

THE TENNESSEE EASTMAN HIKING & PADDLING NEWS

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NEXT TWO MONTHS				
Description	Rating	Leader	Date	Phone
South Beyond 6000: Mt. Kephart	A/2/B	Kent and Nancy Wilson	November 2	423-239-7554
Fall Dinner Meeting	Fun!	Kim Peters	November 8	
A.T.: Elk River Section	B/3/C	Steve Perri	November 9	423-349-5091
Third Saturday Maintenance		Bill Stowell, Ed Oliver	November 16	423-239-7697, 423-349-6668
Chimney Top	C/3/B	Collins Chew	December 7	423-239-6237
Titanium Chef 2002		Chris Fox	December 7	731-586-4744
Third Saturday Maintenance		Bill Stowell, Ed Oliver	December 21	423-239-7697, 423-349-6668

ATC WORKSHOPS AVAILABLE FOR CLUBS IN 2003

By: Steve Perri

Each year ATC helps sponsor workshops to assist clubs with training to carry out their management activities on the A.T. We currently have a list of courses that will most likely be available for A.T. maintaining club members to take at some point next year after they are

scheduled. If you are interested in any workshop training, please let Steve Perri (423-229-1484), know. Most courses are free with the exception of those courses where an outside instructor will be required. These workshops include:

Standard Training Workshops
Basic Maintenance
Chainsaw Safety (Training for the A.T.)
Corridor Monitoring and Boundary Maintenance
Winch Techniques for Trail Work
Other Training Workshops
Introduction to A.T. Management
Trail Design
Drainage
Rockwork
Wilderness First Aid
Crosscut Saw Use and/or Maintenance
Tool Maintenance
Leadership
Bog Bridge/Turnpike Construction
Leave No Trace Education
Forest Planning
Natural Diversity Monitoring Training
Backcountry Sanitation Management

Open Invitation

By: Kim Peters

This is a reminder to all club members that they are welcome to attend any meeting of the TEHCC Steering Committee. If you have an issue that you would like the Steering Committee to address, you can either contact a committee member or bring it up yourself at a meeting. If you are wondering just what it is exactly that the Steering Committee does anyway, then come and find out. Steering Committee meetings occur on the third Tuesday of each month at 5:15pm and are held in the Employee Center.

TEHCC Welcomes New Members

By: Kim Peters

Robert English

Brian Sanders

Jon David Shaneyfelt

Alan G. Wonders

Ken Buchannan

Anne Cosby

Joseph Dougherty

Carl Eilo

Jason B. Wilds

Ann M. Tischler

Stephen Patrick Stroupe

Wesley T. Moyer

Lauren Moyer

Chris Manley

Courtland Jenkins

Laurel Jamison

Each of these new members is eligible for a free dinner at the next Dinner Meeting!

Titanium Chef 2002

The second annual backpackers challenge cookoff (Titanium Chef 2002) will be held the first Saturday (12/7/02) in December, here in Tennessee, not far from Knoxville. Last year (the first time ever) we had 46 people compete, and it was such a success we knew we had to do another this year. Last year, we had people driving in to compete from Tennessee, North Carolina, Georgia, Illinois, Kentucky, Alabama, Mississippi, Ohio, and Massachusetts. We have no doubt we will see even a larger response this year. What makes our competition different (and extremely fun) is that you can cook anything (we make a joke that someone will enter roadkill) you choose to enter into the event, but the location of the event is two miles from any road. (Yes, that's why we call it a backpackers challenge cookoff.) We will have categories that will include everything from appetizers to desserts. You can use any method, any skill, any equipment, but it must all be carried in using whatever cleverness you can devise.

The location of the event is the Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area. It is a huge place in Tennessee, right between Jamestown and Oneida. There is a great campground there, but we don't plan to use it. The location of the event will be Charit Creek Lodge.

There is no need to sleep on the ground. Through a special arrangement with Charit Creek Lodge, we can utilize the indoor camper rate of \$14.00 plus tax per person. We will pack in sleeping bags or bedrolls and prepare our own meals, but you want to use the kitchen, and may do so at no extra charge. In addition, Charit Creek Lodge will also prepare meals (if needed) at a nominal charge.

Escape to the mountains without the hassle surrounding the Smoky Mountains. Come to the new National Park, the Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area. Our location is easily accessible from several major interstates. No waiting in traffic to start enjoying the privacy of a new log cabin with the scenic beauty of an untamed wilderness at your back door. We can't give you the whole world....just the best parts....

