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NEXT TWO MONTHS				
Date	Description	Rating	Contact	Phone
Apr 16-17	Trailfest (Hot Springs, NC)	N/A		
Apr 22-25	Lakeshore Trail, Smokies (S900M)	AA/3/B	Garry Luttrell	423-239-9854
Apr 24	Pinnacle State Park (Virginia) Wildflower Hike (Rain Date 5/8)	C/4/C	Kathy McDavid	423-349-4901
May 1	A.T.: Big Bald from Street Gap	B/3/B	Vic Hasler	423-239-0388
May 8	A.T.: McQueens Gap to Damascus	A/2/B	Richard Colberg	423-288-8333
May 8-16	Damascus (VA) Trail Days	N/A	http://www.traildays.nstemp.com/	
May 22	Bays Mountain Fire Tower (F/B)	C/4/C	Steve Falling	423-239-5502

Vehicle Thefts on USFS Roads

It has been brought to my attention that some vehicle thefts are occurring by the use of a roll back truck. W

Forest visitor parks on our road it is very easy to back the truck directly to the vehicle, lower the bed and w the vehicle on to the truck in a few minutes. It could be a truck with flashing yellow lights and look like a legitimate service call.

The suggestion was made that we should advise persons parking on our roads to try to park at an angle th would make the above type of retrieval more difficult.

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Introductory Whitewater School Instructor/Safety Boaters Needed

Submitted by Rebekah Morrow

The 32nd annual TEHCC/APE□s Introduction to Paddling Clinic is quickly approaching. The clinic is the weekend of June 5th and 6th. **Several people have been turned away from the clinic in past years due to a lack of volunteers. (This is absolutely pathetic!)** Volunteers are needed to help instruct and safety boat. The clinic will only be successful if Mike has your help. PLEASE volunteer to help at this year□s clinic need to know if you can volunteer by April 30, 2004. If you are willing to help on one or both days, contact Rebekah Morrow at home at (423)245-8045 or by e-mail at . Thanks in advance.

Introductory Whitewater School June 3-6, 2004



Submitted by Rebekah Morrow

The 32nd annual □Canoe School,□ sponsored by the Tennessee Eastman Hike Canoeing Club in association with the Appalachian Paddling Enthusiast□s (APE) will be held June 3rd, 5th, and 6th. The school is targeted for beginner and novice solo and tandem whitewater canoeists and kayakers, and consists of an evening of lecture and videos plus days on the water. As in the past, there will continue to be a strong emphasis on river safety. Participants will be responsible for providing their own gear and transportation.

Minimum required gear: Whitewater canoe w/ one paddle per paddler plus one spare per boat and helmet or a whitewater kayak w/ paddle, sprayskirt and helmet. One PFD (life jacket) per person. Canoes should have bow and stern lines. All boats must have air bags. Rain jacket. Knee pads. Lunch. Change of clothes in a waterproof bag.

Schedule:

June 3rd (Thur)

Lecture and films. 6:00□9:00 PM.

Eastman Lodge, Room A2

Eastman Recreation Area, Near Bay□s Mountain

Students must attend this meeting to participate on Saturday.

June 5 th (Sat)	Lake and River Trip, class III. 9:00 AM Duck Island Parking Lot Warriors Path State Park, Kingsport, TN Students must participate on Saturday to participate on Sunday
June 6 th (Sun)	River Trip, class II. 10:00 AM T.B.D.

Note: Instructors reserve the right to exclude anyone if they believe safety will be compromised. Participants must be a member of TEHCC or APECS. Applications will be provided on Thursday night. If you are a member of the American Canoe Association (ACA), please bring your membership card and member number. This will save you \$5.00.

Cost: \$25.00 per student payable by April 30th. (Make checks out to Rebekah Morrow, see address below). Plus membership fee, payable at the Thursday evening lecture.

Registration: Complete and return the form below and mail it along with your check by **April 30th** to **Rebekah Morrow, 1900 Madison Ave., Kingsport, TN 37665**. Feel free to call for more details.

