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The 1987 TTA Annual Meeting

-- By Howard Ray Duncan --

TTA's Annual Meeting will be somewhat different from those held in the past. We will actually be camping out! As mentioned in last month's newsletter, the Annual Meeting will be held at Bandy Creek Campground in the Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area. Bandy Creek is located on Highway 297, 22 miles from Jamestown and 14 miles from Oneida.

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Bandy Creek features both tent and R.V. campsites with water and electrical hookups. We have reserved Group Area E (tent sites only) for all TTA folks who attend the meeting. This area has showers and a large picnic shelter with a fireplace and grills. An ice machine is also available (\$1.00 per bag).

Those of you who do not wish to camp out can reserve cabins/chalets at nearby Pickett State Park or a room at the South Fork Motor Lodge. Also, be sure to read the piece in this newsletter from Charit Creek Hostel for another alternative.

In the tradition of years past, the Friday evening meal will be "potluck", so bring your best recipe prepared for everyone to share. Keep in mind that your kitchen facilities will be grill or campfire this year. Supper will be served at 7:00 p.m. to allow travelers more time to arrive.

The Board of Directors will also meet Friday night.

Those of you who pre-register will have breakfast provided by Hardees on Saturday and Sunday. It will consist of sausage biscuits, a cinnamon roll, and juice. Coffee will be available for everyone.

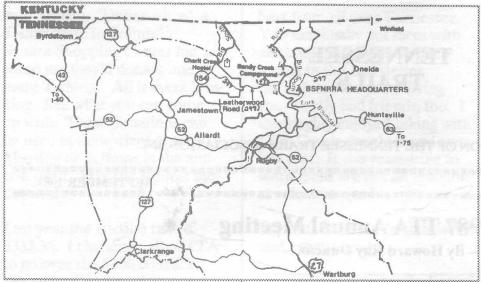
Saturday's dinner will be a special treat this year. We will be dining at a nice restaurant only ten miles from the campground (3-1/2 miles from Pickett State Park). Barcara's is a unique spot to eat. The food is excellent and a live band will be playing. The building was once the old Sharp School.

Campers who pre-register will have your choice of steak or shrimp, steak fries or baked potato, salad, bread, drink, and dessert. Those of you who do not pre-register can order from the menu (at regular prices).

There will be numerous hikes for all levels of hikers (easy to not so easy) on Saturday and Sunday. This area is rich in trails which all view beautiful scenery. There are outfitters nearby who offer rafting, canoe rentals, and mountain bike rentals. Horses may be brought if desired, and stabled at Bandy Creek or Charit Creek Hostel. Also in the vicinity are Historic Rugby, Pickett State Park, etc.

Saturday night will also be the time for the always hysterical auction with David Stidham, in all his glory, as auctioneer. No one can hold an auction in quite the manner David can. Be sure to bring your odds and ends to be auctioned, door prizes (optional), and your MOOLAH! Proceeds go towards TTA projects and the Cumberland Trail's maintenance and expansion.

For you folks coming from the west, easiest access is via I-40E. Take the Jamestown exit at



Monterey and Hwy. 62 east to Hwy. 127 at Clarkrange. Follow 127 north into Jamestown. Just two miles north of Jamestown, follow the signs on 154 north to Hwy. 297.

Those of you traveling from the Knoxville/Chattanooga areas might find traveling I-75 easier. From I-75, take the Oneida-Huntsville exit on Hwy. 63. Follow 63 west through Huntsville to Hwy. 27. Hwy. 27-North will take you to Oneida and Hwy. 287. Follow Hwy. 297 to the campground.

Those of us in the Cumberland Mountain Chapter of Tennessee Trails are looking forward to hosting this year's Annual Meeting. Altogether, this could be the best Annual Meeting ever. Everyone is encouraged to attend and have lots of fun!

Registration forms and payment should be sent as soon as possible (deadline is October 2). Address all correspondence to Howard Ray Duncan, Rt. 3 Box 451, Jamestown, TN 38556. For more information call, 879-4787 (home) or 879-4890

(work). Or, for information on carpools and tent space, contact your chapter's chairperson or carpool coordinator.

