

THE TENNESSEE EASTMAN HIKING & PADDLING NEWS

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| Oct 15-16 | Titanium Chef 2004 Backcountry Cook-Off | Fun | Kristina Dean | 865-774-1070 |
| Oct 15-17 | Smokies 900 Miler: Old Settler's Trail | A/3/C | Garry Luttrell | 423-239-9854 |
| Oct 23 | Family/Beginner: Doe River Gorge | C/4/D | Neil Dotson | 423-323-3493 |
| Oct 23-24 | Big South Fork: Overnight Hike to Charit Creek Lodge | C/4/C | Steve Falling | 423-239-5502 |
| Nov 5 | Fall Dinner Meeting □ Tribute to Frank Oglesby, Sr. | Fun | Vic Hasler | 423-239-0388 |
| Nov 13 | Smokies 900 Miler: Cades Cove to the Wye | A/3/B | Garry Luttrell | 423-239-9854 |

For an explanation of the hike ratings, see [Hiking Schedule](#).

TEHCC Fall Dinner Meeting November 5, 2004

When: Friday, November 5th, 2004
Where: Eastman Lodge, 404 Bays Mountain Road, Kingsport, TN

Agenda: 6:00 pm Social, 6:30 pm Dinner, 7:15 pm Program

Program: A Tribute to Frank Oglesby, Sr. □ Founder of TEHCC
See [following article](#). More program details to be announced.

Social: Soft drinks \$0.50, beer or wine for \$1

Dinner Menu: Bar-B-Q Sandwiches (Pork or Chicken), Beans, Slaw and Dessert
(Catered by Broad Street Bar-B-Q)

Dinner Price: Adults: \$9.50
Children 10 and under: \$6.50

Reservations: There is no charge for attending the program only.

Please fill out the form below and send it with a check made out to **Anne Cosby** to:

Anne Cosby
1116 Holston Ave
Bristol, TN 37620

Or via Eastman Plant Mail to:
Terry Oldfield, B-230

IMPORTANT NOTE: The check and reservation form must be received by **October 29**.
(Click [here](#) for a printable form.)

TEHCC Dinner Meeting: Names of all attending (*please print*)

Name:

Number of Adult's Meals: x \$9.50 = \$
Number of Children's Meals: x \$6.50 = \$
TOTAL \$

Attending Meeting Only (indicate number):

A Tribute to Frank Oglesby 1911-2004

Submitted by Joe DeLoach



Frank Oglesby, age 89, operating front-end loader during [Round Bald A.T. relocation project](#) in 2000 (photo by Joe DeLoach).

On August 11th, our Club lost its founder, patriarch, and great friend, Frank Oglesby. We exist because of Frank's initiative and enthusiasm. We have an active hiking program because Frank saw the benefits of having a club with an active hiking program. We have the responsibility to maintain one of the longest sections of the Appalachian Trail because Frank took on that responsibility. Along with our other great forerunners such as Stan Murray and Ray Hunt, we have one of the most scenic sections of the Appalachian Trail through the Roan Highlands because of Frank's vision and dedication.

Born in Glade Spring, Va., Frank was a graduate of Emory & Henry College and attended the University of Pittsburgh. Frank was employed with Eastman for 41 years where he started and headed the Industrial Hygiene Department until his retirement. After the strain of World War II in 1946, Frank saw the benefit of providing recreational opportunities to Eastman employees in the Southern Appalachians where he grew up and convinced the Eastman Recreation Club to start the Tennessee Eastman Hiking Club. On April 28, 1946, Frank led the first hike to Buckeye Falls by some accounts the highest waterfall in the Eastern United States. Frank also led this hike on our 50 year anniversary in 1996! In those early years Frank led many hikes, scouting the routes of some in his small plane.

In 1946 the Carolina Mountain Club (CMC) in Asheville maintained the Appalachian Trail between the Smokies and the Nolichucky River. The northern sections were hard for CMC to find volunteers for, and through Frank's initiative we began helping maintain the section between Spivey Gap and the river that year. In 1947 CMC invited us to take over this section and we accepted. Later that year we took on responsibility from the river to Damascus, which we continue to this day. The next year Frank was elected to the ATC Board of Managers.

