From the Chair

Vic Hasler, Steering Committee Chair

In this column, I would like to highlight a few upcoming opportunities. First is the Spring Dinner Meeting to hear the high moments and challenges of a thru-hiker—someone who used the national scenic trail that the club spends hours maintaining. The second is a request for hike leaders to guide local Girl Scouts on easy sections of the AT during their centennial celebration in 2012. Several hikes have been identified, so the need is for knowledgeable folks to explain the path to the girls. Lastly (spouses, take note) is an alert to start cleaning those storage spaces where the equipment for outdoor activities is stashed. TEHCC will again host a Gear Swap in April—with publicity forthcoming once the details are set. Sell what is not being used to clear out the space, or swap for what you really want to try this year. The club is active in several ways, so join in as you are available for your enjoyment.

Tennessee Eastman Hiking and Canoeing Club Spring Dinner Meeting
Friday March 23, 2012

The approach of spring also brings the TEHCC dinner meeting at the Eastman Lodge. We would like to extend an invitation for you to join us for good drinks, good food and good times.

Our evening program, “Trials and Tribulations of a Thru-Hiker,” features the experiences of Frank de Nobriga during his March 22 to November 12, 2011 trek. See his on-line journal here. Since many club members have hiked the AT in the lower states, Frank is planning to focus his pictures on the New England sections.
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There is no charge for attending the program only, but if you would like to eat, please submit your reservation by end of Monday, March 19th. A reservation form is located at the end of this newsletter, or click here for a printable copy.

2012 Trail to Every Classroom Alumni Workshop

Apply today for three great workshops being offered by the ATC to Trail-to-Every-Classroom alumni in 2012!

Alumni workshops will provide an immersive experience where place-based service learning content and pedagogy are explored in more depth, continuing to build upon the skills you learned in the original three workshops. These new professional development sessions are being offered this year to serve as a space to revisit key curricular topics and further develop the capacity of teachers to provide quality instruction to students along the Appalachian Trail.

The workshops are not cumulative and alumni are welcome to apply for one, two or all three in any region. As always, all workshops are offered free of charge. Lodging, meals, camping equipment and materials will be provided.

Workshops for 2012:
- Spring Workshop: Questing & Natural History in Virginia - May 4-6
- Summer Workshop: Wilderness First Aid & Hike Leadership in New Hampshire - July 15-20
- Fall Workshop: Trail Construction & Design in New York - October 5-7

APPLICATION DEADLINE IS MARCH 15, 2012

Learn more about these workshops and APPLY here.

April Fool's Trail Days A Celebration of the Appalachian Trail Franklin, North Carolina • March 30 & 31, 2012

Come to Historic Franklin, North Carolina for April Fool's Trail Days and the annual Hiker Bash as we celebrate our appreciation of Appalachian Trail Hikers. As an Appalachian Gateway Community, Franklin opens the town to all hikers of the Appalachian Trail as you start your journey north to Katahdin.

Franklin is located 11 miles from the AT and is considered a welcome respite from the cold and usually wet early spring weather. You’ll find plenty of good food, great conversation and lots to do during this weekend celebration.

The Hiker Bash hosted by Ronnie Haven at Sapphire Inn on East Main Street is a great place to connect, share stories and advice, and fill up on some good eats. The Hiker Bash will begin at 6:00 p.m. each evening.

Saturday, April Fool's Trail Days Festival gets underway with great entertainment, food, and special workshops, exhibits and world re-known visitors including Jennifer Pharr Davis, the women's record holder of the fastest thru-hike of the trail.

You'll find much more information on this site, so take a look around. If you have questions call Linda Schlott (828) 524-2516.
Wilderness Skills Institute 2012

The Appalachian Trail Conservancy (ATC), The Wilderness Society (TWS), the Southern Appalachian Wilderness Stewards (SAWS), the USDA Forest Service, and the National Park Service have established the “Wilderness Skills Institute”, a two-week training course to be held May 21 to June 1, 2012 at the Cradle of Forestry near Brevard, NC. The Institute is designed to provide information about the history of designated Wilderness, the skills necessary to work effectively in wilderness and the certifications required to implement those skills.

From theory to implementation, the Wilderness Skills Institute can be a resource for every level of Wilderness worker.

From May 21 - 25, participants will learn Wilderness First Aid, CPR, and have the opportunity to receive their Cross-Cut saw certification. Attendees will also discuss Wilderness theory and legislation with some of the region’s most experienced stewards.

From May 29 – June 1, training will be offered for people new to trail work so that they can gain an understanding of the basics in the field. Skilled trail workers will also be able to tackle technical construction problems with experienced trail crew leaders.