Questions: Contact Rebekah Morrow at (423) 245-8045.

REGISTRATION FORM **Introductory Whitewater School**

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Craft (please check one): Solo Canoe ___ Tandem Canoe ___ Kayak ___

Experience: Beginner ___ Novice ___

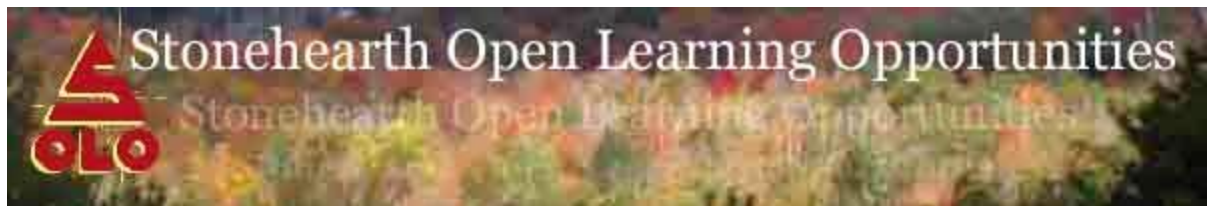
My tandem partner's name: _____ Need partner ___

List previous clinics taken:

List up to five rivers you have paddled and their levels (if applicable)

Do you have any health related conditions the instructor should be aware of during this course? If so, please explain (this info will only be made available to the instructor(s) but if you would feel more comfortable talking with them in private about your condition, please do so):

Wilderness First Aid Course
July 17-18, 2004
Eastman Lodge Kingsport, TN



Submitted by Rebekah Morrow

The Appalachian Paddling Enthusiasts (APEs) and Tennessee Eastman Hiking and Canoe Club (TEHC) are sponsoring a Wilderness First Aid (WFA) course taught by Stonehearth Open Learning Opportunities (SOLO). The course will be tailored to the needs of the class participants. For example, if the participants consist mostly of hiking enthusiasts, the instructor(s) will gear the class towards the needs of hikers. There is a great need for this training in our local paddling, hiking, and outdoors enthusiast community. Red Cross First Aid is not enough for the situations outdoor enthusiasts place themselves in for recreation. Below is an explanation of the course from SOLO's website (www.soloschools.com/wfa.html):

□...Very few first aid programs actually address the issues of providing emergency care in a rural, wilderness, or extended care setting. This is SOLO's twenty-fifth year offering its workshops in Wilderness First Aid. Designed specifically for groups and their leaders, this 16-hour program covers topics ranging from preparation and prevention to assessment and treatment. All SOLO instructors are experienced rescue personnel with extensive outdoor experience and have been selected not only for their expertise in emergency medicine and rescue, but also for their teaching skills. Classroom lectures and discussions are supplemented by practical work and problem-solving exercises. The emphasis is always on hands-on experience. Scenarios are an important part of this training.

Day 1:

- Patient Assessment System**
- Shock**
- Long-Term Patient Care**
- Soft Tissue Injuries**

Day 2:

- Environmental Emergencies**
- Fractures/Dislocations**
- Splint Improvisation**
- Preparedness**

While much of the material appears to be standard emergency care information, the backcountry emphasis on long-term care and evacuation complications makes this course unique. Course material can be somewhat modified to meet the specific needs of a group, i.e. cycling, kayaking, climbing, etc. Since the principles of first aid are taught, this program is really applicable to any emergency situation. □

Obtaining this knowledge is a very important element in safety regardless of the activity you participate in. This information could help save your friends and your own life!

The fee for the course is \$115.00. This fee includes the course registration fee, mailing, and travel expenses for the instructor(s). Once received, this fee is non-refundable. However, if an emergency arises, a substitute may be found to take your spot in the class.

Location: The course will be held all day Saturday, July 17th and Sunday, July 18th from 8:00 am until ~6 pm and will be held at the Eastman Lodge in Kingsport, TN.

