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From the Chair

(Steering Committee Chair, Tim Schaefer)

Work has been busy for me these last several weeks, which explains the short article and a painfully late submission to our esteemed editor Kim Peters. Hopefully things will ease up a bit soon as the project nears completion. In fact I'll be traveling overseas soon for several weeks, and I hope to get the chance to check out some foreign national parks on my weekends.

Mark your calendar for our fall dinner meeting to be held on October 22nd. Please look in the newsletter for more details. I hope to see everyone there.

On a related topic, I am really interested in additional less-formal meetings for the club. I am going to attempt a trial run between the Fall and Spring dinner meetings, to hold regular club meetings to discuss all things hiking, canoeing, or whatever else comes up. We'll play around with meeting times and locations to see what works best for most. My vision for these meetings is to allow hikers and paddlers to get together outside of an actual hiking or canoeing event. As I know all too well, although my time is limited, to spend a day away from responsibilities, an hour or two meeting

to meet others and talk about something I enjoy doing is always a good alternative. I'm thinking the general format will be a discussion of recent and upcoming club outings followed by a presentation. I'll be looking for volunteers for the talks; I'm thinking the majority will be based around an individual's "out of the area" or "unique" trip reviews or trip plans. If you have any thoughts on frequency, time, or location, or would like to volunteer for a topic, please contact me. The first meeting will likely be in November. If no other volunteers, I am thinking of either reviewing a three day paddle/camp adventure my wife and I did down the Tennessee River in Chattanooga, or discuss my planned trips to Mt. Rainer or Isle Royale NPs. Watch the October newsletter for more details!

Fall Dinner Meeting, Friday October 22, 2010

Mark your calendars now to attend the Fall Dinner Meeting on Friday, October 22, 2010! The dinner and presentation will be held in the Banquet Room at the Eastman Lodge at Bays Mountain. Dinner will be catered and a local vendor will display some of their gear. There will be a silent auction for club rental items that are being retired. More details will be coming soon.

For the Record, Konnarock Crew 2010

Joe DeLoach reporting

We had a productive three weeks with the Konnarock Crew this summer, all in the Roan Highlands. In June, an Appalachian Trail relocation south of the Stan Murray Shelter was completed. In July, the final relocation of the multi-year project to improve the Trail between Grassy Ridge and Bradley Gap was opened, going across Elk Hollow Knob Trail north of the Stan Murray Shelter. This relocation features a nice stretch through the small open bald of Elk Hollow Knob, with a good close-up view of Grassy Ridge. With our final week in August the Crew moved to the project between Hughes Gap and Beartown Mountain, starting and completing one re-location and finishing and opening a second one that HardCore started and nearly completed in May. (We wanted the latter to "stabilize" for a few months before opening.) These projects are greatly improving what have been our two steepest long sections, which have had bad erosion and have been painful and slick to descend. We had 17 Club volunteers work 50 person-days, a total of 509 hours, with the Konnarock Crew. Eight volunteers worked at least 40 hours with the Crew and earned Konnarock T-shirts; those were Kim Peters who led the way with six days and 62 hours, Paul Benfield, Donna Ashby, Joe DeLoach, Carl Fritz, Tim Stewart, Bob Peoples, and George (Kojac) Summers. Thanks also to Jim Foster, Ed Oliver, Ted Mowery, Bill Murdoch, Dave Clark, Kat Johnson, Richard Carter, and first-time volunteers Cameron and Josh Henri.

Multi-Club Meet - Scheduled for September 17-19

Contacts: Joe DeLoach, 423-753-7263, Ian Powell, and Steve Perri

We're still looking for volunteers to help lead hikes for the new incarnation of the Multi-Club Meet, to be held at Rock Creek Recreation Area near Erwin. Plans for Saturday are to offer up to four AT hikes of 10-15 miles each and one into the interior of the Rocky Fork Tract, and for Sunday to offer hikes of 4-10 miles on the AT with one to Rock Creek Falls. Please help show visitors to our area its beauty and great hiking opportunities, and get to know fellow AT enthusiasts. If you'd be willing to lead a hike, please contact Joe, Ian, or Steve.

