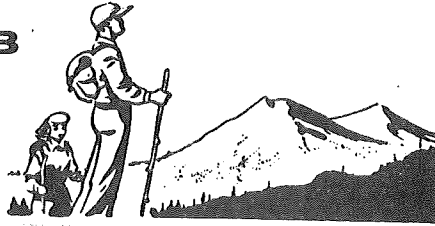


TERC HIKING CLUB

SEPTEMBER, 1986
NEWSLETTER

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

HIKE NOTICE - TURTLE ROCK (JONAS RIDGE)

LEADER: GORDON NEWLAND

(Scheduled: Sat. Sept. 13, 1986) We will bush-whack through open woods from NC 181 up to Turtle Rock. Then bush-whack down through a newly opened sub-division to Upper Creek. We will then follow a fishermen's trail along Upper Creek to the Falls and climb back out a Forest Service trail to the parking lot. Overall distance is about 5 miles. Driving distance is about 160 miles (both ways). The scenery should be worth it - if it rains between now and Sept. 13. Bring lunch, water, rain gear and wear sturdy shoes. Meet at B-215 parking lot for an 8:00 a.m. departure. We should return by 5:00 p.m. For additional information contact Gordon Newland at 246-8845.

HIKE NOTICE - AT, CARVERS GAP TO HIGHWAY 19E

LEADER: JOHN THOMPSON

(Scheduled: Sat & Sun. Sept. 20-21, 1986) This hike will take us across the highlands of Roan Mountain from Carvers Gap to Highway 19E. We plan to spend Saturday night at the barn on the Still property near Yellow Mountain Gap - provided the barn is available. This two day trip is rated moderate. The weather this time of year should be warm; however, anything is possible on the highlands of Roan. Preregistration for this trip is requested in order to coordinate such things as food and transportation. Please contact John Thompson at 245-1455 to register and for additional information, including meeting place and time. This trip is across one of the most scenic sections of the Appalachian Trail in our area.

CANOE TRIP - NANTAHALA RIVER

LEADER: DAVE INGRAM

(Scheduled: Sat & Sun. Sept. 20-21, 1986) This canoe trip was originally scheduled for Sept 13 and 14, but has been rescheduled for Sept 20 and 21, 1986. Most TERC paddlers are familiar with the Nantahala River. It is mostly Class II and very fast and cold. There are two Class III's which can be portaged. We will camp at Tsali Campground. Please pre-register with Dave Ingram (282-5856 or 246-7171 extension 112). More details will be given during pre-registration.

HIKE NOTICE - UNTHANKS CAVE HIKE

LEADER: GREG KRAMER

(Scheduled: Sat. Sept. 27, 1986) Here's another one of the larger southwest Virginia caves. The original exploration of this cave was done by members of the Hiking Club in the 1960's and 1970's. This will not be a good trip for children under 10 years old. Bring lunch, water, a spare light and a change of clothes. A helmet and helmet mounted light are also required but can be supplied by the trip leader. Contact Greg Kramer at 239-7667.

HIKE NOTICE - AT, GROSECLOSE TO VA. 42

LEADERS: STEVE BANKS & KEVIN EDGAR

(Scheduled: Sat. Sept. 27, 1986) For this moderate 12.6 mile jaunt on the AT in Southwest Virginia, you have a choice - you can hike it north or south. Due to the otherwise long car shuttle, we will do a key swap, and Kevin and Steve will lead groups starting from either end. The total driving time will be about 3 hours. You will climb Little Brushy Mountain, descend into Crawfish Valley, and then cross Big Walker Mountain - or vice versa. Total climbing will be about 2000 feet. Bring lunch, water, rain gear and sturdy shoes. We will meet at B-215 at 7:45 for a prompt 8:00

a.m. departure. Some of us who especially enjoy good eating just might be tempted to stop at nearby Troutdale Restaurant on the way back, so bring a change of clothes if you would like to join us. For further information, contact Kevin Edgar at 239-5742 or Steve Banks at 288-3570.

RAFT TRIP NOTICE - UPPER GAULEY RIVER LEADER: JUDY McCLANAHAN
(Scheduled: Sat. Oct. 4, 1986) There are two whitewater rafting trips in North America ranked in the TOP TEN in the world - the GRAND CANYON in Colorado and the GAULEY in West Virginia. The Gauley, during the Fall release at Summersville Dam, requires rafting or paddling experience and a minimum age of 16. There are thirteen miles of Class III-VI rapids on the upper section which we plan to cover. We will be with a commercial outfitter in 10 person rafts with 8 paddlers, an oar-frame and guide. Our trip will include all equipment (except personal clothing), lunch, transportation to put-in, parking at basecamp and shower house. Cost of the trip is \$73.00 plus another \$10.00 for wetsuit rental (if requested - during October, wetsuits are recommended). If interested, contact Judy McClanahan at (615) 246-3787 by September 10, 1986.