How To Register: Please mail the attached registration form along with a check made out to **Rebekah**

Morrow, 1900 Madison Ave, Kingsport, TN 37665. The deadline for registration is **May 1, 2004.** An equipment list and other information will be sent out to each confirmed student about a month prior to the course. You are confirmed for the course when your payment has been received.

If you have any questions, you may contact Rebekah Morrow by phone at (423)245-8045 (before 10:00 please) or e-mail at .

REGISTRATION FORM Wilderness First Aid Course

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

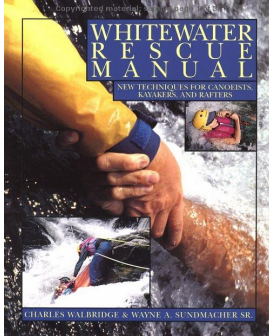
Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

List of Outdoor Activities you participate in: _____

List of Previous First Aid Courses taken and/or First Aid Experience: _____

**APE's / TEHCC Swiftwater Rescue Course
July 24-25, 2004**



Submitted by Mike Morrow

APE's and TEHCC are offering an ACA Format Swiftwater Rescue Course taught by Mike Morrow. This is a full weekend course and covers a lot of topics in Swiftwater Rescue tailored to recreational paddlers. This course should be a must take for anyone who regularly paddles our streams and rivers. The course is very physically demanding. So you must be fit enough to participate. I guarantee that you will be tired and winded even if you think you are in shape.

Location: Saturday's session will be at Eastman Chemical Company's Lodge at E. Mountain. Sunday's river location will be determined Saturday and depends on water levels.

Description: This is an intensive course involving classroom instruction, dry land practice and in water drills. The topics covered are: Accident Prevention, Rescue Philosophy, Rescue Equipment (ropes, carabineers, pulleys, rescue pfd, etc), Swimming Skills in rapids (you will learn to ferry, catch eddies and peel out without your boat), Wading Skills, Rope Handling, Foot Entrapment Release Techniques, Mechanical Advantage Lines, Stabilization Lines, Zip Lines, Releasing Boat Pins, and some Useful Knots.

Prerequisites: The course is open to ADULT (18 years old or older) APE and TEHCC members. All paddling skill levels are welcome. Remember, this will not be a paddling weekend. It is a physically strenuous weekend so you must be fit and be able to swim competently. It will also be a very fun weekend! You will be amazed at how much fun you can have swimming in rapids.

How to Register: Please mail the following registration form and a **check made out to Mike Morrow for the amount of \$65.00 to 1900 Madison Ave., Kingsport, TN 37665.** (Note: course fee has increased due to increased costs from ACA.) The course will be limited to twelve students but a waiting list will be started if needed. If you do not get into the course, your money will be returned. You are registered when the items listed

above are received. **Your registration information must be in no later than June 25, 2004.**

Two to three weeks prior to the course, you will receive a packet of information about the course. **If you have any questions about the course, feel free to contact Mike Morrow by phone at (423) 245-8045 (evenings before 10:00pm, please) or by e-mail at .**

REGISTRATION FORM Swiftwater Rescue Course

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Work Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Experience (check one): Beginner ___ Novice ___ Intermediate ___ Expert ___

Average number of times paddle per year: ___

I paddle (check one): Year Round ___ Warm Weather Only ___

List previous SWR courses taken:

List up to five rivers you have paddled and their Classes (I, II, III, IV, V, if applicable):

Do you have any health related conditions the instructor should be aware of during this course? If so, please explain (this info will only be made available to the instructor(s) but if you would feel more comfortable talking with them in private about your condition, please do so):

TEHCC Welcomes New Members

Jeff Berry

Robert Elliot

Wendy McCall

Natalya Seals

Jennifer Brown

Stuart Everett

Kevin O'Callaghan

Charlie Thomas

Jamie Lynn Burns

James Foster

Bruce Phillipp

Travis Vanzant

John Butler

Larry Kendrick

Cynthia Phillipp

Hubert Cui

Joe Keys

Gianna Rossi

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

Scheduled Hiking, Paddling and Trail

Maintenance Opportunities (*Future*)

Backpack: Smokies 900 miler, Lakeshore Trail, April 22-25, 2004

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

Rating: AA/3/A

We'll leave from the usual Colonial Heights / McDonalds parking area early on Thursday, April 22, and make a stop for breakfast on the way. We'll need several vehicles, so if you can drive, let me know. Since it's such a long drive and gas is costly right now, each rider will need to pay drivers gas money.

