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<u>NEXT TWO MONTHS</u>				
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Jul 5-9	Konnarock Crew	Maintenance	Joe Deloach	423-753-7263
Jul 7-8	Mt. LeConte Lodge	B/3/B	Steve Falling	423-239-5502
Jul 14-15	New River Gorge	III-IV	Joe Harrison	423-773-8085
Jul 19	Kingsport Funfest Moonlight Hike	Fun	Steve Falling	423-239-5502
Jul 21	Smokies Dayhike: Mt. Cammerer Loop	AA/2/A	Debi Berry	423-276-6557
Jul 26-30	Konnarock Crew	Maintenance	Joe Deloach	423-753-7263
Aug 9-13	Konnarock Crew	Maintenance	Joe Deloach	423-753-7263
Aug 11	Gentry Falls and Meadow	B/4/C	Vic Hasler	423-239-0388
Aug 18	Bays Mt. Park: Bays Ridge Road Loop (F/B)	C/3/C	Neil Dotson	423-323-3493

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

Spring Dinner Meeting

The TEHCC Spring Dinner Meeting was held on Saturday April 21st at the Eastman Lodge. A crowd of approximately 65 club members and guests enjoyed a wonderful dinner catered by the Troutdale Dining Room. Dinner was followed by an entertaining presentation by Ed Montgomery on Paddling Utah's San Juan River.

During the award presentations, Terry Bowerman and Candace Wyman of the Forest Service presented the Forest Service awards. Carl Fritz presented the Club Maintenance Hour Patches to recognize the many hours of dedicated service by a large number of club volunteers. The 60th anniversary T-shirts were presented to the club members who hiked the entire TEHCC AT section in 2006.

The recipients of Club awards were:

- Hiker of the Year – Collins Chew
- Frank Oglesby Maintainer Award – Jim Foster & Mike Hupko
- AT Completions – Jim Foster
- Stan Murray Award – Carl Fritz

Photos courtesy of Michael Ray, click on a image to see full size.



Setting up the Lodge for dinner



Kent Wilson and Richard Colberg during social time



Everyone enjoying dinner



Girl Scout troop guests who provided the table decorations



Dale Douthat starts the meeting



Candace Wyman and Terry Bowerman present Forest Service awards



Kent Wilson, Nancy Wilson, Dave Dunham, Carol Dunham and Collins Chew, recipients of the 60th anniversary t-shirts



Carol Dunham displays her 60th anniversary t-shirt



Hiker of the Year, Collins Chew



Maintainer of the Year, Mike Hupko



Jim Foster receives award for completing the Appalachian Trail



Carl Fritz receives the Stan Murray Award



Carl Fritz displays the Stan Murray Award

Kingsport Fun Fest Moonlight Hike

Bays Mountain Park, Thursday, July 19, 2007

Steve Falling reporting

This year, Tennessee Eastman Hiking Club is again co-sponsoring the Moonlight Hike at Bays Mountain Park. This popular Fun Fest event attracts 300-500 participants who hike the 2.5 miles around the lake. We are seeking at least twelve volunteers to help count the hikers and keep them on the main trail. Volunteers will need to be at the Bays Mountain Park dam by 7:30 pm to receive instructions. The hike begins at 8:00 and finishes about 10:00 pm. Volunteers should bring a flashlight, good walking shoes or boots, and raingear if rain is a possibility. The volunteer who comes closest to guessing the number of hikers will win a free gift from the Bays Mountain Park gift shop. Please contact Steve Falling (423-239-5502) to sign up to help or for more information.

TEHCC Rental Equipment: HR-1 thru 3 – Kelty Pack Raincovers

Submitted by Vic Hasler, Rental Equipment Coordinator,

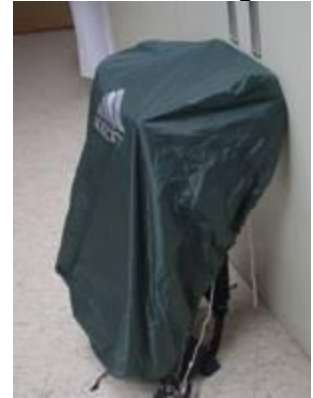
A basic understanding about low-weight backpacking is that a tent is only for sleeping and protection from the elements. The backpack itself is stashed in a vestibule or outside under a

tarp. A larger and heavier tent is therefore not required to have inside space for all of the gear.

