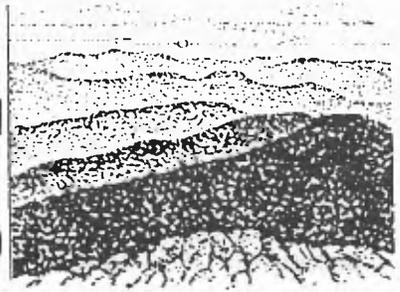


TENNESSEE TRAILS



The monthly newsletter of the Tennessee Trails Association

1995 TTA AWARDS

Robert D. (Bob) Brown is the co-recipient of the 1995 TTA Award. The Board of Directors felt he was highly deserving and did not consider it anything but a positive that he won the award previously. Bob was a founder of TTA and served as its first president. He was Evan Means' obvious choice to edit the 4th edition of Hiking Tennessee Trails. Bob is a trustee of the Tennessee Field Office of the Nature Conservancy. He serves on the Tennessee Recreation Trails Advisory Board, the Board of Directors of the Friends of Warner Parks and on the Metropolitan Nashville Greenway Commission. He is a Nashville resident, but a true Tennessee trails advocate. Many people do not believe you can have integrity and be a lobbyist. Bob Brown serves a calling greater than the Tennessee Trails Association, as an unpaid lobbyist for the trails of Tennessee, and he is full of integrity too.

Alan Stokes is the other co-recipient of the 1995 TTA Award. Alan redrew all the maps for the 4th edition of Hiking Tennessee Trails. Alan is the man behind the boots that are found in the monthly newsletter. He has served TTA's "artistic" needs ably for nearly a decade without financial remuneration. While a member of the Nashville chapter, Alan must surely be an honorary member of the Cumberland Mtn. chapter due to his love of the back roads and trails to be found in the Big South Fork.

Current two-term TTA president Rob Weber is the winner of the Bill Stutz Award. This year's nominees were Bonnie Greene of Sparta, Paul Miller of Cookeville, and Rob Weber. Under Rob's leadership, new chapters have been established in East Tennessee (Knoxville area) and Cumberland Mountain (Jamestown area), and the groundwork has been laid to start a Crossville area chapter. Rob has sought to bring new leaders onto the TTA Board while consulting veteran TTA leaders. He has led by example by being very active in trail maintenance and hiking. He has been masterful at delegating duties and recognizing the work of others. Rob's wife, Susan, has been a vital force in helping him serve TTA. As Rob is fond of saying, "You don't have to be an officer or Board member to serve an important role in TTA."

A Farewell Letter from the President

December 1995

A BIG THANK YOU goes out to the Upper Cumberland Chapter for their excellent work in hosting our 1995 annual meeting at Beersheba Springs in the South Cumberland Region. We had blue skies, crisp fall temperatures, and superb fall colors--the gulfs were awash in red, rust, and yellow--all of which made for fantastic hiking. Friday and Saturday night's programs were excellent, and our TTA auctioneer, Bob Barnett, raised about \$350. Thanks to Paul and Pam Miller, Bonnie Greene, Nora Miller, Judy Cleary, Denise Charvoz, and Marnell Cothran for their hard work. The 1996 Annual Meeting will be hosted by the Nashville Chapter and held November 15th-17th at Cedars of Lebanon State Park--plan to be there!

Our TTA award went to Bob Brown, editor, and Alan Stokes, maps, for their work in producing the 4th edition of Evan Means Hiking Tennessee Trails. The newest edition has sold well over 4000 copies this year and both Bob and Alan placed untold hours of work into this project. The royalties will be going to TTA and we thank Evan Means for this generous gift--we will use the funds well. The Bill Stutz award was presented to myself--for this I'm deeply indebted and will continue to work for TTA and trail issues.

The new year will bring new leadership to TTA, and foremost is the election of Harold Draper from the East Tennessee Chapter as our President for 1996. We couldn't be more pleased, as Harold brings with him a lifetime of dedicated work in both trail issues and environmental issues. He has been instrumental in the ongoing formation of the East Tennessee Chapter, is their current Chapter Chair, the current co-chairman of our adopt-a-trail program, and active in trail maintenance. Welcome!! Our new Vice President is former Nashville Chapter Chair Jim Poteet. Jim is responsible for this year's membership directory, a difficult task and we thank him. The directory is available from your Chapter Chair at no cost to members. Vacating the Vice Presidency is Jim Johnson, who on beginning a career as an airline pilot finds free time a scarce commodity. I thank him for his work and hope to work with him again in the future. Finally, we're pleased to announce that Ray Burkett will join us as a new Board Member at Large from the Memphis area. Thanks to all returning and outgoing Board Members for their hard work and time involved in 1995, and to my wife, Susan, for her support throughout the last two years.

