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BOB BROWN RECEIVES TENNESSEE TRAILS AWARD

Bob Brown, a Nashville banking official, qualifies for the title, "Mr. Tennessee Trails", perhaps more than anyone else. When he and Mack Prichard and Evan Means got together in the fall of 1968 to talk about organizing a group to establish a Tennessee State Trails System, he was treasurer of the Tennessee Scenic Rivers Association. Since he became the first president of the new Tennessee Trails Association on Dec. 7, 1968, he hasn't found much time for rivers. Bob stepped down from president to vice-president after the first year so he would have more time to work on the Cumberland Trail. He built several miles of the trail in Cumberland County singlehanded. In the early days, when there was a work party somewhere on the trail, Bob was there. He worked on the section from Baptist Gap to Tristate Peak with John McIntyre, Donald Todd, Evan Means and others, in a chilling drizzle one day and excessive heat on another. Bob and his mother seldom missed a membership hike, including the first exploratory hike on the Trail of the Lonesome Pine. When he dropped out of trail work to continue his education, he drove from Nashville to Boone, NC, to talk about TTA's program at the Appalachian Trail Conference biennial meeting, then rushed back to his preparation for a final exam. Bob had a hand in the first draft of the Tennessee State Trails Act and helped organize the first state trails seminar, at which it was presented. The act was withheld for improvements and was introduced and passed the next year. When TTA decided to incorporate, Bob found the legal counsel we needed. When help was needed to meet the publisher's deadline for the book "Tennessee Trails", Bob was the first to volunteer. He set up and administers the fund provided by life membership dues and the royalties from the book. Bob likes to hunt and fish, as well as backpack on a mountain trail. When he isn't doing one or the other of those things, he takes a bicycle tour. Now that work is being stepped up on the Cumberland Trail, Bob is back on that project. This award is long overdue.

ANNUAL MEETING A SUCCESS - Approximately 50-75 people enjoyed the great weather, good food, fun and fellowship at our annual meeting, Oct. 14-16, at Pickett State Park. Friday night, the early arrivals feasted with a potluck supper, and enjoyed live bluegrass music. That evening, short slide presentations and talks were given by Vic Canada and John Clark (Maine), David Stidham (Large-diameter waterwheels), and Warren Dixon (Grand Canyon).

Saturday's program was kicked off with an enjoyable and informative program on the cultural heritage of the Cumberland Plateau people, by Bobby Fulcher, TN Dept. of Conservation. We learned the TTA membership includes members of the Hicks family of Pentress Co., probably the most important family in the U.S. in regards to their contribution to traditional music. During the business meeting, Terry Bonham, state trails administrator, updated us on the Cumberland Trail and other state trail projects. Following the meeting, we all went to the woods and enjoyed hiking in the Pickett State Forest and vicinity. Saturday evening, the recipient of the 1983 Tennessee Trails Award was announced (see accompanying article), followed by an informative presentation on the Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area by Park Service Interpreter, Bob Daum. With our appetites whetted by Bob's slides, we sought satisfaction Sunday with several hikes on the new trails in the Big South Fork area. Thanks to the Cumberland Mountain Chapter for the tremendous efforts put forth in making the annual meeting a great success! Hope to see you all at the 1984 meeting, to be hosted by the Murfreesboro Chapter.

\$312.00 RAISED AT THE AUCTION - Thanks to everyone who made the auction at our annual meeting such a great success. The funds raised will help rebuild the Suck Creek bridges destroyed by the floods last spring. Special thanks goes to those who contributed items for the auction, and to the following, who "donated" \$10.00 or more in the lively bidding: John Clark, Dean Pittman, Ruth Bently, Bob Richards, Margaret Mann, Helen McGregor, Bob Barnett, David and Sherry Stidham, Steve and Pam Burke, Pat Anderson, Robbie Hassler, Hardy Moyers, Bruce Beaty, Warren Dixon. Our hats off to Pat Anderson, who paid \$40.00 for a lovely water color, and to Helen McGregor, who painted and donated it.