New TEHCC Rental Equipment: Therm-a-rest™ Z Lite Pad (HP-3)

Submitted by Vic Hasler, Rental Equipment Coordinator



The club has decided to replace an older Therm-a-Rest self-inflating mat with the same company's Z Lite closed-cell foam pad. Backpackers Magazine "Tough Stuff" review in 2010 recommends the Therm-a-Rest Z Lite as "The perfect balance for a sleeping pad: warm, light, soft, and puncture-proof." TEHCC will then have has five self-inflating mats and three lightweight pads available for your comfort. HP-3 is similar to HP-6, but listed as only 14 ounces being 0.75" thickness versus 1" – and a bright lemon yellow color.

Volunteer Opportunities on the Appalachian Trail

TEHCC proudly maintains 135 miles of the Appalachian National Scenic Trail from Damascus, Virginia to Spivey Gap in North Carolina. This huge task is only possible because of our dedicated volunteers. We currently are seeking more volunteers to help in this effort. It isn't even necessary to wield a Pulaski, scythe or saw to participate. How about monitoring one of our sixteen shelters? Shelters are a popular hike destination, so how about doing a little maintenance while you are there? Currently, maintenance of most of our sixteen shelters is assigned to whoever has the responsibility for that trail section. In order to reduce the work load of the section maintainer, it would be highly desirable for a person or group of people to act as shelter monitors and to check on the shelter several times during the hiking season. Tasks for the shelter monitor include: general condition of shelter, i.e. checking for leaks, log book replacement, minor trash pickup, and checking the condition of the water source. If any condition is found that the shelter monitor cannot correct, other volunteers could be called upon to help fix the condition.

We always have a need for volunteers to take a trail section. Currently our 135 miles of trail is divided into 34 maintenance sections. We have recently lost a couple of section maintainers, so some of these sections currently lack a maintainer. Section maintainers are responsible for painting blazes, trimming back yearly growth, cutting weeds, cleaning waterbars, and cutting out blowdowns. It would be wonderful to have larger number of maintainers such that we can increase the number of sections and reduce the length of some sections. Projects which are too large for the section maintainers are handled by special crews; so no one ever has to take on a project larger than they are comfortable with.

If you would like more information about these opportunities or would be interested in volunteering, please contact Kim Peters at 423-538-7665 or atmaint@tehcc.org.



TEHCC Welcomes New Members

Please welcome these new members to the club this month!

Lindsey Renfro Jacqueline Senosain
Spencer Moody George Thorpe
Fredia Odham Spencer Gilliam

Event Schedule - Next Two Months

For the latest, up-to-date information, see tehcc.org/schedule

Date	Description	Leader	Contact
Sept 2	Paddle to the Grill	Debbie Briscoe	423-534-3636
Sept 4	Babes on the Waves Annual Run	<u>Debbie Briscoe</u>	423-534-3636
Sept 11-12	2 nd Women's Beginner Overnight Backpacking Trip	Kim Peters	423-538-7665
Sept 17-19	Multi-Club Meet	Joe DeLoach	jodelo@eastman.com

Description of Upcoming Events

Recurring Events

Most Tuesdays: Weekly AT Trail Maintenance

Join a group of maintainers who work somewhere on our 135-mile section each week, usually on Tuesdays. Contact Carl Fritz (atvolunteer@tehcc.org) for dates and meeting places.

Tuesdays Evenings: Johnson City Roll Practice

Come join the Jackson Action Wagon (J.A.W.), APEs, and other paddlers from around our region at the Freedom Hall Pool in Johnson City, TN from 7:10 to 9:10 pm every Tuesday for tips and tricks about basic kayaking skills and learning how to roll. Have you already mastered the basics and have a bomb proof roll? There is still a lot of fun to be had at our pool session by practicing your flat-water freestyle moves and fellowshipping with other paddlers in a nice warm-water environment. Admission to the pool is \$2, rolling advice is free! Contact the pool office (423- 461-4872) for session confirmation or questions regarding the facility. Please note: The J.A.W. provides the current fleet of boats for demo at the pool session, but neither the pool nor the J.A.W. provides paddling equipment (paddle, spray skirt, etc...). If you do not have your own equipment, please post a message on the APEs yahoo group site or send Wesley an e-mail asking other members to bring extra equipment. We will try our best to get you outfitted for the night!

Fridays: Friday Hikers

Join members of the TEHCC and other hiking enthusiasts for Friday hikes in the northeast Tennessee, western North Carolina and southwest Virginia areas. Trips typically leave from the parking lot between McDonald's and State of Franklin Bank in Colonial Heights at 8 am. Trips to places farther away leave at 7:30 am. Contact <u>Collins Chew</u> to be added to the distribution list.