Registration is $50 per person, is free to members of the ATC and TWS, and includes camping near the Cradle of Forestry.

Location: Cradle of Forestry in Brevard, North Carolina

For more information about this training course, contact Andy Downs at the ATC: adowns@appalachiantrail.org, (828) 254-3708 or Bill Hodge at the Southern Appalachian Wilderness Stewards: billhodge@trailcrews.org, (865) 617-4804.

TEHCC’s Event Calendars, Wherever You Are

Do you use Google Calendar? If not, you should check it out. It’s a great way to have an internet accessible calendar, and it allows you to subscribe to others’ calendars if they are set up for sharing. TEHCC’s calendar is publicly shared as a Google Calendar. We currently maintain four calendars: Hiking, Other Activities, Paddling, and Trail Maintenance. So not only can you see our events by going to our Schedule page, you have two ways you can see our events alongside your other calendars, either in your Google Calendar or in your Outlook Calendar.

If you are already using, or want to start using, Google calendar, the easiest way to subscribe to TEHCC’s calendars is to go to our Schedule page. At the bottom right of the calendar you’ll see an icon that says “+ Google Calendar.” If you select it, once logged into your own Google calendar, it will present a window where you can pick and choose our individual calendars to add to yours. Now you’ll always know what’s going on. Another option: while logged onto your Calendar you can go to “Other calendars,” then select “Add by URL” and use the addresses below.

Eastman employees or others who use Outlook 2010, can have TEHCC’s calendars show up on the calendar list just like coworkers do. The easiest way that works for me is to simply follow the link below and select “Open” and “Allow” in the subsequent dialog boxes. If that doesn’t work, you can click “Open Calendar” and select “From Internet...” from the drop down while looking at your calendar. Then add the URL below for the calendar you want and select OK then Yes. Many Outlook users might not know that you can overlay multiple calendars instead of just seeing them side by side. When you have multiple calendars open/selected, if you click the arrow button on the calendar name tab above the calendar it will show them overlaid instead of side by side.

TEHCC Internet Calendars – Use these addresses in your own Google Calendar or Outlook to see our events alongside yours

TEHCC Hiking: https://www.google.com/calendar/ical/thetehcc%40gmail.com/public/basic.ics

TEHCC Other Activities: https://www.google.com/calendar/ical/uirjhvhddcviv0pu7ah6hg6p6s%40group.calendar.google.com/public/basic.ics

TEHCC Paddling: https://www.google.com/calendar/ical/ko6n29gitoqrp6fr5cu6f5s4%40group.calendar.google.com/public/basic.ics

TEHCC Trail Maintenance: https://www.google.com/calendar/ical/6slu39ovs7gujo1tid44vsv1gk%40group.calendar.google.com/public/basic.ics
Mount LeConte Lodge (Smoky Mountains), Sat-Sun, July 7-8, 2012

For the past 35+ years TEHCC has organized a summer weekend trip to Mount LeConte Lodge in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. This lodge (elevation 6593 ft) can only be reached by hiking trails. Even supplies are brought in by llama train once a week. The hiking distance to the lodge is 5.5 to 7.8 miles one-way depending on the route. The package price this year is $133 per person which includes supper on Saturday, lodging for the night, and breakfast on Sunday. We have four reservations in a five-person cabin (double bunk beds and a single). If you are interested in one or more of these reservations, please contact Steve Falling, 423-239-5502, for availability. You must be a TEHCC member to participate in this outing. You can find out more about Mount LeConte Lodge at www.leconte-lodge.com.

TEHCC Welcomes New Members

Rich Daileader
Shannon Daileader
Janet Hensley
Dale Ulmer

Event Schedule – Next Two Months

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

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Details on 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 and for 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 email 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 McDonalds and State of Franklin Bank in Colonial Heights at 8 am. Trips to places farther away leave at 7:30 am. Contact Collins Chew to be added to the distribution list.
Scheduled Events

AT Maintenance with ASU Trail Crew, Saturday March 3, 2012
**Contact:** Carl Fritz, 423-477-4669
Weather permitting we will try to complete a relocation on the south side of Pond Mountain. The ASU Trail Crew helped us start that relocation last fall and are coming out again. We will again meet at the large parking lot on US 321 at the outskirts of Hampton and walk the blue-blaze trail to intersect the AT. Total round trip walk will be about 5 miles and fairly strenuous. Bring sturdy shoes with good tread, lunch, water, several layers, and something for rain protection. We will have work gloves if you need some. And we will provide all the tools. If you are interested in participating, please contact Carl.