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

DATE	TRIP	LEADER
Oct. 4	Virginia Creeper Trail, Section 2	R. Gray
Oct. 11-13	AT, VA 42 to I-77	Edgar/Banks
Oct. 18	Shook Branch to Hampton via Pond Mtn.	F. Williams
Oct. 19	Nolichucky Gorge (Fall Colors Trip)	G. Porter
Oct. 25	AT, Dennis Cove to Walnut Mtn. Road	K. Edgar
Oct. 26	Bluespring Cave Hike	G. Kramer

***** SPECIAL EVENT *****

One of the pioneer members of the Hiking Club will celebrate his 90th birthday on October 18 this fall. P.D. (Paul) Hendrickson was one of the most active early members, taking part not only in the local hikes, but going on most of the distant trips of the club. His cabin in Dennis Cove located less than a hundred yards from the route of the Appalachian Trail at that time, was the scene of many, many Thanksgiving dinners, 4th of July semi-campouts and many other activities. Hiking club members were always welcome, and it seemed to be one of Paul's greatest pleasures to serve as host for these events. The TERC Cabin has been reserved for the evening of October 18 (Saturday) and plans are being made for a little celebration to wish Paul the best on his Nintieth. Details and reservation forms will be in the next bulletin. If you have ideas how we best do this, call Cosmo (753-2764) or Frank Oglesby (245-5447).

***** HIKING PARTNER WANTED *****

The following letter was received from Luann Mack-Drinkard.

I am planning a thru-hike of the Appalachian Trail for the summer of 1987 and am searching for a hiking partner. If anyone in your organization or anyone you know is also considering a thru-hike (or a portion of the Appalachian Trail), please let me know.

I plan to leave Springer Mountain the last weekend of March, and averaging 12 miles/day, should reach Mt. Katahdin in early October.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Luann Mack-Drinkard; Rt. 1 Box 77B, Pippin Hollow; Erwin, Tennessee 37650. Phone (615) 743-5818 (home) or (615) 928-1175 (work).

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

40th ANNIVERSARY, CLARK'S CREEK HIKE - April 19

Frank Oglesby reporting

Eleven of the 14 taking this hike climbed to Buckeye Falls, some 2500 feet above the starting point. There was some water coming over the falls in spite of our dry weather. The weather on the 19th was beautiful and warm, a fact much noted by the bugs by midday. Some three miles of road now graveled, plus additional mileage with dirt base have been constructed since the hike 40 years ago. Clarks Creek is a very pleasant area, and it would be much more so if people only knew to leave it clean and unlittered. The wildflowers were beautiful. Those attending were Charlotte and Collins Chew, Jack Young, Lana Ferguson, Joyce and Paul Curtis, Gordon Newland, Clark Johnson, Doug Lowman, Stan Murray, John Tamblyn, Claude (Cosmo) Griffith, Betsy and Frank Oglesby.

NOLICHUCKY GORGE CANOEING/BERRY PICKING TRIP - May 5 Dewey Fuller reporting

An old adage familiar to most river runners, and particularly those in the Eastman Hiking and Canoeing Club, states "You got to go for it when the rivers are up". The wisdom of this sage advice can hardly be questioned when one considers the rapid run-off rate for smaller streams. A healthy flow one weekend will be long gone by the next; he who hesitates will be left running a dam fed stream. Unfortunately, bits of wisdom such as this are seldom retained in their purest original form. This maxim, too, has felt the corrupting influence of well intentioned persons who have tried to improve it with the following adjunct: "...except when the berries are ripe". With strawberreries coming ripe in May, blackberries in July, and blueberries in August the potential for conflict is obvious. Our club, being open-minded, progressive, and on the leading edge of change, is always looking for ways to resolve any conflicts between new outdoor activities and established club functions. It is this innovative spirit which inspired the first Nolichucky Gorge Canoeing/Berry Picking Trip.