Scheduled Events

Paddle to the Grill, September 2, 2010

This is the final paddle to the grill for this year! Bring your recreation or touring kayak/canoe to meet with the Appalachian Paddling Enthusiasts and launch at Davis Boat Dock on Boone Lake at 6:30pm to paddle to Boone Docks restaurant at Boone Lake Marina for a nice dinner and an enjoyable paddle back after sunset. As we will be paddling back during low or no light, you will need to have a stern light* for your boat and PFD's are mandatory. Contact Debbie Briscoe, 423-534-3636 for specific details.

*Boat lights: Each boat should have as a minimum one white light that is easily visible when turned on (Coast Guard requirements for small craft without motors). An even better solution is to have typical running lights - red/green in the bow and white light in the stern. Suitable lights for this can be found here.

Babes on the Waves Annual Run, Saturday, September 4, 2010

Leader: Debbie Briscoe, 423-534-3636

River: To Be Announced

Once a year, all the female APEs come together to rule the river. All are welcome, even guys, but the femme fatale' must be in the majority! So, all you Gals out there, plan to join us on the water for this day.

Depending on the water level, we will paddle either the Nolichucky, or if it's too low we will run the Watauga.

Bring snacks and cameras!

Mark your calendar and watch the message board for updates...

Women's Beginner Overnight Backpacking Trip, Sept 11-12, 2010

Leader: Kim Peters, 423-538-7665

The weather has finally turned and it's starting to feel just a little bit like fall - so it's time to go backpacking! Those who participated in the first women's beginner backpack had so much fun that we decided to go on another one.

For the second women's backpack trip, we are planning to hike on the AT from Carvers Gap to US19E spending the night at Overmountain Shelter. The total distance is about 15 miles. This route takes us over the open areas of Round Bald, Jane Bald and Hump Mountain - the jewels of the Roan Highlands. We will also hike on some recently completed trail re-locations which removed some steep and eroded sections of trail. You won't want to miss this trip!

Additionally, as with the previous trip, we can have a pre-trip meeting to talk about gear, food, shelter etc. If you are a first-time or novice backpacker and are interested in such a meeting, let me know and I'll set it up. Contact the leader for more information or to sign up for this trip.

Multi-Club Meet, September 17-19, 2010

Contacts: Joe DeLoach, 423-753-7263; Ian Powell, and Steve Perri

For over 50 years, the AT-maintaining clubs south of Shenandoah National Park gathered for a weekend of hiking and fellowship called the Multi-Club Meet. The clubs took turns hosting this event, generally on Labor Day weekend. Although some meetings drew over 100 participants, attendance dwindled in the 1990's and 2000's. Several years ago a decision was made to terminate the event because attendance didn't justify the work being put forth to host it; clubs were having catered dinners, providing entertainment, and offering excursions. Last year, the ATC Deep South Regional Partnership Committee (RPC) decided to try to resuscitate the meeting for the five southern clubs in 2010, in a less involved manner not requiring so much work by the host club (dubbed "Multi-Club Lite"). We'll base the meet at the Forest Service Rock Creek Recreation Area campground near Erwin from Friday September 17 through Sunday September 19. In keeping with the Multi-Club Lite theme, we won't plan much other than hikes and maybe one or two evening programs in the park amphitheatre. Participants will be responsible for their own food. There are plenty of good hikes in Unicoi County, and since we'll be there and in the spirit of Unicoi County's recent designation as an A. T. Community Partner, we'll hike there.



Mt. LeConte, July 17-18, 2010

Steven Clark reporting

Four hikers braved the Saturday morning heat and humidity to seek the reward of beautiful blue skies and 65° weather at the top of Mt. LeConte. The hikers charged the mountain in two groups of two, stopping for lunch at a favorite spot – Alum Cave. Everyone fought to keep their lunch from the squirrels and chipmunks (we were successful). We were soon rewarded with beautiful views from the side of the narrow, rocky trail. The steel cables anchored into the rock provide a helping hand and a little insurance for the few times the trail is not much more than a rock ledge. The hikers were rewarded with a relatively rain free afternoon atop LeConte, as well as a filling dinner and a "typical" Smoky Mountain sunset. The night brought a much clearer sky and an incredibly starry night. Only one of our group made it to Myrtle Point for the sunrise, but we were all told it was very nice. The trip back down Alum Cave Trail Sunday morning passed quickly, and we were left with holiday-weekend Gatlinburg traffic and great memories of another night spent up on the mountain.