Miscellaneous State News

HIKE CANCELLATION

Please note that the Fall Creek Falls trip scheduled for September 19 has been canceled. Instead, the following hike has been planned.

SMOKIES DAY HIKE Saturday, September 19

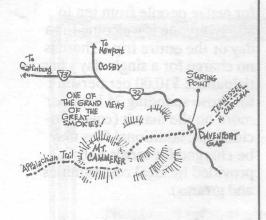
Any hiker looking for a challenging and beautiful hike will want to join us for a day in the Smokies climbing Mt. Cammerer. This is a moderately difficult trail that includes 5-1/2 miles of gradual ascent and a backtrack of the same 5-1/2 miles (of course, it always looks different going the other way!).

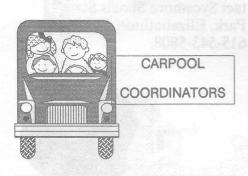
The altitude gain is 2953 feet -from 1975 feet above sea level at the Davenport Gap starting point to 4928 feet at Mt. Cammerer Tower. Though the grade is never extremely steep, this is a fairly difficult hike because you are nearly always ascending. There are few level stretches from Davenport to Cammerer.

The view from Mt. Cammerer, though, is one of the two or three best views in the park. From the top, you'll see hundreds of square miles of fields and forests. To the north and east lie the farm lands of Cocke County, Tennessee with the Pigeon River curving lazily through them. To the west runs the main range of the Great Smokies. Stretching away to the south are the forested mountains of the North Carolina side of the park.

We will meet at 8:00 a.m. at the Cracker Barrel on Hwy. 32 and I- 40 or at 9:00 a.m. at the amphitheater at the Cosby Campground. This is in the immediate vicinity of the trailhead.

Sign-up is requested for this hike. Minimum age is twelve. Call Rhonda Snyder in Jefferson City at 475-8428 or Ninez Giles in Nashville at 297-2281. Several hikers plan to spend Saturday night at a group campsite in the Cosby campground. Plan to join the group by calling the Park Service at Sugarlands to reserve a space close to the TTA group site. A map is given on the next page.





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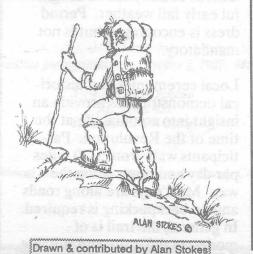
LATE JULY TRAILWORK ON SECTION 2

Although last minute car trouble kept two willing and able Nashville Sierra Clubbers from joining us, Joe England and I swingbladed, lopped, and removed deadfalls most of the

way from the firetower to Campsite 4 on Saturday, July 18. Next day, Bobby Harbin and I painted blazes form Walden Ridge Road to the firetower and also did some treadwork on the side trail to the spring.

Joe and I spent Monday and Tuesday with his summer youth crew clearing new growth from Coal Creek Gap northwest a couple of miles. Wednesday, I lopped and swingbladed for almost a mile from Caryville to the ridgetop southeast of Tunnel Hollow and did the same Thursday for about a half mile on Walden's Ridge near Vesper.

Friday and the next Monday, Joe and Robbie Harbin and I worked the same area southeast through part of a badly overgrown, burned over stretch. Tuesday we cleared about a mile from Campsite 4 south toward Poplar Gap where our March 14 TTA group had worked. Wednesday we removed a corral from around a Cove Lake State Park stable that is to become the Cumberland Trail tool shed and storage building. -- Bob Brown



Friends of TTA

LOW-COST ACCOMMODATIONS FOR THE TTA ANNUAL MEETING

For those of you who are noncampers, a low cost alternative lodging for the upcoming Annual Meeting is available at the Charit Creek Hostel in the Big South Fork.

Charit Creek Hostel is located off Hwy. 154 about one mile form the Pickett State Park entrance. Guests must hike in to the hostel from a parking lot 1 mile away. We offer bunk beds with mattress, pillow and blanket for \$5.64 per night. As a special service for the Annual Meeting, free shopping service will be provided for TTA members on that weekend (October 9-11, 1987). This usually costs 10% of your total bill.