In those days much of the A.T. followed roads, especially between Limestone Cove and Holston Mountain. At a 1952 ATC meeting, Stan Murray, who had been introduced to the Board by Frank, proposed that the A.T. be rerouted from this road walk across the Roan Highlands. That 54 mile relocation was completed by 1954! The result was one of the

most beautiful sections of the whole A.T., and a route for our section that is much the same today.

Through the years Frank continued his strong service to TEHCC and ATC and received numerous awards for that service. He received our Hiker of the Year Award in 1980, the Stan Murray Award in 1992, was named to the honor roll of ATC volunteers in 2000, received the Appalachian Trail Park Office Golden Service Award for 50 years of volunteer service in 2001, was named American Hiking Society Tennessee State Volunteer of the Year in 1997, and was named to the Appalachian Trail Park Office Presidential Ranger Corps in 2004. He also received the Southern Appalachian Highlands Conservancy Stan Murray Award in 2000. In 2000, at age 89, Frank became the "most experienced" volunteer to ever earn a Konnarock T-shirt by working ten days on the Round Bald Relocation project.

Everyone who came in contact with Frank was inspired by him. He amazed us by continuing to cross-country ski and do Trail maintenance into his 90's. He amused us with his youthful smile and his jokes, my favorite being when after eight miles of cutting blowdowns in the snow he said "if I had known I would have been doing this I would have never started this club!" He impressed us by continuing to be active in the Club right up until his death. He set a standard for a volunteer that few will ever match. We will miss you Frank, and we will remember you always.

Nominees Needed for TEHCC Steering Committee

Submitted by Vic Hasler

TEHCC is seeking nominees for the Steering Committee, which is the administrative group of the club. Primary responsibilities are helping to plan the dinner meetings that are held twice per year, spend money, and determine our involvement with other groups (such as hiking, trail maintenance, paddling). It's a good way to become involved, become familiar with club activities, and get to know some of the regular folks. You don't need to be an experienced hiker/paddler or be familiar with trails/rivers in this area (if you're new to the area). Elections will be held in December. For this election, Steering Committee members are needed for both one and two-year terms. Meetings are held once a month (skipping 2-4). If interested, please contact Vic Hasler (), Terry Oldfield (), or any other [Steering Committee member](#).

Help Wanted: Rental Equipment Coordinator

Submitted by Vic Hasler

Do you like to look at outdoor equipment catalogues? Do you like to spend other people's money on gear? TEHCC has tents, backpacks, and sleeping pads available for rental use through the Recreation office. What we need now is someone to work with the Steering Committee to order new equipment (\$250 budget) and to keep track of necessary repairs. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Kim Peters (, 423-288-2249) or Vic Hasler (, 423-239-0388).

Titanium Chef 2004 Backcountry Cook-off October 15-16, 2004

Submitted by Terry Oldfield



The 4th annual Titanium Chef Backcountry Cook-off will be held October 15th and 16th in conjunction with the Heritage Trails Festival. The Cook-off will take place in the same location as last year—in Martin's Fork of the Cumberland Gap National Historical Park. Contestants must be able to hike 7.5 miles to Martin's Fork, and then can use any method, skill and equipment to cook anything. The entry fee is \$20. Judging begins at 4:00 PM on the 16th. For more information contact Kristina M. Dean at 865-774-1070 or .

Big South Fork Overnight Hike to Charit Creek Lodge, October 23-24, 2004

Leader: Steve Falling (423-239-5502)

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. Saturday we will carpool from Kingsport to the trailhead, hike in on a short trail (0.8 mile), day-hike to see the park's unique geological formations and waterfalls, spend the night in two spacious, 12-person rooms (bunk beds with sheets and blankets; women in one room and men in the other), and hike back to the cars on Sunday. The cost per person is \$62.00. This price covers supper on Saturday, lodging and breakfast on Sunday. The lodge has flush toilets and hot showers. We only have reservations for 12, so call in your reservation 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 and see a sky full of stars, listen to the stream, and watch firefly displays; no hum of machinery or bright electric lights to interfere. Each morning wake to the smell of fresh coffee on the stove.



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TEHCC Welcomes New Members

Victor Allen
Jeannie Goodman-Patterson
Jebina Rajbhandari

Mark A. Bledsoe
Scott Kerns
Chris Spencer

Bryan Eisert
Richard Light

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

Scheduled Hiking, Paddling and Trail Maintenance Opportunities (Future)

For an explanation of the hike ratings, see [Hiking Schedule](#).