Another alternative is to protect the pack with a raincover. The club has purchased three Kelty backpack raincovers for use – designated as HR-1 through HR-3. The raincover is also used to protect the backpack in case the hike is in inclement weather. A large garbage bag in many cases will satisfy this basic need, but these raincovers can provide a better, tighter fit around the pack itself.

The raincovers fit well on the club's HB-18 (3210 cu. in.) and HB-19 (4300 cu. in.) packs with strapped gear and still had room for adjustment. They also fit over TEHCC's largest pack HB-21 (5740 cu. in.), but there was no play in the cinch cord.

The club has set the rental price at \$1 for each trip whether short or long. While these are intended for use with the club packs, they can also be rented to use with personal gear to give you a chance to evaluate whether you would want to invest in your own for regular outings.



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

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

Trail Maintenance Opportunity:

Konnarock Crew - Unaka Mountain Relocation

(July 5-9, July 26-30, and August 9-13)

Joe DeLoach, 423-753-7263

Three weeks of Konnarock Crew time are left this year to continue work on the long relocation between the north side of Iron Mountain Gap and near the summit of Unaka Mountain. To take advantage of the Crew's skills, we will work on the upper elevations that require technical construction. Some of the work can be physically challenging, but other tasks, such as lopping brush to clear the way for the digging, are not so tough. With five weeks of Crew time this year, we hope to complete or come close to completing these upper portions. The Crew arrives on Thursday and works until Monday morning, with the full days of Friday-Sunday being the ones we target most for Club support. Volunteers who work at least five days with the Konnarock Crew will be rewarded the coveted Konnarock T-shirt. Please contact Joe DeLoach (423-753-7263) if you have any questions or would like to help.

Smokies 900 Miler:

Mt. Cammerer Hike, Great Smoky Mountains

(July 21)

Debi Berry, 423-276-6557

This hike was originally scheduled to be a loop hike, but because of the mileage involved, I believe we will make it a shuttle hike. We can leave vehicles at the Cosby Campground area and at the other end of the Lower Cammerer Trail at the Big Creek Ranger Station. This will shorten our hike from 21.3 miles to approximately 10.5 miles, which should make for a much more pleasant day. We will meet at the usual Colonial Heights location. Bring good walking

shoes or boots, a hearty lunch, and raingear. Please contact Debi Berry at 423-276-6557 or by email at for more information.

Special Activity and Trip Reports (*Past*)

2007 Damascus Hard Core

Carl Fritz reporting

For the seventh annual Damascus Hard Core on Sunday, May 20, and Monday, May 21, the hikers and club members exceeded expectations. One hundred and twenty people, including 26 club members and 94 hikers, volunteered 1781 hours to make this traditional event very successful. On Sunday, 88 enthusiastic hikers and 24 club members worked. On Monday there were 77 hikers and 16 club members.



On both days, the majority of us dug sidehill relocations near Cherry Gap. We dug 3700 feet of sidehill trail in the two days! We were having difficulty getting blowdowns cut and pin flags set out in front of the diggers since they dug much more trail than ever before and certainly more than we expected. The hikers painted blazes and opened two of these relocations totaling 3150 feet. Paul Benfield and a hiker crew toted in and installed two bog bridges totaling twenty feet on Monday.

“Camo,” plus a rock crew of 14 on Sunday and 17 on Monday, used picks, pulaskis, rock bars, and sledges to create a finished gravel trail of 300 feet through some of the worst rocks we have dealt with. This relocation is on the north side of Unaka Mt. and near switchback in USFS 230. They built a four-foot crib wall to get over a large sloping rock. They even installed a French drain. In addition they roughed in another 50 feet of trail.

