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Our next scheduled activity will be a trail-clearing session on Saturday, May 16, on the Island Creek section of the Cumberland Trail in the Catoosa Wildlife Management Area,

President Todd writes: "We will try to get under way about 9:00 a.m. EDT. Anyone who can't make it that early will be welcome to join later. Work parties will leave from the checking station at the site of the old mining town of Catoosa.

"Those coming from the East should turn left in Wartburg and follow the signs eight miles to Catoosa. From the West, the shortest way is to go left from the Genesis Road interchange on I-40 to the Genesis checking station. Turn right on the road that crosses the Obed River at Potter's Ford and continue across Daddy's Creek to Buck Switch. Go straight thru the crossroads at Buck Switch and continue about three miles to a concrete low water bridge across Island Creek. We will start a work party down the creek from there."

We had a good representation at the Trails Seminar at Montgomery Bell State Park on April 11. President Donald Todd and Vice-president Bob Brown appeared on the program. Other officers attending were Secretary Robbie Hassler and Director Evan Means. TTA members there included David Hassler, John McIntyre, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hall, of Memphis, Dottie Adams, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Leathers, Ed Casey, and Tom Goodpasture.

The Seminar was attended by representatives of TVA, U.S. Forest Service, National Park Service, Bureau of Outdoor Recreation, Austin Peay State University, David Lipscomb College, Dept. of Conservation, and others. / A full report will be published later.

The biography of the month is that of our corresponding secretary-treasurer, Susan McIntyre. She won't say when but she was born in El Paso, Texas, a desert city with an annual rainfall of nine inches in a wet year. She started hiking as a Girl Scout, mostly in the mountains of New Mexico.

Susan graduated from East Texas University, where she met her husband, John, a native of Sherman, Texas. She worked for three years in the library at the University of Arkansas, while John was in graduate school.

It was that librarian's aversion to disorder that got her into office in TTA. She couldn't stand Bob Brown's untidy mailing list. (It wasn't alphabetical.)

The McIntyres live in Oak Ridge and Susan says she could never live in the desert again, after Tennessee. She works one night a week at Recording for the Blind and serves on the Board of the Unitarian Church. She gets her exercise keeping up with two-year-old son, David and John gets his back-packing the little fellow on hikes. David was on top of Mt. LeConte in the Smokies twice by the time he was six months old.

Next month we'll bring you the profile of either Frank Bruce or Roy Hall, directors, whichever we get first.

We'll see you on the trail.