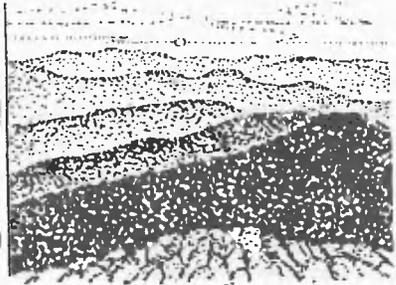


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HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE TTA 25TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER



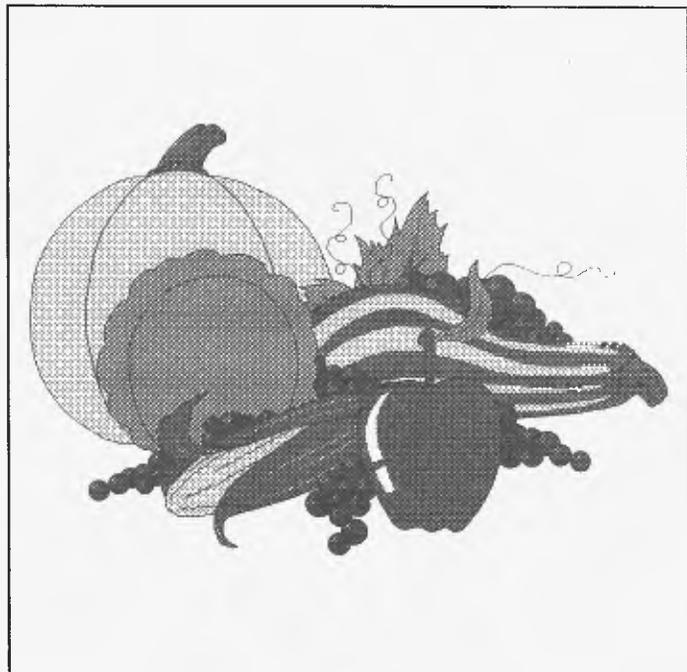
Left: Current TTA Vice President Bob Barnett presents TTA's first Lifetime Achievement Award to Evan Means.

Below: TTA's three founding fathers: Bob Brown, first TTA president, Evan Means, Mack Prichard. Also pictured on the left is Virginia Means.



ATTENTION BOARD MEMBERS:
Our 4th and last Board meeting of 1994 will be held on Sunday morning, November 6th, around 10 a.m.--or whenever people roll/scoot out of their sleeping bags after Saturday night. We have a shorter than usual agenda (hurrah!) for this meeting, so let me know if there is anything you need to add. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the annual meeting!

--Rob Weber,
President



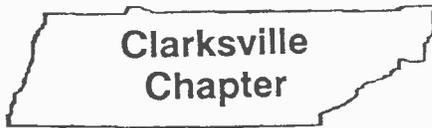
Long Hunter State Park is offering a Backcountry Camping Seminar to run from Nov 28-Dec 2. The sessions will start at 6:30 p.m. each night and run as late as the participants want to talk. Dr. Biff Kummer, who has led treks and expeditions including K-2, will be a presenter. Dr. William Forgey, who has written many wilderness related books and articles including a book entitled Wilderness Medicine, will discuss that topic Friday night. State Naturalist Mack Prichard (a TTA founder) will be a presenter also. On the weekend after the seminar, Randy Hedgepath, the ranger naturalist at South Cumberland Recreation Area, will lead an outing on the Fiery Gizzard Trail. Surely he will share the three versions of how the trail got its name. To register for the whole week long seminar and outing only costs \$40. Call Long Hunter State Park at 885-2422.

NOVEMBER ACTIVITIES

- NOV. 4-6 Annual Meeting
- NOV. 12 Chewalla/Holly Springs
- NOV. 12 Mystery Hike (Upper Cumberland Chapter)
- NOV. 13 New Providence, Ft. Defiance, Sevier Sta.
- NOV. 19 Indian Town Bluff
- NOV. 19 Burnt Mill Bridge
- NOV. 25-26 Cumberland Gap
- NOV. 25 Long Hunter S.P.
- NOV. 26 Laurel Snow Falls
- NOV. 27 Meeman-Shelby S.P.