I've had an excellent two years as President of TTA. It has allowed me to network with a tremendous amount of good people, discover Tennessee from all sides, and hike many a trail. I will continue to press many issues--state trail leadership, the Cumberland Trail, and trail maintenance. Remember in these times where fiscal spending is short and where our environmental laws are endangered, Tennessee Trails Association must stand out and push for issues important to us. There is no one else to do it. One earth.

Thanks!! Happy Hiking!!

Rob Weber
President TTA

CHAPTER NEWS

Clarksville

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

NEW YEAR'S EVE HIKE. Call Wanda Cumberland 358-3338.

Cumberland
Mtn.

SAT. DEC. 9 - ANGEL FALLS, BIG SOUTH FORK. Easy, 4 miles. Call Bob Washburn (615) 879-5426 or Marvin Shanks (615) 879-9765.

East
Tennessee



The East Tennessee Chapter will take a festive hike on Cherokee Blvd. in Sequoyah Hills to look at Christmas lights on Sunday evening, Dec. 10th at 5:00 pm. Meet at Cherokee Park at the far end of Cherokee Blvd. near Scenic Drive. This is a very easy 4 mile stroll. Bring a flashlight. Optional dinner afterward. Questions--call 494-9421.



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



DEC. 21 - CHRISTMAS PARTY.

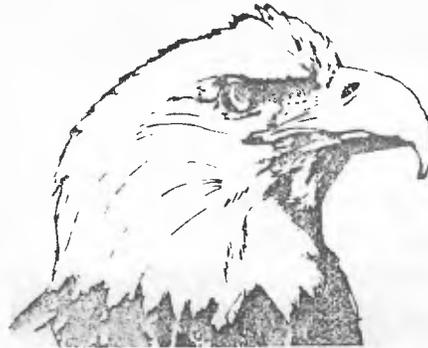
Betty Porter has graciously offered to host the party at her new home this year. She lives at 6696 Stout Rd., off Kirby Rd., at the edge of Germantown. Dinner, as always, is potluck, so bring your favorite dish (there's an oven if you need to reheat something). Napkins, cups, utensils, and coffee and tea will be provided. Socializing starts at 6:30 pm, with dinner at 7. Remember, this party takes the place of our regular monthly meeting. For more info, call Betty at 755-4740.

DEC. 10 - PARKIN

ARCHEOLOGICAL STATE PARK, in Arkansas (33 miles west of Memphis). This is not really a hike--more of an exploration. And it will be literally an exploration, because none of us have ever been there before! Parkin is the site of an ancient Native American village (similar to Chucalissa in Memphis), with outdoor

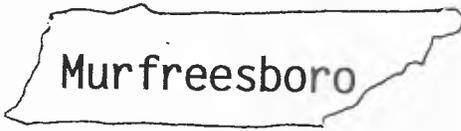
exhibits and an interpretive center. It's located 12 miles north of I-40 on Ark. Hwy 75. If you want to carpool, meet us at 12:30 pm Sunday in the Oshman's parking lot near Park and Ridgeway. We'll assemble around 1:30 at the Parkin Visitor Center. Call Debbie Gilbert, 454-0613.

The Holiday Hike scheduled for Dec. 30th has been cancelled because Betty Porter will be in Florida. Life's a beach.



SAT. JAN. 6 - REELFOOT LAKE

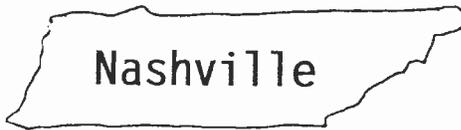
EAGLE WATCH. If you are interested in going to Reelfoot Lake to see the eagles, call Betty Porter (901) 755-4740. You must be at the Air Park Inn by 9:30 am. The tour bus leaves at 10:00 am. Any reservations not claimed at 9:45 will be turned back to the office. Bus tickets are \$2.00. Dress for the weather; temperatures there are usually colder. Bring binoculars if you have them. After the tour, we will eat lunch and visit the museum.



Murfreesboro

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

SUN. DEC. 31 - NEW YEAR'S EVE HIKE AT FROZEN HEAD. Approx. 8 miles, moderate. We plan to meet at the Lebanon exit on I-40 at 7:00 am, which should put us at Frozen Head at 9:30 am. Call Heloise 896-6278 or Kurt 896-2189 to preregister.



