

TENNESSEE TRAILS

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE TENNESSEE TRAILS ASSOCIATION

Mission: To promote, construct and maintain a statewide system of hiking trails, and to work for the conservation of natural resources inherent to this objective.

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Thanks to the Good Guys of REI – Brentwood

TTA would like to thank the good guys of REI at Brentwood because we were recently awarded a \$3,300 Grant to purchase promotional equipment for Tennessee Trails Association.

If you were at the Annual Meeting 2005, you probably admired the lighted tabletop display. Diane Manas, Nashville Chapter, did a wonderful job adding some pictures and art to the display with only a few days time to do this. The lighted marquee has our round TTA logo and the words TENNESSEE TRAILS ASSOCIATION spelled out across it. The display panels are covered with a dark green Velcro-receptive fabric so that they can be easily changed from time to time. The entire unit weighs only 20 pounds, comes in a UPS approved carrying case, and can be assembled in 5 minutes. The lovely display piece is only one of several items purchased with the Grant money.

Although not used at the Annual Meeting, the display piece comes with a dark green table cover and a topaz gold table runner that will give the entire display a very professional look. The table cover is adjustable to accommodate a 6- or 8-foot table. The table runner is screen-printed with the TTA "boots" logo and the "Come Hike With Us" slogan.

Our own member and graphic artist, Alan Stokes, Nashville Chapter, worked with the manufacturing company in our behalf and without charge to assure the excellent quality of the art work.

The grant also allowed us to purchase a laptop computer, a digital projector, and an 6-foot portable screen on a tripod. These were used at the Annual Meeting by Ron Dunn, Murfreesboro Chapter, and Glen Rognstad, Jackson Chapter, to share their great programs on hiking. Ron Dunn is the one who initialized the laptop and installed the programs. *(Continued on Page 2)*

Annual Meeting 2005 Sets Record Attendance!

Awards, Highlights and Totals: An Overview of the Annual Meeting 2005

The weather was perfect and there was a festive mood for the whole 3-day weekend of the Annual Meeting 2005. The Friday mid-afternoon hike started things going in the right direction with over 20 people taking part. A buffet supper followed by PowerPoint presentations on hiking, a great blue grass band, square dancing, and story telling around the campfire all made for a fun and satisfying first day.

Many positive comments were heard about the early morning coffee available in the lobby next to the bake sale goodies. A hearty breakfast buffet preceded hikers leaving for the 10 hikes offered Saturday. The hikes were staggered to decrease confusion and to give most people a chance to shop the White Elephant Sale and Silent Auction either before or after their hikes.

The tables were decorated in fall leaves and nature's autumn bounty for Saturday evening's banquet to honor the founders of TTA and the Cumberland Trail.

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TTA Annual Meeting 2005 Credits

We regret this list is bound to be incomplete. If you helped and your name is not listed we apologize, but hope you will receive satisfaction in knowing your kindness and work eased our load and helped make the Annual Meeting a great success for everyone! Thank you all!

HOST CHAPTERS: Columbia/Franklin * Highland Rim (Tulahoma) * Murfreesboro

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Thanks to the Good Guys of REI –Brentwood

Rick Lausten, Columbia/Franklin Chapter, was the first to borrow the laptop and projector after the Annual Meeting. He used them to share his pictures with his Chapter and Murfreesboro of his recent rim-to-rim hike of the Grand Canyon. He had to pick them up and return them to their temporary home in the Murfreesboro area. However, the TTA Board of Directors has appointed two people to write a protocol for the use, distribution, and storage of this equipment. Our goal will be to locate a central place, in or around Nashville, to store everything. So, if you have a little bit of -storage space and can volunteer a small amount of your time to help with checking equipment in and out, please let a committee member know; the two-person committee is composed of Anna Bertram (abertram@heartofn.net), Murfreesboro Chapter, and Diane Manas (dmanashikes@comcast.net), Nashville Chapter.

The grant request was written and submitted by Anna and Fount Bertram, Murfreesboro Chapter. Diane Manas had learned of the Grant from her hiking and backpacking "buddy," Sue Lefferts, an employee of REI, who is also a member of the Nashville Chapter.

The new equipment will allow us to promote TTA "in living color" at future conferences, workshops, and other special events, such as Earth Day, National Trails Day, Health Fairs, Outdoor Club gatherings, Rotary Club meetings, etc. It will be an asset for getting our name out to the public and in recruiting new members. In exchange for all this wonderful gear we have agreed to present a program at the REI store in Brentwood. The date and time will be published in a future issue of the newsletter.

Also, REI has been a loyal supporter of the Cumberland Trail so please, on your next visit, take the time to say "thanks" and let the staff know how much you appreciate receiving the Grant!

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Annual Meeting Sets Record Attendance!

Each honoree was presented a plaque as a token of our appreciation for their work to establish our organization and to guide it during the early years.

Shortly after the banquet the Annual State Business Meeting was called to order, awards given, new officers elected, and the other state business matters handled. (The new officers are listed in another article in this issue.) The recipients of this year's awards are: Carol and Warren Devine, East Tennessee, The Tennessee Trails Award; Fount Bertram, Murfreesboro, The Bill Stutz Award; and Jim Schroeder, Murfreesboro, The Golden Squirrel Award.