We'll drive to Twenty Mile Creek Ranger Station, submit our backcountry permits, spot cars at the Fontana Dam trailhead, and then we'll drive on to Bryson City, NC. After lunch, we'll drive to the Lakeshore Trailhead, through the Tunnel to Nowhere. We'll hike at least to campsite 74, Lower Forney (3 mi, 600 ft climbing); Friday: to campsite 77, Pilkey Creek (13.5 mi, 2400 ft climbing); Sat: to Campsite 90, Lost Cove (12.5 mi, 2600 ft climbing); and, Sun: to Fontana Dam (5.6 mi, 1100 ft climbing). You'll need to bring three dinners, three breakfasts, three lunches, snacks, tent or hammock, and other camping gear / personal items needed for backcountry campsites. We'll be rock hopping many creeks and some of them will require wading. If you have community items, such as stoves or filters, that you'd be willing to share, let me know. Group size is limited to 10 persons, so you'll need to reserve your spot with the hike leader. Contact the hike leader by phone or by e-mail (gsluttrell@earthlink.net) for more information and to reserve your spot.

The Lakeshore Trail follows the north shore of Fontana Lake, passing through land that was not originally part of the Smokies when the Park was established in 1934. In 1943, just prior to the completion of Fontana Dam, the Park boundary was extended on to the new lake. At this time, the Department of Interior established a Memorandum of Agreement with TVA and local / state governments to build the North Shore Road through the new Park land to replace the flooded NC 288. In 2000, Congress budgeted \$16 million of DOT appropriations to resume construction, but the debate of build or no-build continues.

Wildflower Hike: Pinnacle State Park, VA; April 24, 2004 (Rain Date: May 8)

Leader: Kathy McDavid, 423-349-4901

Rating: C/4/C

We'll be taking a wildflower hike in the Pinnacle Nature Preserve near Lebanon, Virginia. This is a very easy hike, less than 2 miles round trip. The last two times I've been there I've seen more than 50 different types of wildflowers, so bring your camera, tripod, wildflower identification book and yourself and have a great time enjoying the springtime!! You'll want to bring water, lunch, and raingear. You might want to bring binoculars for the overlook into the valley. We'll be meeting in Colonial Heights in the parking lot between McDonalds and the bank at 7:45 A.M. For more information or if you would like for us to meet you near exit 14 in Abingdon, you may phone me at 423-349-4901, or e-mail me at .

Hike: Appalachian Trail □ Big Bald from Street Gap; May 1, 2004

Leader: Vic Hasler, 423-239-0388

Rating: B/3/B

This hike is out to find a pair of hidden containers called □geocaches□ (see waypoints GCGJGR and GCGJGS). This hobby uses a GPS to find hidden items and/or unusual locations, and thus is like high-tech orienteering. After a stop at I-26 visitors center, this hike be an in-out from Street Gap (3.6 mi each way) via Higgins Creek road at Flag Pond. Also refer to A.T. Guide Section 11 (11th ed.) mi 2.6 Street Gap 4,100□ S>N to mi 6.8

Bald 5,516 □. E-mail () or call 423-239-0388 if any questions. Meet at the usual spot by McDonald's in Co Heights at 8:00 AM. A meeting location can also be arranged in Johnson City or Erwin. Wear appropriate clothing for the weather. (Hike will be postponed or changed to just the Erwin linear trail in case of rain.)