Bright and early Saturday morning, four paddler/berry-pickers made the trip over the mountain to Poplar N.C. enjoying the newly paved road between Indian Grave Gap and Poplar, but not the increased traffic on the river. We put in just behind the first group of rafters and funyakers which we were able to pass at On the Rocks, a rapid with an appetite for plastic boats. From here on out we had the river to ourselves. All members of the party being familiar with this run, the pace was slow and relaxed. Friday night rains had raised the river level to around 900 cfs - an ideal level for open boats. With an occasionally sunny sky overhead, we surfed waves, caught eddies, and as always, enjoyed the spectacular scenery. Just below the Rock Garden, we noted with admiration the ingenuity of a group of campers who had solved the problem of carrying in large quantities of supplies by using two wheelbarrows, one of which was still loaded with a rather large cooler. Judging from the size of the cooler, it's no wonder there were no signs of life around the tent this early in the morning - it was about 11:30 a.m. After lunch on one of the Nolichucky's mica-flecked beaches, we paddled on down to the take-out at Chestoa.

For some of us, the best part of the trip was yet to come. Members of the party who were so inclined, stopped by to pick strawverries on the way back to Kingsport. Participants in this hybrid adventure were Ben Becker, Earl Brown, Dewey Fuller, and Kurt Kauffman.

AT, MASSIE GAP TO ELK GARDEN HIKE - June 7, 1986 Steve Banks reporting

The original hike leader for this trip, Steve banks, was unable to lead the trip, so Rodney Gray stepped in as hike leader. This hike caught the rhododendrons in full bloom at many points along the trail. A brief shower while on Mount Rogers shortly after lunch was the only bit of bad weather encountered. Enjoying the hike were Ann Aitken, Lana Ferguson, Bruce and Mary Cunningham, Jack Young, Owen Holbrook, and Rodney Gray.

NANTAHALA RIVER TRIP - June 7-8, 1986

Judy McClanahan reporting

We found plenty of fast-moving class II water on this river which is dam-controlled and fed with water from Norris Lake. As usual, the water temperature was cold, but we welcomed it on this hot, humid weekend. Mountain Laurel in full bloom lined the banks, and we took our time to enjoy the scenery, play in surfing waves, and rest in

eddys. We camped at Tsali campground Saturday after dining at Fryemont Inn in Bryson City. On Sunday, everyone ran Lesser Wesser with 100% "dry"! Participants on one or both days included Raymond Brown, Judy Davidson, Dave Ingram, Joy Kyle, Jan and Charlie III LeBlanc, Wayne Lemmon, Dale and Mary Mathis, Tom Pridgen, Karen Watkins, and Judy McClanahan.

RHODODENDRON GAP HIKE - June 14, 1986

Kirk Finch reporting

The weather was perfect and the rhododendren and flame azaleas were about at their peak, hundred of acres of blossoms, over your head some places, and about shoulder high at other places. It was beautiful. Part of the group went "over the rocks", and part took the lower trail to the Gap. One hiker who wanted to hike on the "new" AT followed it over Pine Mountain and still beat us to the cars. Fast hiking, Rodney. Nineteen went on the hike and we had 16 for an excellent dinner at Troutdale. Hikers were Jack Young, Judy McClanahan, Bruce and Mary Cunningham, Bob Meadows, John Rucker, Dave and Anne Olsen, Kathy McDavid, Rodney Gray, Allan and Tom Newland, Katie Blackburn, Richard Jones, Paul and Joyce Curtis, and Kirk, Barbara and Robert Finch.

WORK TRIP - POND MOUNTAIN - June 17-21, 1986

Judy McClanahan reporting

Volunteers from TEHC worked with the Konnarack Crew on two of the four work days. About 150 yards of steep trail on the north face of Pond Mountain was rerouted which called for at least twice that distance of new trail construction. Getting to the relocation called for two and one-half hours of arduous hiking. With the remaining energy, workers used chain saw, pulaskis, mattocks, winch, and clippers to build the new trail. The new trail uses swithbacks and is a much lower gradient of incline. Volunteers included Gordon Newland, Darrol Nickels, Ed Oliver, Jack Young, Frank Willliama, Judy McClanahan, and Jim Maya. Jack Young and John Thompson opened this relocation a few weeks later by connecting the ends of the relocation to the AT and painting blazes on the relocation.

WORK TRIP - CROSS MOUNTAIN - June 24-28, 1986

Ed Oliver reporting

Members of the TEHC helped members of the Konnarock Crew construct bog bridges on the Appalachian Trail on Cross Mountain. This proved to be one of the easiest work trips with the Konnarock Crew. The distance from the trail head to the work site was less than 1/4 mile. Jack Young helped on Thursday and Friday. Jeff Sirola, Doug Lowman, Rodney Gray, and Ed Oliver helped on Saturday. The bridges were completed by noon on Saturday. We then went to the Dennis Cove relocation and worked on side-hill digging for a couple of hours.