Last but not least Saturday the Silent Auction ended and the Live Auction began.

There was a lot of waving of the paddles and many jubilant squeals as everything from birdhouses to backpacks were offered and sold to the highest bidders.

Sunday morning brought another tasty breakfast buffet and an assortment of hikes from easy to difficult. Eleven hearty hikers took off for the Walls of Jericho and it was later reported they had a great time and got out in time to return home to a routine Monday.

So many things have been left out of this overview of the Annual Meeting 2005 due to space limitations. Some of these are the wonderful Chapter displays, the new state-wide TTA exhibit, interesting speakers, the amusing but informative skit by the Murfreesboro backpackers, wildlife literature handouts, and the beautiful quilt that brought in so many donations.

(Cont') Annual Meeting Sets Record Attendance!

The bottom line is it was a fantastic weekend with a record breaking 169 registered attendees and 16 guests in addition to several others who made cameo appearances such as the band members and auctioneers. The fund raising efforts for the 2 auctions, bake sale, bar, quilt, Chapter and private donations, came to a total of \$6,099.91 to be given to the Cumberland Trail Conference for the Spring BreakAway Program. The Planning Committee could not have done this without your attendance and support. Thank you! Looking forward to seeing everyone at next year's Annual Meeting at Land Between The Lakes with Clarksville Chapter as the Host!

Submitted by Anna Bertram, Chair – Annual Meeting 2005 Planning Committee

Your Generosity Benefits All

When you join or renew your Tennessee Trails membership, you have the opportunity to become a Supporting Member by donating a little (or a lot) above the regular dues.

In the past, Supporting Member donations in excess of the regular dues were allocated to TTA's general operating fund. At the November 2001 Annual Meeting, TTA's Board of Directors voted to allocate Supporting Member donations to the Evan Means Small Grants Fund. Your tax-deductible Supporting Member donations will now directly benefit trail projects throughout the state of Tennessee. We thank you all for your support of TTA at any membership level, but we hope you will enrich Tennessee's trail system by joining or renewing as a Supporting Member.

TTA Annual Directory

If you haven't provided your e-mail address yet, you stand a chance of it being left out of the upcoming annual directory. It is simple to do and will insure state of the art communication within the organization. Your e-mail address will not be shared, sold or exchanged with anyone else, so it is a secure disclosure. To have your e-mail address included, here is what you do...Go to www.tennessee-trails.org Click on the side menu under "Member Services"...Click on the "Change of Address" bullet...Go to the bottom of the address form and add your e-mail address. It's as simple as that...You don't need to change anything in your regular mail address. E-mail has become the major source of communication and we want you to be up to date with what is going on within TTA.

CARD OF THANKS TO TTA

"Thank you for the floral arrangement.

Dad's spirit will walk with us all."

The Todd Children – Don Jr., Janet, and Steven
(Editor's Note: The obituary of TTA founder, Donald Todd, Sr., was in the Oct. newsletter.)

CUMBERLAND TRAIL CONFERENCE

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Best Wishes to Mark Stanfill and Nora Beck!

We all want to take a moment and wish two very special people a *bon voyage* and best wishes. Mark Stanfill and Nora Beck are both leaving the Cumberland Trail Conference to pursue other opportunities.

Mark has been the Program Coordinator and a lot of other things for the CTC. He has organized and managed the BreakAway, Big Dig and various other programs and events that have enhanced the trail building on the CT. He will be missed! Mark will officially leave the CTC on December 31, 2005. He is taking a sabbatical and volunteering his time, talents and energies to aiding victims of Hurricane Katrina in Gulfport, Mississippi in the meantime.

Nora has taken a position with the Tennessee Parks and Greenways Foundation and will be working out of the Nashville office. Those of us that have had occasion to be in contact with the CTC office will certainly miss her efficiency and good will. Nora always seemed to be everywhere at once keeping the affairs of the CTC in line, on time and running smoothly.

I hope all of you will make an effort to let Mark and Nora know they have been appreciated and that they will be missed.

-Fount Bertram

Think Ahead into 2006: Spring Breakaway – Soddy Daisy, TN - Dogwood Lodge

How would you like to be part of the kitchen cooking crew for BreakAway 2006? We always need lots of help and we run a happy kitchen. And I'll tell you a secret -- it is fun -- except for that early wake-up call, but you can be first in the buffet line. Someone else does most of the clean up and everyone thinks you are wonderful for putting all that delicious food on the table.

BreakAway 2006 will run for four weeks during the time frame of February 26 to April 1st. The CTC is finalizing the schedule with the schools. We always have a big crowd of college students because they know our ASB is such a good experience. We need cooks and helpers and a dishwasher. If you are interested, give me a call. Please plan on staying several days so you can really learn the routine and also get to know the students. I need to schedule helpers so everyone does not come at the same time. Students arrive on Sunday afternoon and leave after breakfast on Saturday. They are on their own for Wednesday supper - and so are the cooks!