Third-Saturday Maintenance, Hiking with Tools, March 17, 2012
**Leader:** Kim Peters, 423-538-7665
This year will start the revival of third-Saturday maintenance outings! This time around, third-Saturday outings will concentrate on routine maintenance rather than relocations or special projects. We will clear blowdowns, clip woody growth, paint blazes, check out shelters, and perform other routine maintenance tasks – essentially hiking with tools! If you are interested in learning how our 137 miles of trail is maintained, want to go on a day hike with a purpose, or just want to see some of our beautiful trail, this is your opportunity. Contact the leader to sign up or for more information.

Rental Equipment Checkout, Monday, March 26, 2011
11:30 am - 1:30 pm, Eastman Employee Center, Rm 112
**Leader:** Vic Hasler
Each year, the club inspects the tents, backpacks, sleeping pads, etc. to ensure they are ready for another year of use. It is also a great opportunity to see the equipment set up, to see how to set it up, to ask questions, and to suggest other equipment for the club to purchase in 2012. This event is come-and-go as you are available. A light lunch of pizza, vegi tray, chips, cookies, and beverages will be provided, so let me know if you have any preferences.

AT Maintenance with ASU Trail Crew, April 21 & 28, 2012
**Contact:** Carl Fritz, 423-477-4669
We have the opportunity to work with ASU Trail Crew on this Saturday. They will probably bring 15 to 20 students and are a fun group to work with. We will work on the relocations at Hughes Gap. Naturally, site and times will be weather dependent. Exact plans will be communicated by email as we get closer to the events. If you are interested in participating, please contact Carl.

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For the Record

**Friday Hikers: Warriors Path State Park, February 3, 2012**
**Collins Chew reporting**
We had a delightful day for our hike in Warriors Path State Park. We hiked the Devils Backbone, Falls Creek Loop and Sinking Waters Trails. Most ate lunch on a high bluff overlooking Fort Patrick Henry Lake. Hikers were: Olin Babb, Pat and Ken Buchanan, Kathy and Jerry Case, Carol Dunham, Bob Harvey, Carol Idol, Heather Jacob, Jane Whitson, and Collins Chew.

**Friday Hikers: Bays Mountain Park, February 10, 2012**
**Collins Chew reporting**
Today, we had a pleasant hike on a quite chilly, overcast day for a requested tour of the towers (observation, cell, radio, TV, Fire, etc.) of Bays Mountain. We went by Bays Mountain Road, River Mountain Road, Firetower and Lakeside Trails for about 7 miles. A cool, quick lunch was eaten at the Firetower. A number of Kingsport landmarks were spotted. Hikers were Olin Babb, Kathy Case, Andrew Cleland, Carol and Dave Dunham, Bob Harvey, Carol Idol, Heather Jacob, Susie Seiler, and Collins Chew.
**Friday Hikers: Laurel Run Park, February, 17, 2012**

*Collins Chew reporting*

We had a beautiful, warm day for the 6.4-mile hike from the Nature Center in Bays Mountain Park to Laurel Run Park. The three large falls were running quite nicely. We hiked all or portions of Bays Ridge Road and Bays Ridge, Pretty Ridge, Kiner Hollow, and Laurel Run Trails. There were a few wet feet from the various stream crossings. Hikers were: Olin Babb, Lee Bockman, Andrew Cleland, Bob Harvey, Heather Jacob, Jan Mather, Patty Jo Nachman, Dick Orr, Susie Seiler, and Collins Chew.

**Annual Maintainer’s Dinner, February 21, 2012**

*Kim Peters reporting*

The kickoff meeting for the 2012 AT maintenance season, held February 21, 2012, was well attended. We enjoyed Phil’s Dream Pit barbecue, coleslaw, pasta salad, baked beans and brownies and ice cream for dessert prepared by Ed Oliver and Mary Cunningham. We reviewed our 2011 accomplishments, our 2012 major project plans, handed out awards, and discussed 2012 maintenance responsibilities.

