



REPORT: 1991 TTA ANNUAL MEETING

by **Debbie Gilbert**

It was the first day of November, and the month got off to a good start as more than 60 people gathered at the edge of a picturesque lake in Standing Stone State Rustic Park for the TTA annual meeting. Some folks were neophytes while others were veterans of many meetings, but all were equally welcome. The Friday night potluck offered the usual sumptuous spread. Even after the crowd had eaten its fill, latecomers kept arriving with new dishes that had to be sampled. Later, board members met while others sat by the cozy fire and renewed old acquaintances. (And those who slept that night in the bunk beds at Overton Lodge enjoyed an even more intimate degree of togetherness.)

Saturday morning dawned cold and cloudy, but the atmosphere was warm and friendly around the breakfast tables. At the general meeting, new officers were elected: President--Bob Barnett; vice president--Tom Shepherd; treasurer--Judy VanCleve of McMinnville; and Evelyn Tretter was reelected recording secretary. Awards were presented--the Bill Stutz award to Gene Curp, and the TTA award to Bobby Harbin. Both recipients were absent, being engaged in other purposeful activities. The meeting concluded by 9:30 a.m., and members dispersed to begin their chosen hikes. About 20 showed up to do the 8-mile Cooper Mountain trail through the state forest. By noon the weather had cleared, leaving a crisp blue sky. The dense woods were beautiful even with the leaves off the trees. All that excellent hiking worked up appetites, so dinner was moved forward to 6 p.m. Despite limited oven capacity, the Memphis chapter managed to get all the frozen lasagna and cobblers baked.

When everyone was fed, the auction commenced. Bob Barnett tried to sell everything-even parts of the lodge's ping-pong table. Bidding always became more enthusiastic when homemade baked goods were added to the package, but the most coveted item was a hand-lacquered walking staff. When everything was sold, a total of \$333.50 had been raised.

Sunday morning was brisk and exhilarating. Everyone ate quickly (and stowed away extra food for later) so they could get on the road to more hiking, but not before goodbyes were exchanged along with promises to meet next year. (Note: The 1992 meeting will be Oct. 31-Nov. 2 at Lake Shore Methodist Assembly in Eva Beach, near Nathan-Bedford Forrest State Park. Memphis chapter will host--and we will not do the cooking!)

HELLO. This is my last column. So many thoughts so many things I would like to say. I will start with Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. I have not accomplished all the things that I wanted to in the past year. At times it was all I could do to keep what existed intact. I have learned what makes volunteer organizations tick. Members who freely give of their time are the main ingredients in a successful association. Tennessee Trails is blessed with some of the givingest members. It needs more. In the weeks and months to come Bob will be asking various ones of you for help to continue your association and its work. Please give some time to the cause. Our recently concluded annual meeting was a wonderful example of cooperation. I would like to thank each and every one you who pitched-in and made that meeting the success it was.

Speaking of the annual meeting, I need to pass on the news to those of you who were not there. We had a great time! Bob sold a veritable plethora of useless items to our members, and in the process raised a lot of money for the Cumberland Trail. I asked for volunteers to help lay out the new section of the trail we are going to build in the next few years, and received several names. We elected a new slate of officers. They are as follows: Bob Barnett, President, Tom Shepherd, Vice-president, Judy Van Cleve, Corresponding secretary-treasurer, Evelyn Tretter, Recording secretary, and J. T. Jones Board Member-at-large. Those are all fine people who will do as good a job as they are capable of doing. I want to encourage all members to support them in their efforts. The board voted to give any money left-over from the annual meeting to the Black Fox Wetlands project.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP BEFORE THE NEW YEAR. We will be running the Membership renewal form through February. If you have not renewed by then, the February newsletter will be your last until you do renew.

GOOD HIKING
THOMAS E. SHEPHERD



May the spirit of the season
be with each of every one of you!

Happy Holidays ---

Kellie

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STATE NEWS

Tennessee Trails Association would like to thank the following merchants for their support of our organization. These merchants contributed the following items to our Annual Meeting effort:

Wal-Mart, Sparta, TN	\$25 in merchandise
Kroger, Sparta, TN	\$10 gift certificate
This & That, Rt. 2 Chvebeek, TN	Flower basket
Merle Norman, Sparta, TN	Bonnet
Howell's Furniture & Jewelry	Wood Duck
Sparta's McDonalds	A Gift certificate book
Cumberland Mountain Outdoors Cookeville, TN	A backpack for day use
Mitch's Auto Parts, Sparta, TN	
Sparta Hardware & Furniture, Sparta, TN	
Brady's Stationary & Printing, Sparta, TN	
Active Screen Graphics, Clarksville, TN	6 caps
First American Bank, Clarksville, TN	4 cups
Arby's Roast Beef, Clarksville, TN	1 t-shirt
Sub Shop, Clarksville, TN	1 cap
City of Clarksville Mayor's Office	2 cups
Parks & Recreation Dept., Clarksville, TN-	2 t-shirts
High Country, Green Hills Mall, Nashville, TN	Fanny pack
Cumberland Transit, Nashville, TN	"Tennessee Atlas" & "Hiking the Big South Fork"
K-Mart, Goodlettsville, TN	12 packages Crayola markers
Outdoors Inc., Memphis, TN	Fanny pack

These merchants supported us and we encourage you to support them at every opportunity.