In 2006 we will not ask for food donations, but we will accept cash donations. There have been some minor problems in previous years with transportation and also container sizes. This year we have access to another food wholesaler as well as Sam's so we can keep a smaller inventory for the set menu.

I hope to see all you experienced cooks who worked previous BreakAways and everyone who has been thinking about working for the past three years. Come on, make the commitment, you will be glad you did.

Betty Porter 901-755-4740

Kitchen Coordinator

Ray Haley

Chief Cook

Adopt-A-Trail: We Need Your Help

Due to our thrust to build new trail and the rash of storms over the last couple of years, trail maintenance on the Cumberland Trail has fallen behind in some areas. We need your help by adopting a segment of the Cumberland Trail. You can co-adopt with others if a favorite section is already adopted. Go to the Cumberland Trail webpage and see the Adopt a Trail page for a list of segments.

What do you have to do?

- √ Walk the segment 3 or 4 times a year, especially in the spring.
- √ Do what you can. If you can run a chainsaw, great!
- √ Report to the office what you did and the condition of the trail.

Adoptees can be individuals, families, scouts, hiking groups, or church groups. For more information or questions, contact CTC.

Get Away In Your Own Backyard!

Special Winter Rates at Tennessee State Parks

No more excuses, it's time to get away, especially when Tennessee State Parks is offering special rates on its 360 villas and cabins, and 6 inns to those who seek a change of scenery or a little seclusion (no crowds) during the winter months. From now through March 31, 2006, all state park lodging will be discounted with the presentation of a Winter Discount Coupon.

With a Tennessee State Park's special Winter Discount Coupon, park visitors can buy 1 night and get 1 free. To stay at an inn, guests can purchase 2 rooms for \$79.95 or 1 room for \$42.95. The flexible 2 room special rate allows guests to use 1 room for 2 consecutive nights or use 2 rooms for 1 night.

Guests must present a Winter Discount Coupon upon check-in in order to receive the discount. The discount is good seven days a week and is valid only for reservations made on or after November 1, 2005 (the starting date of this promotion). Holidays are not included and certain other restrictions may apply. To receive a Winter Discount Coupon by mail, call the state park's information line at 615-532-0001 or toll free at 888- 867-2757. Winter Discount Coupons may also be printed from TDEC's web site at www.state.tn.us/environment/parks/promotions/.

The following Tennessee State Parks (with inns and/or cabins) participating in this special Winter Discount promotion are Cedars of Lebanon, Chickasaw, Cumberland Mountain, Edgar Evins, Fall Creek Falls, Henry Horton, Meeman-Shelby Forest, Montgomery Bell, Natchez Trace, Nathan Bedford Forrest, Norris Dam, Paris Landing, Pickett, Pickwick Landing, Roan Mountain, Rock Island, Standing Stone, and Tims Ford.

There is a state park within an hour's drive from anywhere in Tennessee and each offers a wide range of recreational and natural opportunities for individuals, families and groups, so no more excuses, it's time to get away.

Don't Miss an Outing ... Plan Ahead, Register Early!

Our hike coordinators are volunteers. Make it easier for them to contact you if hike needs to be cancelled by registering! There are times when a hike leader must limit (due to park regulations, etc.) the number of participants. Please do not wait until the afternoon or evening before the outing to RSVP. Plan ahead and register early.

Carpool Etiquette

Gasoline prices have continued to roller coaster up and down. Please be considerate and take your turn as a carpool driver. If you are a rider, always contribute to the cost of gasoline (i.e. bring small bills, it'll save time and prevent the inconvenience). Your driver is not a chauffeur. Assist him or her by reading the map and/or directions to the trailhead. Help your driver remain alert on the drive home by staying awake and conversing. All passengers must wear seat belts to minimize the risk of injury in case of an accident!!! The drive is generally the most dangerous part of any hiking trip.

MLK Weekend Special Events!

Big South Fork Chapter invites all TTA members to join us for January 14, 2006, events:

Meeting of the Waters Hike and Chili Lunch Evening Program with Refreshments

Plan to stay overnight and enjoy more hiking in our area. For lodging reservations, contact Grey Gables Bed & Breakfast, 1-423-628-5252 or greygables@highland.net; or Historic Rugby, 1-423-628-2441 or 1-888-214-3400, www.historicrugby.org

Attention: Hike Coordinators

A TTA *Release of Claims & Hold Harmless Agreement* form (aka "Liability Waiver") must be signed by everyone before you start your hike or before carpooling to your hiking destination. They can be obtained from your local Chapter Officer or downloaded easily from our website:

www.tennesseetrails.org/release.php

BIG SOUTH FORK CHAPTER

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(call & volunteer to lead an outing)
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Jan 14 Poteets' Annual Snow and Ice Hike, Rugby. Jim and Marietta Poteet will lead a hike in the Big South Fork NRRRA at Rugby. It is an annual snow and ice hike on the historic trail from the village to the Gentlemen's Swimming Hole, along the Clear Fork River to the Meeting of the Waters, then return through the woods to the Laurel Dale Cemetery. From here, follow the Laurel Branch Trail to Beacon Hill for a chili/soup break at Shadowlands, the Rugby home of Jim and Marietta. Please call Jim or Marietta at 615-824-7286 or email at mattheml@bellsouth.net or jpoteet@genesco.com to register and for further information.

