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### Calendar:

July 13, Michael Frome speaks, Cheekwood, Sierra Club, Sponsor.

July 15-16, Night hike, Nashville Chapter, Standing Stone.

July 22, TTA hike, Big Ridge State Park, Evan Means.

August 12, raft trip, Hiwassee Scenic River, David Rhyne

Sept. 21-24, Southeast Trails Conference

Sept. 23, Cloudland-Little River Canyon, Ed Oliver.

The monthly TTA membership activity will be a hike in Big Ridge State Park Saturday, July 22. Meet at the park Visitor's Center at 10 a.m. EDT. The hike will be a scenic loop that includes portions of the Lake, Dark Hollow and Big Valley Trails. It is a fairly difficult hike and not recommended for small children. A shorter, easier hike can be laid out for those who wish to bring children with them. Optional side trips include Indian Rock, where Pioneer Peter Graves was ambushed by Indians in 1784, and Sharp's Station, one of the first settlements west of the Appalachians. Wear rugged shoes and carry lunch and canteen. A good hiking staff is also suggested.

To get to Big Ridge State Rustic Park, coming from the west, leave I-40 at the Oak Ridge exit east of Kingston and follow State Routes 58 and 95 through Oak Ridge to SR 61, which leads to the park. From Knoxville, take U. S. 441 (N. Broadway) and turn right on 61. There is a primitive campground overlooking an arm of Norris Lake at the park.

The Nashville Chapter will sponsor a moonlight hike in Standing Stone State Park Saturday, July 15, with Jack Neff as leader. Meet at the swimming pool parking lot at 7:30 p.m. CDT. There will also be a day activity for those who would like that. Meet at the Park Ranger's office at 10 a.m. There is a good family campground and Jack Neff will inquire about the availability of tent sites with no electricity. For information, call Jack at 297-9870 after July 10. Evelyn Tretter, 859-0566, will coordinate car pools and camping schedules.

This was written before the June hike on Roan Mountain. The Nashville Chapter hike at Fall Creek Falls June 10 was one of the most exciting yet, Evelyn Tretter reports. She says Oscar Krosnes deserves a medal for planning such a wonderful trip. He had scouted the route but rain had swollen Cane Creek, making this rock-hopping trip an adventure that took daring and cooperation. Some of the rocks they climbed over were as big as a house and shaped like one. Five adults and eight young people took the trip. The adults were Oscar Krosnes, Warren Hickman, Ed Oliver, Mary Davis, and Evelyn Tretter. The youngsters were Troy Sullivan, Eric Krosnes, Don Nelson, Frank and David Hickman, Carrie Johnson, Teresa Hardage and Wendy Wiley. Most went swimming in the plunge pool at Cane Creek Falls before climbing out on the Cable Trail. The gulf was incomparably beautiful, with mountain laurel in full bloom.

The Sierra Club invites all interested persons to hear Michael Frome speak at Cheekwood Thursday, July 13, at 7:30 p.m. The invitation says, "Mr Frome, the author of 'Strangers in High Places' and other books on the Smokies, will have choice comments on some local conservation issues."

Included with this issue of TENNESSEE TRAILS are deposit cards for the raft trip on the Hiwassee Scenic River Saturday, August 12. We will meet at Tretter's Feed Market on U. S. Highway 411 where State Route 30 turns west, about 1½ miles south of the Hiwassee River between Benton and Etowah. The trip will begin at 9:45 a.m. EDT with a ride along the Hiwassee to the

Power House. Then the raft trip begins and we float, swim, splash..whatever turns you on, for about four or five hours on the way back to 411 Bridge.

David says, "Please bring lunch in a waterproof package that will float! Also be prepared for possible sunburn of exposed parts. Jeans are good, as they protect the legs from burning. The cost of the trip will be about \$4 or \$5 per person with everything included (raft, life preservers, paddles, and shuttle to the put-in point). If you desire to go, I must have the enclosed card returned by July 15 with a \$1.00 deposit per person. If you make up your mind later than July 15, please call me at home, 615-745-4289, and I will see if there will be space available."

Jack Neff has been representing TTA on the Organizations Advisory Committee for shoreline management of Cordell Hull Reservoir. The TTA Board of Directors voted at its June 3 meeting to approve an 8-page letter outlining Jack's findings and recommendations, which was sent to the District Engineer, U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, Nashville. Evelyn Tretter spoke in support of Corps management policies at a meeting in Gainesboro last winter.

Bob Brown learned by chance recently that the Federal Aviation Administration was planning to install a radar tower on Black Mountain, near the route of the Cumberland Trail. Bob and others wrote to Tennessee's U. S. Senators and to the late Congressman Clifford Allen, who relayed their letters on to the FFA. A meeting was held in Nashville a few days ago and it is possible that the site in question may become a state natural area. Alternate sites were suggested for the radar facility. Bob suggests that TTA members write to their Senators and Congressmen in support of an alternate site.

Another crisis: TCWP and other conservationists are opposing a plan by the Department of Corrections to locate a regional prison on the entrance road to Frozen Head State Park. They are not opposing a regional prison in Morgan County, but feel that there are other sites on state-owned land that would not hurt the park. For information, write to Donald Todd, Sr., P. O. Box 331, Wartburg, TN 37887. The TTA Board authorized a letter suggesting that the prison site be moved.

Bob Brown and Russell Jarrell are spending their vacation backpacking in the Joyce Kilmer-Slickrock Wilderness along the North Carolina-Tennessee border. They left Nashville June 23 and parked their car at Tapoco, N.C.

President Grimes Slaughter is representing TTA in negotiations with Stearns Coal Company for an easement to connect the Daniel Boone Trail in Kentucky with our John Muir Trail in Pickett State Park. The Kentucky trail follows the route of the Sheltowee Trace, an old Indian trail.

We have nothing new on the Southeast Conference this month. The Editor has been occupied with the Trail Guide since the last meeting we attended in Somerset, Ky. May 23. We visited Thurman Simmons, Ken Humphreys, Beverly Rogers, Jack Austin, and Tennessee Sportsman Editor Doyle Carman in Memphis Memorial Day week and found strong interest in forming a TTA chapter there. We hiked trails in Meeman-Shelby Forest, Old Stone Fort, David Crockett, Natchez Trace and Norris Dam State Parks and visited Fort Pillow and Big Cypress Tree.

Several members have asked us to publish the names of the officers of TTA. They are: President, Grimes Slaughter, 240 North Purdue Ave., Oak Ridge, TN 37830; Vice-president, F. David Rhyne, Route 1, Box 283A, Athens, 37303; Corresponding Secretary-Treasurer, Dorothy R. (Dot) Lingerfelt, P. O. Box 4913, Chattanooga 37405; Recording Secretary, Evelyn Tretter, 306 Frances St., Goodlettsville, TN 37072, and Directors, Donald Todd, Wartburg; Gordon C. Newland, Kingsport, Wm. T. Stutz, Chattanooga, Evan Means, Oak Ridge, and David Stidham, Nashville.