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HIKING & PADDLING NEWS

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NEXT TWO MONTHS				
Description	Rating	Leader	Date	Phone
Third Saturday Maintenance - continue hardening the A.T. near the Cloudland Hotel site on Roan Mountain (RESCHEDULED FROM SEPTEMBER 20)	-	Ed Oliver	September 27	423-349-6668
Smokies Area hike - Old Settler's Trail	AA/2/C	Kent and Nancy Wilson	Oct 4	423-239-7554
Project with Appalachian State University students - TBD	-	Bob Peoples	Oct 12	423-725-4409
Smokies: Cades Cove Area (S900M)	---	Garry Luttrell	Oct 17-19	423-239-9854
Rock Creek Falls (Erwin, Tenn.) (RESCHEDULED FROM OCTOBER 11)	C/3/C	Vic Hasler	Oct 18	423-239-0388
Third Saturday Maintenance	-	Joe DeLoach	Oct 18	423-753-7903
Firescald Knob and Blackstack Cliff	B/3/C	Joe DeLoach	Oct 25	423-753-7903

Big South Fork Overnight Hike to Charit Creek Lodge	Easy to Moderate	Steve Falling	Oct 25-26	423-239-5502
Fall Dinner Meeting	Fun	Kim Peters	Nov 7	
Third Saturday Maintenance	-	Joe DeLoach	Nov 15	423-753-7903
Rich Mountain Loop (Smokies Dayhike)	B/2/B	Neil Dotson	Nov 22	423-245-6105

ATC Workshops Available in 2004

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 Certification

Crosscut Saw Certification

Corridor Monitoring and Boundary Maintenance

Winch Techniques for Trail Work

Other Training Workshops

Natural Heritage Monitoring Training

Invasive Exotic Plant Identification and Monitoring Training

Club Leadership Skills

TEHCC Fall Dinner Meeting, November 7, 2003

Mark your calendar now and make plans to attend the TEHCC Fall Dinner Meeting on Nov 7th, at the Eastman Lodge. Social time starts at 5:15 pm and dinner, catered by Wrights Cafeteria will be served at 6:00 pm. The program will begin at 6:45 pm with the presentation of club awards. Our speaker at this meeting will be Bob Miller from the Old Timers Hiking Club who will tell us about a special outing they made to Switzerland in 2001 for hiking and sightseeing.

Scheduled Hiking, Paddling and Trail Maintenance Opportunities

(Future)

Hike Notice: Old Settlers Trail (S900M), October 4, 2003

Leaders: Kent and Nancy Wilson

We plan to hike about half of this trail (8-9 miles) if we can find the access trail. If we cannot find the access, we will have to do the whole trail (15.9 miles) plus the 1.2 mile access along the Maddron Bald Trail (total of 17.1 miles). According to the trail description there are several old home sites along this trail. We will plan on leaving the parking lot between the Colonial Heights McDonalds and State of Franklin Bank at 7:30 AM. Anyone interested in making this trip or wanting more details (we should know by Thursday or Friday if we have found the access trail) please call Kent or Nancy Wilson at (423) 239-7554.

Backpack / Hikes: Smokies 900 Miler, Cades Cove Area, October 17-19, 2003

Leader: G. S. Luttrell, 423-239-9854

Rating: A/3/C

We'll start at Abrams Creek Ranger Station, backpack either 2.5 miles or 4.5 miles to either walk in campsite #16 or #15, and set up camp for two nights. Dayhikes in the area may include Abrams Falls Trail (named for Old Abram, a Cherokee Chief, of mixed white blood, known as Ooskuah to the Indians), Little Bottoms Trail (named for the rich bottom land on either side of Abrams Creek; once called The Goat Trail), Cooper Road Trail (named for Joe Cooper who supervised the completion of this road to Maryville in 1840), and Hannah Trail (named for Milton Hannah who settled in the Cove in 1830s - 40s). We'll leave from the usual Colonial Heights / McDonalds parking area early on Friday, October 17. Group size is limited to 8 persons, so you'll need to reserve your spot with the hike leader by October 9. Contact the hike leader by phone or for more information and to reserve your spot.