SPECIAL PROGRAM

Jan 14 Donald Todd Celebration. Robert Lantz, author of Tennessee's Rivers and colleague in Donald Todd's conservation efforts in Morgan County, will share his reminiscences in this special program. Rugby Community Building, 8:00 p.m. We invite Snow and Ice hikers from all TTA chapters to stay overnight in Rugby. Join us for this program and refreshments following, and plan to enjoy more hiking in the Big South Fork area on Sunday. For lodging reservations, contact Grey Gables Bed & Breakfast, 1-423-628-5252; greygables@highland.net, or Historic Rugby, 1-423-628-2441 or 1-888-214-3400; www.historicrugby.org.

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(call & volunteer to lead an outing)

Sandi Hamilton 931-920-2760 billhamilton@charter.net
MEETING: Monthly - 3rd Tuesday, 7:00 pm CT. Crow Community Center, 211 Richview Rd (Public is cordially invited!)

Jan 1 Montgomery Bell New Year's Hike; 8 mi., moderate; Sandy Janus 551-8523

COVE LAKE CHAPTER

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MEETING: Monthly - 2nd Monday at 6:00 pm ET
LaFollette Recreation Center's Craft Room, 201 S. 9th St.

No hikes scheduled at this time. In the meantime, check out other TTA chapter hike listings and join a hike!

COLUMBIA/FRANKLIN CHAPTER

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MEETING: Monthly - 1st Tuesday at 6:30 pm CT
Grand Buffet (North of Spring Hill)

Jan 1 Please see the New Year's Day Hike and Feast article under the Highland Rim Chapter section.

Jan 3 Chapter meeting at the Grand Buffet Chinese Restaurant in Spring Hill. 5228 N. Main Street. We begin eating at 6:15 PM or so, and convene the meeting at 7:00 pm. We end at 8:00 pm. On the agenda will be to plan our hikes for February, March and April, as well as plan our construction of the Stillhouse Hollow Falls trail that we will build and complete by April 2006.

Jan 14 Bobby Hardeman will lead a hike in Mammoth Cave National Park, Kentucky. The above ground hike is a total of 6.6 miles and rated moderate (no caving this trip). We will leave the A&D Market (1883 Lewisburg Pike) at 6:45 pm. Travel time is approximately 3 hours each way (which includes a stop for gas/bathroom). We will have lunch on the trail, so be sure to bring water, snacks and lunch. We will stop on our way back in Bowling Green for dinner. If you have questions or wish to sign-up, please contact Bobby Hardeman at email Puttr22@aol.com or by telephone at 615-305-7955.

TRIP REPORTS

On Dec. 6, Keith White and Toni Reeves graciously opened their house for a chapter Christmas party. We had very good attendance and a big Thank You to Keith and Toni for wonderful hospitality. It was terrific!!

EAST TN CHAPTER (Oak Ridge / Knoxville)

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Jan 1 Start the New Year with an afternoon hike at Haw Ridge Park, near Oak Ridge. We will meet at 1 p.m. in the main parking lot. Said lot is 0.7 miles from highway 162. It is the third parking lot on Edgemoor Rd. heading east. To get to the park, take 162 North toward Oak Ridge (Pellissippi Parkway). After crossing Melton Hill Lake, take the first exit to Tn 170. We'll plan on about 5-7 miles along the lakeshore. Plenty of trails to choose from within this 780 acre park. For more information contact Fran Cope at 865-219-0301 or Fcope48@comcast.net.

Jan 21 Cumberland Trail, Wartburg, TN. We'll begin our hike at the Nemo Bridge Trailhead just outside of Wartburg and hike 4.5 miles to Breakaway Bluff overlooking the Obed Gorge. After lunch at the bluff we'll retrace our steps back to Nemo Bridge for a total distance of 9.0 miles. This is a challenging hike on a trail that is very steep and rocky in places. Sturdy hiking boots and a good walking stick are strongly recommended for this hike. Bring along snacks, lunch and enough water to last all day. We'll meet at 9:00 a.m. at the Food City located at 134 S. Illinois Ave. in Oak Ridge. For more information contact Bob Uhren at 865-748-9227 or snowcap34@hotmail.com.

HIGHLAND RIM CHAPTER (Tullahoma Area)

CHAPTER OFFICER: Doug Ratliff
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MEETING MONTHLY: 3rd Tuesday at 7:00 pm, see announcement below for location.