**Summary of 2011 Major TEHCC Maintenance Accomplishments**

- Maintained section from Damascus to Spivey Gap
- TEHCC section of AT grew to 137 miles
- Rehabbed 1.1 miles of AT
- Built 1.5 miles of new sidehill Trail
- Bear Pole installed at Watauga Lake Shelter by Eagle Scout, Seth Douthat
- Injury-free year

**Cumulative Hour Award Recipients 2011**

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**Presidents Volunteer Service Award**

Joe DeLoach and Paul Benfield also received a special award, the Presidents Volunteer Service Award. This award recognizes individuals, families, and groups that have achieved a certain standard – measured by the number of hours of service over a 12-month period or cumulative hours earned over the course of a lifetime. Joe and Paul earned this award for their 4,000 hours or more of volunteer service.
Friday Hikers: AT – US321 to Watauga Dam, February, 24, 2012

Collins Chew reporting

The AT hike today was on a surprisingly warm February morning with scattered clouds, which also surprisingly dribbled a bit of rain on us but not enough to bring out rain gear. We hiked from US 321 to Watauga Dam where we split up with half returning to US 321 and the other half continuing on the AT to a car spotted at Wilbur Dam Road. Since this is Dave’s maintenance section, he wanted to check it all out and count the winter blowdowns. Hikers were: Carol and Dave Dunham, Heather Jacob, Jerry Jones, Susie Seiler, and Collins Chew.

AT Maintenance Reports

Reporting: John Beaudet
Date: 1/6/2012
Purpose: Cut annual growth
Location: Section 19a, Indian Grave Gap to Curley Maple Gap Shelter
People: John Beaudet
Summary: I trimmed and lopped the entire section.

Reporting: Carl Fritz
Date: 1/31/2012
Purpose: Rehab Trail
Location: Section 20b, No Business Knob Shelter to Spivey Gap
People: John Beaudet, Paul Benfield, Ken Buchanan, Jim Chambers, Dave Dunham, Carl Fritz, Ted Mowery, Ed Oliver, Bob Peoples, Kim Peters, Tim Stewart, Jack Tarlin, George Thorpe
Summary: We had a less than an auspicious start when we had a flat tire near Unicoi. Someone suggested that we would not qualify for a NASCAR pit crew! However, we did remove some blowdowns and dug or used side-logs to cover over 800 feet of rooty areas. There is probably about one more day’s work to get this section in better shape.

Reporting: Richard Carter
Date: 1/31/2012
Purpose: General maintenance
Location: Section 14b, Stan Murray Shelter to Carvers Gap
People: Richard Carter
Summary: I walked the section to check for needed routine maintenance, cut two blowdowns, removed several other minor blowdowns, did some lopping of briars and intrusive bushes and gathered up a bagful of trash at the shelter. There is one remaining 14-inch diameter blowdown about 2/3 mile south of the shelter, but it’s an easy stepover.

Reporting: Kim Peters
Date: 2/2/2012
Purpose: Recreation Working Group Planning Meeting
Location: Watauga Ranger Station, Unicoi
People: Ed Oliver, Kim Peters
Summary: Ed and I attended a Recreation Working Group Planning Meeting at the Watauga Ranger Station in Unicoi. Also in attendance were John Odell, Morgan Sommerville, Jamey Donaldson, and David Danley. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss recreational impact concerns in the Roan Highlands, specifically between Hughes Gap and Doll Flats. Specific areas of concern were identified and ranked in priority of concern from low to high. Impact indicators were identified, namely fire rings, social trails and toilet paper. Some possible solutions to be recommended if thresholds are exceeded include banning campfires, closing spur trail using signage, and Leave-No-Trace signage. Next steps include identifying thresholds for each indicator at each area of concern, replicating a 2002 campsite inventory in the areas of concern, and identifying additional needs to quantify recreational impacts on areas/species of concern.
Reporting: Tim Stewart  
Date: 2/4/2012  
Purpose: Clear Trail obstructions  
Location: Section 11b, Bitter End to Moreland Gap Shelter  
People: Tim Stewart  
Summary: The gate was locked, so I parked near the gate and walked in. The trail was in good condition. I removed some branches and several blowdowns, as well as trimmed back rhododendrons. There are two easy-step-over 8-inch diameter blowdowns remaining. At this point, these do not require a special trip for removal. The footbridges look good; one might require some new wire lath or at least some additional staples. The shelter is good, including the repaired sleeping platform. The shovel and broom are broken, the rake is okay, and the shelter register is missing. It was a rainy but good trip.

Reporting: Carl Fritz  
Date: 2/7/2012  
Purpose: Rehab Trail  
Location: Section 20b, No Business Knob Shelter to Spivey Gap  
Summary: On another beautiful February day we continued to rehab the sections of root-filled trail. Most of the trail rehab is completed between Devil Creek Gap and Spivey Gap. Some more work is still needed towards No Business Knob shelter. About 460 feet of trail was rehabbed and many dead rhodos and trees, ready to fall on trail, were removed.