- * Sunrise from a front porch swing
- * A myriad of wildflowers blanketing a hilltop
- * A blazing carpet of fall colors beneath a clear blue sky
- * A relaxing train ride through the wondrous outdoors
- * Stepping back in history to a simpler time
- * Catching the "big one" that got away
- * The gentle mist of a cascading waterfall cooling your face
- * Sunlight dancing on a crystal stream.

If you have any interest whatsoever, please contact me -- email, phone, smoke signals.

Thanks in advance for your consideration.

Titanium Chef 2002

c/o Chris Fox

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Tennessee Eastman Hiking and Canoeing Club

Fall Dinner Meeting 2002

- When:** Friday, November 8th, 2002
Where: Eastman Lodge, 404 Bays Mountain Road, Kingsport, Tennessee
5:15 pm Social
Agenda: 6:00 pm Dinner
6:45 pm Program
THIS MOUNTAIN LAND
Exploring and Preserving the Southern Appalachians
By David Ramsey
In this presentation, Appalachian photographer and writer, David A. Ramsey, is the guide on a visual journey among the world's oldest mountains, the magnificent southern Appalachians. A native of these mountains, David has spent most of the past twenty years exploring and capturing on film their mystery, beauty, and magical light. Working with groups such as the Southern Appalachian Highlands Conservancy, he uses his photographic art to help preserve the threatened lands of the southern mountain region.
Program: David provides sponsorship of Roan Highlands photographs for SAHC calendars which he will have available to purchase. The sale of these calendars supports SAHC programs.
Lacey's Grilled Chicken or Vegetarian Lasagna
Corn Pudding
Mashed Potatoes
Menu: Green Beans
Tea
Cheesecake
(Catered by Skoby's)
Adults: \$16.00 (Inclusive)
Dinner Price: Children 12 and under: \$8.00 (Inclusive)
Social Soft drinks \$0.50, beer or wine for \$1
Please fill out the form below and send it and a check made out to Jessica McGee to:
Jessica McGee
937 Childress Ferry Road
Reservations: Blountville, Tennessee 37617
Or via Plant Mail to:
Kim Peters, B-150B
As always there is no charge for attending the program only.

IMPORTANT NOTE

The check and reservation form must be received by **November 4**.
Names of all attending (*Please Print*)

Number of vegetarian meals _____

Number of Adults Meals _____ x \$16.00 = _____

Number of Children s Meals _____ x \$8.00 = _____

TOTAL = \$ _____

Attending Meeting Only: (indicate number) _____

Canoeing News

No paddling news received this month.

Special Activity and Trip Reports (*Past*)



Hike Report: Laurel Fork Gorge, October 6, 2002

Leader: Steve Falling

In connection with Eastman's Worldwide Technical Conference, we organized a short hike in the Laurel Fork Gorge near Hampton, Tennessee. This optional special event gave Eastman conference participants from around the world a chance to see the beautiful scenery of East Tennessee. We hiked from Dennis Cove to Laurel Falls, and then continued on the

Appalachian Trail to the shelter, before looping back to

our starting point. The weather was a little warm for this time of year and the fall foliage color had not really begun. On the way back we stopped at Pardners for a BBQ dinner. It was fun to talk with our visitors from Malaysia, Great Britain, Czech Republic, and Texas who shared an appreciation for nature and hiking. The hikers from Tennessee were Steve and Julie Falling, Joe Bays, Dan McKinney, David Olsen, and Debra Tindall. Liverpool, UK: Peter Clarke and Gordon Foote. Czech Republic: Pavel Vasko. Kuantan, Malaysia: KO Khor. Longview, Texas: Ginette Tolleson and Gaylyne Clark.

Hike Report: South Beyond 6000, Blackstock Knob and Craggy Dome, October 19, 2002

Distance: 10 miles

Nancy and Kent Wilson reporting

We were joined by 6 other hikers for this SB6000 trek on the Mountains to Sea Trail. We started the hike on N.C. 128 just off the Blue Ridge Parkway, and paralleled the Parkway over Blackstock Knob through Balsam Gap to the Graybeard Mountain Overlook. Seven of the group opted to continue on up to Craggy Dome. We enjoyed beautiful views of the Black Mountain range from Clingmans Peak out to Celo Knob. The trees were only about 50% changed in the higher elevations and showed very little color in the valleys. Joining us for this hike were Larry Miller, Kim Peters, Shirleen Reasor, Tony Clark, Brenda Whitt, Lauren Huffman, and Kent and Nancy Wilson.