Jan 1 NEW YEAR'S DAY HIKE AND FEAST - MULTI CHAPTERS - AT THE BRIDGESTONE FIRESTONE

CENTENNIAL WILDERNESS, DeRossett, TN. The tradition lives on! The superstition is that whatever you do on New Year's Day you'll continue to do all year, so come out and hike and feast with us. This is an annual event with several Middle TN chapters. We will hike Polly Branch Falls Trail to the Screw Bluff Overlook, where we will serve up a New Year's Day feast, socialize, and take in the views of the Caney Fork River Gorge. We will return to our cars via the Chestnut Mountain Trail. The total hiking distance is 6 miles and rated moderate due to the rocky, uneven terrain, tree stobs, and two small stream crossings. Sturdy hiking shoes that provide stability are strongly advised! Everyone is encouraged to participate by bringing something to share (black-eyed peas, cornbread, greens, cook stoves, cook pots, paper plates, cups and cutlery, desserts, cider or hot chocolate and the water for making them, napkins, and garbage bags to remove our trash.) Even if you're not a chef you can help by carrying stuff. Contact Robert Davis at davisrf@tms.net or 931-962-1614 to register.

Jan 17 MONTHLY MEETING, Western Sizzlin' Restaurant in Tullahoma. We are going to change our meeting place for January to see how we like it. We will meet at the Western Sizzlin' Restaurant in Tullahoma. You can arrive as early as 6:00 PM to eat and socialize. The business meeting and program will start at 7:00 pm. Mike Robertson, Park Manager at Tims Ford State Park, will speak to us on the history of the park as well as plans for future development of hiking trails and other activities at the park. See you there.

Jan 21 Perimeter Trail, Sewanee, TN. This will be our annual Eat-Hike-Eat outing. Plans are to meet at the Blue Chair Bakery & Coffee Shop, hike approximately 5 easy miles of the Perimeter Trail, and eat again at Shenanigan's. Contact Tom or Joan Bentley at 931-455-5849 or Bentley@edge.net for meeting time and to register.

JACKSON CHAPTER

CHAPTER OFFICER: Gary Cooper
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MEETING: Meeting: Monthly: 1st Tuesday at 7:00 pm CT
Lambuth University, 705 Lambuth Blvd, Hyde Hall in basement on Maple Street. Look for TTA signs.

Jan 1 NEW YEAR'S DAY HIKE / FEAST, MULTI-CHAPTER ANNUAL EVENT AT BRIDGESTONE-FIRESTONE CENTENNIAL WILDERNESS Contact Gary Cooper 731-424-5373, gcooper52@yahoo.com (see Highland Rim Chapter for details)

Jan 3 MONTHLY MEETING - Come and meet new friends and discuss recent hikes. Visitors always welcome

Jan 14 Shiloh Military Compass Hike-Shiloh National Military Park near Counce, TN. Join the fun and at the same time learn more about your compass. A compass and registration is required for each participant. Bring water and lunch and dress for some bush-wacking that we will do along the way. We will meet at Ed Shaw's Cafe (located on Tn Hwy 22). For additional information, to register or obtain carpool details or to confirm meeting times contact Roy Corley 731-668-5070 or roycorley@aeneas.net.

(cont') JACKSON CHAPTER

Jan 28 Mousetail Landing State Park This 8-mile trail is rated moderate with some steep and rugged hills. Bring snacks, lunch and water. You have the option of carpooling from Jackson or meeting us at the Park's Visitor Center. For carpool/Visitor Center meeting time contact Sara Hakim hakim@lambuth.edu or 731-424-6692.

MEMPHIS CHAPTER

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MEETING: Monthly (Sept - May) 3rd Thursday at 7:00 pm Meeting Location: Cordova Library, 8457 Trinity Rd. 901-754-8443 Located off Germantown Parkway east on Trinity Rd. 1 1/8 mile. On the right - shares an entrance with Bert Ferguson Community Ct.

Jan 7 Herb Parsons Lake, Fisherville located northeast of Collierville, near Collierville Arlington Rd. and Macon Road Here's an easy 6-mile hike around the lake and through the woods. Bring snacks and water. Meet at 9:45 am at the lake. For information call Betty Porter at 901-755-4770.

Jan 19 MONTHLY MEETING Join me, Deena Spuryer, as I share an abundant wealth of resources and information on Arkansas hiking trails. I have been trekking around Arkansas since childhood, and will be sharing my "potpourri" of knowledge, including great website links, guidebooks, and descriptions of some of the most splendid day hiking trails, ever. We will also check out what Arkansas hiking clubs are doing. The "Natural State" offers spectacular waterfalls, caves, wilderness areas, and scenery, and most of it is less than half a day's drive from Memphis. Come sit on "Sam's Throne", take a peek through the "Glory Hole", and find yourself at "Lost Valley", and you'll see why Arkansas has inspired the hiker in me with its best kept secret, scenic spots. You don't want to miss this event. Bring a friend, and start planning an Arkansas hike now!

Jan 21 Meeman-Shelby Forest, Millington, TN Meet at the Visitor Center at 9:00 a.m. and bring water and snacks. We will hike the Woodland Trail, a 4-mile hike through mature forest along bluff tops and bottomlands. This hike is rated easy to moderate. State park entrance fee \$3 per car. New hikers welcome! For information, call Jerry Lenski at 901-213-0604. Directions: From Interstate 40, take exit 2-A, turn right, go 6 traffic lights to Watkins Road (this is Highway 388), turn left and go until the road dead-ends. Turn left, go one mile to a four-way stop, Shelby Forest General Store and turn right, go one mile, turn left into the park.
<http://www.state.tn.us/environment/parks/parks/MeemanShelby/>

Jan 29 Shelby Farms Park New hikers welcome! Are you new to Memphis? Hiking? Or, just want a gentler hike? Then, this hike is just for you. Meet at the park visitor center at 2:00 p.m. for an easy 3 to 5-mile walk. Bring water and snacks. For information, call Margaret Dixon at 662-893-1794.