Hike Notice: Rock Creek Falls (Erwin, Tennessee), October 18, 2003

RESCHEDULED FROM OCTOBER 11

Hike Leader: Vic Hasler

Rating: C/3/C

This hike is a combination leaf peeper and waterfall. The latter is probably better viewed in the spring with more water flow, but there are still several creek crossings where you may get your feet wet on this easy hike. The hike is around 3-4 miles up and back an old rail bed. There are several cascades and two major waterfalls, one about 40' high and one about 50' high. The creek crossings and the areas around the falls are not dangerous and the hike is suitable for supervised children. Most of the way we will be in the Unaka Mountain Wilderness Area, where group size should be limited to 14 people. Therefore, please register with the hike leader as soon as possible if you would like to participate; email () or phone 239-0388. Meet at the usual spot by McDonalds in Colonial Heights at 9:00 AM. A meeting location can also be arranged in Johnson City. We will carpool to Rock Creek Recreation Area (\$2.00 daily use fee). We'll plan to have lunch at the upper falls. Bring appropriate clothing for the weather (hike will be postponed in case of heavy rain), comfortable boots (and a bag and spare pair of shoes/pants to change afterwards in case of mud).

Hike Notice: Big Firescald Knob, October 25, 2003

Leader: Joe DeLoach (Telephone 423-753-7903)

Rating: B/3/C

For several years the Carolina Mountain Club has been working with the Konnarock Crew to relocate a section of the A.T. on Big Firescald Knob on the crest of the Bald Mountains

in Greene County. This relocation required extensive rock work to build a stable trail along the sharp ridge. The relocation has been opened and the result is a very scenic route along a knife edge ridge with few equals in the South. We will traverse this section and a nearby overlook, Blackstack Cliffs. Although the Trail is not dangerous to walk, the hike will not be suitable for young children. We will drive to the meadows on Viking Mountain, about 1.5 hours from Kingsport, and proceed north past the cliffs and onto the relocation. From there we can proceed as far as the group wishes towards the Jerry Cabin Shelter and the scenic balds around Big Butt and the Ball Ground, which would be a total of about 11 miles round trip, but just walking the Big Firescald section would be about 5 miles round trip. We should see some good fall color on the drive and on the mountain slopes, less in the beech woods along the mountain tops. Late October weather can be unpredictable and the ridge is quite exposed so bring layers of clothes and good rain gear "just in case". We'll meet in the parking lot between McDonald's and the bank in Colonial Heights at 8:00 AM on Saturday, October 25. Please contact Joe if you'd like to take the hike or for more information.



Hike Notice: Big South Fork Overnight Hike to Charit Creek Lodge, Saturday-Sunday, October 25-26, 2003

Leader: Steve Falling, 239-5502

Rating: Easy to Moderate

The Hiking Club has reservations for 12 overnight visitors to Charit Creek Lodge in the beautiful Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area. This park is on the Kentucky-Tennessee border north of Knoxville. We are timing this trip to enjoy the autumn foliage and cooler temperatures. We will hike in on Saturday, spend the night in two 12-person rooms in the lodge and hike back on Sunday. There are several hiking trails to choose from (0.8 to 11 miles one-way). The cost per person is \$62.00. This price covers

supper on Saturday, lodging for the night and breakfast on Sunday. We only have reservations for 12, so call in your request before sending money. Here is a little info from their website:

Charit Creek Lodge, located deep in the Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area, is only accessible by horseback, foot or mountain bike. Well-maintained hiking and horse trails lead you through interesting and beautiful places on your way to the lodge. Located where Charit Creek and Station Camp Creek meet, the lodge rests in a beautiful pasture framed by magnificent bluffs. This valley has given shelter to travelers in the Big South Fork since the Indian hunting camps. A white hunter, Jonathan Blevins, built the first cabin here in 1817. His log structure still stands as part of the lodge.



Operated as a youth hostel from 1987 until mid 1989, management of the Charit Creek property was awarded to the operators of LeConte Lodge, a renowned wilderness accommodation in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. The proprietors, Stokely Hospitality Enterprises, under the management of Tim and Lisa Line, have transformed the hostel into a full-service accommodation, while preserving its rustic integrity.

Let the pleasure you get from the wilderness continue long after the sun goes down. Charit Creek Lodge offers congenial accommodations and hearty meals without disturbing the nature you've come to enjoy.

After a true country dinner, sit back in your front porch rocker and see a sky full of stars, listen to the stream, and watch the firefly displays; no hum of machinery or bright electric lights to interfere. Each morning wake to the smell of fresh coffee on the stove.