Hike Report: Sand Cave and White Rocks, Virginia/Kentucky, October 26, 2002

Distance: 9 miles

Collins Chew reporting

We hiked to spectacular Sand Cave and huge White Rocks Cliffs on a pleasant, cloudy day. The clouds cleared a bit to show us the pretty, changing leaves of the Cumberland Mountain and the green valley. Many hikers, backpackers, and equestrians joined us to enjoy the pretty Fall. Then we chose a bonus. We went to the Park Headquarters in Kentucky and on to visit the newly-opened Wilderness Road Trail to Cumberland Gap,

made to resemble Daniel Boone's road. We lucked into another bonus in that we witnessed the (recent) maiden flight of the P-38, which was dug from the glacial ice of Greenland where it had laid being covered with snow since World War II until just a few years ago. It has been undergoing reconditioning for several years in Middlesboro. Hikers were Carol Broderson, Anne Cosby, Lauren Huffman, Alan Wonders, and Collins Chew.

Scheduled Hiking, Paddling and Trail Maintenance Opportunities (*Future*)

Hike Notice: South Beyond 6000 - Mt. Kephart, November 2, 2002

Distance: 9.4 miles

Leaders: Nancy and Kent Wilson

Rating: A/2/B

We will begin our hike at Newfound Gap on the A.T., traveling to the Boulevard Trail. We will hike a short distance to the Jump Off Trail and follow it to Mt. Kephart. We will return to the A.T. and hike to Charlie's Bunion, enjoy the great views, and return via the A.T. to our cars at Newfound Gap. Total hiking distance will be 9.4 miles. Bring lunch, water, and rain gear. We will leave the parking lot between McDonald's and State of Franklin Bank in Colonial Heights at 7:00 AM.

Hike Notice: Chimney Top, Saturday, December 7, 2002

Leader: Collins Chew

Chimney Top, the sharp-topped mountain southeast of Bays Mountain as seen from Kingsport, will be the goal of this hike. The hike is about 3 miles with a climb of about 1,400 feet. It is rather steep with a little rock scramble at the top. We will snack at the beacon site which has a nice view. Meet at 8:30am on Saturday, December 7, between McDonalds and State of Franklin Bank in Colonial Heights. Bring snack, water, and appropriate clothing. For more information, call Collins Chew 423/239-6237, or send an email to him at .

Appalachian Trail Section Maintenance and Special Project Reports (*Past*)

Ed Oliver reporting:

Date: September 11, 2002

Purpose: Install logs to hold gravel on Round Bald

Number of people: 3 (Hueston Fortner, Frank Williams, and Ed Oliver)

Total Person Hours: 3 X 8 = 24

Summary: On September 11, Hueston Fortner, Frank Williams, and Ed Oliver worked on the Appalachian Trail between Round Bald and Engine Gap. We installed eight logs along the edge of the trail to keep the gravel from moving off the footpath. We also installed about twenty-five feet of rock cribbing and one water bar. All the logs have been installed along the edge of the trail between Round Bald summit and Engine Gap. We may need to install two or three waterbars on this section. About 330 feet of trail needs logs along the edge. The section that needs the logs is near the big rock on the Carvers Gap side of the

mountain.

Craig Haire reporting:

Date: September 11, 2002

Section: Temple Hill Ridge

Participants/hours: Craig Haire, 5 hours

Summary: Walk through, chainsaw clearing

Craig Haire reporting:

Date: September 18, 2002

Section: Temple Hill Ridge

Participants/hours: Craig Haire, 1 hour

Summary: Weed eating near road.

Carl Fritz reporting:

Date: September 24, 2002

Section: 14 - Round Bald

Purpose: Install logs along gravel trail

Number of People: 15 (Paul Benfield, Bruce Cunningham, Bill Elderbrock, Hueston Fortner, Carl Fritz, Ed Oliver, Bob Peoples, Frank Williams, Seiko and six hikers: Gypsy, Pam and Rob, Beth, Morphine and Flip Flop)

Total person-hours: 14 X 10 + Seiko X 5 = 145

Summary: We kept the cart moving and hauled 46 locust logs to Round Bald from Carvers Gap. With the few logs already up there, 49 logs were installed as water bars or as trail edging to prevent the gravel from spreading off the lower side. Obviously, the strong south bounders kept us on pace today to finish this task of cribbing the gravel trail from Carvers Gap to Engine Gap. The only remaining work on Round Bald is to install a little more barbed wire fencing.