MURFREESBORO CHAPTER

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(Call & volunteer to lead an outing)

Ron Dunn

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MEETING: Monthly - 2nd Tuesday at 7:00 pm CT

Barfield-Crescent Park's Wilderness Station

697 Barfield Rd., Murfreesboro

Jan 1 NEW YEAR'S DAY HIKE AND FEAST - MULTI CHAPTERS - AT THE BRIDGESTONE - FIRESTONE

CENTENNIAL WILDERNESS, Derossett, TN. The tradition lives on! See Highland Rim Chapter for Details! Contact Fount Bertram to sign up. Phone 615-765-5357 or e-mail fwbertram@heartoftn.net

Jan 10 MONTHLY MEETING Back to our usual 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm schedule! Rick Lausten of the Columbia-Franklin Chapter is presenting a PowerPoint program about his rim-to-rim hike of the Grand Canyon last fall.

Jan 15 Rugby Hike, Rugby, TN. Our 4th annual winter hike at Rugby with members of the Big South Fork and Nashville Chapters . . . We always hope for snow for this hike, so don't let snowy weather forecasts deter you. The Poteets will lead us on a 5 mile hike from Beacon Hill in Rugby to Laurel Dale Cemetery, then on to the Gentlemen's Swimming Hole along the Clear Fork River and the Meeting of the Waters, before returning to Beacon Hill. Afterwards we'll chow down and warm up at Shadowlands on Beacon Hill, the charming Rugby home of the Poteet's. This is a great opportunity to socialize with hikers from our own and other Chapters while enjoying the gracious hospitality of Jim and Marietta. This hike is rated moderate due to elevation changes and possible snow. If there is interest and conditions permit we may also hike Colditz Cove, near Allardt, on our way home. We will car pool from Hardee's (main drag, on the left) in Woodbury, leaving there promptly at 7:30 am CT. For more information or to register contact Anna or Fount Bertram, abertram@heartoftn.net or 615-765-5357

Jan 21 Barfield Crescent Park, Murfreesboro, TN. Join us for a 3 mile newcomer/beginner hike; lots of variety: gurgling streams, mossy hilltop glades, sinkholes and rock outcroppings, maybe some ice or an owl. Bring water, snacks, sturdy shoes, and \$\$ for lunch at Pawbowski's Dog House after the hike. For more information contact Jeanne' Hoechst-Ronner at hoaxie@comcast.net or 890-9084.

Jan 28 Collins Gulf backpack - Come hike the south rim trail of Savage Gulf (7 miles) then down the historic Stagecoach Road (2 miles) and a small (.5 miles) of the connector trail before hiking out on the Collins West trail (5.5 miles). This hike is rated moderate to difficult depending on weather conditions, as there are four creek crossings. Severe weather will cancel this hike. Registration required, phone 615-355-6712 or email Gary Frost at gap_frost@hotmail.com.

NOTE – TTA LOGO SHIRTS STILL AVAILABLE: We have a few long sleeved t-shirts left in size x-large at \$12 each, a few sweatshirts in various sizes at \$19 each, and short sleeved t-shirts in various sizes at \$10 each. If you are interested in any of these contact Anna Bertram abertram@heartoftn.net or 615-765-5357

NASHVILLE CHAPTER

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Sue Waldrop

MEETING: Monthly - 4th Tuesday at 7:00 pm CT

TN Wildlife Resources Association meeting room at Ellington

Agricultural Center, 5105 Edmondson Pike**

HIKING HOTLINE - 615-367-7045

Jan 7 Beaman Park First Saturday Hike 9-noon Age level: Adults, 8+ Registration opens August 19. Don't miss this opportunity to take a guided hike with one of the many knowledgeable Friends of Beaman Park volunteers and explore the still new Beaman Park – it's 1,500 acres of forest on the Highland Rim and a natural treasure! This will be led by Dave Walton 615-292-1384.

Jan 1 NEW YEAR'S DAY HIKE AND FEAST - MULTI CHAPTERS - AT THE BRIDGESTONE - FIRESTONE

CENTENNIAL WILDERNESS, Derossett, TN. The tradition lives on! See Highland Rim Chapter for Details! Contact Fount Bertram to sign up. Phone 615-765-5357 or e-mail fwbertram@heartoftn.net

Jan 14 Big South Fork NRRRA at Rugby. It is an annual snow and ice hike on the historic trail from the village to the Gentlemen's Swimming Hole, along the Clear Fork River to the Meeting of the Waters, then return through the woods to the Laurel Dale Cemetery., From here, follow the Laurel Branch Trail to Beacon Hill for a chili/soup break at Shadowlands, the Rugby home of Jim and Marietta. The trip will be on Jan 14. Please call Jim or Marietta at 615-824-7286 or email at mattheml@bellsouth.net or jpoteet@genesco.com for further information. Plan to stay in Rugby for a special BSF Chapter program Saturday evening. Bob Lantz will share his recollections and experiences working with Donald Todd to protect of Frozen Head and the Obed River. Overnight lodging is available at Grey Gables Bed & Breakfast and Newbury House.

