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Calendar:

Sept. 6, 10 a.m. EDT, Board meeting, Gray Badger Inn, Kingston
Sept. 13, Fiery Gizzard hike, Herman Baggenstoss, leader.
Oct. 18, Laurel Snow Pocket Wilderness
Oct. 25, Fall Color hike.
November, Annual meeting.

Herman Baggenstoss has set Saturday, Sept. 13, for the Foster Falls-Fiery Gizzard hike. We meet in front of the Dutch Maid Bakery in Tracy City at 9 a.m. sharp, CDT, then drive to Foster Falls on Little Gizzard Creek. We park at the Falls and hike on a newly-constructed trail via Laurel Creek and Anderson Point into Big Fiery Gizzard Gulf. Arrangements will be made for a pickup point to take hikers back to their cars.

Herman writes: "The schedule will let the hikers see Foster Falls and the new TVA campgrounds and also to view the first segment of the proposed trail system in the Savage Gulf Recreation area. This trail will connect the Foster Falls area with the Grundy Forest."

Bill Stutz reports that 33 members and guests of TTA made the Little River Falls hike Aug. 16. We had hikers from Nashville, Huntsville, Ala.; Tullahoma, Atlanta, Signal Mountain, Decatur, Ala.; Chattanooga, McMinnville, Fort Payne, Ala., and Goodlettsville, Tenn.

Bill writes: "We drove to Little River Falls, Desperation Point, and eventually Eberhart's Point. After getting acquainted, we descended to the floor of the canyon, to be greeted by many 4-bloomed spider lilies. After lunch we hit the Riverside Trail again, climbing over and around giant boulders, by caves and more waterfalls. At our destination, some of our hikers turned swimmers. We returned by Heart Hammer Hill to Quiverheart Point.

"Thanks to our Alabama guest leader, Ira Holt. We were pleased to meet our Alabama friends and others on our adventure."

A guest of honor on the hike was Mrs. Charles Yarn of Atlanta, chairman, Deep South Region, for the National Council of Garden Clubs' Bartram Trail Committee. It is hoped that the Bartram Trail may eventually link up with our John Muir Trail.

The big news this month is the incorporation of the Tennessee Trails Association as a non-profit corporation. Bob Brown reports that we have been incorporated for several weeks. Bob Brandt handled the legal details for us. We can now enter into contracts and agreements to develop our trail projects.

TTA contributed the cost of copies of the pamphlet published by the Great Smokies Park Wilderness Advocates to promote the Citizens' Wilderness Proposal for the National Park, to be distributed to our members. A total of 50,000 copies were printed. They will be distributed next month.

Two Bicentennial trail projects are under consideration in Anderson County. We'll elaborate on these in the next issue of TENNESSEE TRAILS. The Corps of Engineers' Old Hickory Nature Trail has been designated a State Recreation Trail.