Special Activity and Trip Reports (*Past*)

TEHCC Members Participate in USFS Chain Saw Recertification Course

Steve Perri reporting

Four TEHCC members recently participated in the recertification course offered by USFS on March 12-14, 2004. Matt Davis from ATC helped arrange for a course close to the area for our club and Roby Phillippi and Bill Woody from the Cherokee National Forest came through to help arrange for a class offered in Elizabethton, TN. As required by ATC and the USFS, volunteers in the forest operating chain saws now need to be both operator certified and CPR/First Aid certified and so we recently took this course together at the American Red Cross in Kingsport on Feb. 16-17. We spent the first day of the training course in the classroom reviewing strategies for felling trees, bucking, limbing, discussing regulations, and personal safety equipment and practices. The second day we drove to Watauga Lake and conducted field training at the base of Pond Mountain. There were two others in our class seeking their certification, each from the NETMBA and the Backcountry Horseman. Anyone interested in enrolling in other scheduled certification training can contact Matt Davis (828-254-3708) at ATC for location, dates, space and availability.

Those participating in the training course included: Carl Fritz, Steve Haynes, Steve Perri and Steve Wilson. *Click on the small photo or hyperlink to see larger photo. All photos courtesy of Steve Wilson.*



Chainsaw class [group photo](#) (221 kB).



[Carl Fritz](#) (230 kB).



[Robi Philippi](#) (123 kB).



[Steve Perri and Bill Woody](#) (247 kB).



[Chainsaw maintenance](#) (54 kB).

Appalachian Trail Section Maintenance and Special Project Reports (Past)

Name: Bill Berry

Date: February 21, 2004

Purpose: Clear blow downs and cut back trail

Section: 20 - Nolichucky River to Spivey Gap

Location: Spivey Gap to Temple Hill Gap

Number: 1

Total Hours: 9

People: Bill Berry

Individual Hours: 9

Summary: Trail in good shape, thanks to who ever cut out the big tree for me. Still had lots of snow.

Name: Joe DeLoach

Date: February 24, 2004

Purpose: Appalachian Trail Maintenance Dinner

Section: Other

Location: Kingsport, TN

Number: 32

Total Hours: 94

People: Darrol Nickels, Carl Fritz, Tim McClain, Steve Falling, Kim Peters, C. B. Willins, Mike Humko, Bob Miller, Bob Peoples, Paul Benfield, Bruce Cunningham, Mary Cunningham, Collins Chew, Frank Oglesby, Garry Luttrell, Frank Williams, John Thompson, Ed Oliver, Bill Elderbrock, Hueston Fortner, Doris Fortner, David Gibson, Robin Fought, Bill Stowell, Craig DeLoach, Steve Banks, Steven Banks, Ray Hunt, Joe DeLoach, Richard Colberg, Jeff Siirola, and Waylon Jenkins **Individual Hours:** 1 hour each for Richard Colberg, Jeff Siirola, and Waylon Jenkins; 4 hours each for Paul Benfield, Robin Fought, David Gibson, and Bob Peoples; 3 hours for everyone else **Summary:** Annual maintenance dinner was well attended. Thank Mary Cunningham and Ed Oliver for the delicious meal, Bill Stowell for the waterfall photo show, and Collins Chew and Steve Perri for their parts in assembling the maintenance packets.

Name: Bill Stowell

Date: February 29, 2004

Purpose: Lop, cut blowdowns, trash removal

Section: 19 - Indian Grave Gap to Nolichucky River

Location: Indian grave gap to Curley Maple Shelter

Number: 2

Total Hours: 16

People: Craig DeLoach, Bill Stowell

Individual Hours: 8 hours each

Summary: We lopped and cut several blowdowns and carried the trash out from the shelter. Shelter does not have a log Book.