Jan 15 Old Stone Fort/Short Springs Loops. This 2- part hike is great for beginners. Old Stone Fort, in Manchester area, is a moderate 2.6 mile hike over high river bluffs, narrow rock ledges, riverside bottomland and waterfalls circling around a 2,000 year old stone wall built by ancient American natives. We will lunch at beautiful Rutledge Falls located a few miles down the road. The second part of the hike is about 4 miles further to Short Springs State Natural Area. This 2.9 mile loop is a moderate hike through hardwood forest with waterfalls. Bring water, snacks, lunch and \$3.00 parking fee (if you don't have a pass). For more information and to register contact Garnett Rush at 352-7217 or rushga01@yahoo.com.

Jan 21 "Double Milk Bone hike" Dogs Welcome! Meet at Deep Wells parking lot. We will start hiking at 9:15. We will hike Warner Woods (4.5 mile) Loop and at that point people can head off or stay and do an additional 2.5 mile loop. Both loops are hilly and rated moderate. Bring snacks and water for yourself and pooch just in case none available. Port-a-potties at parking lot. We will go get some food afterwards. Call Rachel J. at 945-8605 for time to meet and with any questions or if weather is questionable.

Jan 22 Walls of Jericho, near Winchester, TN. 3.5 mile trail down to the gorge and then 3.5 miles uphill coming back (total: 7 miles). This is a beautiful area, but it's still relatively new and the trails on the Tennessee side are not open yet. Rated Moderate due to the distance and the uphill hiking at the end. Bring sturdy boots, clothing appropriate to the weather, and water & lunch/snacks. High water in the gorge will cancel!

(cont') NASHVILLE CHAPTER

(cont') Jan 22 Call Doug Burroughs at (615) 587-0085 for information on the meeting place and time, and to register.

Jan 24 MONTHLY MEETING Our presenter this month is Tom Vickstrom of the Nashville Chapter. Tom will share a slide show entitled "Five Hikes in the American Southwest." His images will take us to Colorado, Utah and Arizona for views of Fisher Towers, the Wildfoss Trail and the Zion Narrows Riverwalk, among others. Deep in the heart of a Tennessee winter, come enjoy these scenes and get some ideas for your next romp in the West.

Jan 28 We will continue our exploration of Nashville's developing greenways system with a walk on the East Bank Greenway, the Shelby Street Bridge, the Downtown Greenway, and the Bicentennial Mall. We'll pass sites from Nashville's past, including the site of the 1779 settlement of Nashville and the Fort Nashborough replica, the State Capitol, regarded by many as the nation's finest example of Greek Revival architecture, and the pre-Civil War bridge across the Cumberland River. And we'll see some of the dynamic new developments that are transforming downtown Nashville, including the Schermerhorn Symphony Center, site of the minor league ball park, the stunning new justice center, and the acclaimed new Public Library. Bring lunch money for a stop at the Farmers Market. Meet at 10:00 a.m. at the corner of South First and Russell Sts. at the north entrance to the Titan's coliseum (unfortunately, they won't be playing this January). The corner is by the Juvenile Justice Center near the east end of the Woodland St. Bridge. No pre-registration required, but call if you need directions. Trip leader, Bob Brandt, 615-292-1775.

NORTHWEST CHAPTER (UT at Martin / Weakley County)

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MEETING: usually the 2nd Thursday, call for confirmation or visit our chapter website. Meetings start at 7:00 pm CT UT Martin Campus, Boling University Center, Room 231

WEBSITE: www.utm.edu/~jclark/trails/

Jan 16 Fourth Annual Martin Luther King hike on the North-South trail hike at LBL. Continuing where we left off last year (Golden Pond Visitor's Center) we will continue from 5-7 miles toward the South terminating at Colson Overlook Picnic Area (5.1 miles) or at the connector to Mountain Laurel Spring (6.5 miles?). Be prepared for any kind of weather. We've had balmy 60s to bone-chilling code, melting snow to frozen turf. Gentle, forested hills, make this an easy-to-moderate hike in good conditions.

PLATEAU CHAPTER (Crossville)

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SECRETARY/TREASURER: Myra Holloway

MEETING: Art Circle Public Library's Community Room, 154 East 1st Street, Crossville

NO scheduled meeting in January. Meet us in Feb. for our next scheduled meeting.

There is a leaderless hike (typically 5 - 7 miles) every Wednesday morning. For additional information or to get on an e-mail list for the hikes, contact Bill Haynes at 931/707-7606 or e-mail sue1290@frontiernet.net for details. Rain cancels.