Thanks to everyone for achieving these major trail improvements to eliminate steep and eroding sections of the AT. Both club members and hikers readily volunteered to take on major tasks. All participants received a Damascus Hard Core patch or soon will. Most everyone received specially designed t-shirts and caps donated by several hikers.

Several people deserve special mention for making this event a success.

- Bob Peoples as usual is the motivator and logistics man, plus he finds or provides housing for all the hikers. A majority stayed at Kincora Hostel. Pat Peoples not only helped with the housing but also coordinated with Baltimore Jack, Blister Sister, and Chef Paul in preparing the meal on Monday evening. ALDA donated the funds for this evening meal.
- Bruce and Mary Cunningham provided supper for everyone on Sunday evening. Mary prepared the entire meal of barbecue, coleslaw, baked beans, and fresh strawberry short cake for about 110 people.
- Tim Stewart, Jim Foster, as well as Bob, helped coordinate the signup of hikers at Damascus Trail Days.
- Mike Rice of USFS Watauga Ranger District loaned us some pulaskis and fire rakes. Mike Hupko coordinated the movement of these tools.
- Kim Peters, Garry Luttrell and Paul Worsham were prepared to transport hikers with a 15-passenger Eastman van kindly loaned by Eastman Chemical Company. Limited transporting was needed because of all the personal vehicles this year.

These TEHCC members, affiliates and guests participated this year: Steven Banks, Steve

Banks, Paul Benfield, Ken Buchanan, Pat Buchanan, Bruce Cunningham, Mary Cunningham, Carol Dunham, Dave Dunham, Bill Elderbrock, Jim Foster, Carl Fritz, Mary Jane Fritz, Faye Guinn, Howard Guinn, Mike Hupko, Kat Johnson, Garry Luttrell, Dave McMillin, Ted Mowery, Ed Oliver, Bob Peoples, Pat Peoples, Steve Perri, Kim Peters, Tim Stewart, Ben Trotter
The hikers included: Forrest Phil, Jew Dog, Tigger, Chuck Norris, Brisk, Tennessee, Bodacious, White Cloud, Cup-o-Soup, Gear, Gaia, Parkbench, Popeye, Peach, Tenacious T, Hobo Joe, Dingo, Lugnut, Choreboy, Tank, Santas Helper, Rebel, Blue, Otto, Keepspringer, Lightweight, Clearwater, A.T., Caveman of Ohio, Woody Crow, Boo Boo, Snack Break, Uncle Silly, Mountainman, Notella, Mr. Blister, Gra Squirrel, Fireball, Blazey Red, Dragon Slayer, Bigby, Pipesmoke, Mrs. Smoke, Funkee Munkee, JoJo Smiley, Mad Hatter, Hong Kong Fuey, Fahmah, Grasshopper, Big Gulp, Walnut, Nice-enuff, Camo, Power Stroke, Bill Murphy, Fishing Fred, Flying Porkchop, Molassus, Fortune Cookie, Hopeful, Luna, Stonewall, Marco Solo, Bargain, The Brain, Laces, Ramblin Man, Corporal, Buttercup, Wonder, Hornblower, Baltimore Jack, Flora, Lunar, Aldon, Professor, Cerboosy, Blaze, Chef, Possum, Mouse Hat, Pat Warden, Bluetooth, Sleeping Beauty, Rosie, Trail Yeti, TBC, Jellybean, Nomad, Mountain Dew, Honey Dew, Chef Paul, Crispy, Blister Sister.

Photos from Sunday courtesy of Kat Johnson. Photos from Monday courtesy of Garry Luttrell.

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Digging Sidehill on Sunday,



Finished Trail on Sunday



Lining up for dinner on Sunday evening



Installing the bog bridge on Monday,





The finished bog bridge,
More sidehill construction on Monday



Taking a break,



Painting blazes on finished trail,



Heading out at the end of the day Monday,
Dinner at Kincora Hostel,



A.T. Section Maintenance and Special Project Reports (*Past*)

Reporting: Jim Foster

Date: May 24, 2007

Purpose: Clean and install water bars

Location: Section 16a from Hughes Gap to Little Rock Knob

People: Jim Foster

Summary: I cleaned water bars from Hughes Gap to Little Rock Knob. I also installed three new water bars and trimmed some annual growth from the trail. The trail is in good shape. Need rain!