HERB PARSONS LAKE- FISHERVILLE LAKE TRAIL

by Jerri Bull

For over twenty years hiking groups such as GirlScouts, Boy Scouts, TTAmembers, families, and individuals have enjoyed hiking the 7-mile trail that winds around the Herb Parsons Lake at the little community of Fisherville in Shelby County. This trail was established and maintained for many years by Boy Scout troops and was a patch hike with information about it listed in Hiking Trails of America, published by Shiloh Military Trail, Inc., B.S. Troop 343, Memphis, TN. The lake and the area that the trail traverses are under the management of TWRA.

This year three miles of this trail were closed to everyone, except bowhunters, with no public notice that this was being done. We made inquiries and were told that it was being done for the safety of those walking because of the bowhunters being there 365 days a year. We have no quarrel with the bowhunters using it. We would like to work around their schedule and be able to hike this trail just a few days out of the year. We were told by the lake manager, Ken Brown, that they would make us a loop trail in the area not used by the bowhunters, but, while we appreciate the offer, it is not the same. This area is low and covered by poison ivy and honeysuckle with lots of small creeks and ditches.

We would appreciate any phone calls or letters that anyone across the state could send that would help us in this matter. Write or call:

Gov. Ned Ray McWherter
State Capitol
Nashville TN 37219

TWRARegional Office
Mr. H. Hurst
Jackson TN
1-800-372-3928

For more information:
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2995 Carvel
Memphis TN 38112

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349 Kenilworth Place
Memphis, TN 38112

CHAPTER NEWS

Clarksville

Meets the third Tuesday of each month. Meetings begin at 7:00 PM in the Community Room at the Governor's Square Mall.

Trip Report:

On September 21, 1991, we had a full day outing at Land Between the Lakes. Entering the South on the Trace to the Woodlands Nature Center. Almost in The Silver Trail Road was a little fawn with the white spots still on it. Making the 5.0 mile Honker Trail, we saw several Honkers that stay around for the full year. Returning to the Picnic Shelter, we were very happy to have our sack lunch and drinks. We then hiked 2.2 miles on the Hematite Lake Trail. While on the Trace to the South entrance we were lucky to see 13 Wild Turkeys.

Cookeville

Meets the third Tuesday of each month at Hyder Park Community Center, at 6:30 PM

Please note the following change of the meeting place for December meeting. Meet at the home of Denise Charvoz, Sunday, December 15 at 2:00 PM for "Pot Luck." Brink gift for exchange.

AN INVITATION TO MY HIKING FRIENDS-from Denise Charvoz!

You are invited to stop by and stay--"Bed and Breakfast", Barn and Shower, or camping--for a self-imposed contribution of cash or labor. Call ahead whenever possible as I do move about a lot--you may even have to fix your own breakfast! Speak slowly and clearly when leaving a message.

Directions from Murfreesboro:

Go to Smithville on Hwy.70 to center of town. At court house, make a left turn onto Hwy.84 towards Monterey. Go 8 miles and pass Hall's Market on the left. Go 1/2 mile and turn left at bottom of hill and go 1 1/2 miles bearing to the right. House and barn are on the right.

Directions from I-40: Take EXIT 290. Go east 2 miles towards Monterey and make a right on Cherry Creek just before a small Exxon Station. Bear left @ fork and go about 9 miles. Follow "Detour" sign. You will reach Hwy.84 from behind Hall's Market. Turn left on 84 and go 1/2 mile to bottom of hill (before white house). Go 1 1/2 miles up the mountain, bearing right.

Contact: Denise Charvoz, Rt.2 Box 243-A, Sparta, TN 38583 (615) 738-3595

Upcoming Events:

There are no hikes scheduled for the month of December.

December 7-Hidden Passage Hike CANCELED!

James Leininger was to have led this hike, but is now unable to do so. Anyone wishing to hike with James, please check the January hike schedule for a hike on the 3rd weekend.

Memphis

Meets the third Thursday of each month at Kingsway Church, in the Scout Bldg. at 7:30 PM.

Upcoming Events:

December 1-After-Thanksgiving Hike at Meeman-Shelby State Park. no need to feel guilty about that turkey dinner--you can walk it off

during our annual 8-mile hike on the Chickasaw Bluffs Trail. Meet at the park visitors' center at 8:00 AM. We will shuttle cars to the trail head. Terrain is easy in some places, but there are a number of steep hills. Bring lunch and water. Contact Bob Beger, 3860-5540. **(Note: this is a Sunday hike.)**

December 7-Chewalla State Park, Holly Springs National Forest, Mississippi. Carpool at Kingsway 7:00 AM, or meet in picnic area parking lot at 8:15 AM. Trail is 5 miles in, then 5 miles out. Terrain is easy but we may have to ford several streams. Bring water and lunch. Contact Ray Burkett, 357-9183.