Special Activity and Trip Reports (*Past*)

Hike Report: Smokies 900 miler, Deep Creek Area, August 22-24, 2003

G. S. Luttrell reporting

After a long drive to Bryson City, N.C., we took our Subway sandwiches to Deep Creek picnic area for lunch before strapping on our backpacks. Our route followed the Juney Whank Falls Trail, the Deep Creek Horse Trail, and the Deep Creek Trail to campsite #60. We set up camp, then we hiked the Deep Creek Trail on to the Mountains to Sea Trail intersection. During the return hike to the campsite, we experienced the only rain and thunderstorm of the weekend. The total miles hiked Friday was 11.3. On Saturday, we hiked the Loop Trail, the Sunkota Ridge Trail to the Mountains To Sea Trail intersection, a short section of the Martin Gap Trail, the Indian Creek Trail, and then back to the campsite for 14.7 mi. of hiking. After a refreshing dip in Deep Creek, we relaxed with appetizers before dinner (see photo). On Sunday, we broke camp, and then drove out Lakeview Drive, the infamous "Road to Nowhere" (see photo) to hike a small portion of the Tunnel Bypass Trail, the Goldmine Loop Trail, a short section of the Lakeshore Trail, and through the "Tunnel to Nowhere" (see photo) to complete the loop. The total hiking for Sunday was 6.1 miles. We stopped for an ice cream treat in Bryson City, then returned to Kingsport by 5 pm. Hikers included Nancy Wilson, Kim Peters, Larry Miller, and Garry Luttrell.

[Appetizers
before dinner,](#)

August 22,
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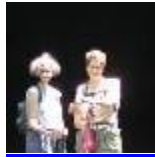
*Photo courtesy
of Garry Luttrell.*





The infamous
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Nowhere](#)",
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*Photo courtesy
of Garry Luttrell.*



The "[Tunnel to
Nowhere](#)",
August 24,
2003 (88KB).

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of Garry Luttrell.*

For the Record: Cumberland Mountain Trail, Careyville, Tenn. North, September 20, 2003

Collins Chewreporting

Almost everyone missed a delightful and most interesting hike. Arleen Schiller of the Cumberland Mountain Trail State Park suggested a better starting point with the result we hiked up from the Careyville area along a creek in a gorge between a cliff and I-75. There were beautiful waterfalls and plunge pools, constructed as the creek was relocated to make way for I-75. It looked natural except for the drill holes for blasting. On ascending to the narrow ridge, the hike along the nearly level crest was made most interesting by the vertical bedding of the sandstone/quartz pebble conglomerate. The Devils Racetrack, visible from I-75, provided great views from its top of the various narrow rock ridges projecting from the end of the mountain and extending much more than a hundred feet vertically. Although some of the crest was broad, most was quite narrow, with, at places, vertical cliffs down on both sides of the trail, sail-like projections of rock, 30 feet long, over 10 feet high and only two feet thick, various sizes and shapes of natural rock walls, and flat surfaces like a paved road. On a high point was a rock containing a pot hole 8" diameter and 10" deep with no obvious explanation of how it formed in absence of a creek. We ate lunch atop a great cliff (Eagle Bluff) overlooking Jacksboro, Tenn. after scaring away (?) the crowd who left on about 10 ATVs as we got there. There were a few places where plant growth crowded the trail and few more blowdowns than we normally expect but most of the trail was a delightful walk in open woods. I think it would be no trouble going from LaFollette to the Bruce Creek trailhead should others want to see what they missed. We walked about 6 1/2 miles. During the morning, several expressed interest in Cumberland Gap and we went there and walked to the Gap and to the Pinnacle Overlook atop the mountain to add about another mile and a half to the day. Hikers were Judith Foster, Freda Kuo and Collins Chew.

Driving: 240 miles

Walking 8 miles

Hours away from Kingsport: 9 1/2

Appalachian Trail Section Maintenance and Special Project

Reports (Past)

For the Record - 2003 Konnarock Crew

Joe DeLoach reporting

This year marked another very successful year of Trail building with the Konnarock Trail Crew. With four weeks of Crew time we were able to build almost a mile of new Trail around White Rocks Mountain. Only a short distance remains on the longer of two relocations and about 1/3 mile is left on a shorter one, and we hope to complete them during 2003. This will replace a very steep section on an eroded old road which is not at all scenic with a gradual, stable sidehill grade which will pass by many lady's slippers and at least one good overlook of the Roan Highlands. We had a great turnout of Club volunteers, with totals of 43 volunteers, 141 person-days, and 1255 hours on the project. Heading the list is Bob Peoples, who worked 19 days with the Crew (one day was rained out)!! Other Club volunteers with at least five days were Paul Benfield, Craig DeLoach, Joe DeLoach, Hueston Fortner, Carl Fritz, Garry Luttrell, Ed Oliver, Bill Stowell, Frank Williams, and Glenn Peddy, a hiker who stayed with Bob for a week and worked all five days. One of the Crew leaders was our own David Gibson who did an excellent job with the project and of course earned a T-shirt for his summer with the Crew. Most importantly, we worked safely with no accidents during the four weeks. Thanks to all our volunteers for another great year with Konnarock!