Please see Chapter News for details of the hikes listed above.

CHAPTER NEWS



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

NOV. 4-6 - ANNUAL MEETING. Happy Hills Acres, Clarksville. Call J.R. Tate, 326-5453.

NOV. 13 - HISTORIC NEW PROVIDENCE, FT. DEFIANCE & SEVIER STATION. This is a Sunday hike. Call Robert Alley 647-7960.

NOV. 15 - MONTHLY MEETING at Governor's Square Mall, Community Room, 7:00 pm.

NOV. 19 - INDIAN TOWN BLUFF (Class II) near Ashland City. Call Wanda Cumberland 358-3338 or Bessie Daniel 647-4837.

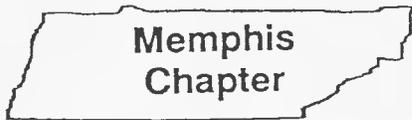
NOV. 25-26 - AFTER THANKSGIVING HIKES. Cumberland Gap (Class III) Manuel McKnight 358-2115 and Frozen Head State Park (Class V) Overnight, Robert Alley 647-7960. We will do one or the other--not both. Call when the time gets closer to find out which hike we will do.

DEC. 4 (SUNDAY) - PORT ROYAL HISTORIC PARK AND TOUR OF HILLS MILLS. Class I. Call Wanda Cumberland or James McKenzie (502) 424-5285.

DEC. 10 - RADNOR LAKE STATE NATURAL AREA. Nashville, Class II, Paul Smith 270-8766 or Wanda Cumberland 358-3338.



NOV. 19 - BURNT MILL BRIDGE LOOP. How many remember the Jamestown Chapter?? This is the first hike of this soon to be reorganized chapter located in a rugged and beautiful corner of Tennessee. The Burnt Mill Loop is one of their favorite old trails, that follows the banks of the Clear Fork River (one of the headwaters to the Big South Fork) amongst the laurel and hemlock. The trail is 4.3 miles long and of moderate rating. We will meet at 9 a.m. at the Hardee's in downtown Jamestown. Many of us will be camping at Big South Fork for the weekend--so join us. Contact Rob Weber (952-2949) for more information, or if you are in the Jamestown area contact Marvin and Maudean Shanks (879-9765) or Ella Jones (879-8091).



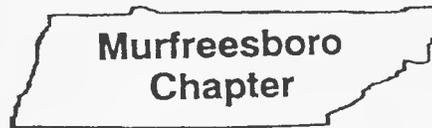
Meets the third Thursday of each month at 7:30 pm in the Scout Building at Kingsway Church.

NOV. 12 - CHEWALLA AT HOLLY SPRINGS NAT'L FOREST, MISSISSIPPI. This will be about an 8-mile hike on flat terrain, and we will also be doing some light maintenance, such as flagging trails and picking up trash. Wear boots, long pants and work gloves. We'll meet Ranger Gerald Inmon at 8 a.m. near the pavilion at the far end of the picnic area. For directions, call Jerri Bull at 363-4408.

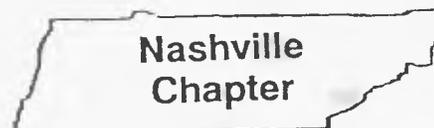
NOV. 17 - MONTHLY MEETING AT 7:30 PM AT KINGSWAY CHURCH. Our guest will be registered dietician Carolyn Nasca, M.S., R.D., L.D.N., who specializes in wellness and disease prevention and also has expertise in sports nutrition. She'll answer your questions about the best foods to eat before and during a hike. (Might even have hints on how to make it through the upcoming holidays without putting on 10 pounds!)

