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The Bruin In the Dark

By David Stidham (Written in 1963 after a Boy Scouts trip)

The trail shelter was packed that night, with boys even sleeping on the ground inside. I lay at the outside edge in one corner. We were all pretty tired and quieted down soon. I lay there listening to two bear cubs screaming almost like humans. Finally, they quieted down.

We must have all been asleep when I was awakened in the darkness by a noise outside the shelter. I soon realized it was the chain of the pole on which the food had been Two things instantly came into my mind — the mother bear and our food. Moving as if by an inner force, I found I had a stick in my hand, since I was next to the fireplace. I could make out a dark shape with two glowing eyes leaning against pole with one upraised. I had the stick to throw at it, but my arm froze, from fear I suppose.

It was only a few seconds after I woke up when I heard and recognized the sound of the bear's paw coming into contact with a plastic bag full of

our food. The sound of our food thumping as it hit the ground followed. The bruin lumbered past me not ten feet away with what I thought was the sack of food in his mouth.

"I don't suppose anyone is very hungry," I said aloud, because I thought this incident surely had awakened the whole troop. A few boys stirred in their sleeping bags, but no one seemed excited and I decided I was the only

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one who knew what had just happened. So, I lay back down.

After a time, I heard a few others talking. I took this opportunity to tell them about the previous incident. Unbelieving, they got out a flashlight and examined the pole. The food no longer hung from the chain, but to my relief and surprise, it was nearby, strewn on the ground.

By this time, many others were awake and the incident was thoroughly looked into. It turned out that the bear had only stolen one package. I put the remaining food in another bag and strung it up again. Everything quieted down in the shelter as I lay there listening.

In a few minutes, I heard the chain rattle again. This time, though, I threw a stick in its direction. The stick glanced off the metal pole and the bear scampered down the hill. I had saved the food. After a third try, the bear finally gave up. We all calmed down and fell off into a dead sleep, not to be aroused until morning.

1988 Annual Meeting October 7-9

Once again, registration forms for the 1988 Annual Meeting are included in this issue. If you haven't registered yet, please do so. You really don't want to miss out on what promises to be a fun weekend.

Note: There is no electricity in the cabins, so come prepared with flashlights or a lantern.

Memphis has the following doorprizes so far, with more expected:

- 1 REI Junior Cruiser Pack valued at \$45.00
- 1 \$25.00 gift certificate from Banana Republic

3 subscriptions to Smokey Mountain Trails (supplied by Bob Barnett)

 Numerous items from International Paper Company, Memphis

In case you missed the last issue, the directions to Meeman-Shelby State Park are:

Take I-240N in Memphis to the Millington 2-A exit which is Highway 51 North (alias Thomas Street). Stay on 51N for approximately 2.5 miles until you reach Watkins Street. Turn left at the light and follow Watkins until it ends at Locke-Cuba Road. Turn left. Shortly, you

will come to a 4-way stop; turn right and follow road for approximately 1 mile to the park entrance (on left).

We hope to have a TTA member at the office to direct you to the Mississippi River Group camp which is on the north side of the park.

Remember to bring bedding, towels, lunch for two days, snacks and drinks. If not registering for the meals, you will need to provide your own breakfast and dinner as well.

Cumberland Trail News

C.T. Work/Play Weekend September 17/18

The same excellent basic rock-climbing and rappelling session held on the Fourth of July weekend will be repeated for TTA members and any others interested, with a classroom session Friday evening and practice on the rocks near Laurel Grove Firetower Road on Saturday. On Sunday, we will do light trail work on C.T. Section 2.

An introductory equipment and techniques class will be held Friday evening at the Cumberland Trail office at 6:30 p.m. This is required for novices 18 years old or younger, but is optional for adults.

Meet at the C.T. Office in Cove Lake State Park at 6:30 p.m. EDT for the optional Friday evening class and at 8:00 a.m. EDT on Saturday and Sunday. Trailworkers may camp at Cove Lake State Park free of charge Friday and Saturday nights. Bring gloves, raingear, water, and lunch on both days. We plan to return to the C.T. office no later than 5:00 p.m. EDT Saturday and 4:00 p.m. on Sunday. Please let Bobby Harbin (615-566-0902) or Bob Brown (615-748-4816) know by September 15 if you are interested.