Click on the small photo or hyperlink to see a larger photo:



["Exhausted maintainers"](#) catch a breather whilst Andrew Warmin grabs some shut eye", or "looks like deep thought after some hard work...", August 9, 2003 (87KB). *Photo courtesy of Week 11 volunteer Bill Setzer.*

Name: Steve Falling

Date: August 24, 2003

Purpose: Trail maintenance

Section: 19 - Indian Grave Gap to Nolichucky River

Location: Indian Grave Gap to Curley Maple Gap

Number: 5

Total Hours: 35

People: Steve Falling, Steve Perri, Mary Fanslow, Scott Thomsen and Paul Winebarger

Individual Hours: 7 hours each

Summary: Cut 5 blowdowns and pushed 4 blowdowns off the trail. Blazed south to north. Clipping and weeding. No trash. Two new signs at Indian Grave Gap. Shelter in good condition. Trail in good condition. No more blowdowns to remove.

Name: Joe DeLoach

Date: August 25, 2003

Purpose: Inspect dead tree near Cherry Gap Shelter

Section: 17 - Iron Mountain Gap to switchback in USFS 230

Location: Cherry Gap Shelter

Number: 2

Total Hours: 8

People: Craig DeLoach, Joe DeLoach

Individual Hours: 4 hours each

Summary: After a report from the Old-timers on a hazard tree we walked in to Cherry Gap. There is a dead tree, looks like an oak, which could fall onto the shelter and will be difficult to remove without falling in that direction.

Name: Carl Fritz

Date: August 26, 2003

Purpose: Check potential trail location on Osborne Tract with U.S. Forest Service

Section: 4 - U.S. 421 (Low Gap) to Tenn. 91

Location: Osborne Tract

Number: 1

Total Hours: 9

People: Ed Oliver

Individual Hours: 9 hours for Ed

Summary: Ed met with U.S. Forest personnel including Candace Allen, Vern Maddux, Joe McGuinness, Bob Noel and an intern to scan the potential trail location for archeology and biological sites. One reroute was necessary to avoid one plant species. Otherwise, the trail location seems favorable during this field review.

Name: Carl Fritz

Date: August 27, 2003

Purpose: Accept Gravel on Roan Mt. and orientation with ASU students

Section: 15 - Carvers Gap to Hughes Gap

Location: Roan Mountain and Appalachian State University

Number: 2

Total Hours: 16

People: Ed Oliver and Bob Peoples

Individual Hours: 10 hours (Ed) + 6 hours (Bob)

Summary: Ed met the gravel trucks at Carvers Gap. Two tons were deposited in the parking lot at Carvers Gap and 16 tons in the Cloudland parking lot. Bob and Ed then traveled to Appalachian State University (ASU) to talk with leaders and about 140 students who plan to come out Saturday. A.T. maintenance in general, specifics of trail repair on Roan Mountain, and proper apparel were discussed.

Name: Steve Perri

Date: August 28, 2003

Purpose: Prepare buckets for ASU Project

Section: 15 - Carvers Gap to Hughes Gap

Location: Roan High Knob

Number: 2

Total Hours: 2

People: Steve and Tisha Perri

Individual Hours: 1 hour each

Summary: Taped up handles for 60 5-gallon buckets to haul gravel in for the ASU student project.

Name: Carl Fritz

Date: August 30, 2003

Purpose: Repair steep and eroding trail

Section: 15 - Carvers Gap to Hughes Gap

Location: Trail south of Cloudland and trail north to Carvers Gap

Number: 167

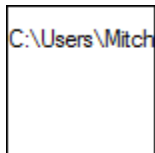
Total Hours: 1,670

People: Paul Benfield, Ken Buchanan, Craig DeLoach, Joe DeLoach, Hueston Fortner, Carl Fritz, David Gibson, Mike Hupko, Mike Hupko Jr, Ed Oliver, Bob Peoples, Steve Perri, Kim Peters, Jeff Siirola, Steve Wilson, and one hundred fifty two ASU students and faculty.

