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Calendar: June 11, public hearing on Statewide Bicycle Trails Plan, Room 220, University Center, Knoxville.

June 15, TTA Board meeting and training session, Fall Creek Falls State Park.

June 22, South Cumberland Trail Committee hike on Signal Mountain.

October 18-20, Regional Trails Symposium, Cumberland Mountain State Park.

President Lily Rose Claiborne urges all members of the Board of Directors to attend the meeting at 9:00 a.m. Central Daylight Time Saturday, June 15, to discuss plans for the regional Trails Symposium and other important trail developments. All TTA members are welcome to attend Board meetings. Joe Gaines, State Trails Administrator, and David Shupe, Cumberland Trail supervisor, will present reports.

At 12:20 p.m. June 15, David Rhyne and Sam Powell will conduct a trail construction training session on Bowaters land near Fall Creek Falls State Park. If you can't attend the Board meeting and have lunch with the group at Fall Creek Falls Inn, watch for the sign west of the park entrance on State Route 30.

Pres. Claiborne and Donald Todd, general chairman of the TTA task force committee, represented TTA at the meeting of the Master Plan Advisory Committee for that trail in Crossville May 23. David Shupe presented his proposed master plan for CT to the committee. Agencies represented included the National Park Service, Division of State Parks; Division of Forestry, Wildlife Resource Agency, East Tennessee Development District, and South Cumberland Development District. Pres. Claiborne reports that it was a very productive session.

The Master Plan Advisory Committee for the Chickasaw Bluffs Trail will meet in Memphis June 4. Pres. Claiborne has asked Henry Hall and Thurman Simmons to represent TTA at that meeting.

Dot Lingerfelt reports that nine TTA members and 200 Scouts and their leaders attended the Campout in Prentice Cooper State Forest May 4 and 5. This included two ladies, Evelyn Tretter, of Nashville, and Dot. The weather was wet and several cars got stuck in the mud.

Special credit goes to Sam Powell, who set up the event. The trail construction demonstration and instructions given by Sam, David Rhyne and David Shupe were well-received and will be used on the Cumberland Trail. They also had mountain climbing and rappelling demonstrations; a campfire program which included an Order of the Arrow ceremony, and Joe Smith played his fiddle. The country music band couldn't make it but Joe promises to bring them another time.

The TTA members hiked to Pot Point for a view of Raccoon Mountain on Sunday, May 5. Dot says they had a regular cloudburst Sunday afternoon and Evelyn got her car stuck on the way out, but all got home safely.

The South Cumberland Trail Committee invites all TTA members

to a hike Saturday, June 22. The group will meet at Signal Point at 10 a.m. EDT. The hike will be on about five miles of the Cumberland Trail which the Committee has completed on Signal Mountain. Dot says bring your lunch. Take U.S. 127 to Signal Point.

Bob Brown reports that Scout Troop No. 34, sponsored by the Una Church of Christ, Nashville, has been working on the Cumberland Trail three years in a row, earning Cumberland Trail patches. Their scoutmaster is Miles Ezell, who is also a TTA member. Bob Brown and Russell Jarrell worked with the troop.

On their last trip, May 11, the troop was divided into three work teams. Russell led one team which re-routed and marked a section leaving Black Mountain at Low Gap to make it less steep. Miles' group marked the trail from Low Gap half way across Brady Mountain. Bob's party marked a section at "Contact Point", named by Robbie Hassler when Bob lost a contact lens there.

Other developments in the Cumberland County area: a new section to get away from a jeep road, scouted by Bob Brown and Raymond Hill of Crossville, has been cleared and marked. Bob, Miles Ezell, Russell Jarrell and David Shupe planned to spend the Memorial Day weekend scouting trail from the I-40 interchange at Crab Orchard. The route has been selected from Crab Orchard over Crab Orchard Mountain to Fall Creek, with the help of Scoutmaster Jim Niles of Ozone. Bob says they have walked from Crab Orchard Mtn. to Grammar Springs, where Donald Todd's section of the CT begins.

The Natchez Trace Task Force Study Group went on a field trip May 18. The group was formed to implement building of the Natchez Trace Trail, one of the seven scenic trails authorized in the State Trails System Act. Ed Casey represented TTA and we hope he can report on it at the meeting June 15.

The first public hearing on the proposed Statewide Bicycle Bicycle Trails Plan will be held in Room 220, University Center, in Knoxville Tuesday, June 11, at 1:30 p.m. The hearing is sponsored by the Tennessee Dept. of Transportation, Tenn. Department of Conservation, East Tennessee Development District, and Barton-Aschman Associates.

E. W. Means, editor of TENNESSEE TRAILS, has been appointed a member of the Technical Advisory Committee on Recreation of the East Tennessee Development District. The Committee will hold its first meeting in connection with the Bicycle Plan hearing June 11.

Oak Ridge's Environmental Quality Advisory Board has published a map of the North Ridge National Recreation Trail, located in that city.

President Claiborne and her family are vacationing at Myrtle Beach as we go to press.

Congratulations and best wishes are in order for David Shupe and TTA Member Tana Stewart, who are scheduled to be married June 1 at Ramsey Cascade in Great Smoky Mountains National Park. (Would you call that a "Walk-in Wedding?"