

Hiking & Canoeing News

November, 1992

HIKING

FALL DINNER MEETING (Scheduled for Saturday, November 7, 1992)

Leader: Kathy McDavid (Phone: 615-349-4901)

Rating: Fun

The TEHCC Fall dinner meeting will feature a slide presentation by Collins Chew on Wyoming's South Wind River Range and the usual good cheer. The meeting will be at the Eastman Cabin beginning at 6:00 pm with a social period followed by dinner at 6:30 pm. For adults there will be a large barbecue sandwich, baked beans, slaw, potato salad, pie and coffee or tea for \$6.00. Children will have a choice of a small barbecue sandwich or hamburger with French fries for \$3.75. Indicate the number and type of dinners on the form provided below and mail the form with your check payable to: **KATHY McDAVID**, 4154 Ridge Road, Kingsport, TN 37660.

fantastic views. We plan to leave Kingsport at 3PM on Friday, October 30 and return on Thursday, November 5.

STEERING COMMITTEE ELECTION - It is time again to elect members to the TEHCC Steering Committee. The three people elected will serve for two years, 1993 and 1994. Please vote for no more than three of the nominees listed below, cut out the ballot, and mail to **BECKY BELLAMY**, B-89, by December 15, 1992.

TEHCC STEERING COMMITTEE BALLOT

PLEASE VOTE FOR NO MORE THAN THREE:

BRAD DAYVOLT (CE) _____

CRIS MOOREHOUSE (ECCR) _____

STEVE PERRI (ECCR) _____

JEFF SIROLA (ECCR) _____ ✓

BOB TONNIES (MSI) _____

FRANK WILLIAMS (RETIREE) _____ ✓

Please return completed ballot by December 15, 1992 to **BECKY BELLAMY**, P.O. Box 511, B-89, Kingsport, TN 37662.

THIRD SATURDAY TRAIL MAINTENANCE TRIP (Scheduled for Saturday, November 21, 1992)

Leader: Joe DeLoach (Phone: 615-753-7903)

Rating: Moderate

This month's third Saturday maintenance trip will be to Holston Mountain, to work on the Abingdon Gap Shelter. The Forest Service has given us a Challenge Grant to work on shelters in the Watauga District; they furnish the money for supplies and we furnish the labor. Shelter work is a good introduction to AT maintenance for the inexperienced but willing. For good exercise and scenery be at the parking lot between Burger King and McDonald's in Colonial Heights at 8:00. Meeting points can be arranged in Johnson City and Elizabethton as well. We'll bring the tools, you bring work gloves, water, and lunch. For more information please call Joe DeLoach, Ted Malone (615-477-2222), or Ed Oliver (615-349-6668).

MASSACHUSETTS/CT AT HIKE (Scheduled for Friday, October 30-Thursday, November 5, 1992)

Leader: Gether Irick (Phone: 615-239-5178)

Rating: Difficult

This series of day-hikes will cover 67-miles of the AT from near Bennington, Vt, south to Main Rd. Mass, and a 16-mile hike over Mt Everett, Ct. Snow and sub-freezing temperatures are probable, but neither should be much of a problem this early in the season. Trees should be past their color peak, but the absence of leaves and crisp fall weather should provide some

SOUTH BEYOND 6000 HIKE - CRAGGY DOME (Scheduled for Saturday, November 14, 1992)

Leader: G. S. Luttrell (Phone: 615-239-9854)

Rating: Difficult

We will drive to the starting point just above Dillingham, NC, and hike to Carter Creek Falls (80 ft. height). From here we will hike 3 mi. passing several cascades and virgin hemlock groves to the Mountains to Sea Trail (MTS). We will then follow the MTS trail for another mile to the Graybeard Mtn. overlook on the Blue Ridge Parkway and then on to Craggy Dome. Time permitting, we will utilize the MTS for a possible side trip to Hawkbill Rock. If we spot a car at both ends, the Craggy Dome portion of the hike will be 5 mi. in length and moderate to difficult. We will finish the day with a fine meal at the Nu Wray Inn in Burnsville, NC. Plan for a 6:30 AM departure and contact G. S. Luttrell, 239-9854 for meeting points and further information.

TEHC CHAIN SAW CREW

Leader: Ted Malone (615-477-2222)

In order to help us maintain our 125 miles of the AT in a more timely, efficient and safe manner, the AT Committee is constantly evaluating ways and ideas to achieve this. An idea submitted by a member, is to form a chain saw crew. For those of you who want to help in some way but don't like to dig side hill, cut weeds or repair shelters, this might be an alternative. At times, it could be the most dangerous job of trail maintenance that we have. I have a list of blow downs that have accumulated via maintenance reports and other sources that the crew could work from. The blow downs are trees that have fallen and are too large for the maintenance teams to cut with a bow saw. Ray Hunt and Dick Burow have been taking out the "big, nasty, challenging" ones

for years but don't have the time to get all the rest. Blow down removal could keep a crew slightly busy most of the year but the majority of them fall during the winter and should be removed by April before the hikers get to our section. Call me if you have questions, comments or if you want to sign up for the crew.