Reporting: Steve Wilson

Date: May 25, 2007

Purpose: Evaluate trail conditions in Sections 13 and 14

Location: Section 13b from Carvers Gap to Hwy 19E

People: Brian Greteman, David Hamilos, Steve Wilson

Summary: A friend from Minnesota, Brian Greteman, visited and wanted to hike the Roan Mountain Highlands. He specifically asked to hike this section to see the Hump Mountains, so we tied this to a maintenance scouting hike. Brian and I cut back growth in the 13-mile section from Carvers Gap to Hwy 19E and evaluated blowdowns and weeds. David hiked to Grassy Ridge with us, but had to return to Carvers Gap and drive home to care for a patient in the hospital. (David is a podiatrist in Johnson City.) The weeds were only knee high and not a problem, probably due to the limited rainfall. The only blowdown seen was halfway between the Stan Murray and Over Mountain shelters, but it was an easy walk-around and therefore not a problem. The trail is in good shape.

Reporting: Jim Foster

Date: May 26, 2007

Purpose: Examine roof on Curley Maple Gap Shelter

Location: Section 19 from Indian Grave Gap to Curley Maple Gap Shelter

People: Jim Foster

Summary: I examined and photographed the shelter roof. It's not in the best of shape but according to a hiker at the shelter it did not leak during a rain on Saturday. There's slight damage to the back corner from a fallen tree.

Reporting: Carl Fritz

Date: May 27, 2007

Purpose: Cut blowdowns

Location: Sections 9a & 9b from 321 to Hampton trailhead

People: Bob Peoples, Baltimore Jack, Fortune Cookie, Sled Dog, Clearwater, Seagull

Summary: Bob had some willing hikers and knew there was a major blowdown on Pond Mt. With the crosscut saw they took out five blowdowns and did some minor clearing.

Reporting: Jim Foster

Date: May 29, 2007

Purpose: Refurbish relocation flags and measure relocation segments

Location: Section 17 from Iron Mtn. Gap to just north of Cherry Gap Shelter

People: Ed Oliver, Jim Foster

Summary: We refurbished the flags on four relocation sections of trail north of Cherry Gap. We also measured the relocations yet to be done. There's a total of 3902 feet of trail yet to be constructed.

Reporting: Carl Fritz

Date: May 29, 2007

Purpose: Repair Roan High Knob Shelter and cut blowdowns

Location: Section 15 from Toll House Gap to Carvers Gap

People: Daryl Anderson, Paul Benfield, Ken Buchanan, Bruce Cunningham, Carl Fritz, Bob Peoples, Tim Stewart, John Thompson

Summary: We welcomed Daryl Anderson on his first maintenance outing with us. He has worked with AMC and Mt. Rodgers previously. We had a recent report of several blowdowns between the shelter and Carver's Gap. Only a couple were obstacles while the rest were head high. Ken and Tim cut 28 in total. We completed removing rocks underpinning the shelter and replaced them with treated lumber and hardware cloth. The shelter will now be cooler in both summer and winter. We also cemented some holes and cracks in the logs. Unfortunately or fortunately, in the process, we uncovered a couple serious problems. The log that supports the front corner was completely rotten for a couple feet. A 4x4 was wedged in to hold up the second log and we cut off the first log and replaced it with rock. We also discovered the opposite back corner was not supported any longer. Paul lifted that entire corner while we placed new foundation rocks. The spring is completely dry. It was a great day to be out since it was much cooler on Roan.

Reporting: CB Willis for the Old Timers Hiking Club

Date: May 29, 2007

Purpose: Spring maintenance

Location: Section 16b from Iron Mountain Gap to Greasy Creek Gap

People: Howard Guinn, Faye Guinn

Summary: Howard and Faye cleaned all water bars and checked the springs, working on one of them to improve the flow. They picked up trash at the camp sites and trailhead, and removed a banner someone had hung near the trail. The weeds along the trail to Weedy Gap need to be cut; we will complete this task a little later.