Name: Carl Fritz

Date: March 3, 2004

Purpose: Flag trail relocation

Section: 18 - Switchback in USFS 230 to Indian Grave Gap

Location: North side of Unaka Mountain

Number: 9

Total Hours: 72

People: Paul Benfield, Bill Elderbrock, Hueston Fortner, Robin Fought, Carl Fritz, David Gibson, Mike Hu
Ed Oliver, Bob Peoples

Individual Hours: 9x8 hours (everyone)

Summary: Even after the 70 degree days, we found up to six inches of snow on the north side of Unaka Mountain. Even USFS 230 had five inches of ice. We did make great progress on flagging a very long switchback to take out steepest and most eroded sections. Thick rhododendrons that were bent over from recent snows slowed down movement to a snail's pace. One more trip should complete this flagging. Mike Hupko demonstrated his gymnastic abilities with a backward somersault off the rhododendrons. He scored 8.5. There was a deduction for not landing cleanly on both feet.

Name: C. B. Willis for *Old Timers Hiking Club*

Date: March 10, 2004

Purpose: Spring maintenance trip to remove winter blowdowns, etc. from the trail.

Section: 18 - Switchback in USFS 230 to Indian Grave Gap

Location: Indian Grave Gap to Beauty Spot and back

Number: 11

Total Hours: 63

People: Gil Derouen, Mike Hupko, Carl Kincheloe, Daryl Loyd, Sam Lloyd, Glenn Marshall, Ed Schell, Cly
Taylor, CB Willis, Malcolm Wolf, Mike Parker

Individual Hours: 3 hours (Ed Schell), 6x10 everyone else

Summary: We didn't want to trust the F/S 230 being snow covered. We walked in to the Beauty Spot and to leave the rest until work days scheduled March 15, March 29 and April 12. We cleared 3 blowdowns and trimmed out a number of locations along the way. There was about 2 inches of new snow in the area.

Name: Steve Perri

Date: March 11, 2004

Purpose: Chainsaw Certification Training

Section: 1 - Damascus to Backbone Rock trail junction

Location: Elizabethton, TN

Number: 4

Total Hours: 56

People: Carl Fritz, Steve Haynes, Steve Perri, Steve Wilson

Individual Hours: 4 x 14 hours

Summary: We attended the USFS chainsaw certification course taught by Roby Phillippi and Bill Woody. The first day we spent reviewing safety, techniques, strategies, and maintenance of saws. On Saturday we had a field test to show our skill level, safety considerations, strategy and implementation. Of about 20 that signed up, only 6 of us completed the course. The main differences in the new curriculum is the required PPE and the open face notch angle. Even though we have experience already, we always take away new information to reinforce the issues of safety and techniques.

Name: Collins Chew

Date: March 12, 2004

Purpose: Spring Maintenance, clipping small blowdowns and measuring 3 relocations.

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

Location: Bitter End to south end of trail along Elk River, 7.3 miles

Number: 7

Total Hours: 56

People: Olin Babb, Bruce Cunningham, June Donaldson, Bill Elderbrock, Bob Harvey, Larry Miller, Collins Chew

Individual Hours: 8 hours for each

Summary: We clipped brush and removed small blowdowns and rolled and GPSed the new relays. We left a 16" blowdown (crawl over) about 0.7 miles south of Bitter End and a 20" blowdown (crawl under) about 1/2 mile north of the Elk River. Bruce collected garbage at Bear Branch Road.

Name: Bruce Cunningham

Date: March 13, 2004

Purpose: Spring housecleaning

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

Location: See Collins Chew's report

Number: 1

Total Hours: 9

People: Bruce Cunningham

Individual Hours: 0 hour (Bruce Cunningham)

Summary: This report is an addition to Collins Chew's report. Blowdowns--one south of Bitter End is not critical--can be easily stepped over--one on Elk River section is I think the tree we left to deter horses--can be stepped under easily. Cleaned up all road crossings from Walnut Rd. to 19E--most of the 6 bags came from you know where Bear Branch Rd. crossing--but ran out of time and bags and lots still left down hill toward bridge--see crew take note.

Name: Mike Hupko for *Old Timers Hiking Club*

Date: March 15, 2004

Purpose: Spring clearing of trail

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

Location: From Low Gap to top of Unaka and from Low Gap to Iron Mountain Gap

Number: 6

Total Hours: 36

People: Clyde Taylor, Daryl Loyd, Glenn Marshall, Carl Kincheloe, Gil Derouen, Mike Hupko **Individual Hours:** 6 hours each.

