



## THEY'RE HERE!

The long-awaited membership directories are ready. TTA president, Rob Weber, brought the newly printed membership directories to the Board meeting on June 18. The Board voted that the directories would sell for \$1.00 and the proceeds from the sales will go directly into each chapter's treasury. Each chapter represented at the Board meeting took a supply of directories to have at the next local chapter meeting. If your chapter was not represented at the Board meeting, call Rob Weber at (615) 952-2949 to make arrangements to get some directories.

The Board also voted to have patches and T-shirts done for TTA's 25th anniversary. We plan on having these ready for the annual meeting in early November.



## 25th Anniversary

*TTA 25th Anniversary Dinner  
Saturday, July 9  
Cumberland Mtn. State Park*

*You are cordially invited to attend a gathering to honor the founding members of the Tennessee Trails Association and to celebrate 25 years of trail-building, hiking and the many friendships formed.*

*We will gather at 3:30 p.m. in one of the meeting rooms at the Cumberland Mtn. State Park lodge to renew old acquaintances and make some new ones. At 5:30 we will enjoy the park's buffet dinner.*

*We have already heard from Evan and Virginia Means that they will be attending. If anyone could be regarded as the "founder" of TTA, it would be Evan Means.*

*Please respond to Bob or Arleen Barnett at (615) 343-0013 or 832-6484 or write to P. O. Box 41446, Nashville, TN 37204 by July 2. We need to give the restaurant a head count by then.*

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## A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT,

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Thanks to all those who attended the National Trails Day work party on Saturday, June 4th at the Big South Fork. Ten members from TTA joined a diverse group of folks which included horseback riders, mountain bikers, and other hikers from around the state. After an orientation session in the morning, which some of our members slept through, we spent the majority of the day working the 2.4 mile West Entrance Trailhead, which breaks off of the Blevins Farm Loop. Under the watchful eyes of Rangers Phil and Sue, the work certified those present to do future trail work at Big South Fork unsupervised.

As most of you folks are aware, the Big South Fork has seen a dramatic increase in usage in the past few years. At the same time, the Recreation Area has had their staff cut, and soon will open a new visitors center at Blue Heron. In other words--more burden on fewer shoulders. To help carry the burden, the staff has revitalized the volunteer program, and under Ranger Sue Duncan, hope to increase outside participation in trail maintenance and other programs. One way TTA as a group can help is by adopting a trail at Big South Fork to maintain. This could be done at the Chapter and/or State level. An excellent example is the heavily used Twin Arches Loop Trail, which a group of 12 TTA members hiked on Sunday, and found to be desperately wanting of maintenance. The Big South Fork takes good care of its volunteers--supplying the camping, the tools, and the know-how.

An excellent opportunity exists for our members to make an impact on something we all cherish. If you are interested in participating, let your chapter chairperson know and/or call myself (952-2949) or Ranger Sue Duncan (569-9778).

Thanks to Stan and Sandra Scott, Suva Bastin, Alan Stokes, Linda Bowman, Eileen Hurt, David & Colette Dill, and Susan Weber, for joining us for Saturday's work party and Sunday's hike, and to Rangers Phil and Sue for their leadership. Thanks also to Al & Vera Churcher and Jim Poteet and Friend for joining us on our Sunday Twin Arches hike. By the way, I wonder if that snake ever managed to swallow that toad?!

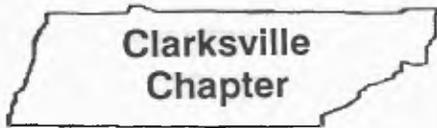
Keep Cool!!

Rob Weber  
President, TTA



## CHAPTER NEWS

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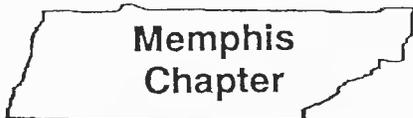


Meets the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm in the Community Room at Governor's Square Mall.

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July 23-24 - Mousetail Landing State Park (Overnight). Class II hike. Call Manuel McKnight for details (615) 358-2115.

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Meets the third Thursday of each month at 7:30 pm in the Scout Building at Kingsway Church.

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There will be no monthly meeting in July. Our annual picnic will be the third week of August--see the August newsletter for details.

Sunday, July 10 - Spring River in Arkansas. The Memphis Chapter will paddle the section of the Spring River roughly between Thayer, Missouri (Dam #3) to near Hardy, Arkansas (Spring River Oaks Campground). For those who plan to camp Saturday night, don't worry about your tents and food while we are on the river Sunday. Barney

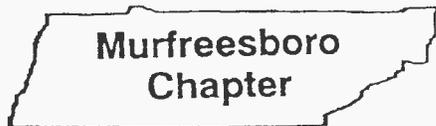
and Tyson Goldstein will guard our gear and our food!