Friday Hikers, Grayson Highlands, July 30, 2010

Bob Harvey reporting

This Friday hike to Grayson Highlands wasn't much of a hike, but more like a pleasant and short ramble up the hill to pick huckleberries. The part of the park we visited was the one above the stone wall, and we were pleased to find that many bushes had borne heavily this year. Maybe the berries were a bit small, but they were flavorful. We hit it lucky on the weather. It was sunny and warm, but at our elevation -- around 4600 feet -- it wasn't bothersome, and we didn't have an afternoon thunderstorm to spoil the fun. Those who went were Lee Bockman, June Donaldson, Bob Harvey, Debbie Vrsansky and Eric Vrsansky. It's hard to say how much ground we covered, but it probably wasn't over a mile.

Friday Hikers, Grayson Highlands, August 6, 2010

Bob Harvey reporting

The hike of August 6 was another one to the Grayson Highlands berry fields and we again had good weather. Most of the group went

to the field right above the rock wall, which is on the south slope of Wilburn Ridge, but one carload went to the Wilson Creek area. Jerry Case, always the maverick, actually hiked instead of picking huckleberries -- he took his favorite loop hike of around six miles, which includes a part of the Appalachian Trail and the Wilson Creek Trail. The participants were first-timer Bob Blaszczyk, Lee Bockman, Kathy and Jerry Case, Anne Cosby, Carol and Dave Dunham, Judith Foster, Bob Harvey and Marsha McGovern.

Friday Hikers, Iron Mountain Trail, August 13, 2010

Bob Harvey reporting

The hike of August 13 was on the Iron Mountain Trail, from and back to the point where U. S. 421 crosses Iron Mountain, about three miles south of the center of Shady Valley community. We hiked north for 4.8 miles, ate lunch, and returned. The total distance covered was 9.6 miles. There was a moderate amount of trash along the trail, and even more evidence of bear traffic -- we kept wondering if we would have an encounter with one, but the only wildlife we saw were a turkey buzzard, some unidentifiable birds and a tiny toad. The hikers were Olin Babb, Marsha McGovern Blaszczyk, Anne Cosby, Judith Foster, Bob Harvey, Heather Jacob, Brian Paley, Susie Seiler and Ann Yungmeyer.

Pinnacle Natural Area Preserve, August 14, 2010

Vic Hasler reporting



The Big Falls at Pinnacle NAP

93°F and humidity. I was back at home by 3:30PM.

This hike ended up being exploratory as I was the only hiker to show up at the Colonial Heights parking lot. (There was a charter bus heading to a baseball game leaving at the same time.) I quickly reached Lebanon, VA, but then had trouble finding the county roads I was seeking. After stopping for directions – twice, I found the route described on the DCR website. The gate to the back parking lot was still locked, so I started at the swinging bridge. The one-mile Big Cedar Creek Trail follows a well-established path mostly along a gravel access road to the Big Falls. A couple of young families from Abingdon were hiking at the same time to spend the day swimming there. After lunch at the falls, I proceeded on to the Clinch River Trail and the Pinnacle View Loop to see the 600' rock formation. It was apparent that summer crews had been clearing the deadfalls from last winter. The river trail ends at the Clinch River, so I backtracked to Copper Ridge Trail and up a 350' elevation climb to the overlook. (I would recommend the overlook when the leaves are down for better views of the Clinch.) The return leg back to my truck was quick. A DQ stop on the way home relieved some of the

This hike would definitely qualify for families and beginners. The Pinnacle NAP could be very busy during early spring to mid-June as the Big Cedar Creek is stocked with trout. Fall might be quite pleasant when the trees turn color.

Friday Hikers, AT from Iron Mountain Gap to Indian Grave Gap, August 20, 2010

Collins Chew reporting

We had a beautiful day for our hike. There were more comments about the cool breeze that came up occasionally than the heat. There were a few season appropriate flowers and a few very nice views, even if hazy in the distance. We identified a number of distant mountains. Hikers were: Jack Aaron, Andrew Cleland, Carol and Dave Dunham, Judith Foster, Bob Harvey, Heather Jacob, Chuck Mather, Susie Seiler, Anne Yungmeyer and Collins Chew.