Summary: Cleared the trail of blowdowns and winter debris. Cleaned shelter and checked springs. Left no journal. 2003 journal was not there. Shovel and broom still there. We plan to work March 29th on the 3-4 miles left undone and to clean the water bars at that time. Also planning some treadway repair a little later.

Name: Garry S. Luttrell

Date: March 19, 2004

Purpose: Install Sign

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

Location: Walnut Mtn. Road AT South

Number: 1

Total Hours: 5

People: Garry S. Luttrell

Individual Hours: 5 hours (Garry S. Luttrell)

Summary: Installed "Foot Travel Only" sign at Walnut Mtn. Road/FS50 going south on A.T.

Name: Collins Chew

Date: March 19, 2004

Purpose: Use GPS to accurately locate trail for map

Section: 8 - Watauga Dam Road to U.S. 321

Location: Watauga Dam Road to U.S. 321

Number: 11

Total Hours: 16

People: Mike Alley, Pat Buchanan, Kathy and Jerry Case, Anne Cosby, June Donaldson, Peggy Durham Elderbrock, Bob Harvey, Larry Miller, Collins Chew

Individual Hours: 8x2=16 for Collins and Bob, or 11x8=88 for everyone, whatever.

Summary: Mostly this was a recreation hike; however, in addition to the GPS reading by Collins Chew, E Harvey brought a trash bag and most helped him pick up trash. There were no blowdowns. You may not count this. Trail in good shape throughout.

Name: Joe DeLoach

Date: March 20, 2004

Purpose: Cut blowdowns and briars

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

Location: McQueens Gap to Backbone Rock Trail junction

Number: 2

Total Hours: 26

People: Craig DeLoach, Joe DeLoach

Individual Hours: 13 hours each

Summary: We cut several large (>10") and numerous small blowdowns from this section, cut lots of greenbriars, and placed the shelter log book at Abingdon Gap Shelter. Also cut out one tangle very close Damascus. Section is clear.

Name: Carl Fritz

Date: March 23, 2004

Purpose: Plant shrubs on Iron Mt. and cut blowdowns

Section: 5 - Tenn. 91 to Turkey Pen Gap

Location: TVA power line north to Grindstaff Monument

Number: 9

Total Hours: 89

People: Bruce Cunningham, Bill Elderbrock, Hueston Fortner, Carl Fritz, Darrol Nickels, Ed Oliver, Bob Peoples, Robert Vitous, "Little Tree"

Individual Hours: 2 hrs (Little Tree)+ 10 hrs (Bob Peoples) + 7x11 hrs (everyone else)

Summary: TVA provided about 300 shrubs and small trees and coordinated this outing to plant on the up side of A.T. as it passes under power line. We met the five TVA employees who were from Knoxville except one local. With their four TVA vehicles and Bob's truck we went up Hurley Hollow with permission from private land owners. With this active crew, we set the approximately 300 laurel, viburnum and plums by 2 P.M. Bob and Bill also found time to walk trail south to Grindstaff Monument and clear all blowdowns. There was a massive tangle of multiple trees just north of Grindstaff Monument. This section is now clear. A bag of trash was removed from shelter. Shelter log will need replacing before end of April. "Little Tree" reported only one or two blowdowns between power lines and Vanderventer Shelter. Both are easily negotiated. With such a success

day we only had to drive the five miles out to real roads. Unfortunately, the temperatures had crept above freezing and the first major hill thawed into a mire of mud. The first Suburban only made it half way up. It took a couple of hours to get it backed off the hill while blocking the tires and pushing from overhang side to keep it from sliding off the sidehill. Then we watched the dirt track racing as the drivers hit that hill in 4 wheel low on the accelerator to the floor and the engine rpms red lined going about 25 mph. Mud was flying 100 feet and tires smoked as they would occasionally catch solid rock. But all vehicles safely made it. So another adventure closed successfully.