Backpack/Hikes: Smokies 900 Miler, Old Settler's Trail; October 15-17, 2004

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

[Rating: A/3/C](#)

On Friday, we'll spot vehicles in Cosby, then drive to Old Settler's Trailhead in Greenbriar to begin the hike. We'll hike 6.6 miles crossing Copeland Divide and Little Bird Creek (also known as "Partontown") to campsite #33, Settlers Camp. Saturday's hike will be 11 miles crossing Ramsey Creek, Texas Creek, Webb Creek and Snag Mountain, then continuing on the Gabes Mountain Trail to campsite #34, Sugar Cove. Sunday, we'll hike 4.8 miles passing Hen Wallow Falls on the way to Cosby Road.

We'll leave from the usual Colonial Heights McDonald's parking area early on Friday, October 15. Group size is limited to eight persons, so you'll need to reserve your spot with the hike leader early. Contact the hike leader by phone or e-mail for more information and to reserve your spot.

Greenbriar: A thriving community in the early 1900's with several hundred families living along the watersheds, with one general store and 250 school kids.

Partontown: Named due to some many Partons growing up along Little Bird Branch and the general area. Lona May Parton Tyson, born here, was Dolly Parton's great aunt.

Webb Creek: On August 8, 1938, a flash flood from 11 inches of rain drowned eight people, including one house where the parents, four children, and two visitors were swept away.

Hen Wallow: Probably named for the Ruffed Grouse, but another possibility is that it was named because of friendly interaction between two communities. An individual in one area mail-ordered 100 chickens, expecting to receive hens, but actually had 95 roosters arrive. So, the community was nicknamed Roostertown; then, to counter, the second community was tagged with Hen Wallow, by the folks from Roostertown.

Hike: Doe River Gorge; October 23, 2004

Leader: Neil Dotson (423-323-3493)

[Rating: C/4/D \(Easy\)](#)

It's been a few years, I think, since Steve Perri did this one, and he generally went in the

winter months; we'll see if we can catch this during the fall colors. This is a relatively easy hike since it is fairly flat (an old railroad bed). We'll hike up the gorge through two tunnels and enjoy views of the river and cliff□until we are half as tired as we want to be or until the children are halfway to the end of their patience. We'll need to be out around noon, before a wedding starts on the property! Dress appropriately (for the hike, not the wedding) and bring snacks and water. Current plans are to meet in Colonial Heights between McDonalds and the State of Franklin Bank at 8:30 AM. The property, located just outside of Hampton, Tennessee, belongs to a youth camp, so each participant will need to sign a release for that camp; I will bring the forms the morning of the hike. We can enjoy lunch on the way back in Elizabethton or thereabouts if all are agreeable. Call hike leader for more information.

Special Activity and Trip Reports (Past)

**Hike Report: New Kiner Hollow Trail between
Bays Mountain and Laurel Run Parks; September 11, 2004**

Submitted by Vic Hasler

We hit a beautiful hiking day between tropical storms Frances and Ivan. The meeting location had to be changed due to the Eastman Roadrace, but it appears the word got out satisfactorily using the EastmanHikers Yahoo group (so join up by sending an e-mail to Kim Peters). We had the bare minimum for this key swap hike (four), so keys were exchanged to drive vehicles to the starting points. Collins Chew and Bill Elderbrock headed from Bays Mountain Park around the service road to the fire tower, then onto Indian Pipes trail and the existing Kiner Hollow trail. Steve Falling and I drove our cars to Laurel Run Park to hike up. The new trail section was in excellent condition and much less muddy than last spring thanks to some strategically placed stepping stones. The fall of leaf litter and evergreen needles will definitely help to firm up the new tread. Steve pointed out several native plants that he learned on prior hikes. Everyone had lunch together in sunny Kiner Hollow. A [group picture](#) was taken automatically by Steve's digital camera, and then the two pairs headed towards their respective destinations. At Bays Mountain park, Steve and Vic were able to view sunspots as the observatory staff has the proper device. Total distance traveled was estimated afterwards to be 6.5 miles as measured on a topographical map.

Click on small photo or hyperlink to see larger photo. Photo courtesy of Steve Falling.

