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The trail clearing work session on the Catoosa Wildlife Management Area will be Saturday, September 12, not the 13th as mentioned in the August issue. President Donald Todd will be in charge. Starting time will be 9:00 a.m. EDT and there will be two meeting points. Late arrivals will be able to find the work crews.

Those coming from the East through Oak Ridge and Knoxville should follow State Route 62 to Wartburg. Turn left off U. S. 27 in Wartburg and follow the signs to the Catoosa checking station. From the West, turn left off I-40 from Genesis Interchange and go past the Genesis Checking Station, turning right on the road that crosses the Obed at Potter's Ford, continuing across Daddy's Creek to Buck Switch. Go straight thru the crossroads at Buck Switch and continue about 3 miles to a concrete low water bridge across Island Creek. Someone will meet a group there.

Those who attended the rappelling instruction at Sunset Rock on August 15 enjoyed it very much. Paul Adams and your editor enjoyed it as spectators. Sec. Robbie Hassler had descended the rock twice when we left to go home and cut the grass. Her picture appeared in the Oak Ridger on August 20. Ed Casey was nervous and stopped to rest twice on the way down.

We had two newspaper men besides your editor at Sunset Rock. Maxey Irwin of Sparta and Mike Higgs, sports editor from Cookeville, were there. Mike is a spelunker and has been caving with John McIntyre. He was good on the ropes too.

We had six workers on the Cumberland Trail on August 22: Pres. Donald Todd, Ed Casey, Bob Brown, John McIntyre, Gary Bass and Evan Means. Nobody got any yellow jackets this time but Donald Todd found a baby rattlesnake. We now have the Trail cleared from Tri-state Peak to the western boundary of Cumberland Gap National Historical Park.

We didn't find out until after the August issue was out that John McIntyre's jeep broke down on July 25, making him late for the trail work session. It was working o.k. on August 22 and he got there on time.

There will be a fall color hike in Morgan State Forest on October 24. We'll have all the details in the October issue of Tennessee Trails. The Board of Directors will meet in Wartburg that evening.

Program chairman Bob Brown tells us that a tentative date of November 7 has been set for a follow-up trails seminar at Montgomery Bell State Park. By that time we'll know who has been elected to the General Assembly and no doubt will have some representatives at the meeting. At that time, we'll consider a proposed trails system bill to be presented to the Legislature in January.

Paul Adams told us at Sunset Rock that the next day, August 16, was the anniversary of the date he first climbed Mt. LeConte. He made that first trip in 1918. Paul's book on Mt. LeConte and the activities that led to the establishment of Great Smoky Mountains National Park is worth reading.

We'll see you on the Trail.