C.T. Backpack, Section I Carr Gap to Cumberland Gap September 24-25

This part of C.T. Section I has not been maintained for several years. Several individual landowners whose property the Trail crossed (with their earlier verbal permission) subsequently wished to ride allterrain vehicles on the Trail. This posed an insoluble problem in enforcing the State Trails Act's prohibition of any motorized vehicles on State Scenic Trails. As a result, this part of the Cumberland Trail has been essentially abandoned for now. This hike, therefore, may be an adventure since the leaders have not scouted it.

About 13.5 miles will be covered, 8 miles from Carr Gap to Campsite 1 on Saturday. Starting with a 250 foot climb out of Carr Gap, most of the route lies around the 2,300 foot level with many ups and downs 200 feet above or below 2300 feet. A long 300 foot climb out of Cup Gap late Saturday will bring us to Arch

Rock and, soon thereafter, Campsite 1. After a 300 foot dip at Baptist Gap on Sunday, there should be interesting views of the Pinnacle as we approach Cumberland Gap.

This hike is only for experienced backpackers and hardy bushwhackers. If the route proves impossible, we plan to bail out at Cup Gap or Baptist Gap, hike down 3-6 miles to a phone and call Bobby Harbin for a pickup.

Meet Saturday morning at 7:30 a.m. EDT at the Cumberland Trail Office at Cove Lake State Park. Call Bob Barnett at 615-449- 4012, Bob Brown at 615-748-4816 (wk), or Bobby Harbin at 615-566- 0902 (wk).

C.T. Backpack, Section 9 October 1-2

This will be an early autumn back-pack along the northern rimrock of the magnificent "Grand Canyon of the Tennessee". Saturday's hike will cover 7.2 miles from Signal Point to Poplar Springs Campsite, although the first 5.5 miles of this, to Highway 27, can be done as a day hike.

The hike out Sunday to the Lookout Tower parking lot will cover 3.3 miles, still along the northern edge of the gorge.

With early fall colors, this will be a rare opportunity to experience the beauty of the Tennessee River Gorge. The hike will be one of many in the series of events sponsored by the Tennessee River Gorge Conservancy.

Sam Powell reports that the footbridge across Suck Creek, built by volunteers in 1979 and washed away by spring rains three years ago, has been replaced by the State Forestry Division and will be dedicated soon (maybe on our hike?).

The hike will be of moderate difficulty for experienced backpackers. Car shuttles will be arranged for both day hikers and overnighters. Meet at 8:00 a.m. at Signal Point National Military Park in Signal Mountain, Tennessee on Saturday, October 1.

For more information, call: Graham Hawks 266-0314 (wk) or 886-5249 (Hm) Sam Powell 886-2689 (hm) Bob Brown 748-4816 (wk - Nashville)

Trip Report July 4th

The Friday evening class on basic rock-climbing and rappelling techniques and the all-day Saturday session on C.T. Section 2 rocks near

Laurel Grove firetower attracted 28 participants, including members of the Knox County Rescue Squad, Boy Scout troops from Knoxville and Caryville, a church group from LaFollette, and several individuals.

Under the expert tutelage of Bobby Harbin, Libby Harbin, Joe England, and Oak Ridge Scoutmaster Gene Boggs, each participant (safely belayed at all times) rappelled off a 55-foot bluff and a 70-foot bluff, rock climbed the 55-foot bluff, and rode a Telpher (Zip) Line. Experienced *students*, including Robby and Ellen Harbin, took part in rappelling races, and all who wished climbed the 55- foot bluff using Jumar or Gibbs ascenders.

Sunday turned off cloudy and intermittently rainy. Only Ellen and Robby Harbin and I showed up for the trip on the ancient Indian canoe trail along the Clinch and Powell Rivers. We put in at the Clinch River Outdoors livery about two miles below Norris Dam just as an hour-long slug of cold lake-bottom water was being released. Livery owner Charles (Boomer) Winfrey, newspaperman, historian, and Save Our Cumberland Mountains co-activist in earlier years with former TTA President Donald Todd, lent me his personal Blue Hole with a solo seat, and Ellen and Robby paddled tandem.

