teach the basic skills needed for safe whitewater canoeing at the elementary level. Students must supply their own equipment, including a canoe, paddles, and lifejacket. Other equipment needs will be discussed at the Wednesday night class. The cost of the course is \$3.50 per person and about \$4.00 per book for the textbook. The textbook may be purchased Wednesday night or in advance if prepaid (TEC employees only for advance purchase of book). For additional information call Rick Phelps at 288-7532.

IF YOU WANT TO PARTICIPATE, RETURN THIS FORM TO RICK PHELPS, BUILDING 54, TEC BEFORE MAY 23, 1986.

NAME _____	HOME PHONE _____
	WORK PHONE _____
PARTNER'S NAME _____	HOME PHONE _____
	WORK PHONE _____

\$ _____ TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED

BACKPACK NOTICE - SPIVEY GAP TO DAMASCUS

LEADER: DARROL NICKELS

(Scheduled: June 14-22, 1986) Most of us in the club who have hiked the section of the Appalachian Trail which is maintained the TERC have walked it in bits and pieces, mostly on work trips, and in many combinations of directions. This backpacking trip affords us the opportunity to see this section, the best on the A.T., as the through hikers see it. We'll be cataloging the section's assets and any faults we find will be documented so that we can get them corrected, where practicable. A complete description of the hike can be found in the GUIDE. The hiking will be strenuous and with side trips will require an average of more than 13 miles per day. We will go through three low points of 2,000 feet or less, and will cross two summits greater than 6,000 feet, and a great many summits greater than 4,000 feet. Preregistration is required. Participation will be limited and will be allotted on a first come - first served basis, subject to acceptance by the leader, based on hiking experience. If this hike interests you, call Darrol Nickels on 247-7043.

***** FUTURE ACTIVITIES *****

DATE	TRIP	LEADER
Sat. June 7	AT, Mount Rogers Hike	S. Banks
Sat-Sun June 7-8	Nantahala River Canoe Trip	J. McClanahan
June 12-22	AT, Spivey Gap to Danascus Backpack	D. Nickels
Sat. June 14	Rhododendron Gap Hike	K. Finch
Sat. June 21	Renfro & Gap Creek Cave Hike	G. Kraner
Sun. June 29	Nolichucky Gorge	G. Porter

***** KONNAROCK WORK SCHEDULE FOR OUR SECTION OF THE A.T. *****

The project schedule for the Konnarock Crew has been announced for 1986. This group is composed of volunteers who work with club members on projects on the Appalachian Trail. Through the help of the Konnarock Crew, the Forest Service, and club members and guests many projects have been completed on our section of the trail in the past few years. A few of these completed projects include (1) the Hump Mountain relocation, (2) new bridges across Laurel Fork, (3) trail improvements on Round Bald near Carver's Gap, and (4) trail reconstruction on Unaka Mountain. Without the help of the Konnarock Crew it would have been very difficult to accomplish these projects. It is important that club members and guests turn out in as large a number as possible to help on the projects scheduled for 1986. This serves two purposes. It shows our appreciation for the work that the crew does and it helps get the work done. Working on projects with the Konnarock Crew is a good way to learn good trail building techniques. The projects and dates for 1986 are:

- (1) Work on Pond Mountain to improve the trail and replace or add steps. The date is June 19 thru June 23. A leader from the club has not been announced.
- (2) Replace the bog bridges on Cross Mountain on June 26 thru June 30. Gordon Newland will lead this work trip.
- (3) Trail work on the trail-north side of Round Bald on July 31 thru August 4. A leader from the club has not been announced.

If you want additional information on these projects, contact Gordon Newland. Plan to help on any of these projects that you can.

***** FOR YOUR INFORMATION *****

AMERICAN RED CROSS SAFETY INSTRUCTOR SCHOOL

The Safety Instructor School will return to Camp Rockmont May 31 - June 8, 1986. The purpose of the school is to train individuals as instructors so they can return to their community and teach Red Cross courses. The course offers training of instructors in advanced lifesaving, water safety, lifeguarding, canoeing, and first aid. The cost, including books, food and lodging, is \$185.00. For registration contact your local Red Cross Chapter or Safety Instructor School, American Red Cross, 100 Edgewood Road, Asheville, N.C. 28804.

NOLICHUCKY SPRING RACES (Tennessee Whitewater Championship)

The newly formed "Appalachian Paddling Enthusiasts" is putting on a race on May 3 & 4, 1986 at Chestoa Recreation Area and Nolichucky Expeditions near Erwin, Tenn. There will be Jiffy Slalom and Wildwater races. The Slalom Run on Sunday will be at Chestoa Recreation or near Nolichucky Expeditions depending on water level. The Wildwater Run will be on Saturday through the Nolichucky Gorge (Class III-IV) or on the Lower Nolichucky (Class II-III) depending on water level. For more information send a self addressed stamped envelope to Larry Mauzey, P.O. Box 933, Erwin, Tenn. 37650 or call (615) 743-8247 evenings.

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

STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING - March 3, 1986 Kevin Edgar reporting
Paul Worsham reported that planning for the Multiclub meeting at Nolichucky Expeditions is going well. There was a discussion about what equipment to purchase for the club rental program. Suggestions were internal frame packs, water carriers and portable canoe carriers. Anyone with additional suggestions should make them to Gary Bridges or to any Steering Committee member. Steve Banks has agreed to lead an overnight trip to Mt. LeConte. The trip will have to be some night other than a Saturday night because the lodge is completely booked for Saturday nights. He is recruiting people for the trip and selecting a date. Anyone interested in the trip should contact Steve Banks. The committee agreed to a trial use of a new format for the 6-month schedule. This should decrease turnaround time at the print shop by several weeks. Frank Oglesby suggested that the club's 40th anniversary be commemorated by something in addition to the scheduled hike. The committee agreed to move the annual picnic to the spring for this purpose. Frank Oglesby and Kevin Edgar agreed to organize the picnic for Sunday, May 4.