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Calendar: Sept. 21, explore Trail of the Lonesome Pine with Bill Phillips.

Oct. 5, 6:00 p.m. CDT, Board Meeting, Cumberland Mtn. State Park.

Oct. 17-20, Regional Symposium, National Trails Council, Cumberland Mountain State Park.

Dec. 7, Sixth Annual Meeting of TTA, Site to be announced.

Program chairman Ed Casey announces that the September membership activity will be a get-acquainted session for both the Trail of the Lonesome Pine and Trail Supervisor Bill Phillips. First, we'll meet Bill at the Post Office in Blaine, about 12 miles north of Knoxville on U.S. 11W at 10 a.m. EDT Saturday, Sept. 21. Then Bill will introduce us to some of the scenic spots on the Trail, with some driving and some hiking.

The longest walk will be a round trip of about 4 miles to Signal Point and back. Bring a lunch and a canteen. Bill's address is Route 1, Rogersville, TN 37857, phone 456-3692. To get to Blaine, take I-40 thru Knoxville to 11W. Oak Ridgers may bypass Knoxville on Emory Road, which crosses 11W at Blaine.

TTA will hold open house for early arrivals for the Symposium on Thursday, Oct. 17. The headquarters cabin will open in early afternoon and we'll have "show and tell" slides that evening, with general socializing.

The formal sessions will be held in the Recreation Lodge, across the lake from the restaurant. We are sweating out the arrival of the program from the National Trails Council in time to mail with this issue.

Both Bob Brown and David Rhyne have their panels firmed up. We are not sure about Gov. Dunn as the luncheon speaker on Friday, but we expect Gunnar Peterson, chairman of the National Trails Council, to be on hand for the opening.

Breakfast will be on our own Friday and Saturday mornings. The park restaurant does not serve breakfast, but TTA will have coffee, rolls and fruit juice on a cooperative basis at the headquarters cabin. There are other restaurants nearby.

Bowaters Southern Paper Corp. will sponsor a social hour Friday evening and there will be bluegrass music after dinner and the Smoky Mountains Hiking Club slide show. Bowaters will also sponsor a bus for Saturday's field trips. Box lunches will be made available for Saturday.

In addition to the cabins at Cumberland Mountain State Park, TTA has reserved the group camp lodge which has bunks for 15 persons. There is a good campground at the park and good motels within ten minutes drive, for those who don't get a cabin. Send requests for housing to Pat Rhyne, 1935 Sandra Drive, Cleveland, TN 37311.

Clubs and suppliers of trail equipment are invited to set up displays at the Recreation Lodge. Send requests for space to David Rhyne, chairman (same address as Pat).

You can't afford to miss the Regional Symposium.

The Task Force committee for implementation of the Natchez Trace Trail held a meeting in Nashville Aug. 20. We'll be hearing more about this as the BOR study gets under way.