Reporting: Bill Fuller  
Date: 2/7/2012  
Purpose: Scout Trail and clear blowdowns  
Location: Section 9a, US 321 to Pond Flats  
People: Bill Fuller  
Summary: I scouted the entire section, cleared one small blowdown, and cut back some low hanging rhododendrons.

Reporting: Carl Fritz  
Date: 2/15/2012  
Purpose: Rehab Trail  
Location: Section 20, Devil Creek Gap to No Business Knob Shelter  
People: John Beaudet, Paul Benfield, Jim Chambers, Dave Dunham, Carl Fritz, Ed Oliver, Bob Peoples, George Thorpe  
Summary: We continued to rehab rooty, sloughing trail sections. Also we improved some minor stream crossings. We will probably declare this area rehabbed sufficiently for now.

Reporting: Carl Fritz  
Date: 2/22/2012  
Purpose: Dig relocation  
Location: Section 15b, North of Hughes Gap  
People: Daryel Anderson, Paul Benfield, Ken Buchanan, Jim Chambers, Mary Cunningham, Carl Fritz, Dan Houchins, Frank Klein, Bob Peoples, Tim Stewart, George Thorpe  
Summary: We made good progress on the relo. One more work day should get us well beyond the switchback. We had a little sleet just before lunch, ate lunch, and worked about an hour. Then it was time to scram before the real precipitation set in.

Reporting: Daryel Anderson  
Date: 2/23/2012  
Purpose: Scouting  
Location: Section 1, Damascus south to state line  
People: Anne Maio  
Summary: Trail is free and clear of significant blowdowns. Small items were removed. We are good to go at this time to the state line.

Reporting: David Dunham  
Date: 2/24/2012  
Purpose: Trail inspection and light maintenance  
Location: Section 8, Shook Branch to Wilbur Dam Road
People: Carol Dunham, David Dunham

Summary: We inspected the trail. Some root work needs to be done around the Shook Branch end. We cleaned and inspected the shelter, placed a new register and broom in the shelter, and cleared one trail-blocking small blowdown with a hand saw. Four more blowdowns need to be cleared with a chainsaw. The metal, distances sign on the Wilbur Dam end needs to be updated sometime. The trail is in good shape otherwise. Brian Paley did a fine job last year and deserves much credit. The camp sites are clean and in good shape. We will return in a few days to remove the blowdowns.

Reporting: Joe DeLoach
Date: 2/25/2012
Purpose: Chainsaw certification
Location: Watauga Ranger District and Limestone Cove
People: John Beaudet, Paul Benfield, Ken Buchanan, Joe DeLoach, Dave Dunham, Howard Guinn, Mike Hupko, Suzanne Seiler, and Steve Wilson
Summary: Certification is required in order to use chainsaws within National Forests. We try to keep some of our experienced maintainers certified, as it is easier to stay certified than to be certified for the first time. Thanks very much to Reuben Potter, Trails Technician for the Watauga Ranger District, for working with the nine of us for this class.

Reporting: Steve Perri
Date: 2/25/2012
Purpose: Planning Meeting for 2013 AT Biennial
Location: Asheville, NC
People: Steve Perri
Summary: I attended the biennial planning meeting, representing TEHCC on the planning committee. The committee recommended that Phil Royer sign the memo of understanding for registration info to be mailed in the March issue of the AT Journal. This sets in motion the plan to not have a separate mailing of registration info. Each committee reviewed the status of the plans and new ideas were exchanged. Leanna Joyner is available to help planners reduce their work loads. Club reps need to mail Lenny a list of how they would like to use Leanna. The next group meeting is August 25th, but there will be a conference call before then.

Reporting: Carl Fritz
Date: 2/27/2012
Purpose: Dig relocation
Location: Section 15b, North of Hughes Gap
People: John Beaudet, Paul Benfield, Ken Buchanan, Jim Chambers, Carl Fritz, Ted Mowery, Bob Peoples, Andrew Smith, Tim Stewart, George Thorpe
Summary: With a great day and crew, we now have good trail to beyond the switchback. We just have the upper leg to complete and it is much shorter than the lower leg.
Tennessee Eastman Hiking and Canoeing Club
Spring Dinner Meeting
Friday, March 23rd, 2012

Reservation Form

Fill out the form below and send it with a check payable to Vic Hasler.

Within Eastman send to:
Vic Hasler, Building 231

Outside Eastman send to:
Vic Hasler
106 Sandpiper Circle
Kingsport, TN 37663

There is no charge for those attending the program and NOT joining us for the meal.

IMPORTANT NOTE: The check and reservation form must be received by 3/19/2012

Names of all attending (please print)

Name(s):

Number of Meals: x $12.00 = $

Number attending without meal reservation:

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