[Hikers](#) (left to
right): Vic



Hasler, Bill
Elderbrock,
Collins Chew
and Steve
Falling
(168 kB).

Hike Report: Smokies 900 Miler, Elkmont to Tremont; September 11, 2004

Submitted by G. S. Luttrell

At Tremont Institute, we met Randall, who had camped two nights in Cades Cove, spotted a car, and then drove up the Little River Valley to the Jakes Creek Trailhead at Elkmont. After a short climb up to Cucumber Gap, we left the Jake Creek Trail, and continued on the Meigs Mountain and Lumber Ridge Trails for pleasant hiking with mild, partly cloudy weather for most of the day. As we were hiking down the last mile to Tremont, a few drops turned into a hard rain, forcing us to unpack our raingear. The route was very interesting, with lots of wildflowers, including Dolls Eyes, [Turtle Heads](#), remnants of the early settlers and [Little River Lumber Company](#), and many small branches tumbling down the mountain. [Hikers](#) included Freda Kuo, Garry Luttrell, Lowell Toof, and Randall Simpson.

Click on small photo or hyperlink to see larger photo. Photos courtesy of G. S. Luttrell.



[Turtle Head](#)
(117 kB).



Remnants of
[equipment](#)
**from the Little
River Lumber
Company (202
kB).**



[Hikers](#) (left to
right): Freda
Kuo, Garry
Luttrell, Lowell
Toof, and
Randall
Simpson
(201 kB).

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

Name: Kim Peters

Date: August 7, 2004

Purpose: Cut weeds

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

Location: Buck Mountain Road - 19E

Number: 3

Total Hours: 23

People: Ken Buchannan, Paul Benfield, Kim Peters

Individual Hours: 7 hours (Paul) + 2x8 hours (Ken and Kim)

Summary: Paul dropped Ken and me with our scythes off at Buck Mountain Road (after taking us on a scenic tour to get there), then he proceeded on to 19E and started walking

north with his string trimmer to meet up with Ken and me walking south using scythes. I got expert instruction on the use of a scythe from Ken, but still managed to accumulate numerous bruises from hitting myself in the legs with it. This tool is quieter than a string trimmer and Ken and I were able to carry on stimulating conversations as we worked. The weeds were high and we worked hard. There was much evidence of ATV use starting near Isaac Cemetery and continuing to where the trail leaves the road below Bishops Hollow. As we were working our way down Bishops Hollow, Ken remarked that we should hire ATV's to ride the trail as they really helped keep the weeds down! We meet up with Paul in Bishops Hollow and he had run out of gas for his string trimmer. I volunteered to let him have my scythe, which he accepted, and Ken and Paul, two experts with this tool, made short work of the remaining weeds. We met several section hikers and day hikers and all were appreciative of our work. One group of day hikers from Beech Mountain told us about a fellow they knew who lived nearby and owns a tree farm, who was going to Bear Branch on a regular basis and picking up the trash left there. They said he had picked up the trash that day. Indeed, when we got to the usual trash dump it was clean! Somebody needs to give this guy a medal.

Name: Steve Wilson

Date: August 26, 2004

Purpose: Cut Blowdowns on the A.T.

Section: 1 - Damascus to Backbone Rock trail junction

Location: Trail on hillside leading down into Damascus

Number: 2

Total Hours: 8

People: Steve Wilson, Jill Wilson

Individual Hours: 4 hours each

Summary: This was a quick trip after work to cut two blowdowns on the trail leading down into Damascus, VA. The blowdowns were not big (8 & 10"), but the presence of poison ivy on the trees require good preparation (gloves and long sleeve shirts) and careful work.

Name: Carl Fritz

Date: August 28, 2004

Purpose: Harden trail at Carvers Gap

Section: 15 - Carvers Gap to Hughes Gap

Location: Just trail south of Carvers Gap

Number: 121

Total Hours: 1085

People: ASU □ See Summary; TEHCC □ Paul Benfield, Ken Buchanan, Tom Clark, Frankie Fletcher, Carl Fritz, David Gibson, Mike Hupko, Mike Hupko, Jr., Peter King, Ed Oliver, Bob Peoples, Pat Peoples, Jeff Siirola

Individual Hours: 2x7 hrs (Tom Clark & Pat Peoples) + 119x9 hrs (everyone else)