December 19-Christmas Party at Ray Skinner Laurel Hill Winery, 1370 Madison. Meet us at 7:00 PM for our annual potluck dinner. Bring your favorite dish to share; wine will be provided. Don't miss our best feast of the year! As always, we ask that you bring something for our furred and feathered friends at Lichterman Nature Center. Some suggestions: Kal Kan pet food; low-salt, low-sugar cereals such as Cheerios; shelled or unshelled nuts; Vitamin B-1 tablets or powders; Purina chows--rabbit, puppy, kitten, cat, or poultry; Esbilac canned formula; baby foods and meat sticks; telfa pads; cotton balls; rolls of stretch gauze. For more info contact Jerri Bull, 363-4408.



Murfreesboro

Meets the third Tuesday of each month at St. Mark's Methodist Church. Meetings begin at 7:00 PM. All are welcome.

Upcoming Events:

CHRISTMAS PARTY!

The Murfreesboro Chapter will host a holiday party Saturday, Dec. 21 to celebrate the season with good friends and enjoy the full moon. Heloise Shilstat has again offered to open her beautiful home to TTA friends. Those coming from out of town are encouraged to get here before dark, since Heloise's house is difficult to find (unless the moon is extremely bright!). The driveway is a gravel one. Look for a mail box that is painted black and white like a cow. The driveway and mailbox are located on Hwy. 96 across from a duck pond in front of a huge house. These items are located 2 miles north of a bridge on Hwy. 96 crossing the Stones River and running north of Murfreesboro.

Call 896-6278 or 895-8171 for more information. Everyone is invited to watch the Christmas moon!

December 7-Brady Mountain Day Hike-Cumberland Mountain State Park. This 7.5 mile hike along C.T. Section 5 will follow the spine of Brady Mountain reaching an altitude of just under 3,000 feet. Brady Mtn. overlooks Grassy Cove, possibly the largest limestone sinkhole in North America. The grassy Cove Karst Area has been designated a National Natural Landmark by the National Park Service.

This hike is rated moderate to strenuous and entails an 800 ft. altitude gain in the first mile. The trail varies from old logging road to steep, narrow and rocky ascents and descents of 50 ft. or so. Sturdy hiking boots are recommended. Wind chill can be quickly debilitating on this long, narrow mountaintop in December, so hooded rainproof outer wear, layered wool clothing, and gloves or mittens are also recommended. The trail is dry, so bring a full water bottle and lunch.

Call Bob Brown at 615-352-7474 (Nashville), or Steve Hill, 615-484-6138 (Cumberland Mtn. S.P.) for details. Meet at 8:00 Am CST at C.M.S.P. office, and allow 6 to 8 hours for the hike and necessary car shuttles.

Nashville

Meets the fourth Thursday of each month, at the Cumberland Science Museum, 7:30 PM.

****There will NOT be a meeting on the fourth Thursday this month.**** Instead, we will have our traditional Christmas dinner gathering with the local chapter of the Audubon Society. This will be on Thursday, December 5 at 6:30 PM at the Cumberland Museum, upstairs in the cafeteria. This is a potluck dinner, so bring a dish to share; the Audubon Society will provide the drinks. Those who wish may bring some slides (no more than 12 per person) that we will view after dinner. This is always a fun gathering, so BE THERE!

DECEMBER 20-21-Winter Solstice Cabin Camp at Cedars of Lebanon State Park.

The cabin will be reserved for the 20th and 21st. Bring sleeping bags, as there will not be

beds to go around. Bring your own food plus a dish for potluck on Saturday night. There will be a hike on Saturday in the park. There will also be a night walk in the park to enjoy the full moon. On Sunday, we will hike at nearby Long Hunter State Park.

The leader will provide hike times when you pre-register. Come for all or part of the weekend, but please pre-register (for cabin space.)

Bring tapes or CD's of your favorite winter solstice music. If you play an instrument, bring it. Bob is inviting some musically talented friends to spark some sing-a-longs.

Pre-register by calling Bob or Arleen Barnett, 832-6484. Please specify whether you are participating in part or all of the weekend.

December 29-Ganier Ridge Trail Meet at 1:30 PM in front of the new Visitor Center at Radnor Lake. We will enjoy the sights of a winter day as we hike at a moderate pace.

For those interested, we will head to Brentwood's Calypso Cafe afterwards for a snack or early supper. This will be a definite break from holiday fare, with inexpensive prices. If it is cold, COLD, COLD you can conjure up the tropics at Calypso.

Pre-registration is required. Call Bob Barnett, 832-6484.



INFOE TO KNOW

Mail dues, address changes/corrections and membership applications to:

TTA
P.O. Box 41446
Nashville, TN 37204

All newsletter submissions due by the 10th of each month. All submissions, questions and/or comments should be addressed to:

Tom Shepherd
1519 Ashlawn Drive, Murfreesboro, TN 37129

Objectives: To promote, construct, and maintain a statewide system of hiking trails, and to work for the conservation of natural resources inherent to this objective. Sponsor for the Cumberland Trail.

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