It is a Class I river with some Class II rapids and waterfalls. It is very scenic and is a well-known river for trout fishing. This will be the only activity for the month of July for the Memphis chapter.

Spring River Oaks Campground rents canoes and runs the shuttle for us. We run the river every year and always have a good time.

For directions or further information, call Paul Goldstein at (901) 276-2824.

July 18 - The Wolf River Conservancy will host a "Candidates' Forum on Open Space Resource Issues" at 7:30 pm in Goldsmith's Civic Garden Center (Audubon Park). The Memphis chapter of TTA, along with most of the other conservation groups in the area, has agreed to lend its support to this event. Candidates for the county mayor and county commission races will fill out a survey and each will make a 5-minute presentation. At the reception afterward, you can meet the individual candidates and ask them questions about environmental issues that concern you. TTA members are encouraged to attend. If you want more information, call Mac McWhirter at (901) 682-2355.

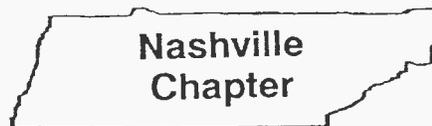


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July 23 - Duck River Canoe Float. The group will meet at Normandy Dam at 10:00 on July 23. The Dam is located a few miles out of Normandy, TN Put-in is at the base of the Dam. Our lunch stop will be at a beautiful restored mill with a gourmet restaurant about 4 miles downstream. Box lunches will be ordered for those who wish and will cost approx. \$7.00. We will eat on the porch of Cortland Mill overlooking the small mill dam. Reservations must be received by July 17 if a box lunch is to be provided by Cortland Mill Restaurant. After lunch, we will portage the dam and proceed to the take-out about another mile downstream.

The water from the base of Normandy Dam is icy cold and will make for a nice July trip. This is a pastoral stream with a few obstacles such as small ripples and brush snags. Participants must make provisions for their own canoes and gear. Life jackets will be required and worn. Pre-register with Tom Shepherd at 895-2098.



Meets the fourth Thursday of each month.

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July 28 - It's summertime--time for a picnic! This month's chapter meeting will be held at the home of Charlie Hann. Special guests will be Tina Alston, storyteller, who will weave us a tale or two, and guitar soloist, Chuck Martin, who will work his magic with a guitar.

Bring: A covered dish, fishing gear and lawn chair.

Time: 6:00 if you want to hike or fish. 6:30 to eat. 6:45 for storytelling and music.

How to get there: I-24 east, exit Bell Rd. west. Turn left at first light (at Shoney's) onto Cane Ridge Rd. Go 3.5 miles to 5967 Cane Ridge Rd. Mailbox is on left side of road with a red ribbon on it. Chairlie's house is on the right a ways back on the driveway (he shares the driveway with a neighbor). Call Charlie at 941-1503 for further information.

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**TRIP REPORT  
APRIL 16 VIRGIN FALLS HIKE**

*Bowater's Virgin Falls Pocket  
Wildnerness was a busy place April 16  
when 20 people and 3 dogs tried to get*

together for this hike, but almost 5 inches of rain the previous week and 2 1/2 inches the night before swelled all of the area creeks to the point that crossing them seemed chancy. Also, the filming of a motion picture in Lost Creek threatened the plans for a possible shuttle pickup point for a straight-through hike.

Several people, including Martha Hawkins who had driven all the way from Memphis for the hike, got the word that the hike had been cancelled. She headed home disappointed. Paul and Pam Miller of Cookeville, who had planned to set up the Lost Creek shuttle, got word the hike was called off and were awakened Saturday morning with news it was on again shortly before time to meet. They missed the group but decided to head into Lost Creek anyway with dogs Rusty and Odette, correctly assuming that the movie filming would also be disrupted by the high water.

Kevin Taylor and Tim Holt planned to meet the group at First Union Bank in Sparta but had a flat tire on the way. After a repair in McMinnville they found their way to the trailhead and hiked in with another group. There were lots of groups that day, including a group from the Smoky Mountain Hiking Club. Someone counted over 50 cars at the trailhead at one time! James Leininger and dog Cissy drove on ahead from the bank in Sparta and hiked in by themselves, meeting Paul and Pam at the falls and eating their lunch at noon. Sandra and Stan Scott also drove ahead but got lost when they took a wrong turn. They finally found the trailhead and hiked in with yet another group!

Hike leaders Jeannie and John Myers led the rest of the group, Tommy Holland, Judy Paxman, Vera Churcher, Elizabeth Gerlock, Barbra Crosman, Judith Foster, Wallace Rogers, Nina Fitzgerald, Mary Jo McKelvey, Phil Myers and Bonnie Greene up to the trailhead. Not knowing that someone had made a rope and log bridge across Big Laurel Creek, Bonnie Greene advised the group to head down the fire lane to Rattlesnake Point, but after Tommy and Judith tried crossing Big Laurel Creek on the fire lane, it was proclaimed too dangerous, and the group turned back to the trailhead.

