

THE TENNESSEE EASTMAN HIKING & PADDLING NEWS

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NEXT TWO MONTHS				
Description	Rating	Leader	Date	Phone
Smokies: Elkmont Area (S900M)	- - -	Garry Luttrell	Dec 6	423-239-9854
Third Saturday Maintenance	-	Joe DeLoach	Dec 20	423-753-7903
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A.T. Museum Logo Designs Wanted

The Appalachian Trail Museum committee is accepting designs for an Appalachian Trail Museum logo. Guidelines for the design:

1. It should include a component that implies the "A.T."
2. Ideally, it should include a component that implies "museum".
3. All components must be easily identifiable when the logo is reduced to a small size, as it will be used on a letterhead.
4. The deadline for entries is February 29, 2004.

A prize of a cap with the logo will be awarded to the author of the selected design. In addition, the original submission will be displayed in the museum. So, put on your thinking caps and start designing! Submit designs to:

Henry and Carla Lafleur
 11 Sunset Lane
 Montgomery, Massachusetts 01085-9827
 Email:

TEHCC Welcomes New Members

Randall Simpson

Anne Maio

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

Reminder to Potential Eastman Chemical Company Retirees

If you plan to retire from Eastman and would like to continue receiving the TEHCC newsletter, please send Richard Colberg () an e-mail note with your home e-mail address (if you have e-mail at home) as well as your home street address. We prefer to send the newsletter via e-mail to save us time and money, and so you can receive it (and any late hike notices) in a more timely manner. However, we would also like your street address so we can still reach you if your e-mail address changes. Thanks.

Scheduled Hiking, Paddling and Trail Maintenance Opportunities (Future)

Hike: Smokies 900 Miler, Elkmont to Tremont, December 6, 2003

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

Rating: A/3/C

We'll start at Elkmont (named because the Elks Club of Knoxville had their summer gatherings at Elk Mountain, which was later shortened to Elkmont), and hike the Meigs Mountain Trail (named for Return Jonathan Meigs, a surveyor commissioned to retrace the 1797 Hawkins boundary line for the 1802 treaty with the Cherokees. The name Return came from the courtship of his parents. His dad proposed to his Quaker mom several times, but she repeatedly refused. He tried one last time, she refused again, and he mounted his horse to ride away forever. As he was leaving, she called out, "return Jonathan, return." Since "return" was the most beautiful word he had ever heard, he named his son Return), and the Lumber Ridge Trail (named for the pre-park timbering in the area) to Tremont (the Little River Lumber Company needed a name for their new logging camp at this site, and since there was an abundance of trees, decided to call it Tremont). Hiking distance will be 10.1 mi. at elevations less than 3000 feet. We'll leave from the usual Colonial Heights / McDonalds parking area early on Saturday, December 6. Since bad weather could change our hiking plans, you'll need to reserve your spot with the hike leader by Wednesday, December 3. Contact the hike leader by phone or for more information and to reserve your spot.

Wilderness Wildlife Week, January 10-18, 2004

Submitted by Garry Luttrell

The 14th annual Wilderness Wildlife Week will be held January 10 - 18, 2004, at the Music Road Hotel and Convention Center, in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee.

Special Activity and Trip Reports (Past)

TEHCC Fall Dinner Meeting, November 7, 2003

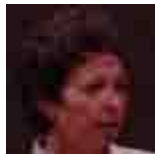
TEHCC held its annual Fall Dinner Meeting at the Eastman Lodge on Friday, November 7th.

After dinner, catered by Wrights Cafeteria, several awards were presented to recognize significant contributions and accomplishments. The coveted Konnarock shirts were handed to 12 hardworking volunteers. Each t-shirt represents at least five days of work with the Konnarock crew this past summer on the trail relocation at White Rocks. Recipients of t-shirts were Paul Benfield, Craig DeLoach, Joe DeLoach, Hueston Fortner, Carl Fritz, David Gibson, Garry Luttrell, Ed Oliver, Bob Peoples, Bill Stowell, Frank Williams and Glenn Peddy.

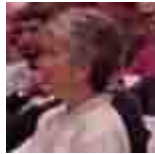
Awards were also handed out to four TEHCC members for completion of South Beyond 6000 peaks. The recipients were Garry Luttrell, Kent Wilson, Nancy Wilson and Patrick Craft.

A certificate of appreciation was awarded to Steve Perri in recognition of his service to the club as the chair of the A.T. Committee.

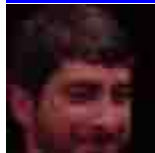
The evenings program was provided by Bob Miller from the Old Timers Hiking Club of Johnson City who told all present about their hiking and sightseeing trips to Switzerland. *Click on the small photo or hyperlink to see a larger photo. All photos courtesy of Steve Wilson.*



TEHCC chairperson [Kim Peters](#) addresses the dinner meeting attendees (37KB).



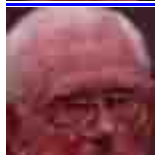
[Attendees](#) at the dinner meeting (70KB).



[Kim Peters \(L\) and Steve Perri \(R\)](#) (48KB).



[Collins Chew](#) (47KB).



[Bob Miller](#) (56KB).

Hike Report: Smokies 900 miler, Old Settlers Trail, November 8, 2003

Leaders: Kent and Nancy Wilson

On a warmer than expected sunny fall day, four hardy hikers made this 13.2 mile trip along the Old Settlers and Maddron Bald Trails. We accessed the trail from the Steiner Bell Conference center. We thoroughly enjoyed the old chimneys and stone walls. Some of the stone walls were shoulder high. We made the 20 or so creek crossings without

anyone getting wet. Making this trip were Freda Kuo, Taylor Pickard, and Kent and Nancy Wilson.