The hostel is a rustic, remote facility with many buildings dating from the 1800s. There is a fully furnished propane kitchen with stoves, refrigerators and hot water. A bathroom with cold water sinks and composting toilets is available.

For further information, please write CHARIT CREEK HOSTEL, P.O. Box 20, Pall Mall, Tennessee 38577. You may also call and leave us a message at 615-879-4289. When making reservations, please give us at least two-three weeks notice so that we can process your shopping list. Be sure to tell us that you are TTA members coming to the Annual Meeting to get

your free service. Hope to see you soon! -- The Dyers

THIRD ANNUAL HOHENWALD VOLKSMARCH

September 26, 1987 (Sanctioned by AVA/IVV)

The Lewis County Volkssport Club, a division of Lewis County Senior Citizens, Inc. is sponsoring this volksmarch in Hohenwald, TN. The starting time is 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. with the finish by 5:00 p.m.

DISTANCE/TERRAIN: 6.2 miles, gravel and chert roads through rolling hills and flat land. Not suitable for strollers or handicapped persons.

ELIGIBILITY: All welcome. Leashed pets permitted. Children under 12 must be with an adult.

START FEES: \$1.50 for IVV credit only. \$4.00 medal & IVV credit if pre-registered (\$5.00 if not). Those desiring neither must carry FREE start card. Pre-registration forms must be postmarked by 9/15/87.

PROCEDURE: At the start of the volksmarch, each person will receive a start card. The card will be carried on the walk and personally presented at the check points for stamping. At the finish table, turn in the card to receive your medal and/or IVV credit.

REFRESHMENTS: Ice water at all check points. At the finish ten, German & Southern U.S. food and drinks at reasonable prices.

For more information, call Evelyn Tatum or Lucille Gordon (615-796-5558) from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. weekdays.

OVERMOUNTAIN VICTORY TRAIL September 23 — October 7

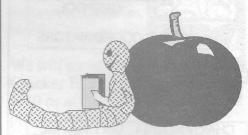
Take a walk into history on the Overmountain Victory Trail followed by colonial militia in 1780 on the way from eastern Tennessee and western Virginia and North Carolina to King's Mountain, South Carolina. This annual familyoriented re-enactment commemorates the gathering of backwoods volunteers who rushed to halt the advance of a British army fresh from the capture of Charleston and the defeat of the Continental Army in the South. In a stunning turnaround, frontiersmen marched 200 miles across the mountains and spectacularly defeated the British.

This year's march begins September 23 in Abingdon, Virginia and concludes at King's Mountain National Military Park on October 7. Closely following the original route, walkers follow the same timetable through scenic mountainous countryside in delightful early fall weather. Period dress is encouraged but is not mandatory.

Local ceremonies and historical demonstrations provide an insight into colonial life at the time of the Revolution. Participants walk from 5-20 miles per day and camp along the way. Most days are along roads and no backpacking is required. In general, the trail is of moderate difficulty and suitable

for active people from ten to 80. Everyone is welcome for a day or the entire trip. There is no charge for a single day's participation; \$10.00 per person for those spending 24 hours or more on the march (covers incidentals; additional fees may be charged for meals not provided by local communities and groups).

For further details prior to September 23, contact Fran Dahl, 2517 Shipe Road, Knoxville, TN 37924, 615-933-0883. During the re-enactment, contact Sycamore Shoals State Park, Elizabethton, TN 37643, 615-543-5808.



BOOKWORM'S CORNER

JUST OVER THE NEXT BRIDGE
By Carson Brewer
(Review by Bob Barnett)

Carson Brewer, former columnist for The Knoxville News-Sentinal has written another book, Just Over the Next Bridge, billed as a traveler's guide to little known and out-of-the-way places in Southern Appalachia.

TTA's president, Howard Ray Duncan, is featured in the book as Brewer tells of the hikes he and Howard Ray took from Leatherwood Ford to Angel Falls in the Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area.