Reporting: CB Willis for the Old Timers Hiking Club

Date: May 31, 2007

Purpose: Freshen blazes

Location: Section 17 Across Little Bald from Iron Mt Gap almost to Cherry Gap

People: Sandra Perry, CB Willis

Summary: We worked again on renewing blazes starting from where we left off earlier and working almost to Cherry Gap.

Reporting: Scott VanDam

Date: June 1, 2007

Purpose: Trim trail growth; pick up trash

Location: Section 12a, Bitter End to Walnut Mountain Road

People: Scott VanDam

Summary: I inspected the trail, cut back spring overgrowth, and picked up trash at Walnut Mtn trail crossing. I dragged two small blowdowns out of the trail. There is no evidence of ATV abuse so far this year. I plan to go back to reinforce the bank on a prior relo just south of Laurel Fork crossing where heavy hiker traffic has caused some erosion. Otherwise, this section is in good condition.

Reporting: Scott VanDam

Date: June 2, 2007

Purpose: Maintain viewspot; improvise log bench

Location: Section 12a, about half mile south of Laurel Fork creek

People: Scott VanDam

Summary: I cut out the tops of a few trees to maintain the view of Roan Mtn (and others) originally enjoyed when trail was first routed along the top of a former meadow. I used a cut log to make a natural bench out of a bent over tree, and installed some cut branches to reinforce the lower side of heavily worn trail near Laurel Fork.

Reporting: Carl Fritz

Date: June 4 and 5, 2007

Purpose: Clip growth

Location: Sections 10 and 11a, from Hampton trailhead to Coon Den

People: Greg Post, Tom McCord

Summary: Tom and Greg, as part of their vacation, came to relax by helping to maintain the AT. They spent the first day clipping the growth in Laurel Fork Gorge. They continued their vacation the 2nd day by clipping back the growth from Dennis Cove to Coon Den.

Reporting: Dave Dunham

Date: June 6, 2007

Purpose: Routine maintenance

Location: Section 8 from Shook Branch to Watauga Dam Road

People: Dave Dunham, Carol Dunham, Ken Buchanan, Pat Buchanan

Summary: We cleared blowdowns and removed several springpoles. We ran the weed eater the entire length and cut back multiflora rose and poison ivy. We also cleaned the Shelter and removed trash.

Reporting: CB Willis for Howard and Faye Guinn

Date: June 6, 2007

Purpose: Summer maintenance

Location: Section 16b from Iron Mountain Gap to Weedy Gap

People: Howard Guinn, Faye Guinn, Mike Hupko, Marsha Hupko

Summary: We mowed and clipped weeds from trail, cut several small trees, and lopped some branches.

Reporting: Carl Fritz

Date: June 8, 2007

Purpose: Cut weeds

Location: Sections 15 and 16a, one mile north of Hughes Gap to Greasy Creek Gap

People: Peter King, Jim Foster, Ed Oliver

Summary: Jim, Peter, and Ed cut all the weeds from Greasy Creek Gap to Hughes Gap plus a mile north of Hughes Gap.

Reporting: Carl Fritz

Date: June 8, 2007

Purpose: Cut weeds

Location: Sections 12c, 12d, and 13a, from Campbell Hollow to 19E areas

People: Paul Benfield, Carl Fritz, Tim Stewart

Summary: The weeds are definitely growing well. We cut north of Campbell Hollow to first

stream, then Campbell Hollow to permanent foundation in Bishop Hollow, plus the old road down to first fence. We also cut the field south of 19E and between 19E and Bear Branch Road. There was no obvious ATV traffic at Campbell Hollow which is an improvement. ATV traffic at Isaacs Cemetery, High Point, and upper Bishop Hollow was typical, but there's no damage to trail.