Click on the small photo or hyperlink to see a larger photo. All photos courtesy of Kent Wilson.



The [group](#) pauses near an old chimney, after making one of the creek crossings (100KB).



[Freda Kuo and Nancy Wilson](#) crossing a creek (129KB).



[Nancy Wilson and Freda Kuo](#) in front of an old chimney (85KB).



[Old Settler's Trail](#) between stone walls (149KB).

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

Name: Carl Fritz

Date: October 23-25, 2003

Purpose: Trail Relocation

Section: 11 - Dennis Cove Road to Bitter End

Location: Near White Rocks Fire Tower

Number: 27

Total Hours: 420

People: ASU STUDENTS Lauren Bomba, Katie Chaddock, Cherie Chojnacki, Ryan Parks, Dave Pressley, Katie Thomson, Lindsay Venable, Daniel Wilkes, HIKERS Slinger, Trail Yetti, Maude, Righton, Riddler, Quasimodo, Snail, Junkie, MEMBERS & AFFILIATES Paul Benfield, Ken Buchanan, Collins Chew, Bruce Cunningham, Mary Cunningham, Hueston Fortner, Carl Fritz, Bill Grisby, Ed Oliver, Bob Peoples, Frank Williams

Individual Hours: Spreadsheet sent to Jeff

Summary: We finished the White Rocks primary trail relocation started with Konnarock this summer. Over 1300 feet of trail was dug with these energetic students and hikers. It is fabulous that these students took their entire fall break except for one day to help us complete this relocation! All the students and hikers working the last day painted blazes to open this new section which is greater than a mile.

Name: Bruce Cunningham

Date: November 4, 2003

Purpose: Build a better trail

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

Location: just north of Walnut Mountain Road

Number: 6

Total Hours: 46

People: Bruce Cunningham, Bill Elderbrock, Houston Fortner, Ed Oliver, Bob Peoples, Frank Williams

Individual Hours: 7 hours (Houston Fortner and Bob Peoples) + 4x8 hours (everyone else)

Summary: We constructed trail over the second stream crossing (we only need to bring in the new bridge and open both ends of the section), and we redid the layout of part of the new section at the first stream crossing.

Name: Bruce Cunningham

Date: November 8, 2003

Purpose: Clear new trail--ready for digging

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

Location: just north of Walnut Mountain Road

Number: 2

Total Hours: 18

People: Mary Cunningham, Bruce Cunningham

Individual Hours: 9 hours (everyone)

Summary: We continued work on the new sections --- we cleared a path for about 400 feet of new trail.

Name: Carl Fritz

Date: November 11, 2003

Purpose: Trail Relocation

Section: 11 - Dennis Cove Road to Bitter End

Location: Trail North of Walnut Mountain Road

Number: 11

Total Hours: 94

People: Sunny Chaney, Bruce Cunningham, Bill Elderbrock, Carl Fritz, Darrol Nickels, Ed Oliver, Bob Peoples and HIKERS Kevin Guerra, Julie Hand, Jeff Hayes, and Steve Slattery

Individual Hours: 5x8 hours (Bob, and 4 hikers) + 6x9 hours (everyone else)

Summary: We carried in a 12 foot bog bridge to span the boggy creek encountered last week. We finished opening this relocation including blazing. We started another relocation and are over half done with it. With the energy of the hikers, we dug about 400 feet of trail today.

Name: Old Timers Hiking Club (C. B. Willis)

Date: November 12, 2003

Purpose: Renewing and improving blazes

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

Location: Iron Mountain Gap to top of Little Bald

Number: 2

Total Hours: 12

People: Sandra Perry, C.B. Willis

Individual Hours: Sandra Perry 6 hours, C.B. Willis 6 hours

Summary: We refreshed blazes with oil based paint using paint brush rather than spray. We installed several new blazes and some new doubles at trail, road crossings. We hope to get the entire trail done soon, depending on the weather.

Name: Bruce Cunningham

Date: November 18, 2003

Purpose: Continue work on relocation

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

Location: trail north of Walnut Mountain Road

Number: 6

Total Hours: 46

People: Paul Benfield, Bruce Cunningham, Bill Elderbrock, Ed Oliver, Bob Peoples, Frank Williams

Individual Hours: 7 hours (Paul Benfield and Bob Peoples) + 4x8 hours (everyone else)

Summary: another 160 feet of new (difficult) trail on relocation finished---should finish this section and open next time

Name: Bruce W. Cunningham

Date: November 22, 2003

Purpose: Clear blowdowns

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

Location: Just north of Tenn. 91

Number: 1

Total Hours: 4

People: Houston Fortner

Individual Hours: 4 hours (Houston Fortner)

Summary: Clipped and hand sawed same blowdowns that Bruce and Mary Cunningham and Frank Williams finished clearing later in the same day.

Name: Bruce Cunningham

Date: November 22, 2003

Purpose: Clear blowdowns and reblaze U.S. 421 crossing

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

Location: about one fourth mile north of Tenn. 91 and at U.S. 421 crossing

Number: 3

Total Hours: 12

People: Bruce Cunningham, Mary Cunningham, Frank Williams

Individual Hours: 4 hours everyone

Summary: Cleared blowdown and fixed trail---freshened blazes and added two new ones---probably overdone but should eliminate complaints.