ATTENTION! ATTENTION! ATTENTION!!!!!!
The Memphis Chapter is planning another trip to the Great Smokey Mountains next year. We have 15 reservations for Mt. LeConte on June 1. If you would like join us for this weekend in the mountains, you must call Betty Porter before November 12 at (901) 363-0213. Call before 6:45 a.m. or between 4:15 - 11:30 p.m. The charge at LeConte Lodge for one night's bed, dinner and breakfast is \$36.00. Call Betty and **MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS NOW!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

TEC's ENVIRONMENTAL SUMMIT CONFERENCE
Joe Ewins Crafts Center
Smithville, TN
October 1, 2

The Tennessee Environmental Council held their intergroup conference the first of this month and the main topic was water issues. An excellent address was given by Commissioner James Word of the Department of Health and Environment, followed by Ass't Com. Mike Bruner with a slide presentation on waters of Tennessee, showing pollution and clear streams. Excellent workshops were held throughout the day on Saturday.

1. Clean Water Act & State Legislative changes with leader Margaret Hamilton of the Audubon Society.
2. Protecting Wetlands with Leader Tony Campbell of Tennessee Conservation League, and Gerald Montgomery of the Wildlife Society.
3. Free Rivers with Leader Bertha Chrietzberg of TN Scenic Rivers Assoc., and Tennessee Trails Assoc.
4. Acid Rain: Chicken Little Was Right with Leader Randy Brown of the TN Council of Trout Unlimited
5. Ground Water Protection: Dumps, Surface Impoundments, and Federal Facilities with Leader Gary Davis of the Legal Environmental Assistance Fund.

6. Surface Mining with Leader Susan Williams of Save Our Cumberland Mountains.

Out of each of these six workshops came recommendations which went back to the TEC Board to be approved and distributed to officials or organizations that might best act on them. The weekend was very informative. The Tennessee Environmental Council is an umbrella organization to which about 40 environmentally oriented groups belong including TTA.

----- Bertha Chrietzberg
TTA representative to TEC

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Chapter News

Cumberland Mountain

CUMBERLAND MOUNTAIN CHAPTER MEETING - NOVEMBER 12, 1983

The Cumberland Mountain Chapter meeting will be Saturday, November 12 at Pickett State Park Lodge at 4:00 p.m. Officers for 1984 will be elected at this meeting. Nominations will be taken from the floor. Also, we will have a slide show of the activities held during the TTA annual meeting. We will enjoy donuts, coffee, and hot chocolate around the fire. Everyone please try to attend!

Nashville

CHAPTER MEETINGS - The Nashville Chapter will not meet in November. The chapter will meet jointly with the Cumberland-Harpeth Audubon Chapter for a potluck dinner on Dec. 1 at the Cumberland Museum, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Bring a festive dish and a maximum of 10 of your best slides for show and tell. Utensils will be furnished.

Memphis

We are going to do some repair work on our adopted trail, the Chickasaw Bluff Trail for the Thanksgiving Day Hike and we need your muscles! Join us for the work party at Shelby Forest and bring clippers, hammers, and gloves and meet Charlie and Jill Norvell at the Check-In Station entrance at 12:30 p.m. on November 13. Follow the signs to the Station for the Park Office. Be there and help with our trail!

Murfreesboro

The September meeting began at 7:00 p.m. with the reading of the minutes of the last meeting and progressed smoothly through the reports of the required committees. Eleven persons gathered to enjoy the evening together and enjoy it they did. The slide show presented by Maryedith McFarlin had everyone oohing and aahing, while the show presented by Vickie Hillis lay us lying on our sides. Thank you Maryedith and Vickie for a beautiful evening.

November is election month for your chapter. We will elect officers for the Chapter Chairman, the Vice-chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Social Leader, Public Relations Director and Trail Supervisor. Be thinking about who you want in these offices and which office you would like to fill. Your Chapter needs you and your support.

TWIN FORKS TRAIL CHATTER - Work day was the 24th as scheduled. Four persons and one dog were present on this beautiful day to work on CUR trail. Thanks to Mark and Steve Jarrell of Boy Scout Troop #456, Connie Shoemaker, Arthur Yates and "Goldie" for their valuable assistance. This month's "JERK" award goes to the person or persons who tore the handrail from the 35 ft. bridge near Colemans Bluff. It took SUPER INTELLIGENCE and a REAL person to destroy what others have worked so hard to build. October's workday is the 29th and we will meet for the last time, on this section, at Colemans Bluff. The meeting time is 9:00 a.m. Mr. Shoemaker, the trail supervisor, hopes to feed you this day in exchange for a few minutes of labor.