Family/Beginner Hike for Berry Picking, August 21, 2010

Tim Schaefer reporting

Oh Carver's Gap, you fickle lover of mine. You can be beautiful and grand on one visit, and cold, wet, and miserable on the next, and not offer much in between. The usual gang of F/B hikers headed out for this year's berry picking and we got the less agreeable version of Carver's Gap. The blueberries were about a week or two past their peak, but we still got some. The slight mist that got progressively stronger kept us from standing in one spot for too long and collecting anything more than we wanted to eat. We did make it out to the goat paddock before retreating in a near sprint to get back to the dry and soon-to-be warm car. In attendance were Chris Garrett, his son Paul along with myself and my daughter Jamie.



Reporting: Michael Ray Date: July 16, 2010

Purpose: Check trail condition, cut back limbs, trim weeds

Location: Section 19, Curley Maple Gap Shelter to Nolichucky River

People: Nick Barrett, Billy Wilson, Ashton Wilson, Seth Douthat, Dale Douthat, Sam Robinette, Carl Ray, Michael Ray

Summary: Eight of us cut many branches and small limbs on our section. We also cut weeds with a string trimmer. One blowdown,

a small pine that is easy to get around, will be cleared on the next trip. The spring was running at the shelter, but slowly.

Reporting: Terry Oldfield **Date:** July 26, 2010

Purpose: Check Mountaineer Falls Shelter

Location: Section 12b, Walnut Mountain Road to Mountaineer Falls Shelter

People: Lauren Fannon, Becky Oldfield-Frey, Terry Oldfield

Summary: We cleared a couple small blowdowns while hiking to the shelter from Walnut Mountain Road. We picked up trash in and around the shelter and around the tent camping area, and also checked the water source. We carried several small bags of trash back out to the road, including stinky food jars and cans, an arrow, and a broken axe.

Reporting: Carl Fritz **Date:** July 27, 2010

Purpose: Cut access to Curley Maple Gap Shelter

Location: Section 19, Curley Maple Gap

People: Daryel Anderson, Paul Benfield, Ken Buchanan, Richard Carter, Adam Coulson, Jim Foster, Carl Fritz, Ted Mowery, Brian Paley,

Bob Peoples, Tim Stewart

Summary: We finished cutting out access to Curley Maple Gap. There is one more day of minor trail repair required for reasonable

access.

Reporting: Paul Benfield Date: July 29, 2010 Purpose: Maintain Trail

Location: Section 4b, Osborne Farm to Double Springs Shelter

People: Paul Benfield, Ted Mowery

Summary: We checked the water sources at the shelter; the water is running great at all sources. A new logbook is needed at the

shelter. The club sign and frame are missing from Double Springs Shelter.

Reporting: Brian Paley **Date:** July 30, 2010

Purpose: Clear blowdown and fix entrance to new relocation

Location: Section 8, Near Shook Branch **People:** Brian Paley, Bob Peoples

Summary: We cleared a tree that had fallen over the Trail near Shook Branch. We hid the entrance and exit to a relocation that is still under construction. Bob Peoples removed some flags that were installed for a cancelled relocation. We dismantled a fire ring that some campers had constructed near the Trail, and hauled out two large bags of trash from various camp sites along the Trail.

Reporting: Joe DeLoach Date: July 30, 2010

Purpose: Find and flag route to campsite for Konnarock Crew

Location: Section 15, Near Carvers Gap

People: Joe DeLoach

Summary: The Cherokee NF recommended that the Konnarock Crew stay near the old Hack Line Road below Carvers Gap. I found it

and flagged the route.

Reporting: Richard Carter **Date:** August 3, 2010 **Purpose:** Cut weeds

Location: Section 14b, Switchbacks on northeast slope of Grassy Ridge

People: Richard Carter

Summary: I cut weeds and briars, very thick in some areas, from about one mile of Trail.

Reporting: Daryel Anderson **Date:** August 3, 2010

Purpose: Cleared path for access to Curley Maple Gap to get shelter materials hauled in

Location: Section 19, Curley Maple Gap

People: Ted Mowery, Paul Benfield, Tim Stewart, Ken Buchanan, Brian Paly, Bob Peoples, Daryel Anderson

Summary: We investigated and prepared for manual delivery of materials near the shelter. This included rebuilding some Trail tread,

cutting and removing a tree root ball, and grading a sharp downhill turn.