NOV. 27 - MEEMAN-SHELBY STATE PARK AFTER THANKSGIVING HIKE (SUNDAY). Meet us at 8 a.m. at the visitor check-in station at the north entrance to the park. We'll hike the 8-mile Chickasaw Bluffs Trail, but it doesn't loop, so we have to shuttle cars first. Terrain is hilly in certain places, and some parts may be obstructed by

downed trees, so we may climb over a few logs. Bring lunch and water. For info call Debbie Gilbert, 454-0613, or Yvonne Morgan 372-7002.



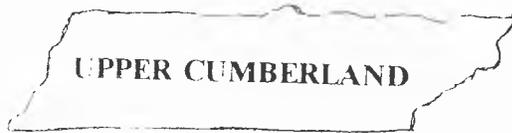
Meets the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm at St. Mark's Methodist Church.



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

Since the fourth Thursday falls on Thanksgiving this month, we will not have our regular meeting at the Cumberland Science Museum on Nov. 24. In recent years TTA members have attended the Sierra Club's meeting on the third Thursday, Nov. 17.

NOV. 25 - LONG HUNTER STATE PARK. After Thanksgiving hike. Meet at the visitor center just inside the main park entrance on Hwy 171 at 9:30 a.m. We will drive from there to the Baker's Grove trailhead and hike the Volunteer Trail day loop (4 miles). We will eat lunch at one of the bluff overlooks. After lunch we'll hike the two mile Couchville Lake Trail and the one mile Inland Trail. Those leftover turkey and ham sandwiches will taste better in the great outdoors, you'll feel better about what you ate on Thursday if you hike on Friday, and you'll avoid the crowds at the malls. Don't be a couch potato, call Bob Barnett 832-6484.



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

Some new and old faces joined us for the October chapter meeting. We welcomed guests, and possible new members Tracy Swack and Carmen Canale. We were happy to see Sam and Lois Shadden and Sandy Ellis and daughter Leslie again after missing them for several months. Jack Morrison and Ethelene Hoilman told us all about their trip to the southwest. Willa brought some very sweet pickles. Paul R. and Nora were there, as were Denise, Tom Kelly, and Pam and I. Bonnie arrived late with an exciting tale of four blowouts on a church bus trip to Chattanooga. I rode my bike over again and was not at all shy about

starting in on the snack table. As always, there was a generous spread and Sam was delighted to find freeloader welcome.

Bonnie confirmed the arrangements for the 1995 Annual Meeting. It will be the weekend of October 27-29 at Beersheba Springs Hotel. Remember, that is 1995. Details will be forthcoming.

The CPR instructor failed to show up for the meeting. Bonnie now plans to arrange the class thru the hospital instead and will inform everyone at the November meeting of what to expect.

Pam and I reported on our week-long adventure on the Bike Ride Across Tennessee (BRAT) and how we missed the Pickett Acquisition hike. Cliff Phifer filled us in on the real hike but failed to explain how Pat Anderson lost her pant legs. We actually planned a hike or two thru January, including an intriguing series of mystery hikes to be led by Ross Cardwell. Mystery hike dates are Nov. 12, Dec. 3 and Jan. 21. Call Paul or Pam Miller for details (526-9259-new home #).

I put to the group the possibility of following my vanity and accepting a nomination for a possible bid for the TTA State vice-presidency. I was so flattered by the resounding **NO** that my vanity was satiated. I decided instead to accept the nomination for another year as chapter chairman. I welcome other nominees for chapter chair and the offices of secretary, treasurer, and activities coordinator. Be thinking of your favorite hikers. Election of chapter officers will take place at our November meeting. Don't forget!

ELECTION 1994

We polled the gubernatorial candidates regarding some trail-related issues. Their responses are listed below. Don't forget to vote!

Question #1: Linear parks and greenways are the wave of the future, especially in heavily populated areas. Would you support transforming abandoned railways into greenways?

Bredesen: Yes, I support this concept. Such trails are wise and productive uses of our greenspace.