HIKES

CHITWALLA HIKE-HOLLY SPRINGS, MS.

Sat., Nov. 5, 1983

Memphis Chapter will sponsor this hike in Holly Springs Nat'l Forest. This is a ten mile (five in and back out) backpacking trail and you will need to wear jeans and comfortable shoes. Bring lunch and water; meet at the picnic area parking lot promptly at 9:00 a.m. Carpool will leave from Kingsway Christian Church parking lot at 7:45 a.m.

LEADER: Jerri Bull 901-363-4408

Memphis

STONES RIVER CANOE TRIP (RUTHERFORD COUNTY) Saturday, 5 November, 1983

The Murfreesboro Chapter is hosting a canoe trip on Stones River. This is an easy, pastoral float of about 8 miles. We will encounter a few fast curves and ripples, but one doesn't need to be a skilled paddler. However, you will need a canoe, paddles and a PFD (life jacket). Also bring lunch and water. Meet at 9:00 CST in the Greenland Parking lot behind Murphy Center, the large athletic complex on the MTSU campus. For further information, and pre-registration, call or write:

LEADER: Bertha C. Chrietzborg
1715 Elrod Street
Murfreesboro, TN 37130
(615) 896-1146

NO BUSINESS LOOP HIKE (Scott County) Sunday, November 6, 1983

This Cumberland Mountain Chapter sponsored trip will begin as a pleasant truck ride deep into the interior of the Big South Fork NRR. The hike will begin at the Jump-up Rock on Terry Cemetery Road and take us past Terry Cemetery where many early settlers of the area are buried, before dropping off into the No Business Valley. We will pass spectacular rock formations along the way. Once in the valley, we will see abandoned farms, where some of the early settlers of the area lived. There will be two creek crossings, so you may want to bring extra socks. This hike will be 4 miles and class III. Bring lunch and water. We will leave from the Pickett State Park Office at 8:00 a.m. C.S.T.

LEADER: Tom Sells 879-7759-home
Jamestown 879-8017-work

November 12 - Hatchie River National Wildlife Refuge - Meet Wildlife Officer J.C. Bryant on a hike through the refuge that follows the only scenic river in West TN. Migratory waterfowl will be making their way south soon and the Hatchie River is one of their major resting and feeding areas. Be sure to bring binoculars, lunch, and a friend. Meet J.C. at the Refuge Office at 8:00 a.m. Take exit #57 off I-40, turn. The office is two blocks down on the left.

Leader: J.C. Bryant (901) 772-0501

CUMBERLAND TRAIL, SECTION I, (CAMBELL COUNTY)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1983

The Cumberland Trail staff will be leading a hike on the Northern section of the CT on November 12th. This 4 1/2 mile section of the trail has, without a doubt, some of the most spectacular features of any section of trail I've ever seen. The hike will start at Woodson's Gap, about 8 miles north of LaFollette, and head north towards McClains Rock. About 1/2 mile out there are two rock outcroppings that offer a splendid view of the Grati Vally and Smokey's. Just below, is a massive rock house with a waterfall that plunges over the face of the rockhouse some 100 feet. A mile out is "hole-in-the-Mountain", a natural bridge that is on the very crest of the mountain. To my knowledge, this is the only natural bridge in east Tennessee (the top of the mountain is the Tennessee Divide). The best, however, will be last. Alum Cave Rockhouse is located just below McClain's Rock (elevation 2923 feet). The rockhouse measures some 400 feet wide and over a 100 feet tall. There is a waterfall that breaks over the face of the rockhouse into a crystal clear plungepool. This rock house is reported to have over 22 different colors of sand(stone) in its walls. The colors range from black, green, orange, red and yellow to white. One corner of the rockhouse has a sand cave 5 feet high by 20-30 feet wide and over 100 feet deep. This place is guaranteed to give your eyeballs an orgasm. Meet at Cove Lake State Park, Cumberland Trail Office, at 9:00am EST. We will provide the shuttle service back to the park. You will need sturdy footwear, water and lunch and appropriate dress (Novembers being the way the are). The trail is generally Class II. Some of the side trip excursions will be a little rougher.