Summary: It is always exciting to work with some enthusiastic young people. About 98 freshmen and sophmores from Appalachian State University (ASU) as well as ten professors joined us at Carver's Gap on Saturday morning. Club members had done some preliminary work on Wednesday but these students and professors really dug in. They moved a record 36,320 pounds of gravel by hand in 5 gallon buckets! Note that the

36,320 pounds was dry weight. In the early afternoon we had some steady rains, so the saturated gravel was much heavier. They helped install 64 locust side logs and 25 locust log steps with 166 stakes. We placed geotextile beneath the gravel on the trail. We thus hardened about 600 feet of trail. This significantly reduced the boggy walking and root obstacle course. This is quite a trail improvement for future A.T. hikers. ASU provided sack lunches and a barbecue dinner at Roan Mountain State Park. Probably 80% of us could hardly raise our arms Sunday morning, but we were satisfied with our achievement.

ASU Participants: Jesse Adams, Joel Axelrod, Matthew Ballard, Betsy Beaulieu, Colin Bentley, Inessa Bicknell, Rachel Black, Doug Blaney, Adam Bowers, Rachel Broadbent, Harriette Buchanan, Kaylan Burton, Ken Caice, Jessica Camp, Danny Carrier, Rebecca Childress, Ben Connell, Matt Couch, Mary Creighton, J. Ryne Danielson, Jessica Davenport, Cynthia Dick, Jaclyn Dillard, Anna Donlan, Jonathan Downing, Andy Ellis, Jessica Fink, Briana Fisler, Steve Fogleman, Julia Fondren, Rebecca Ford, Sarah French, Jake Gerber, Mark Goodwin, Sara Graham, Matthew Haney, Meg Hanna, Heidi Hatcher, Krista Hawks, Jessica Haywood, Patrick Heaches, Katelyn Hendricks, Laura Henley, Dustin Hicks, Julia Histed, Jon Hodnette, Jon Hoffmann, David Huntley, Alex Hyman, Sarah Johnson, Kaylan Johnson, Breanna Kassmann, Yoshiko Kato, Shade Kling, Teresa Koch, Doris Kroiss, Whitney Lacey, Joshua Lapidus, Greg Lewis, Justin Livesey, Kim Lomonaco, Kaye Lynch-Sparks, Colin Makin, Mary Mills, Corey Monk, Chris Mosser, Brooke Newsom, Kathryn O'Bryant, Henry Oppenheimer, Matt Parks, Laura Peiffer, Sean Piazza, Amanda Pratt, Ali Prince, Jesse Procotor, Cade Raper, Paul Roache, Ashley Rohrer, Sarah Roth, Lauren Salomon, Lenniah Salters, Cory Schneider, Lauren Seaman, Brittany Sellers, Alyssa Shea, Amanda Simones, Shannon Skinner, Vanessa Smith, Rio Spagnolo, Chris Stemborowski, Scott Stone, Kristen Street, Johnathan Sugg, Josh Thane, Judith Tincher, Pedro Vidal, Andrew Waddell, Alan Watts, Megan Webster, Adam Wells, Amanda Wentworth, Jay Wentworth, Sam Wilder, Lee Williams, Max Williamson, Isaac Wingfield, Elizabeth Wise, and Alysa Wooden.

Name: Mike Hupko for *Old Timers Hiking Club*

Date: September 4, 2004

Purpose: Trail inspection to plan fall work

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

Location: Iron Mountain Gap to Cherry Gap Shelter

Number: 2

Total Hours: 12

People: Mike Hupko, Marsha Hupko

Individual Hours: 6 hours each

Summary: Trail inspection for future use. Cut several small trees and cleared trail of one large blow down. Identified five trees (8-10" in diameter) that need to be cut during Spring maintenance or sooner. Two are hanging over trail. Picked litter at shelter and along trail. Need to rework treadway from Cherry Gap Shelter to the spring and need to install larger pipe from spring. Dug out several water bars on the trail near the shelter.

Name: Steve Perri

Date: September 4, 2004

Purpose: Attend Multiclub Meet to Plan for 2005 Biennial Meeting

Section: Other

Location: Walland, TN

Number: 1

Total Hours: 9

People: Steve Perri

Individual Hours: 9

Summary: Attended Multiclub Meet to discuss updates on Biennial Meeting plans. Most clubs were present and we discussed needs across all committees. So far everything is on schedule. Next meeting likely to be in November; December 31st is target date for information to go into publication form.

