



# TENNESSEE TRAILS ASSOCIATION

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Cumberland Mountain State Park  
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The fifth annual meeting of the TTA was held at Cumberland Mountain State Park on Dec. 15, 1973. Twenty-two members and guests attended. Pres. David Rhyne presided.

Corres. Sec.-Treas. Don Todd Jr. reported a year end balance of \$141.00 with one outstanding debt of \$75.00 for trail clearing tools. At the end of the year there were 162 dues paying members, including 14 supporting and 10 student members.

Newly appointed trail supervisor, David Shupe, represented Joe Gaines who was ill and could not attend. Mr. Shupe expressed eagerness to work closely with the TTA in trail development.

Gordon Newland reported some difficulty in getting work started on the Trail Of The Lonesome Pine due to an absence of a definite state policy on land procurement procedure. He also said due to hikers abuse of the AT, landowners are asking for removal of the trail route from their land. He said the brochure prepared by TTA, Tennessee Trails Program, will be distributed to landowners along the Trail Of The Lonesome Pine in addition to one he prepared for that purpose.

Cumberland Trail reports were given by Don Todd Sr., John McIntyre, Bob Brown and Sam Powell.

According to John McIntyre, boy scouts have cleared and recleaned the trail in the Lake City, Cove Lake Park and Cumberland Gap areas and that 41 scouts have been awarded CT patches for completing 24 hours of service on the trail. He presented the recording secretary with a complete list of names of the scouts.

Sam Powell reported that boy scouts and other youth groups are also active on the south end of the CT, including nine scout units working in the Prentis Cooper State Park.

Objective: To promote, construct, and maintain a state-wide system of hiking trails, and to work for the conservation of natural resources inherent to this objective.

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Don Todd Sr. reported that some relocation of the trail may be expected because of strip mining in Morgan County and because of no definite state land procurement policy, no further progress has been made on the trail there.

A more positive report was given by Bob Brown who stated that from the cave in Sequatchie Valley to the southern end of Renegade Resort, the trail is in good condition. Part of the trail on Brady mountain needs remarking. From I-40 north nothing has been other than scouting out the trail over the past two years. done

Plans for hosting a regional meeting for the National Trails Council were discussed. The month of October was selected as being the most suitable time. The location is to be selected at a later meeting.

The nominating committee submitted the following candidates to serve for the coming year: President, Lily Rose Claiborne, Oak Ridge; Vice President, Ed Casey, Nashville; Corresponding Secretary-Treasurer, Dot Lingerfelt, Chattanooga; Recording Secretary, Robbie Hassler, Byrdstown and Director- three year term, Don Todd Sr, Wartburg. Hold over directors are E.W. Means and Roy Hall. The candidates were elected by acclamation.

The meeting was adjourned following an interesting and informative talk on land use planning by Ruth Neff, Exective Director of the Tenn. Environmental Council.

Respectfully submitted,

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Recording Secretary TTA