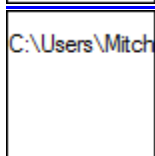
Individual Hours: 10 hours (everyone)

Summary: This was an exciting day. About 145 freshman students from Appalachian State University (ASU) and seven faculty members joined with 15 club members for a very productive outing. This was part of an orientation program for the incoming ASU students. They certainly had a chance to get acquainted with many of their fellow students working near them. We installed more log steps plus some rock steps. The majority worked at bucket brigading 28,000 pounds of gravel up to a quarter mile on the trail! Gravel was moved from both the Carvers Gap and Cloudland parking lots. The gravel was put about three inches deep on top of geotextile and sometimes geoweb to stabilize the many wet areas and newly installed steps. A short shower in early afternoon interrupted progress for a while. But the students returned with renewed enthusiasm to finish the most difficult sections. A little finish work on steps and some gravel right at Cloudland remain to be completed. ASU capped the evening with a barbecue dinner at the Roan Mountain Conference Center. After the muscle aches disappear, we will most remember the new songs and acquaintances plus those never ending 130 five-gallon buckets.

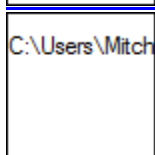
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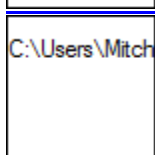
[Bucket brigade](#) (162KB). *Photo courtesy of Steve Wilson.*



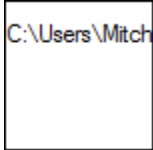
[Happy workers](#) (163KB). *Photo courtesy of Steve Wilson.*



[Smiling bucket exchange](#) (187KB). *Photo courtesy of Steve Wilson.*



[Avoiding the rain](#) (168KB). *Photo courtesy of Steve Wilson.*



[Group in the rain](#) (161KB). *Photo courtesy of Steve Wilson.*



[Playing in the rain](#) (197KB). *Photo courtesy of Steve Wilson.*



[Sign on Roan Mountain](#) (184KB). *Photo courtesy of Steve Wilson.*



[Group orientation](#) (166KB). *Photo courtesy of Steve Wilson.*



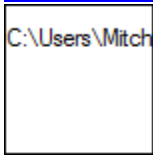
[Filling webbing](#) (181KB). *Photo courtesy of Steve Wilson.*



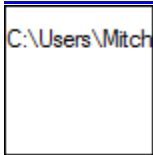
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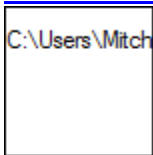
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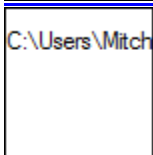
[Laying geotextile matting](#) (196KB). *Photo courtesy of Steve Wilson.*



[Tailgaters](#) (186KB). *Photo courtesy of Steve Wilson.*



[Getting instructions](#) (197KB). *Photo courtesy of Steve Perri.*



[Dumping gravel](#) (195KB). *Photo courtesy of Steve Perri.*

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[Transferring gravel](#) (179KB). *Photo courtesy of Steve Perri.*

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[Loading buckets with gravel](#) (181KB). *Photo courtesy of Steve Perri.*

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[Rock steps](#) (180KB). *Photo courtesy of Steve Perri.*

Name: Steve Perri

Date: September 4, 2003

Purpose: Attend ETSU Outdoor Program

Section: Other

Location: ETSU Campus

Number: 6

Total Hours: 26

People: Kim Peters, Steve Perri, Tisha Perri, Richard Guinn, Brad Dayvolt, Collins Chew

Individual Hours: Kim Peters, Richard Guinn, Brad Dayvolt, Collins Chew 4 hours each; Steve and Tisha Perri 5 hours each

Summary: We attended ETSU's outdoor expo to display the hiking and paddling groups activities and to attempt to recruit volunteers and participants. We met Bred Jones who

volunteered to give a workshop on mushrooms at the 2005 Biennial Meeting. Afterwards, we went to Mahoney's and recruited David Ramsey to give a workshop and to solicit the store's participation in the vendor program.