Reporting: Michael Ray

Date: June 9, 2007

Purpose: Routine maintenance

Location: Section 12e from 19E to permanent stream and foundation

People: Dale and Seth Douthat, S.C. Robinette, Steve Poteat, Carl and Michael Ray

Summary: We cut weeds with a string trimmer, clipped overgrowth, and removed a small blowdown from the trail. We also removed two large bags of trash from Campbell Hollow Road crossing. Thanks to whoever trimmed weeds on each end of the section previously.

Reporting: Steve Banks

Date: June 10, 2007

Purpose: Paint blazes

Location: Section 3a from Abingdon Gap Shelter to Spring

People: Steve Banks

Summary: I painted the blazes on my adopted section and removed a few small blowdowns. There are two blowdowns near the "Holiday Inn" and the weeds need cutting on the entire section. I will take care of these on future trips. The green and white AT sign south of McQueens Gap is missing, but I have a replacement.

Reporting: Joe DeLoach

Date: June 10, 2007

Purpose: Clear blowdowns

Location: Section 15 from Cloudland Hotel site to Toll House Gap

People: Craig DeLoach, Joe DeLoach

Summary: We had previously cut limbs to provide a path through a fallen fir tree near the highest point of the AT near Cloudland. The tree was hanging in other trees and was in danger of falling. We used a chainsaw and hand tools to completely remove the tree. It took longer than we thought due to how much it was hung in the other trees. Afterwards we walked down to Toll House Gap and cut another tree out. The short section is clear and in good shape. Rhododendron are already in bloom at Cloudland and on Round Bald.

Reporting: Bruce Cunningham

Date: June 12, 2007

Purpose: Routine maintenance

Location: Section 8 from Forest Service gate to U.S. 321

People: Bruce Cunningham

Summary: Trail was maintained as part of regular annual maintenance.

Reporting: CB Willis for the Old Timers Hiking Club

Date: June 14, 2007

Purpose: Clear weeds and other growth from the trail

Location: Section 17, from Iron Mt Gap to AT crossing of FS 230

People: Howard Guinn, Faye Guinn, Kent Gangshirt, Mike Hupko, Elizabeth Dukes, Susan Peters, Debbie Mosier, Gil Derouen, Nancy Kincheloe, Carl Kincheloe, Daryl Loyd, Jim Perry,

Sandra Perry, Malcolm Wolf, Bill Mitchell, CB Willis

Summary: We had sufficient people to use three teams to complete the weeding and clipping of obstructing growth on the entire trail, except for the mile from the AT FS 230 crossing south to Indian Grave Gap. On June 18, we will complete this section, including the clearing of two large trees blocking the trail. Cherry Gap Shelter and the springs are in good condition. We saw many through hikers and day hikers and they were all complimentary of condition of the trail, both our sections and others. We saw evidence of horse use in the section between Cherry Gap and Low Gap and are concerned that the horses are causing damage to the new trail.

Reporting: Collins Chew

Date: June 14, 2007

Purpose: Mow AT on Handicap Trail and in field

Location: Section 4b, Cross Mountain and north for 0.8 miles

People: Charlotte Chew, Collins Chew

Summary: We mowed grass and did a bit of clipping along the Handicap Trail and the trail through the field from Cross Mountain north for 0.8 miles. Viewing the clouds below us in Shady Valley really made us appreciate getting the AT back on the ridge.

Reporting: Waylon Jenkins

Date: June 16, 2007

Purpose: Annual maintenance

Location: Section 2, Backbone Rock Trail to Abingdon Gap Shelter

People: Waylon Jenkins, Carol Jenkins, David Powell

Summary: We started at McQueen Gap and hiked 1.1 miles to the Abingdon Gap Shelter to reach the section. The shelter and water supply appeared to be in good shape. We painted blazes, did light pruning, and used a gas weeder to work on the nettles, briars, etc. The weeds were moderately high, and it was a good time to do the weeding. We could have used a second gas weeder to expedite the weeding. We saw three blowdowns worthy of removal (two of 20+ inches), but none of them are particularly difficult for hikers to get around or over. There was also a two-to-three hundred yard section of severely degraded trail within about a mile of the Backbone Rock side trail. This section was associated with an extended patch of nettles on a steep bank. We marked GPS coordinates for the blowdowns and the bad section of trail. During the day, we met two groups of human hikers. One group consisted of two adults with 6 teenaged hikers who were beginning a 5-day, 40-mile hike. We also met two ladies who were hiking from 321 to Damascus. On the return to the car, we encountered a bear about 20 yards off the trail approximately a mile trail north of the shelter. The bear (probably a yearling) quickly fled away from the trail (good bear!).