The water, the river, and the valley were beautiful and we moved swiftly. The three major rapids along our 10-mile route were 1/4 to 1/2 mile long each and consisted of many successive shelves that each re-

quired ferrying to search for a break and a chute to ride through. A heavy bank of fog blanketed each of these rapids and several lesser shoals, making the approach daunting and the passage interesting. Ellen and Robby dumped several times, both accidentally and on purpose and at the takeout, both wanted to know when we were going again.

On the Fourth, 14 folks showed up for the Eagle Bluff hike, including Diane Milam who had left Nashville at 10:00 the night before, arrived at Cove Lake at 3:00 a.m., and slept in her car. Most of the hikers, led by Joe England, brother Lonnie, and Robby Harbin made the 6 mile Eagle Bluff hike. Chris Adkins from Caryville, Ellen Harbin, and I left earlier, and, starting from Big Creek Gap, walked all the 10 mile Eagle Bluff unit of C.T. Section 1. It proved to be a lovely stretch of trail, some of it off the dry ridgetop through a rich forest deep down between massive sandstone cliffs.

After lunch on Eagle Bluff, we joined the others near Devil's Racetrack for the drop down "Suckair". At the bottom, Bobby Harbin's truck was a welcome sight, especially the ice cold watermelons and Cokes he had waiting for us.

Quotable Quote

"I never vote for anyone. I always vote against."

- Attributed to W. C. Fields

State News

Savage Gulf Preservation League Annual Meeting October 6

The annual membership meeting of the Savage Gulf Preservation League will be held Thursday, October 6 at the Methodist Assembly Grounds in Beersheba Springs, Tennessee.

Those of you who have visited the park in this area, have enjoyed the beautiful scenery, and have hiked the trails. You may be interested in knowing more about the organization that has been instrumental in working for the preservation of this wilderness area.

We encourage your membership in the league and invite you to the annual meeting. A delicious meal will be served at a cost of \$5.35. Reservations for the meal must be made by October 3. An interesting program will follow the meal. No reservation is required for the meeting. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. Mail your reservations to

SGPL, c/o Edward Oliver, 215 West Sparta Street, McMinnville, TN 37110.

Membership dues are not deductible for federal income tax purposes. Dues are \$6.00 for adults, \$1.00 student, and \$25.00 sustaining membership.

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New York, NY 10017

Save Shelby Farms Forest Update

Thanks to the letters you sent to your legislators, House Bill 417 passed in March of this year. On April 7, Governor McWherter signed the legislation which designated Shelby Farms Forest as a State Natural Area. We are very proud that the bill passed both the Senate and the House without any opposing votes.

The job now is to draw up a management plan for the new natural area. Save Shelby Farms

Forest committee members assured Governor McWherter and Commissioner Gill (DOC) that the state would not have to pay for this plan. Over 13 professional biologists and conservationists have volunteered to work on the management plan. The new state natural area will be cooperatively managed by Shelby County government and Tennessee Department of Conservation.

This spring the Shelby Farms Forest Committee received the Anona Stoner Preservation Award from Memphis Heritage. The beautiful walnut plaque will be on display at Lichterman Nature Center until we have a nature center at Shelby Farms Forest.

Even with all this, Clark Odor told the Cordova Civic Club last month that Kirby Parkway would still bisect the forest. Alarmed by this, the committee wrote all the candidates running for a state Senate or Representative position for their support. Supporters of Shelby Farms Forest were encouraged to support candidates who favor preserving SFF. More information on this issue will be provided as it arises.



Chapter News

TEEA Fall Conference September 9-11

The Tennessee Environmental Education Association will hold its 1988 Fall Conference September 9-11 at Montgomery Bell State Park. Teachers, naturalists, and other environmental educators will gather at Montgomery Bell at a beautiful group camp alongside Lake Woodhaven to gather ideas and inspirations from experienced environmental educators.

Some of the subjects covered will be using the power of song as an environmental education tool, the direction of environmental education, insects, energy throughout history, geology, aquatic wildlife, astronomy, etc. Speakers/entertainers will include Dale and Linda Crider, Judy Braus, John Stokes and Kevin Shute from the Cumberland Wildlife Assn., Tony Campbell, Lib Roller, Wendall Pennington, Anne Allen, Sandy Bivens, and many more. In addition, there will be bird hikes, canoe trips, and much more.

