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NEXT TWO MONTHS				
September 1-3	Multiclub Meet, Appletree Campground	E-M	Bill Stowell	423-239-7697
September 9	A.T.: Iron Mountain Gap to Indian Grave Gap	M	Bill Stowell	423-239-7697
September 16	Third Saturday Maintenance		Bill Stowell	423-239-7697
September 20	Newsletter Editor's birthday	!!		
September 23	Little Stony Creek Falls	E	Collins Chew	423-239-6237
October 7	Fall Dinner Meeting	FUN	Kent Wilson	423-239-7554
October 14	Mt. Rogers	M	Joe DeLoach	423-753-7903
October 14-15	Smokies Backpack	M	Garry Luttrell	423-239-9854
October 21	Fall Colors, Nolichucky Gorge	III-IV	Gordon Porter	423-288-6513
October 21	Third Saturday Maintenance		Bill Stowell	423-239-7697
October 28	A.T. near Watauga Lake	E	Steve Wilson	423-239-0456

ATC Needs Volunteers for monitoring program

The ATC needs volunteers on the TEHCC section of the Appalachian Trail for the Natural Heritage Monitoring Program. Volunteers will be asked to visit their site at least once a year and check on the populations of rare plants or animals found there and then file a report. No experience is necessary, only interest and desire. A monitoring packet of information is provided. The N.C./Tenn. section of the Appalachian Trail has the highest density of natural heritage sites along the entire A.T. For more information, or to volunteer, please contact:

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Tennessee Eastman Hiking and Canoeing Club Fall Dinner Meeting 2000

When: Saturday, October 7th, 2000

Where: Eastman Lodge

Agenda: 5:30pm-Social; 6:30pm-Dinner; 7:30pm-Program

Program: Garry Luttrell will present a slide show, "Garry's Favorite Backpack Trips". The best slides from Wind River, Canadian Rockies, North Cascades, Isle Royale, and Great Moose Expedition, Maine are likely to be included.

Menu: Wright's Country Cuisine: Roast Beef Au Jus, Ham Served With Pineapple Glaze, Seasoned New Potatoes, Italian Cut Green Beans, Honey Glazed Carrots, Tossed Garden Salad, Dinner Rolls, Assorted Deserts, Tea & Coffee.

Dinner Price: \$11.00 (Inclusive)

Reservations: As always there is no charge for attending the program only. Please fill out the form below and send it and a check made out to TEHCC to:

Mike Morrow, B-280 or

Mike Morrow

1028 Surmont Ct.

Kingsport, Tennessee 37660

Reservations Form:

Name: _____

Number of Meals _____ X \$11.00 = _____

IMPORTANT NOTE: The check and reservation form must be received by Wednesday, September 27.

CPR/First Aid Class Opportunity

Steve Perri reporting

Some of you have expressed the interest in receiving CPR/First Aid training. I have added a few to the list since you have been recently certified for Chainsaw Operation by the USFS which requires First Aid and CPR.

I have a schedule of courses for both and can give a copy to anyone who requests one. But here's a summary for Aug and Sept.

Standard First Aid (6-10 pm), 2 evening classes to complete course

Aug 1 & 3

Aug 28 & 29

Sep 19 & 21

Sep 25 & 26

CPR (6-10 pm), 1 evening class to complete course

Aug 1

Aug 22

Sep 11

Sep 19

A class for just our group requires 6 or more people. We can try to work a class together or feel free to take one that fits your schedule. I'd be glad to get us in one of these dates if there's enough room in these existing classes for the first pass. Just let me know your preferred dates and specific course. Alternatively, it might be easier if you mention what date(s) you can't make.

Some of you told me what you need and I still know (Joe, Bill, Richard and Kathy). I need your request for Rick, Garry and Steve B.

If there are others you know that might be interested, let me know and I'll contact them or forward this note to them. Remember, ATC will pick up the cost for our club for up to \$200. So save your receipts. If we go over, we'll split the additional cost difference above the reimbursed amount.

Special Activity and Trip Reports

Club President's Retreat (Harper's Ferry, W.Va.) and Hike Report (Va. 638 Front Royal, Va. to Gathland State Park, Md.), June 19 -25, 2000

Kent Wilson reporting

Since the Biennial Club President's Retreat was scheduled for the weekend of June 23-25, Nancy and I took the opportunity to hike into Harper's Ferry. On Monday and Tuesday (19-20), we day hiked from Snicker's Gap (Va. 7) trail south to Va. 638 (Front Royal, Va.) for two 14 mile hikes with Pat Humphrey (Albany, Ohio). Then we backpacked from Snicker's Gap to Harper's Ferry. The "roller coaster" section took its toll on both of us, so we stopped for the night at Blackburn Trail Center (hostel operated by PATC). This was a very nice facility with a solar shower. Since Wednesday was Summer Solstice, we kept our eyes open for nude hikers. Since we were a day ahead of schedule, on Friday Nancy and I hiked from Gathland State Park in MD to Harper's Ferry. This gave us a total of 58 miles on the A.T. for the week.

On the weekend, I attended the President's Retreat (being the only one who hiked to the conference). This was a very informative weekend, and provided an opportunity to meet a lot of the other club representatives. Most of the day Saturday was spent in a session with Ed Clark from the Va. Wildlife Federation. He asked questions such as "How does your club get volunteers in the first place?" In this discussion, he talked about recruitment of new club members, orientation of club members, and training of club members. He also discussed how volunteers are recognized, rewarded, and thanked for their work. This led into a session on the proposed ATC/ATPO Volunteer Recognition program (I have a handout on this if anyone is interested). There were three breakout sessions concerning accessibility on the A.T., the ATC land trust, and Natural and Cultural Resources. Prior to the meeting, the ATC office had requested that each club present their 5-year plan for budget needs for maintenance. TEHCC was the only club which submitted a plan and was commended. Gerald Kyle and Jim Bacon from Penn State University presented some preliminary results from the ATC use survey taken last year. A full formal report will be issued later. I learned about the administration of the ATC and enjoyed fellowship with the other club representatives. Nancy enjoyed visiting Harper's Ferry and working "trail magic" by shuttling thru-hikers.