Sundquist: An excellent idea. Where the State can cooperate with local governments in easing the way for such projects, we ought to do so.

Question #2: Over the past 10 years, neighboring states have placed an emphasis on trail development. At the same time, Tennessee has eliminated funding for a Trails Administrator and funding for the Cumberland Trail. Would there be a possibility of restoring this funding in your administration?

Bredesen: I will look closely at restored funding for trails in Tennessee. I have been very supportive of trails and greenways in Nashville and will bring this same outlook to state government.

Sundquist: I have made a point of not making budget promises. I don't rule it out, but I am not willing to make spending decisions until we begin a full, detailed budget review. As for administering existing trails, I'd want to see if we can improve this with existing personnel before creating new positions.

Question #3: Would you support a portion of the gas tax going to support multi-use trail building and maintenance since gas is used by ATV's on existing trails?

Bredesen: I am not inclined to divert money from our dedicated highway fund for building and maintaining trails. We have a very successful "pay-as-you-go" program for construction and reconstruction of the state's roads and bridges and I am committed to moving forward with that. I also am concerned that use of ATV's on hiking and bicycle trails spoils the experience for people who want a quiet, wilderness experience.

Sundquist: Tennessee's gas tax is essentially a user fee for the maintenance of our roads and bridges. I do not support diversions from the road fund.

Question #4: Do you support protecting state parks and natural areas from adjacent development that would detract from the natural beauty and recreation opportunities?

Bredesen: To the extent possible, I support buffer zones around parks and natural areas. Some of this could be accomplished by targeted acquisition. However, I do not think the state should place many restrictive covenants on the use of private land. I think achieving these goals through local zoning ordinances is preferable.

Sundquist: Yes. I believe our parks and natural areas are assets which must be protected. I would oppose adjacent development that undermines the state's investment in these areas.

HIDDEN PASSAGE HIKE
OCTOBER 8, 1994

Bill Jones' knee, Pam and I participating in the BRAT, a postponement by Bonnie Greene and Tennessee Tech's Homecoming made this our first chapter hike since August 13. I won't count the Aquarium trip or the Acquisition hike.

Hidden Passage was a great way to usher in the hiking season. There were enough fall colors to dazzle, enough exotic rock formations to mystify, enough quiet, dark and densely canopied rock houses to calm the mind and enough rhododendron foliage to promise a brilliant spring, that everyone who went wants to plan another hike there. The 12 1/2 miles and six hours on the trail went far too quickly. I left with my body tired but spirit recharged. WE NEED TO DO MORE HIKING!

Joining Pam and me at Penney's were Paul and Nora and Cathy Williams from Murfreesboro. James Leninger and dog Sissy from Nashville waited for us

at Monterey Hardee's. Cliff and Barbara Phifer met us at the trailhead. We saw only a half dozen fall wildflowers and lots of berries, none of which we could identify with any confidence. We needed an expert along on the hike. We were not alone on the trail. There were three other groups along the way, and we met a number of young people from the group camp. It was a nice day for a hike. Hope to see you next time.

--Paul D. Miller

UPCOMING HIKES

NOVEMBER 12 - MYSTERY HIKE #1 with Ross Cardwell, mileage unknown, strenuous. Meet at First Union Bank in Sparta at 9 a.m. Hike followed by soup at Bonnie Greene's. Contact Bonnie at 836-3696.

NOVEMBER 26 - LAUREL/SNOW FALLS HIKE. 5-8 miles, moderate. Meet at Penney's in Cookeville at 8 a.m., Hardee's in Monterey at 8:30

a.m., Cracker Barrel in Crossville at 9 a.m. or the trailhead near Dayton at 10:00 a.m. Contact Paul & Pam Miller 526-9259.

DECEMBER 3 - MYSTERY HIKE #2
with Ross Cardwell, mileage unknown, strenuous. Meet at First Union Bank in Sparta at 9 a.m. Contact Bonnie Greene 836-3696.