If interested in attending, call Pandy Hopkins at the Warner Park Nature Center (615-352-6299). Registration and membership fees are \$18.00 and should be mailed to Gwen Sweden, Information Specialist, 1623 Agawela Ave., Knoxville, TN 37919. Make checks payable to Tennessee Environmental Education Association.

Memphis Chapter

Chapter Meeting September 15

Meet us at the usual time at Kingsway Christian Church. This meeting will be your chance to report on "How I Spent My Summer Vacation", so bring your photos. We'll also be planning the final details of the Annual Meeting. Volunteers in many areas will be needed, so please lend us your support.

Wolf River Hike September 11th

Meet us at the soccer field parking lot in Shelby Farms at 1:00 p.m. Sunday. We'll hike about 5-6 miles, and should be finished in about 3 hours. Bring water and snacks, and dress for warm weather. Larry Smith will

be out of town that day, so for information, call Jerri Bull at 363-4408.

Big Hill Pond State Park September 24th

Meet at the park office (not Wiloth's grocery) at 10:00 a.m., or carpool from Kingsway Church (8:00 a.m.). We'll cover about 8 miles over easy terrain. Bring lunch, water, and snacks. Call Jerri at 363-4408.

Sharing Nature September 24

Sharing nature with children is a wonderful experience for teachers, youth leaders, naturalists, and parents of young children.

On September 24 at the Lichterman Nature Center in Memphis, Garth Gilchrist, noted author, naturalist, and "caretaker" will introduce teaching techniques, offer environmental tid-bits, and induce enthusiasm for all of us who care about teaching young children about the delicate balance and wonders of nature.

Participants will learn how to:

- be a highly effective nature guide for children of all ages
- nurture children's sense of wonder
- make outdoor learning fun and dynamic
- lead a wide variety of nature activities
- experience nature more deeply yourself

The workshop will be from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Cost is only \$10.00 per person since the Memphis Audubon Society has agreed to help defray the costs. Registration should be sent to the Lichterman Nature Center, 5992 Quince, Memphis, TN 38119. Make checks payable to the Nature Center.

On the evening of the 24th at the Center's outdoor amphitheater, Garth will present his story of John Muir, the Father of Conservation, as a friend of Muir's. This storytelling experience is one you will never forget. Portraying a 19th century mountaineer friend of Muir, Garth spins out in story form the moving and remarkable life of this heroic American conservationist. We meet Muir who exults in nature's wonders. We meet the tireless and intrepid adventurer as he scales unclimbed peaks and crosses unexplored glaciers. We meet the Muir whose fiery enthusiasm inspired the nation to preserve the American wilderness.

American Heritage Trust Act

(Continued from August Issue)

As stated last month, H.R. 4127 and S. 2199 are currently before Congress and the Senate for approval. These bills were introduced to restore the promise of two earlier programs, the Land and Water Conservation Fund and the Historic Preservation Fund.

One of the earlier Funds' most innovative features was the idea of reinvesting some of the returns from liquidation of America's natural resources into long-term capital assets. The laws provide that most appropriations for the two Funds should come from receipts from Outer Continental Shelf oil and gas leasing and from sales of surplus federal real estate. This process blends the best features of fiscal and natural resources stewardship, joining the investment principle of 'never consuming capital" with the conservation ethic of always returning to the land something of what we remove.

The Land and Water Conservation Fund now automatically receives up to \$900 million a year in such revenues and the Historic Preservation Fund receives \$150 million a year. Under current law, however, these commitments are more a promise to present and future generations than a working reality.

Through the 1970s, there was firm, bipartisan support for that promise; appropriations varied from year to year, but the long- term commitment to appropriate all authorized funds continued. Since 1980, that commitment has seriously deteriorated. LWCF appropriations have declined from an annual peak of \$805 million to an average of less than \$200 million a year; funding for the eight most recent years totals less than 90% of the total for the three years, 1978-1980.

As a result, authorized but unappropriated "credits" to LWCF and HPF have increased twenty-fold, from just over \$300 million to more than \$7 billion, and federal, state, and local agencies that once planned to reinvest the larger amounts now doubt that the promise will ever be fulfilled.