Mount LeConte Creek Hike July 8-9, 2000

Jon Mather reporting

What better way to spend a hot July day than to hike in a cool, refreshing mountain creek? Three ambitious hardy hikers ventured to Cannon Creek in the Greenbrier section of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. After a strenuous hike from stone to stone in the creek, and bushwhacking up to the Boulevard Trail we arrived at the comforts of the Mount LeConte Lodge. After meeting up with friends and family who had hiked the Boulevard Trail, we settled down for a pleasant Saturday night on top of Mount LeConte and

returned the following day down the Alum Cave Trail.

Creek Hikers: Jon Mather, Chad Eads, Lynn Byrd

Boulevard Trail hikers: Paulette Byrd, Judy Slaughter, Sandy Smith, Claudia Norris

Scheduled Hiking, Paddling and Trail Maintenance Opportunities

Third Saturday work trip, September 16, 2000

Trip Leader: Bill Stowell

For September 3rd Saturday, (September 16) we will be working at Carvers Gap to complete the relocation started by the students at ASU. We will meet at the usual place in Colonial Heights to depart at 8:00AM. Let me know if you are coming so we can have the proper amount of tools.

Really hope to see you there!

Hike Notice: Little Stoney Creek Falls, 9/23/00

Hike Leader: Collins Chewreporting

This will be an easy hike to several very nice waterfalls on Little Stoney Creek in the Jefferson National Forest near Dungannon, Va. Round trip hiking will be about 6 miles along the creek side trail with driving distance about 100 miles round trip. Bring lunch, comfortable boots or sneakers, rain gear and appropriate clothing. Meet between McDonald's and the former site of Burger King in Colonial Heights at 8:00 AM on Saturday, 9/23. Call Collins Chew for more info: 423/239-6237 or e-mail at

Backpack Trip in the Smokies: Kephart Shelter, October 14 - 15, 2000

Leader: G. S. Luttrell, 239-9854

Rating: Moderate

We'll start the backpack trip at Newfound Gap and hike 5.4 mi. to Kephart Shelter following the A.T. and the Sweat Heifer Creek Trail. Then on Sunday we'll hike 11.3 mi, mostly downhill, to Smokemont, with a possible side trip to Charlies Bunion. Reservations are required, and group size will be limited to the sites available in the shelter. Contact the hike leader for further details.

A.T. Section Maintenance and Special Projects



Saturday, July 22, 2000 - Yellow Mountain Ranch to Little Hump

Steve Perri reporting

Time: Kent and Nancy 7 hours each, Steve and Ben 9 hours each

Total person hours: 32 hours

Ben, Kent, and Nancy Wilson, and Steve Perri attended the hike rally for protesting the Putnam Mine on Bellview Mountain. About 85 people showed up and hiked from Yellow Mountain Ranch to Little Hump along with some TV crews from Asheville. The event was to highlight the importance of educating the public about the mine's impact and what DENR and the state are doing for testing and evaluating the permitting process.

After the hike, Steve and Ben drove to Carvers Gap to work/inspect the relocation progress. Ben worked while Steve took photos and video recordings of the various aspects of the project (2 hours each).

Sunday, July 30, 2000 - Section 14 (Hump Mountain to Carvers Gap) - Check flag line and Round Bald progress

Bill Stowell reporting

Number of People : 2 (Frank Williams, Bill Stowell)

Total person-hours: 2 people x 7 hours = 14 total hours

Frank Williams and Bill Stowell started clearing the flag line from the Hack Line Road to Carvers Gap. There are several places where Ed needs to clarify the route. After that we went up to check the work on the Round Bald side. The gravel is hardening extremely well. It's almost like concrete. Further up where the relocation crosses at the rock, we walked up the dug out trail and there was almost no evidence of any erosion of the soil from recent rains.

Tuesday, August 15, 2000 - Sections 17 and 18 (Iron Mountain Gap to Indian Grave Gap)

C. B. Willis reporting

Total person-hours: 5 people x 7 hours each - 35 total hours

Cleared blowdowns a little north of Deep Gap and others between the A.T. crossing and Indian Grave Gap. We also cut weeds at Iron Mountain Gap, Deep Gap and a little north of Beauty Spot. Picked up litter at Iron Mountain Gap and the Beauty Spot parking area. We know of no more trail obstructions. Due to the abundant rain this year, there may be more weeds further back on our trail. Thanks to Bill Stowell who will advise us on the condition after his hike of September 9.

Members working: Gilbert Derouen, Waymon Mumpower, Sandra Perry, Clyde Taylor, C. B. Willis.

Saturday, August 19, 2000 - Sections: 14 and 15 (Hump Mountain to Hughes Gap) - Work on Round Bald odds and ends and flag trail edge for ASU work

Bill Stowell reporting

Number of People : 5 (Craig DeLoach, Joe DeLoach, Ed Oliver, Bob Peoples, and Bill Stowell)

Total person-hours: 5 people X 8 hours = 40 total hours

We put up posts for blazes, and blazed the new trail up to the rock on Round Bald. Also clipped back grass and finished sodding in the old trail at the first intersection with the old trail. Joe and Ed set out the trail edge flags on the Hack Line side for the ASU trip next Saturday.

