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Calendar:

- Sept. 11, Hike, Trail of the Lonesome Pine, Gordon Newland, leader.
- Sept. 11, SE Trails Conference Committee meeting, Paris Landing.
- October, Hike, Dot Lingerfelt, leader, date and place to be announced.
- Oct. 28-31, Southeast Trails Conference, Paris Landing State Park.
- Nov. 13, annual meeting, site to be selected.
- Dec. 4, McLean Rock, Evan Means

The September hike will be on the 11th on Clinch Mountain. We will meet at the restaurant on U. S. Highway 25E at Bean Gap at 9:00 a.m. EDT. After placing a car we will hike east over the "unconstructed" Trail of the Lonesome Pine. The hiking distance will be about 6 miles. Bring lunch, water and other gear suitable for September. To get to Bean Gap, take U. S. 11W north out of Knoxville and turn left on 25E.

Bill Stutz was quite poetic in reporting on the Aug. 14 hike but we are forced to cut down in order to meet our schedule for mailing the notice of the Southeast Trails Conference. We were happy to see Cooke Morgan at Morgan Springs, even though he hadn't recovered sufficiently from surgery to hike with us. Mr. Y. Solomon provided transportation for the watermelons and most of our packs in his pickup truck. We had lunch at the spectacular Buzzards Point, overlooking the confluence of Laurel and Snow Creeks.

Everyone enjoyed the view and several climbed down to the "Post Office" where Indians were said to have left messages in holes in the rocks. There were Cliff Pinks and Sassafras berries and, surprisingly, some sassafras blossoms. Our thanks to Bill Stutz and the other folks who helped make Fun Day a success. Some made a side trip to Snow Falls but, as Bill says, it was "No Falls" because of the drought.

We regret that we have not been able to bring you a detailed report of the June hike in Montgomery Bell State Park. Everyone says it was great.

Margaret Mann reports that 21 hikers turned out for the Bear Wallow Gap hike of the Nashville Chapter of TTA July 31. Alvin Lookofsky, ranger at the Cordell Hull Lake reservation, and Dave Stidham, recreation planner for the Corps of Engineers, both TTA members, were the leaders. Margaret writes, "We followed the picturesque trail through deep hardwoods and cedar glade to the river bluff overlooking the lake, then up Cardiac Hill to the scenic overlook. The diversity of the hike provided us with abundant birds and flora, as we had three entirely different habitats. One of the Bear Wallow residents joined us for lunch and refreshed everyone with homemade lemonade. Rain did not deter the hikers. The sun was welcomed at lunch time."

Those on the Bear Wallow Gap hike were Ricjard Pigg, R. L. Pigg, John B. Hart, Warren and Frank Hickman, Oscar Krosnes, Rowena S. Scipio, Margaret Mann, Bob Barnes and Bob, Jr., Russell, Kim and Terri Fryer, Joan Ducker, Stephen R. Hurst, Richard and Candy Dever, Mark Meggs, Alvin Lookofsky, David Stidham and Jim Matthews.

The Board of Directors has selected Nov. 13 as the date for the annual meeting and is open to suggestion for the site. Evelyn Tretter suggests Davy Crockett State Park, near Lawrenceburg.

The official announcement of the Southeast Trails Conference accompanies this issue of TENNESSEE TRAILS. TTA is the host organization. We hope all our members can attend and show our visiting participants real Tennessee hospitality. We think we have an even better program than the one at Cumberland Mountain State Park in 1974. The program committee is meeting Sept. 11 to complete details for the conference.