1987 Annual Meeting Registration Form October 9-11 Bandy Creek Campground

Number of persons you are register	ring:
Names being registered:	
Your Address:	
Your Phone Number:	
Registration Fee: \$2.00 per persor	n (18 & over)
Camping Fee: \$2.00 per night/pers	on \$
	ıkfast (Sat. & Sun.) \$
Total Paid	
	stration is October 2, 1987. Mail to:
Н	loward Ray Duncan Rt. 3 Box 451

Rt. 3 Box 451 Jamestown, TN 38556

^{*} Those requiring water & electrical hookups should register with Bandy Creek at their regular sites.

Brewer also writes with praise about another TTA member, Randy Hedgepath, Naturalist at the South Cumberland State Recreation Area. In discussing the SCSRA, Brewer mentions former TTA Award winner, Herman Baggenstoss.

The book gives accounts of places to visit in Tennessee, Kentucky, Virginia, North Carolina, and Georgia. Brewer tells about places that feature overnight accommodations and/or food that is extraordinary. A list of attractions is included for each state plus a list is given of Chambers of Commerce for each state so that readers can write for additional information.

Memphis Chapter

SEPTEMBER MEETING September 17, 7:30 p.m.

Everyone has had a busy summer and hopefully we will be ready for some Fall hiking and other outings. Join us on September 17th at Kingsway Christian Church, 6310 Poplar, at 7:30 p.m. We will have "Show and Tell" from those who have gone to those wonderful vacation spots this summer. We'll also catch up on other items of business such as the October Annual Meeting and completion of the 1988 outings schedule. If you have any great pictures to share, bring them along.

TTA BUMPER STICKERS

Pat Anderson of the Nashville Chapter sent me TTA bumper stickers (with TTA's logo and the Chattanooga business address) for Memphis area members who are interested. They are \$2.00 each and I will have some at the September meeting for those of you who want to buy one.

WOLF RIVER HIKE Sunday, September 20

Larry Smith will be leading us on this 10-mile (approx.) hike along the Wolf River in Shelby Farms. Meet at 10:00 a.m. at the soccer field on Walnut Grove Road just east of Baptist Hospital East. Wear comfortable clothing, sturdy shoes, and bring water and a snack.

We will probably hike for four to five hours. This is easy hiking and should be a great hike for getting back on schedule. If you have further questions, call Larry Smith at 901-458-2757 or Jerri Bull at 363-4408.

TRIP REPORT: Spring River Canoe Trip July 19

Mammoth Spring is just a stone's throw from the state line in northern Arkansas. Each hour, the spring pumps some nine million gallons of very cold water into the aptly named Spring River. The river then winds southeast down the slopes of the Ozark plateau, dropping over numerous short ledges along the way. These

water falls add zest to what is generally a leisurely canoe trip.

The banks of the river are a checkerboard of wooded hills, limestone bluffs, cow pastures, tent camps and summer cabins. Trees that have fallen in the water are decorated with strings of sunning turtles. Occasionally, a brown banded water snake will swim across the stream. Beneath the surface are plenty of trout. One of the obstacles to navigation is fishermen standing waist deep in the middle of the river.

It is easy to see why this is one of the most popular float streams in the state. And the hotter the weather, the more inviting the cool water becomes. On summer weekends, the mob of paddlers make the river look more like a city street at rush hour than a rustic waterway.

There were several regular members on the trip besides myself. Freddi Felt came with her son Ross. Ray Burkett brought his son Kevin, and Kevin brought his buddy Tolbert Cates. There were also two new members: Barbara Edwards and Bobby Craft. Barbara was promptly baptized into the club at several water falls. Bobby was probably disappointed at not being so initiated, but he will just have to wait until we get caught out on the trail in a rain shower. --John Parish



Nashville Chapter

1st Annual
GOODBYE-TO-SUMMER
CAMPOUT!
BLEDSOE CREEK STATE PARK
September 12-13

Instead of a Thursday night meeting this month, we are initiating a new annual event for all TTA members. It's the official (but certainly unofficious) "so long, farewell, adios, and GOODBYE!" to summer campout. This momentous occasion will be held at Bledsoe Creek State Park (map enclosed) the weekend of September 12 and 13.