Undaunted, Bonnie led a second attempt by organizing a shuttle to the Wilson Ridge fire lane. This got the group through to Martha's Pretty Point where they had lunch at 1:30 pm. Then Bonnie and Phil Myers headed back because of evening engagements.

Meanwhile, Paul and Pam hiked around the falls and over to Sheep Cave and back, waiting until 2:00 for the group to meet them at the falls. They then hiked back to Lost Creek. Jeannie led the remaining group to Virgin Falls and quickly back out before dark, so almost everyone got to the falls one way or another. After the hike, part of the group joined Bonnie at the Deli Shop in Sparta for sandwiches. All in all, it was quite a day.

--Paul D. Miller, Bonnie Greene  
and Jeannie Myers

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**UPPER CUMBERLAND**

Meets the first Tuesday of each month at First Union Bank in Sparta.

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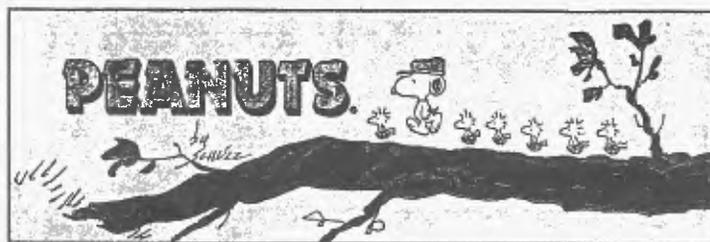
July 9 - Car Hike. Travel by car to Ozone Falls, Mt. Roosevelt, Piney Falls and the Homestead Museum. Meet at J.C. Penney in Cookeville at 9:00 am, Hardee's Monterey at 9:30 am, or Cracker Barrel in Crossville at 10:00.

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**PAST TTA PRESIDENTS**

- Bob Brown, Nashville**
- Donald Todd, Wartburg**
- David Rhyne, Cleveland**
- Lily Rose Claiborne, Oak Ridge**
- Evan Means, Oak Ridge**
- Grimes Slaughter, Oak Ridge**
- Joe Gaines, Nashville**
- Bertha Chrietzberg, Murfreesboro**
- David Stiddem, Nashville**
- Howard Ray Duncan, Jamestown**
- Pat Anderson, Nashville**
- Jerri Bull, Memphis**
- Tom Shepherd, Murfreesboro**
- Bob Barnett**
- Rob Weber**

Several of the above people served more than one year as TTA president.



This letter came to the TTA post office box. If you can provide relevant input regarding this water quality issue, then please do so in writing or by phone to Barbara Smyth.



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION

**Division of Water Pollution Control  
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401 Church St.  
Nashville, TN 37243-1534**

June 7, 1994

Mr. Bob Barnett  
Tennessee Trails  
P.O. Box 41446  
Nashville, TN 37204

Dear Mr. Barnett,

I am writing to inform you of a joint project between the Department's Nonpoint Source Program and the National Park Service to develop a Water Resources Management Plan (WRMP) for the Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area.

The WRMP will identify water resource issues, develop management alternatives, and evaluate those alternatives. It will guide and support management decisions in the National Park. The WRMP may address water resource issues of areas adjacent to the park since the watershed of the Big South Fork River extends beyond park boundaries.

An initial technical advisory group with representatives from Kentucky and Tennessee met in May to brainstorm about the water resource issues facing the park. Notes from this meeting are available if you are interested. The final WRMP is scheduled to be completed by September, 1995.

Please inform me of any data or information that you have, or know of, that may be useful in writing the WRMP.

If you have any questions about the WRMP, please call me at 615-532-0998.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barbara Smyth".

Barbara Smyth, Environmental Specialist  
Nonpoint Source Program

c. Ron Cornelius, Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area

**MEMBERSHIP FORM**

Unless you have a Lifetime Membership in the Tennessee Trails Association, your membership expires on January 1 of each year. All TTA memberships are based on the calendar year and not one year from the month you join.

Please register me as a member for the calendar year 1994 (Jan-Dec) with the type membership checked below:

_____ Student	\$ 6.00	MAIL DUES TO:
_____ Individual/Family	15.00	Tennessee Trails Assn.
_____ Supporting	\$30, \$40 or \$50	P. O. Box 41446
_____ Life	150.00	Nashville, TN 37204

Students do not have voting privileges. Supporting members may be organizations or individuals. Each organization should designate a representative to cast its vote and up to three addresses to receive the newsletter. Family dependent members do receive a separate newsletter.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ WORK PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE LIST ME WITH CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_ OR AT LARGE \_\_\_\_\_ HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT

TTA? \_\_\_\_\_

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

TTA  
P.O. Box 41446  
Nashville, TN 37204

Newsletter submissions due by 15th of the month to Arleen Barnett, Newsletter Editor

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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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