Thus, the American Heritage Trust Act was introduced to ensure, over several years, a return to the original funding commitments by creating a self-perpetuating Trust. The AHT Act will:

 Create permanent Trust accounts for LWCF and HPF with principals that cannot be used for other purposes

 Require the Secretary of the Treasury to invest all authorized but unappropriated balances to date for the LWCF and HPF into interest-bearing public debt securities. The \$900 million per year in revenues deposited annually into LWCF and the \$150 million into HPF would be invested in the same way.

 Annual deposits and interest for both Funds would be available for appropriation in the following fiscal year. Any amounts not appropriated in a given year would automatically become a permanent part of the interest-bearing Trust principal.

Annual LWCF appropriations would be distributed as follow: at least 30% for state and local grants; at least 30% for Federal land acquisitions; 10% for special matching monies to serve as principal for states to establish parallel heritage trusts; and 10% for the purposes of the Urban Park and Recreation Recovery Act. The remaining 20% could be used for any of these four purposes. Ten percent of HPF appropriations would also be devoted to helping establish state historic preservation trusts.

 To encourage volunteer contributions, 5% of each state's LWCF grants would have to be partially

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This will be an evening full of laughter, excitement, and unsuspected meaning for our own lives. The cost for this program is \$4.00 per person, but registration is not required.

This special day at the Lichterman Nature Center is one you'll want to join. If you have questions, call Jill Norvell at 901-767-7322.

Return of the Hikers - By Debbie Gilbert (Memphis Chapter)

We've hit the trail again — old friends, comfortable as worn boots, swapping tales of how we survived the interminable summer, with snapshots to prove it.

Rediscovering forgotten joys: how bright the goldenrod! how blue the sky! how sweet the berries!

Our dog days of patience have found reward —
We bask in the fullness of mellow September.

Nashville Chapter

September Meeting September 22

Join us September 22, at 7:30 p.m. at the Cumberland Museum for a fascinating look at the Grand Canyon of Tennessee. Our guest speaker will be Graham Hawks of the Tennessee River Gorge Conservancy who will be leading a backpack trip October 1 (see Cumberland Trail News) in the beautiful Tennessee River Gorge along the southern end of the Cumberland Trail. Graham will tell us more about this area of Tennessee and his group's work towards preserving it.

Labor Day Boatout/Campout September 2-5

We had so much fun at the July 4th Boatout that we decided to do it again, this time at Cordell Hull Lake, Defeated Creek Campground near Carthage, Tennessee. Come for the entire holiday weekend or just a day. Bring your boat or just your rubber duckie.

The Defeated Creek camping area is on a peninsula surrounded by the lake. Modern bathrooms/showers are available nearby as are boat loading ramps. Cost of camping will run between \$5.00 and 10.00 depending upon how many nights you stay.

TTA has reserved sites 56, 57, 122, 123, and 124 with up to six people allowed on each site. To insure a spot, call Marilyn Wolven at 226-4663. She needs a general head count to avoid any confusion with campground officials. Our spots are back to back and next to a bathhouse. We won't have a lot of shade, so bring tarps if you have them.

Saturday night we will have a potluck supper at 7:00 p.m. If you'd like some light and tasty fried catfish and fries, let Marilyn know.

Directions: Take I-40E to the Carthage exit. Follow Hwy. 53 into Carthage. In Carthage, take Hwy. 25 West to Hwy. 80. Turn right. Go approximately five miles and turn right on Hwy. 85. Follow signs to Defeated Creek Recreation Area.

Joint TTA/Sierra Club Day Hike

Fall Creek Falls State Park September 17

We will hike 12 miles on everyone's favorite, the Lower Loop Trail. Many vistas of falls and gorges, swinging bridges, and a traverse of the gorge are highlights. Meet at 7:00 a.m. at the Cumberland Museum or at 10:00 a.m. at the Nature Center. Please pre-register

with Gene Curp at 256-2566 (work) or 824-1171 (home).

Trip Report Natchez Trace National Parkway 7-16-88

Ten hikers gathered, ranging from one year old to well past legal voting age, to stroll about the grounds on 5 miles of trail, including a piece of the historic Trace. This could have been called the Restroom Tour as we hiked to every modern facility within reach, even detouring a quarter mile uphill to accomplish that objective.