Nashville

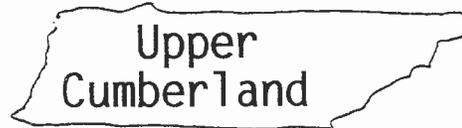
Meets the fourth Thursday of each month at 7:30 pm at the Cumberland Science Museum.



THURS. DEC. 7 - CHRISTMAS PARTY AT THE CUMBERLAND MUSEUM. TTA and the Audubon Society will host the annual holiday party at 6:30 pm at the museum. TTA will be

responsible for decorations this year and, of course, FOOD. Audubon folks will be providing the paper goods, utensils and beverages, and, of course, FOOD. If you have a few slides of a hike or trip you have taken in the past year that you'd like to share with the group after dinner, bring those too. And did I mention to bring FOOD?

THURSDAY, DEC. 21 - WINTER SOLSTICE HIKE AT LONG HUNTER S.P. Meet at the Visitor Center at 7:00 pm. We'll hike the 2-mile paved trail around Couchville Lake. Call Bob Barnett to preregister 832-6484 or 343-0013.



Upper
Cumberland

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



DEC. 10 - CHRISTMAS PARTY AND DEC. CHAPTER MEETING. Meet at First Union Bank in Sparta, on Sunday at 1:30 pm. Covered dish dinner. Christmas carols led by Paul & Nora. Bring a child's gift to be donated on behalf of the chapter to needy children. For party details, contact Bonnie Greene 836-3696, Sparta.

DEC. 16 - BLACK MOUNTAIN. 6 miles, difficult. Meet at Penney's in Cookeville at 9:00 am, or Cracker Barrel in Crossville at 10:00 am. Contact Paul & Pam Miller 526-9259, Cookeville.

TENTATIVE DEC. 24 THRU JAN. 1 - Bonnie Greene and Paul & Pam Miller are planning to organize some spur of the moment "let's go hike!" hikes into Virgin Falls, 5-7 miles difficult. If the weather is right, we might take a group into Colditz Cove to see the frozen falls, 2 miles easy. If you would like to be on the "Call List", contact Bonnie Greene or Paul D. Miller. If we decide to go, we'll call you.

ATTENTION CHAPTER CHAIRS!!

Remember to have your 1996 Hike Schedule to the newsletter editor by Dec. 15 for publication in the January newsletter. Harold Draper has selected the dates for the first two Board meetings of 1996, Feb. 10 and May 18, so please work around these dates when planning your schedule. The Feb. 10 Board meeting will be in Nashville.

SPECIAL THANKS!

Special thanks are in order to the following area businesses and institutions for showing their support for Tennessee Trails by contributing, door prizes and auction items for our annual meeting. When asked, the following contributed without hesitation. Remember them when you need the goods and services that they provide.

McDonald's in Sparta
Hill's Sporting Life in Crossville
First Union Bank in Sparta
Wal-Mart in Sparta
The Sparta/White County Chamber of Commerce
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First American Bank in Cookeville
Cumberland Mountain Outdoor Sports in Cookeville
Putnam County Chamber of Commerce
Sports One in Cookeville
Good Shepard Health Foods in Cookeville
K-Mart in Cookeville



ADOPT-A-TRAIL

TRAIL MAINTENANCE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! If you would like to be placed on a call list for trail maintenance, contact Rob Weber at (615) 952-2949 for details.

If you are interested in maintaining a particular trail or section of trail, please contact Harold Draper, Adopt-A-Trail Coordinator at (423) 689-7757.

NEW MEMBERS

- EAST TENNESSEE** Thomas & Carrie Mays

- MEMPHIS** Barbara Thompson

- NASHVILLE** Sherry Thomas
Fred Sensing
Teresa Gregory
Jane Glaser
Robert Chambers
Frieda W. Demmas
Larry Fagan
Harris Gilbert

- UPPER CUMBERLAND** Carmen Canale
Lisa & Claude Hammock
Janet Sharpe

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ORDER FORM

_____	Hiking Tennessee Trails, 4th Edition	\$ 9.95
_____	TTA Adopt-A-Trail Manual	3.00
_____	25th Anniversary TTA Patch	3.00
_____	TTA Window Decal	1.00

Prices include postage. Mail your check payable to TTA to: TTA Membership Director, P.O. Box 41446, Nashville, TN 37204

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Memberships are based on the Jan-Dec. calendar year, unless you have a Life Membership. Please register me for the 1996 calendar year.

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