Carl Fritz reporting:

Date: October 1, 2002

Section: 12 - Bitter End to U.S. 19E

Location: Trail North of Campbell Hollow Road

Purpose: Relocate trail to eliminate steep section

Total person-hours: 8 X 9 = 72

People: 8 (Bruce Cunningham, Bill Elderbrock, Carl Fritz, Ed Oliver, Bob Peoples, Frank Williams, plus hikers Gypsy and Bo)

Summary: As part of the larger Elk River Relocation, we worked on a short reroute of the existing trail. We dug about 200 feet of sidehill trail to complete this 300 foot section. Bo blazed this new section to open it.

Ed Oliver reporting:

Date: October 8, 2002

Purpose: Work on Elk River relo

Number of people: (Paul Benfield, Bob Peoples, John Bryant, Bruce Cunningham, Bill Elderbrock, Darrol Nickels, Frank Williams, and Ed Oliver)

Total person hours: 8 X 8 = 64

Summary: On October 8, Paul Benfield, Bob Peoples, John Bryant, Bruce Cunningham, Bill Elderbrock, Darrol Nickels, Frank Williams, and Ed Oliver constructed about 280 feet of

new trail near the Walnut Mountain Road end of the Elk River relocation.

John Arwood reporting:

Date: October 16, 2002

Section: Big Laurel Branch Wilderness from Iron Mountain Gap

Participants: Ron Lapp, John Arwood

Total participant hours: 12 hrs. Total [2 X 6 hrs. including drive time]

Summary: Trailhead cleanup, trimmed bushes obscuring □Iron Mountain Gap□ sign, cleaned steps, removed blow-down approximately ¼ mile from trailhead, removed rocks from trail, improved drainage.

Carl Fritz reporting:

Dates: October 17, 18, and 19, 2002

Sections: 12 - Bitter End to U.S. 19E and 8 - Watauga Dam Road to U.S. 321

Purpose: Continue Elk River Relocation and Cleanup around Watauga Lake

Number of People: 31 [ASU Students (each with 30 hrs.): Ashley Carroll, Leah Colvin, Mary Hoefer, Jennifer Nhung, Amanda Randolph, Nathan Shesler, Crystal Thomas, Sarah Thompson, Katie Thomson; Hikers (each with 11 hrs except James with 29 hrs): Michael Benedetti, James Chambers, William Krzenski, Roger Smith, Ann Speth, Laura Zick; Members, Affiliates and Guests: John Bryant-11, Bruce Cunningham- 30, Mary Cunningham- 13, Craig DeLoach -11, Joe DeLoach -11, Hueston Fortner -23, Robin Fought -11, Carl Fritz -23, David Gibson -11, Ed Oliver -30, Bob Peoples -30, Pat Peoples -7, Darrol Nickels -30, Seiko -15, John Thompson -11, Frank Williams -18

Total person-hours: 650

Summary: Graduate student, Leah Colvin, arranged this voluntary outing as an alternative during fall break at Appalachian State University. And eight other students signed up. They spent each night at Kincora Hostel thanks to Bob and Pat Peoples. Hikers also made a good turn out with James Chambers working all three days. Plus sixteen club members and guests helped with all the action. Thursday and Saturday, we concentrated on digging sidehill trail near Elk River. And dig the students did! One student while chopping on a six inch diameter root at the end of the day was saying, "Die, root die." In these two days, we prepared about 2000 feet of new trail and we all gained new skills, some physical and some verbal.

On Friday we worked around Watauga Lake. Thirteen bags were filled with trash that had been tossed primarily from liquor parties. Water bars were installed and significant lopping was done near some hemlocks.

Saturday evening at Kincora Hostel, the three-day event was capped with beef stroganoff, vegetable lasagna, tossed salad and various delicious desserts thanks to the chefs: Seiko, Pat and Mary. The money to cover dinner was a donation by a hiker who passed through this area earlier in the year. The many snapshots will be reminders of the songs and camaraderie developed on this successful outing.

C. B. Willis reporting:

Date: October 21, 2002

Section: 18

Participants: Daryl Lloyd, Rick Culbertson, Howard Guinn, Clyde Taylor, Mike Hupko, Fred Whetsel, Malcolm Wolf

Total participant hours: 35 hours (7 x 5)

Summary: Rehabilitated 200 feet of trail a short distance north of Indian Grave Gap. This involved digging out from the bank, leveling a larger tread area and lining the downhill side with logs to hold the trail.