Reporting: CB Willis for the Old Timers Hiking Club

Date: June 18, 2007

Purpose: To finish the weeding and cut out blowdowns

Location: Parts of Sections 17 and 18

People: Mike Hupko, Faye Guinn, Howard Guinn, Malcolm Wolf, Bill Mitchell, Bob Miller, CB Willis

Summary: We removed two large blowdowns, one near Little Bald Knob and the other near Beauty Spot Gap. We also removed several smaller trees across the trail. We weeded and lopped from FS 230 crossing to Indian Grave Gap. Several water bars were cleaned out and

one was rebuilt. We finished blazing the trail from Iron Mt Gap to Cherry Gap. Again, there is evidence of horses on the new trail north of Little Bald and also on the new trail just north of Cherry Gap. The latter is a mystery as we can't determine where the horses came onto the AT. There is really not much damage on this section.

Reporting: Carl Fritz

Date: June 19, 2007

Purpose: Cut weeds

Location: Section 11a, Field just south of Dennis Cove

People: Bob Peoples

Summary: Bob cut weeds in the field just south of Dennis Cove. They were high, but somewhat thinner than normal.

Reporting: Carl Fritz

Date: June 23, 2007

Purpose: Cut weeds and lop

Location: Section 11b from Canute Place to 1 mile north of Moreland Gap Shelter

People: Mike Hupko, Bob Peoples

Summary: Mike and Bob cut weeds and grass at Canute Place. Then they lopped and cut weeds to within about a mile north of Moreland Gap Shelter.

Reporting: Carl Fritz

Date: June 23, 2007

Purpose: Cut weeds and blowdown

Location: Sections 14a and 14b, from Overmountain Shelter to just south of Stan Murray Shelter

People: Paul Benfield, Carl Fritz, Ted Mowery, Ed Oliver

Summary: We cut all the weeds between Overmountain Shelter and Stan Murray Shelter. The weeds were only about half as high as normal. There was a large maple blowdown about 1000 feet south of Stan Murray Shelter. Carl used a hand saw to cut out the top which covered the trail. Most hikers were crossing under the trunk which appeared hazardous. We saw about 25 hikers taking advantage of the great views and weather.

Reporting: Collins Chew

Date: June 25, 2007

Purpose: Clear blowdowns and weeds

Location: Section 4a from Low Gap to Double Springs Shelter

People: Larry Miller, Collins Chew

Summary: Larry Miller cleared blowdowns and Collins Chew used a weeder to clear nettles, greenbrier, blackberry, etc. from the AT. One large blowdown was partly cut with several slices so it could be notched later with a pulaski.

Reporting: Jim Foster

Date: June 26, 2007

Purpose: Clean, repair, and replace water bars

Location: Section 16a from Greasy Creek Gap north toward Clyde Smith Shelter

People: Jim Foster, Bruce Darby

Summary: Our intent was to clean water bars, but we actually ended up cleaning, repairing and replacing water bars. The effect of some recent hard rains revealed several problem areas which we attempted to correct. We didn't get all the way to the shelter, so we'll try an

finish in the next week or so.

Reporting: Jim Foster

Date: June 28, 2007

Purpose: Accompany Forest Service biologist on relocation approval

Location: Section 17, Iron Mountain Gap relocation north and south of Hwy 107

People: Jim Foster, Ed Oliver

Summary: Ed and I went with biologist Joe McGinnis and his associate John to Iron Mtn. Gap and checked two short sections of relocation for approval.