CANOEING

NANTAHALA RIVER TRIP / GUEST APPRECIATION WEEKEND (Scheduled Sat.-Sun. (October 31- November 1, 1992)

Leader: Dave Ingram / Charlie Le Blanc (Phone: 615-245-6623)

Rating: Class II-III

This trip is purposely scheduled for this weekend so that people who plan to attend can paddle the Nantahala River Class II-III on Saturday and Sunday and also take advantage of the activities during the Guest Appreciation Weekend which is put on by the Nantahala Outdoor Center. The major event of the weekend is the used equipment sale that takes place on Saturday morning. On Saturday evening there is usually a dance and many other family and children activities scheduled over the weekend. The meeting time to paddle the river is 1:00 PM at the put in. An early afternoon put in has been scheduled so that people can attend the used equipment sale and can also have lunch before

putting in on the river. The Sunday meeting time will be determined on Saturday based on the water release schedule. For the canoe trip appropriate equipment as well as safety equipment (helmet, life jacket, throw rope, extra paddle, and baler) is necessary. For those who wish to camp on Saturday night there should be sufficient camping spaces available around the local area. Call Dave Ingram at 615-282-5856 or Charlie Le Blanc at 615-245-6623 to preregister.

CATAWBA / SOUTH TOE OVERNIGHTER (Scheduled for Saturday - Sunday, November 14-15, 1992)

Leader: Dave Ingram (Phone: 615-282-5856 or 378-8414)

Rating: Class II-III

Plans are to paddle the Catawba River on Saturday. The Catawba is a technical, class II-III river with several drops similar to the Tellico River. It is located in the foothills of the Linville Gorge area. We will camp along the banks of the South Toe on Saturday night and paddle the South Toe on Sunday. It will not be necessary to carry camping gear in canoes since we will be car camping. Contact the trip leader for more details.

FOR THE RECORD

SOUTH BEYOND 6000 - A NEW MEMBER (G. S. Luttrell reporting) - The South Beyond 6000 committee recently reviewed the ascent record of Joe Coughlin of Watertown, NY, and determined that his routes qualified him for membership in South Beyond 6000. For his achievement of climbing the 40 peaks in the Southern Appalachians, Joe was presented a patch

members who helped on special projects, with Konnarock, the ones attending our Third Saturday and for those that call me and say "what's next". All of it helps. Last year we had almost 4000 hours of volunteer time. With two shelter roofs to replace, Doll Flats and No Business Knobb to work on, we might have another record breaking year. Once again, thanks for all that

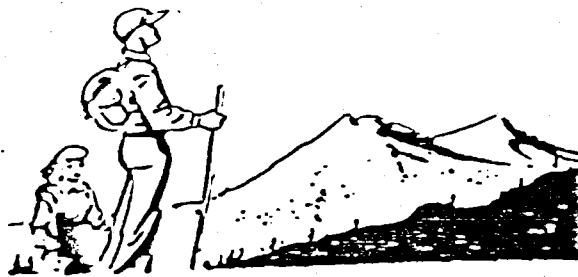
To contribute an article or hike notice to the TEHCC News, contact the editor, Eric Middlemas, B-231, TED (Home Phone: 615-282-6987). All contributions should be received by the 12th of the month to be included in the following month's newsletter.

hard work out there and when you do go out....work smart and work safe.

HIWASSEE RIVER TRIP - September 19-20, 1992 (*Ed Montgomery reporting*) - The river paddlers had another great camping trip and river run on the Hiwassee River. We arrived at Gee Creek campground on September 18 for camping, great food and river stories. Only the Montgomery and Mathis families made it down on Friday for the first night of camping. We travelled thru many hours of rain on the way down and questioned our sanity at many times, but we arrived at Gee Creek to find friendly dry skies. About midnight I was invaded by Boy Scouts and the wife forced me to change camp sites the next morning. They were a wild bunch that kept lanterns burning at all hours. Dale was forced to use his car to block the heavy rays during the night. About 2 am I got up and turned off the lanterns in order to get some sleep.

On Saturday morning all of our eleven boats (9 canoes and 2 kayaks) arrived and we headed for the put-in below the powerhouse. We had very good weather and the first few rapids were run without difficulty. Our first swimmer was at Stairstep and he immediately blamed the swim on bad advice from his mentor (Big B). The second swim was at Little Rock Island and was very hairy due to a strainer in the area. A paddle and a little confidence was lost at this rapid. Playing was heavy with many rescues and rolls being performed through-out the day. We passed a group of Gator floaters and checked the UT/FLA score and talked about Mr. T's state of mind.

No hard core boaters could be located on Sunday and we rested and packed for an easy drive home. We violated the paddler's cardinal rule of "travel time should not exceed paddling time", but gained points with the camp wives. Special THANKS to Side Surfing Dale for running sweep, several rescues and the extra H2O. His wife should be avoided on future negotiations regarding paddling as the trip leader paid dearly for



TERC HIKING CLUB

The Tennessee Eastman Hiking and Canoeing Club welcomes and encourages everyone to participate in the numerous club activities. You do not need to be an Eastman employee to receive the club newsletters and hiking schedules. Company rules, however, reserve full membership and voting rights for Eastman employees and retirees. To be put on the outside mailing list, sign the required activity release below and return with the newsletter postage fee.

The club has an active schedule of events including hiking, canoeing, camping, back-packing, caving, dinner meetings, and trail maintenance. The club is a member of the Appalachian Trail Conference and has responsibility for the 125 mile section of the Appalachian Trail from Spivey Gap to Damascus, VA. Eighteen volunteer crews from the club maintain this portion of the Trail in one or two day trips each year. This work is vital for the enjoyment and safety of hikers and visitors to the Appalachian Trail.

Please check one or more of the following if you are interested in contributing your time and talents to helping the Appalachian Trail and outdoor recreation in our area.

NAME _____ (please print)
_____ Trail Maintenance _____ Hike Leader _____ Canoeing Leader
_____ Specific Projects (e.g. trail, shelter, bridge construction)
_____ Publicity _____ Art (e.g. designs, posters, patches etc.)
_____ Other (describe) _____ Phone number where you can be reached _____