UPPER CUMBERLAND CHAPTER (Sparta / Cookeville)

CHAPTER OFFICER: Richard Savage

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Jan 1 New Year's Day Hike - multi-chapter hike at Bridgestone-Firestone Wilderness Area. Contact Richard Savage at 931-526-2035 or savage_richard@hotmail.com for meeting time information.

Jan 7 Collins Gulf Loop/Horsepound Falls, Savage Gulf State Natural Area, Palmer, TN. Highlights of this hike include Horsepound and Suter Falls, numerous overlooks, and the historic Stagecoach Road built in the 1830s. We will descend into the gulf along the Collins Gulf Trail to Suter and Horsepound Falls. (Those wanting a shorter hike can return to the beginning from Horsepound Falls for a total hiking distance of 5 miles which is rated moderate). We will continue by ascending from the gulf on the Stagecoach Road and following the Collins Gulf loop to the beginning. The hike is 13 miles and is rated strenuous. Bring snacks, water, and lunch. Hiking boots are required. You can meet us at 7:00am CT in the Penney's parking lot in Cookeville or at the US Bank across from McDonald's in Sparta at 7:30am. For information and to register contact Louise Miniard at 931-528-9115 or lminiard@flowserve.com.

Jan 14 Natural Bridge, Hazard Cave, Lake View, Lake, Ladder, and Island Trails, Pickett State Park, Jamestown, TN. We will hike a collection of short but scenic trails in Pickett State Park. Highlights include two natural bridges and Hazzard Cave. The total distance is about 6 miles and is rated easy. You can meet us at 9:00am CT in the Penney's parking lot in Cookeville. Bring water, snacks, and lunch. For information and to register contact Kathleen Gordzelik at 931-520-6294 or gkhs@multipro.com.

Jan 21 Twin Arches to Middle Creek, Big South Fork NRR, Jamestown, TN. This hike features the Twin Arches, the largest natural bridge complex in Tennessee, Slave Falls, Needle Arch, rock houses, and other rock formations. Slave Falls is spectacular when frozen. The hike is about 11 miles and is rated easy for the terrain and moderate for the distance. Bring water, snacks, and lunch. You can meet us at 7:30am CT in the Penney's parking lot in Cookeville. For information and to register contact Richard Savage at 931-526-2035 or savage_richard@hotmail.com.

SODDY DAISY CHAPTER

This chapter is being reorganized. For further information contact the T.T.A. President, Fount Bertram, at 615-765-5357 or fwbertram@heartoftn.net. In the interim, you are welcome to attend other chapters (13 to choose from) outings, events and meetings.



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Founders Not Present: Carl Leathers, Nashville * Dot Lingerfelt, Hixon * Liane Russell, Oak Ridge * Grimes G. Slaughter, Oak Ridge * Richard M. “Dick” Wooten, Fairview

We also wish to thank Rosemary Lynch, East TN Chapter Officer and State Vice-President Elect * Charles Jones, East Tennessee Representative * and Rick Lausten, Columbia/Franklin * for giving of their time and resources to personally deliver plaques to honorees who could not attend.

Auction Coordinator: Jaye Kiblinger, Murfreesboro

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Special Thanks: Alan Stokes, Nashville Chapter – for art work,

REI for the Grant (See article on cover!)

Power Point Presentations: Ron Dunn, Murfreesboro Chapter * Glen Rognstad, Jackson Chapter

Early Morning Coffee Hostess: Sue Eldridge, Plateau Chapter

Band And Square Dancing Michelle Russell, Proprietor of Tubby’s Country Club, Monteagle, arranged for the great blue grass band

Bend of the River Band – Choate family and Earl Eames

Bobby Fulcher, C. T. State Park Manager- Called the square dancing

Gary Cooper, Jackson Chapter – Lights on Pavilion

Hike Planning and Implementation: (Murfreesboro Chapter’s “Core Group of Backpackers”) 18 hikes planned – 15 hikes done! What an accomplishment! Charlotte Broyles * Tammy Day, Hike Coordinator * Gary Frost * Kim Griswold * Tony Hook

Hike Leaders: Bud Austin, Highland Rim * Sharon Bell, Highland Rim * Tom Bentley, Highland Rim * Fount Bertram, Murfreesboro * Charlotte Broyles, Murfreesboro * Joette Carter, Highland Rim * Cathi Close, Highland Rim * Cathy Conley, Highland Rim * Tammy Day, Murfreesboro * Ron Dunn, Murfreesboro * Gary Frost, Murfreesboro * Kim Griswold, Murfreesboro * Jeanne' Hoechst-Ronner, Murfreesboro * Tony Hook, Murfreesboro * Dennis Horn, Friend of Highland Rim * Millette Jones, Murfreesboro * Tony Jones, Murfreesboro * Maryedith McFarlin, Murfreesboro * Sara Pollard, Murfreesboro * Nancy Juodenas, Nashville * Brent Morris, Middle TN Rep. At Large * Katheryn Pendleton, Nashville * Doug Ratliff, Highland Rim * Glen Rognstad, Jackson * Jim Schroeder, Murfreesboro * Nabil Wakid, Murfreesboro * Anne Wesley, Nashville

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