Reporting: Jim Foster **Date:** August 5, 2010

Purpose: To direct the Konnarock Crew to work location

Location: Section 15, Trail north of Hughes Gap

People: Ed Oliver, Jim Foster

Summary: Ed and I drove to Carvers Gap where we met the Konnarock Crew at their camp site. Due to some unforeseen difficulties (truck got stuck), we were only able to take two of the crew to the work site. We had planned on everyone going and taking in tools, but that was not possible. Considering that we had several hard rain storms, it may have been better that we didn't get everyone over there. We picked up a hiker at Hughes Gap and took her to Greasy Creek Hostel due to the storms. She informed us that the door to the shelter at Roan High Knob was somehow blocked shut with a note saying, "Good luck on getting in." We may need to check that out.

Reporting: Richard Carter Date: August 12, 2010 Purpose: Cut weeds

Location: Section 14b, Just north of spring on Grassy Ridge

People: Richard Carter

Summary: I cut weeds and briars and lopped several limbs along about %-mile of trail.

Reporting: Paul Benfield **Date:** August 12, 2010

Purpose: Mow Trail on the Osborne Farm **Location:** Section 4b, Osborne Farm **People:** Paul Benfield, Ted Mowery

Summary: We trimmed weeds and mowed the Trail across the Osborne Farm.

Reporting: Ed Oliver **Date:** August 17, 2010

Purpose: Prepare relocation for Wright State students

Location: Section 15, North of Hughes Gap and north of relocation built by Hard Core

People: Jim Foster, Ed Oliver

Summary: Ed and Jim set pin flags for trail relocation to be dug on August 31 with Wright State University students.

Reporting: Kim Peters **Date:** August 17, 2010

Purpose: Improve Trail at Doll Flats **Location:** Section 13a, Doll Flats

People: TEHCC - Ted Mowery, Paul Benfield, Daryel Anderson, Kim Peters, Tim Stewart, Ken Buchanan, Bob Peoples; BSA Troop 244 -

Josef Strasser, Alexander Strasser, Gehrig Loughran, David Thompson, Quinton Verchick, Michael Neirs

Summary: We met the scouts of Troop 244 at Doll Flats on the last day of their 50-mile hike. We improved the Trail at Doll Flats where hikers were getting lost, and cleaned water bars and trimmed weeds to about 0.3 miles north of Doll Flats. The rain held off until we were nearly finished, but we and the scouts had to hike out in the rain (which of course ended just as we reached the cars).

Reporting: Kim Peters **Date:** August 24, 2010

Purpose: Conduct biological survey

Location: Section 11a, Whiterocks to Dennis Cove

People: Ed Oliver, Kim Peters

Summary: We met the Forest Service biologists Joe McGuiness and his intern Christine and surveyed three proposed relocations

between Whiterocks tower and Dennis Cove.

Reporting: Joe DeLoach **Date:** August 24, 2010

Purpose: Clear brush, weeds, and blowdown

Location: Section 6, Campsite south of Iron Mountain Shelter to Vandeventer Shelter

People: Rick Foster, Jeff Hunter, and Bill Hodge

Summary: Rick, Bill, and Jeff used swing blades, loppers, bow saws, and a one-person crosscut to clear from around Turkeypen Gap to Vandeventer Shelter. Weeds were high in a couple of the old open areas near Turkeypen Gap. They removed two significant blowdown tangles along the way. They will try to get a bad tangle on the blue-blazed trail to the Vandeventer water source later this fall. Along the way they found an abandoned backpack near Turkeypen Gap, and a large Trail Angels box near the Cross Mt. trailhead.

Reporting: Kim Peters **Date:** August 24, 2010

Purpose: Cut out relo for Wright State work trip **Location:** Section 15, North of Hughes Gap

People: Daryel Anderson, Paul Benfield, Tim Stewart, Bob Peoples, Ken Buchanan

Summary: This group cut out a relocation in preparation for a work trip with Wright State students on August 31.

Reporting: Richard Carter **Date:** August 27, 2010

Purpose: Remove weeds and briars

Location: Section 14b, Just north of Grassy Ridge trail junction

People: Richard Carter

Summary: I cut weeds and lopped bushy overgrowth and briars from a length of Trail several hundred yards just north of the Grassy

Ridge trail junction.

Reporting: Collins Chew **Date:** August 27, 2010

Purpose: Measure two new relocations **Location:** Section 9b, Pond Montain

People: Jack Aaron, Olin Babb, Collins Chew, Anne Cosby, Judith Foster, Bob Harvey, Heather Jacob, Susie Seiler, Arturo Senosain, Ann

Yungmeyer

Summary: Two new relocations were measured on Pond Mountain as the Friday Hikers walked the AT from US 321 to the Blue Blazed Trail to Braemar. Several steep sections were eliminated. There was little change in distance.