Name: Carl Fritz

Date: September 5, 2003

Purpose: Fell hazard trees at shelter

Section: 17 - Iron Mountain Gap to switchback in USFS 230

Location: Cherry Gap Shelter

Number: 4

Total Hours: 32

People: Paul Benfield, Carl Fritz, Mike Hupko, Bob Peoples

Individual Hours: 8 hours (everyone)

Summary: We explored a new route to Cherry Gap Shelter from USFS 230. It was gated and still required about a mile walk to the shelter. But it was a great day. With a grip hoist, 100 feet of cable and a 12 foot ladder, the dead hazard tree to north of shelter was not a major challenge to fell. There is plenty of future firewood for campfires. After collecting our equipment and getting ready for lunch, we noticed a second hazard tree that just had one living limb to the south of the shelter. It was rotted half way through and was leaning slightly towards the shelter. It fell away from the shelter as well as the first tree. We did some improvement on the spring by lining the source pool with rocks and covering it with two large rocks. The Old Timers had recently installed a plastic pipe outlet.

Name: Bruce Cunningham

Date: September 8, 2003

Purpose: Improve trail

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

Location: North of Walnut Mountain Road at old second stream crossing (now first stream crossing)

Number: 6

Total Hours: 60

People: Bruce Cunningham, Bill Elderbrock, Robin Fought, Ed Oliver, Bob Peoples, Frank Williams

Individual Hours: 9 hours (Bruce Cunningham, Bill Elderbrock, Ed Oliver, Frank Williams) + 2x8 hours (everyone else)

Summary: We completed about 75 feet of new trail---when this is completed we will eliminate a steep section plus a bad stream crossing.

Name: Steve Perri

Date: September 13, 2003

Purpose: Inspect for rare plants on the Elk River Relocation

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

Location: Walnut Mountain Road to U.S. 19E

Number: 3

Total Hours: 30

People: Jamey Donaldson, Cherelene Reasor, Steve Perri

Individual Hours: 3 X 10 hours

Summary: This activity was originally scheduled as a hike, but we spent a fair amount of

time removing rhododendrons and other trees across the trail or protruding in the trail, and identifying rare plant locations so I considered this maintenance. We identified about 6 locations of gentiana on the new section of trail. These will be put into the ATPO data base w/ GPS coordinates. We verified that the A.T. is far enough away from two earlier speculated locations for two other rare plants and their locations. The gentiana we found appear to be in locations where we probably will not be annually cutting weeds in June or July. We picked up a 1 year old bloodhound (Shadrack) who followed us to Bishop Hollow. We called the owner and he indicated he had already picked up the dog shortly after he parted from us so he was home safe and sound.

Name: Bruce Cunningham

Date: September 16, 2003

Purpose: Improve trail

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

Location: Trail north of Walnut Mountain Road

Number: 7

Total Hours: 66

People: Paul Benfield, Bruce Cunningham, Bill Elderbrock, Houston Fortner, Glen Paddy, Bob Peoples, Frank Williams

Individual Hours: 10 hours (Bruce Cunningham, Bill Elderbrock, Frank Williams) + 4x9 hours (everyone else)

Summary: Continued work of last week. Still have several weeks to go. Celebrated (ice cream, special cakes by Mary Cunningham and singing of questionable quality) Bill Elderbrock's birthday on way home and also ED Oliver's at his house (Ed was recovering from ???? and didn't make trip---a very unusual event!!!!!!)

Name: Joe DeLoach

Date: September 16, 2003

Purpose: Cut Briars and Paint Blazes

Section: 5 - Tenn. 91 to Turkey Pen Gap

Location: Tenn. 91 to gate at Cross Mountain Road

Number: 2

Total Hours: 8

People: Craig DeLoach, Joe DeLoach

Individual Hours: 4 hours each

Summary: We replaced the last of the metal/plastic blazes with paint blazes, cut briars and weeds, and lopped brush. Total section covered about 1/2 mile.

Name: Bruce Cunningham

Date: September 20, 2003

Purpose: Evaluate Section 2

Section: 2 - Backbone Rock trail junction to Abingdon Gap Shelter

Location: McQueens Gap to 100 ft. north of blue blazed trail to Backbone Rock Park

Number: 2

Total Hours: 22

People: Mary Cunningham, Bruce Cunningham

Individual Hours: 2 X 11 everyone

Summary:

Section 1: (Richard Colberg) (from blue blaze north 100 ft.) rehabbed about 75 ft. of trail north of the blue blazed trail.

Section 2: (Steve Wilson) Separate report sent to Steve Wilson on needed trail rehabilitation, many weeds, and 5 blowdowns.

Section 3: (Steve Banks) (from McQueens Gap to Abingdon Gap Shelter) Everything looked good with exception of weeds. Could always see trail, but some places not by much.