There is a boat ramp at the lake if you want to bring a boat (and take the rest of us on a ride!). We know of one or two boats already which will be there. There are lots of camp sites (\$9.00/2 persons + fifty cents)for each additional person per site) and more than one tent can be put on one camp site. These sites are first come, first served. The camp sites on the lake are in the Blue Heron section. Bring your camping gear and enough food for Saturday and Sunday.

Those of you who cannot come for the entire weekend, come join us for lunch or a day hike either Saturday or Sunday. Just look for the cars with TTA bumper stickers. Plan on a GOOD time, TTA! If you have any questions, call Sally Garrard at 615-371-8469 (evenings).

Directions: Take Gallatin Road (Hwy. 31E) to Hwy. 25 in Gallatin. Turn right and go approximately 6 miles and follow signs to the park.

ALTERNATIVE -- Take I-40 East to the Lebanon exit and go north on Hwy. 231. At Hwy. 25, turn left and follow the signs to the park.



NASHVILLE NEWS

Judy Eron, TTA member, will be performing Friday, September 11th, 9:00 p.m. at Douglas Corner Cafe, 2106 8th Avenue S. (across from Zanies). She'll play with Greg Armbruster on piano, presenting a delightful mix of humor, costumes, and wonderful music.

Judy says her music is kind of folk, kind of humor, some Broadway and 40s style thrown in for good measure. It's sure to be fun, so let's make it a "TTA Happening"!



News From Our Parks

ROCK ISLAND STATE PARK INVITES CRAFTS PEOPLE

The 12th Annual Sand Bar Arts and Craft Show will be held at the park on Saturday and Sunday, October 3rd and 4th, 1987. All items displayed are to be made by the craftsmen. No foreign merchandise flea market type items are allowed. If possible, demonstration of work should be given during the show.

Overnight campsites are available in the park. Sites have water, electricity, and bathhouses. Cost is approximately \$9.00 per night depending on the number of persons.

In September, the following events will be held:

9/5 The Cousins (gospel singers), 7:30 p.m.

9/19 Rock Island hosts the Fall Flotilla on Center Hill Lake. The flotilla leaves Edgar Evins State Park at 10:30 a.m. and should arrive at Rock Island in the late afternoon. There will be bluegrass music afterwards in the park.

Contact H. G. Deaton, Ranger, for more details at Rock Island State Park, Rock Island, TN 38581, 615-686-2471.

SOUTH CUMBERLAND STATE RECREATION AREA 615-924-2980

Every Saturday Savage Falls -- 1:00 p.m.; meet at Savage Ranger Station. 3 miles, easy

9/5 Raven Point Excursion -- 10:00 a.m.; meet at Visitor's Center. 2 miles, easy

Fiery Gizzard -- 1:00 p.m.; meet at Grundy Forest Parking Lot. 3 miles, moderate

Greeter Falls Excursion -- 1:00 p.m.; meet at the Stone Door Ranger Station. 3 miles, moderate

9/6-7 Savage Overnighter -- 2:00 p.m.; meet at Savage Ranger Station. Participants must furnish own needs. 4 miles, easy

9/13 Collins Boulder Crossing -- 1:00 p.m.; meet at Savage Ranger Station. 3 miles, moderate

9/19 Raven Point Excursion -- 10:00 a.m.; Meet at Visitor Center. 2 miles, easy

9/26 Piney Point Excursion -- 10:00 a.m.; meet at St. Andrew's School entrance. 1 mile, easy

Lone Rock Trail -- 1:00 p.m.; meet at Grundy Lakes Swim Beach. Many historic sites. 2 miles easy

9/27 Little Gizzard Gorge -- 1:00 p.m.; meet at Foster Falls Picnic Shelter. 1/2 mile, strenuous

FALL CREEK FALLS Pikeville, TN (615-881-3708)

9/12-13 Mountaineer Folk Festival --Handmade crafts, traditional mountain music, and pioneer skills demonstrated.