Bessie Daniel of the Clarksville Chapter has arranged with a company in Clarksville to produce TTA 25th Anniversary pins as shown above. She will be taking orders at the Annual Meeting in November.

PICKETT STATE PARK ACQUISITION HIKE, SEPT. 1994



DATABANK

National Resources Inventory

Do you know how many acres of forested wetland are in Georgia or how many tons of soil per acre are blown away each year on cropland in Nevada?* Well, the federal government thinks it knows and so can you, thanks to the recent release of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's *National Resources Inventory* (NRI), billed as the "most comprehensive and statistically reliable natural resource data in the world." Nevertheless, some of the data require explanation. For instance, the reduction in wetlands loss due to agriculture is owed in part to differences in sampling techniques between the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), which has reported significantly higher numbers. On the other hand, the positive trend for soil erosion mainly reflects physical realities—improved conservation practices by farmers and cropland enrollment in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP).

Millions of acres of developed non-federal land in U.S. (excluding Alaska) in 1982: 78.4

Millions of acres of developed land in U.S. (excluding Alaska) in 1992: 92.4

Percent increase of developed land in U.S. (excluding Alaska) in 10 years: 17.8

Millions of acres of prime farmland in 1992: 334

Millions of acres of prime farmland converted to development 1982-1992: 4

Millions of acres of federal land (excluding Alaska) in 1982: 404.7

Millions of acres of federal land (excluding Alaska) in 1992: 408

Billions of tons of cropland erosion per year in 1982: 3.13

Billions of tons of cropland erosion per year in 1992: 2.13

Percentage drop in cropland erosion 1982-1992: 32

Tons of soil lost to erosion annually per acre of cultivated cropland in 1982: 8.2

Tons of soil lost to erosion annually per acre of cultivated cropland in 1992: 6.4

Decline in per-acre soil erosion of cultivated cropland 1982-1992: 22%

Average annual wetlands loss on all U.S. land, 1954-74 (from USFWS): 458,000 acres

Average annual wetlands loss on non-federal land, 1982-92 (from NRI): 140,000 acres

Portion of wetlands loss due to conversion to agriculture 1954-74 (USFWS): 87%

Portion of wetlands loss due to agriculture 1982-1992 (NRI): 36%

Portion of non-federal rural land (excluding rangeland) needing conservation improvements in 1982: 56%

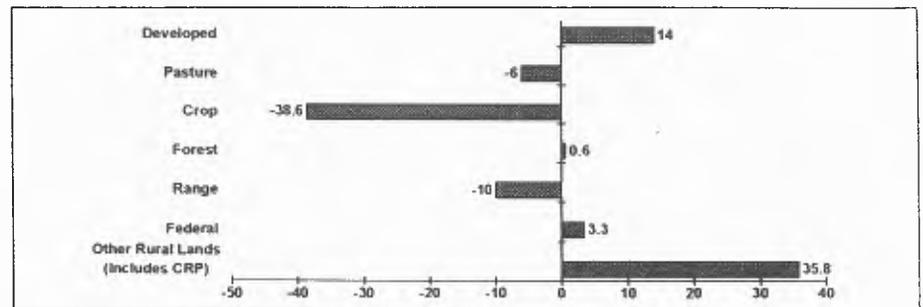
Portion of non-federal rural land (excluding rangeland) needing conservation improvements in 1992: 44%

Millions of acres of cropland loss, 1982-1992: 38.6

Millions of acres of cropland loss, 1982-1992, attributable to enrollment in CRP: 32

*Answers: 5.7 million acres and 50 tons.

U.S. Land Use Changes, 1982-1992 (in millions of acres)



Source: "Summary Report," 1992 National Resources Inventory (202/720-5420).

MEMBERSHIP FORM

Unless you have a lifetime membership in TTA, your membership expires on January 1 of each year. All TTA memberships are based on the calendar year and not 1 year from the month you join. Please register me as a member for the calendar year 1995 (Jan-Dec) with the type membership checked below.

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