Name: Carl Fritz

Date: September 7, 2004

Purpose: Disassemble bridge, cut weeds and cut blowdown

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

Location: Just south of 421 for blowdown; weeds cut north of TN 91 and some south; bridge just north of TN 91

Number: 6

Total Hours: 38

People: Paul Benfield, Bill Elderbrock, Jim Foster, Carl Fritz, Ed Oliver, Bob Peoples

Individual Hours: 2x7 hrs (Bob & Paul) + 4x6 hrs (everyone else)

Summary: We tried to beat Tropical Storm Frances to the Osborne Property. We did so but the rains started shortly after we arrived. The fields and pastures are not yet cut where the A.T. is located. No cattle have pastured this year. Jim Mann has made several trips cutting the grass. We completed the work. Next year we will have to use a mower on this section. We also cut some weeds just south of TN 91. We disassembled the 14-foot bridge about a mile north of TN 91 on the abandoned trail. We were done by noon but were fairly soaked. We elected to go to the Shady Valley Grill for lunch. After lunch, Paul and Bob made a path around the first blowdown just south of 421. We plan to get the second blowdown when we retrieve the bridge.

Name: Mike Hupko for *Old Timers Hiking Club*

Date: September 9, 2004

Purpose: To identify work to be performed by ETSU students doing Community Service

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

Location: Switchback on FS Rd 230 south side of Unaka to A.T. crossing of 230 north of Indian Grave Gap

Number: 3

Total Hours: 21

People: Ed Oliver, Bob Peoples, Mike Hupko

Individual Hours: 7 hours each

Summary: Identified work to be performed by ETSU students. Most of the work entails water bars, dips and steps. We removed several blowdowns and limbs from trail. NOTE: Beauty Spot has been mowed; Beauty Spot Gap has not.

Name: Carl Fritz

Date: September 11, 2004

Purpose: Cut blowdown, retrieve bridge and reposition road sign

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

Location: Berry Fields south of 421 and at TN 91

Number: 2

Total Hours: 18

People: Carl Fritz and Ed Oliver

Individual Hours: 2x9 hrs (everyone)

Summary: We cut a blowdown near the Berry Fields about one mile south of U.S. 421. Then we cut some trees in the Berry Fields to maintain vistas. After driving to TN 91, we retrieved the bridge we disassembled earlier this week. We also relocated and turned around the large road sign that indicated the A.T. at TN 91 to be useful for the trail relocation on the Osborne property.

Name: Bruce Cunningham

Date: September 14, 2004

Purpose: Improve trail

Section: 11 - Dennis Cove Road to Bitter End

Location: Just south of Canute Place

Number: 8

Total Hours: 60

People: Mike Hill, Ilinka Kinlova, Anthony Johnston, Jim Foster, Peter King, Bob Peoples, Bruce Cunningham, Ed Oliver

Individual Hours: 4x7 hours (Mike Hill, Ilinka Kinlova, Anthony Johnston, Bob Peoples) + 4x8 hours (everyone else)

Summary: Completed trail work on first A.T. section just south of Canute Place started by trail crew this summer. Added eight steps and completed trail surface on about 300 feet; also renovated about 50 feet of old trail just south of new section.

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

Date: September 15, 2004

Purpose: To encourage ETSU students to use TEHCC for community service

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

Location: Between Beauty Spot and FS 230 crossing

Number: 3

Total Hours: 18

People: Mike Hupko, Bob Peoples, C.B.Willis

Individual Hours: 6 hours each

Summary: Attended community service day at ETSU, set up booth and display, and talked with students about volunteering for A.T. trail maintenance. Twenty three students signed up to work on September 25th and 21 agreed to work at a later date.

Name: Bruce Cunningham

Date: September 21, 2004

Purpose: Cut waterbars for installation by ETSU students this Saturday

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

Location: Switchback south to short trail on section 19

Number: 6

Total Hours: 48

People: Bruce Cunningham, Bill Elderbrock, Jim Foster, Ed Oliver, Peter King, Bob Peoples
Individual Hours: 8 hours (everyone)

Summary: Cut, stacked and hid 23 waterbars and five steps for use this Saturday. Cut 16 large blowdowns plus many smaller blowdowns. Trail is clear from switchback on USFS 230 south to junction with short-cut trail (1 mile south of Indian Grave gap) on section 19. MANY REPORTS OF MANY LARGE BLOWDOWNS ON MANY SECTIONS OF A.T. □ MAINTAINERS NEED TO CHECK THEIR SECTIONS. Several of our blowdowns were massive.