9/17-20 Autumn Tennis Tourney -- Pre-register by September 22.

FROZEN HEAD STATE NATURAL AREA Wartburg, TN (615-346-3318)

9/5-6 1st Annual Summer Wildflower Walks -- Conducted at 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 5 and at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday the 6th.

ROAN MOUNTAIN STATE PARK Carter County (615-543-2122)

9/11-13 25th Annual Naturalists Rally - Celebrate 25 years of fellowship and nature exploration with this weekend of guest speakers and naturalist-guided hikes.

9/19 7th Annual Fall Festival -- crafts old time music, dancing, demonstrations, and more.

CHICKASAW STATE PARK Henderson, TN (901-989-5141)

9/12 Grandparents Recognition Night - 8:00 p.m., no admission fee.
Trophies will be awarded.



EDITOR'S TIDBITS - By Dot Fowler --

I can't believe it is almost Annual Meeting time again! It seems like just yesterday that I was unemployed and being cheered by my fellow TTA members at the 1986 Annual Meeting. It has been a good year for TTA, so let's all get together and celebrate.

Speaking of the big event, let's have a chat about the auction. First of all, be prepared to

laugh... a lot! David Stidham could sell the warts off a toad and leave the toad offering to give more. He definitely missed his calling.

Secondly, this is a fund raiser. You may not realize that the money you spend at this auction goes towards a number of TTA expenses each year. For example, it will defray the cost of printing new brochures. It also goes towards miscellaneous Cumberland Trail expenses. You are not expected to spend a fortune, but if possible, try to buy something, even if only a dollar's worth of Florida sand (I bought an Arizona sandstone last year). It doesn't matter if you don't see anything you want, much less need. Buy something atrocious and then bring it back next year to be recycled. If you've ever attended a White Elephant Party, you'll know what I mean.

Third, bring your junk! Your trash may be someone else's treasures. It doesn't have to be all junk, however. Top money getters last year were two baskets of apples and a container of homemade candy. Howard Ray can attest to buying a perfectly good automatic drip coffee maker. Bob Barnett? Well, he got every cookbook offered (for his ma) and half of the more bizarre items. I've forgotten who bought the purple hippo candle. Maybe it will make a return engagement this year.

Fourth, go ask your favorite merchant for donations of goods. Evelyn Tretter always gets something from Walmart and Pat Anderson taps Cumber-

land Transit. "Dallas Alice", a
T-shirt store in Fountain
Square Shopping Center has assured me they'll donate one or
more T-shirts. All it takes is asking. See what you can come
up with. These donations can
be used as doorprizes at the
Meeting or as items in the auction itself. May the highest bidder win!

Last year the auction raised \$333.35. I challenge all of TTA to go over the \$400.00 mark this year. Compared to many other similar organizations, our dues are quite low. Because we'd like to keep them as low as possible and still provide for growth, your contributions at this auction are even more important.

Regardless, come watch the show. This is your chance to meet your fellow TTA members from all over Tennessee. You can finally put faces with all those names you've been seeing in this newsletter throughout the year. Bring your family and friends, too. I thoroughly enjoyed hiking with Dian Cash's daughter and son last year. It was reassuring to learn teens are not all emotional volcanoes (as I was).

So, until October, friends, adios and happy trails!

Hiking Schedule

CUMBERLAND MOUNTAIN

9/27 4X4 trip -- no details received. Call Tom Sells (879- 7759 for information.

CUMBERLAND TRAIL

10/17.18 Woodson Gap to McLean Rock (details next month)

10/31 Blessing of the Pumpkin Patch night hike (details next month)

MEMPHIS

9/20 Wolf River Hike -- details in this issue

10/24 Big Hill Pond State Park -- details next month

MURFREESBORO

10/3-4 Overnight Backpack -- Long Hunter State Park, details next month

NASHVILLE

10/3 Window Cliffs Hike -- details next month

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