A respite from the heat was enjoyed by soaking our feet in Little Swan Creek at lunch. While there, Regina McDowell sat with a (yelloweared?) turtle, and Ninez Giles assisted by Jeri Suedekum, played tag with a large aquatic spider. A new member, Ginsy Hudson, enjoyed her first TTA hike. Two prospective members, Joyce and Warren Bennett of Hendersonville, also got their feet wet. Rounding out the personnel were the PFotenhauers (Malcom, Jean, and Sasha) recording the expedition on film, and Mr. Hiker himself, our own Bob Barnett. We enjoyed the green lushness contrasting with the Nashville drought-scape. - Gene Curp

Recycle! Nashville

RECYCLE! NASHVILLE is a citizen's coalition promoting recycling for Davidson County. This organization meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at West End Middle School. If you have any questions about recycling, please call 726-0504. More on this group will be included in next month's newsletter,





Another good turnout for a Nashville Chapter picnic/meeting



News From Our Parks

Fall Creek Falls Pikeville, TN

9/10-11 Mountaineer Folk Festival
9/25-10/1 Bike Ride Across Tennessee — Ride form Memphis to
Chattanooga. Total distance is
480 miles. Baggage transport,
maps, t-shirts, etc. Registration
fee \$30.00. Apply at Nature Center or call 615-742-6675.

Sycamore Shoals Historic Area

9/24-25 Overmountain Victory Trail
Celebration — Re-creates the
muster of the Overmountain Men
and their march to fight in the

Battle of Kings Mountain in 1780. Call Herb Roberts, 615-543-5808 for details

Nathan Bedford Forrest Historical Area

9/17 Tennessee River Folklife Festival — craft demonstrations, old-time music, and wonderful food; 10:00 to 5:00.

Roan Mountain State Park

9/9-11 26th Annual Naturalist Rally
— Guest speakers and naturalist-guided hikes. Call Carter Co.
Chamber of Commerce, 615-543-2122.

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matched by private or non-profit groups like local land trusts would also be eligible for grants under certain conditions.

 A 75% match would be available from LWCF for state or local land acquisitions involving nationally recognized wild or scenic rivers, trails or landmarks.

 LWCF matching grants would be available for three years to help counties and other localities prepare land conservation and recreation plans. High priority land acquisitions identified in such plans could receive a 60% match for an eight-year period.

Federal land agencies would have to submit lists of priority lands for LWCF acquisition to Congress each year. States would submit yearly lists of grant proposals based on current state and local action lists and their likely annual shares of LWCF appropriations.

• The growth of the Funds would be capped at four times (for LWCF) and five times (for HPF) the balances existing on the date of enactment of the American Heritage Trust. After that, the Funds would be self-sustaining. Appropriations would be from interest only and Trust principal would grow annually only by amounts sufficient to offset inflation.

Leading the local lobby in the Nashville area is Trust For the Future, Inc., 2704 12th Ave. South, Nashville, TN, 297-2269.

NOTE: TTA's Board of Directors support this legislation.

Historic Rugby

9/3 Community Day — free admission and special activities for residents of Scott, Morgan & Fentress counties.

Historic Rugby is experiencing strong visitor growth this year, due in part to a great deal of publicity. Major feature articles have recently appeared in a number of large publications and more are scheduled. They are 1/3 of the way to their \$1 million goal in their 2nd Century Campaign. Part of the campaign's capital programs will get underway this year with the restoration of the Founder's Home and the reconstruction of the Board of Aid to Landownership.

Upcoming Hikes

MEMPHIS CHAPTER 9/11 Wolf River Hike - details this issue

9/24 Big Hill Pond — details this issue

Ft. Pillow State Park details next issue

NASHVILLE CHAPTER 9/3-4 Defeated Creek Campout & Boatout - details this issue 9/24-25 Smoky Mtn. Trip - CAN-CELED

10/22-23 Indian Town Bluff - TBA 10/29-30 Standing Stone & Cummings Falls - details from Mary Atkinson next month

12/10 Nashville Chapter Christmas Party - at Marilyn Wolven's house. Details in a couple of months. Mark your calendars!

STATE

10/7-9 ANNUAL MEETING details this issue or call Jerri Bull, 901-363-4408

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