Name: Joe DeLoach

Date: September 22, 2004

Purpose: Clear blowdowns and cut weeds

Section: 19 - Indian Grave Gap to Nolichucky River

Location: Chestoa to Nolichucky Expeditions

Number: 2

Total Hours: 8

People: Craig DeLoach and Joe DeLoach

Individual Hours: 4 hours apiece

Summary: We cut about 8-10 blowdowns out of this 1.4 mile section with hand saws. One was a bad obstruction of recently fallen pines. We left a few big blowdowns that were easy stepovers for a subsequent trip with a chainsaw. We also cut the weeds.

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

Date: September 23, 2004

Purpose: To remove blowdowns left by recent hurricanes.

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

Location: Switchback on north side of Unaka Mountain, over Unaka Mountain to Deep Gap.

Number: 4

Total Hours: 28

People: Mike Hupko, Faye Guinn, Howard Guinn, Malcolm Wolf

Individual Hours: 7 hours for everybody

Summary: Cut over 25 trees blocking the trail and a few danger trees along the way. Trimmed some rhododendron.

Name: Steve Banks

Date: September 24, 2004

Purpose: Assess storm damage, remove blowdowns

Section: 1 - Damascus to Backbone Rock trail junction

Location: Abingdon Gap Shelter to spring south of McQueens Gap

Number: 2

Total Hours: 14

People: Mary Banks, Steve Banks

Individual Hours: 2x7

Summary: Acting on a request from Joe DeLoach, we surveyed the damage from Hurricanes Frances and Ivan, and removed as many blowdowns as possible using a handsaw. As Joe predicted, there was a lot of evidence of the storms: sticks and

branches on the Trail, many leaves that were still green - evidence of recent high winds, and numerous blowdowns. We had to leave three blowdowns north of McQueens Gap, and seven blowdowns south of McQueens Gap, for a future trip with a chainsaw. Only two of the blowdowns are not stepovers. Several waterbars need cleaning out; evidence of the amount of rain on Holston Mountain. Participating were Steve and Mary Banks and our dog Pepper.

Name: Collins Chew

Date: September 24, 2004

Purpose: Check for hurricane damage, clear, blaze and measure

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

Location: Walnut Mountain Road to Bitter End

Number: 7

Total Hours: 56

People: Mike Alley, Olin Babb, Kathy and Jerry Case, Peggy Durham, Bob Harvey, Collins Chew **Individual Hours:** 8 hours each

Summary: We blazed, measured, and cleared the trail of storm debris, blowdowns and briars, etc.

Name: Bill Berry

Date: September 25, 2004

Purpose: Clear blow downs and trail inspection

Section: 20 - Nolichucky River to Spivey Gap

Location: Spivey Gap to Temple Hill Gap

Number: 1

Total Hours: 11

People: Bill Berry

Individual Hours: 11

Summary: Bridges on Oglesby Branch are in very good shape. Out of sixteen blowdowns, thirteen were between No Business Shelter and Temple Hill Gap.

Name: Tim McClain

Date: September 26, 2004

Purpose: Check for blowdowns

Section: 3 - Abingdon Gap Shelter to U.S. 421 (Low Gap)

Location: U.S. 421 North 2.5 miles to the spring

Number: 1

Total Hours: 6

People: Tim McClain

Individual Hours: 6 hours

Summary: Inspected my adopted section for blowdowns. Removed everything that I could with handsaws. There were about 5 that were obstructing the trail and have been cleared. There are 5 more that I could not remove with handsaw or ran out of daylight, but everything that is left is easily stepped over. Four of the five remaining are 18 inches in diameter or less and are laying on the ground across the trail with no other obstruction to the trail. The fifth is about 10 inches in diameter and about knee high. All of those remaining could be left until spring when a chainsaw crew is available for this section.

Locations of the remaining logs are spread from about 0.5 mile north of 421 to about 2.0

mile north of 421.