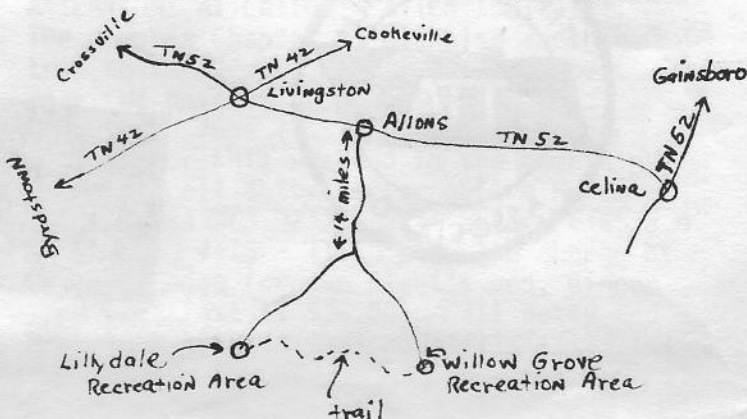
SPECIAL: If enough people are interested, we will also spend the night camping in Alum Cave Rockhouse. If interested, please let us know in advance so plans and logistics can be made. To sign up for the hike (and/or over-nighter) Contact: Mike Dahl at (615) 525-1972 (office) or 933-0883 (home).

LEADERS: Mike Dahl 525-1972 (AC 615)-Knoxville
Bobby Harbin 566-0902 (AC 615)-Cove Lake

ACCORDIAN BLUFF TRAIL, DALE HOLLOW LAKE - Nov. 19, 1983 (Overton Co.)

This is an eight-mile, Class II trail along the shoreline and bluffs of Dale Hollow Lake. Meet at 9:30 a.m. central time at the entrance gate to Willow Grove Recreation Area (see map and follow Corps of Engineers signs). Trail begins at Willow Grove and ends at Lillydale. A car shuttle will be arranged.

LEADER: Dot Lingerfelt 615-
Chattanooga 751-3292



November 26 - Chickasaw Bluff Trail
The third annual Thanksgiving Day Hike will follow the Chickasaw Bluff Trail in Shelby Forest State Park. Meet Ranger-Naturalist Charlie Norvell at 9:00 a.m., Park office, for this special annual event up and down the bluffs and bottoms of our hardwood forest. Bring lunch and a friend.
Leaders: Charlie and Jill Norvell 876-5529

FALL BACKPACK (OPTIONAL DAY HIKE)
Nov. 12-13, 1983

The final plans for this Murfreesboro Chapter sponsored trip have not been finalized, but it will be either on the Fiery Gizzard Trail (Grundy Co.), or the Virgin Falls Pocket Wilderness Trail (White Co.). One thing for sure, it will not be the Laurel-Snow Trail as originally planned. There will be two types of trips to choose from: a backpacking, or day-hike on Saturday, the 12th. Meet at 8:00 a.m. on the 12th between the swimming pool and football field, MTSU campus, in Murfreesboro. Call the leader after Nov. 7th for details and to pre-register. Joint trip with MTSU Recreation Dept.

LEADER: Maryedith McFarlin 615-896-1344
Murfreesboro

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ROCK CASTLE BUSHWHACKERS TRIP (Fentress County)
Sunday, December 4, 1983

On December 4 the Cumberland Mountain Chapter will be going on the Rock Castle Bushwhackers Trip. The hike will take us through a very historic and rugged section of Fentress County which will pass from the Cumberland Plateau into a deep gorge in which Rock Castle Creek flows. The hike will be approximately 4 miles and will be between class III and IV. Bring lunch and water. Good sturdy boots are required. We will be leaving from Talina's Pizza parking lot at 9:00 a.m. C.S.T. Talina's Pizza is across from the Fentress County General Hospital about 1/2 mile west of the courthouse on Highway 52.

LEADER: Howard Ray Duncan 879-8245
Jamestown

LOST and FOUND

Found: One green tupperware bowl with lid and spoon inside at Pickett State Park Group Camp during annual meeting. If you are missing a bowl by this description please contact:
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