

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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New and Familiar Faces at Annual Membership Meeting

State TTA President Rosemary Marshall presided at a fast-paced annual membership meeting on **Oct 25** at Indian Creek Youth Camp near Liberty, Tennessee. We heard reports from most of our chapters, and welcomed the re-formed Soddy-Daisy Chapter, co-chaired by Carla Hilling and Don Deakins. They now have 25 members and are hiking and meeting regularly.

The Cumberland Trail Conference's general manager, Tony Hook, reported on changes to come for the CTC, most significant being curtailment, if not cessation, of state funding for operations, which will take place as of June 30, 2009. The CTC has completed ten miles of new trail this year, for a total of 170 to date; and has recently completed a successful fall building program in which two bridges were completed, the Rock Creek Bridge spanning 80 feet and the Big Possum Bridge spanning 60 feet. Plans are already well under way for the spring BreakAway program, with one week already full and another filling fast.

Officers elected for 2009 include:

- President – Rosemary Marshall, East Tennessee
- Vice President – Lou Ann Partington, Highland Rim
- Secretary – Carolyn Miller, Plateau
- Treasurer – Don Dresser, Jackson
- Membership Director – Ron Dunn, Murfreesboro
- West Tennessee Representative – vacancy
- Middle Tennessee Representative – Libby Francis, Nashville
- East Tennessee Representative – Joe Matlock, Plateau
- Rails to Trails Representative – Bob Richards, Nashville

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Multi-Chapter New Year's Day Hike, Bridgestone-Firestone Centennial Wilderness, DeRosset, Tennessee

As is the tradition of Tennessee Trails we will have our New Year's Day multi-chapter hike of the Polly Branch Falls Trail to Screw Bluff Overlook and return on the Chestnut Mountain Trail. We will have our feast at Screw Bluff Overlook. Everyone is asked to participate by bringing their traditional New Year's fare such as black eyed peas, turnip greens, corn beef and cabbage whatever your tradition maybe. We will also need cook stoves, veggies, bread and deserts. We also ask that everyone brings a large trash bag to use as a table cloths and then to carry out our trash. It's really easy when everyone participates. This is a moderate 6 mile hike with rocky, uneven terrain and a couple of stream crossings; sturdy boots are suggested. This is not a hike to bring young children or dogs. Please choose someone from your chapter to coordinate car pooling and get me a count of attendance. Plan to meet at Polly Branch parking near DeRosset, TN. so that we can start our hike at 9 AM central time.

I look forward to seeing you on the trail,

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CTC

The Cumberland Trail Conference would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the TTA members who attended the Annual Meeting and contributed to the CTC through the auction and merchandise purchases. When we see the continued enthusiastic support you provide throughout the year, we are reenergized in our mission. Because of the economy downturn and lost funding, we are even more in need of your participation. I look forward to seeing you at Break-Away 2009 from Feb 22 thru March 28, details TBA. The Cumberland Trail Conference can be contacted to register for these events at <http://www.cumberlandtrail.org/> or by calling 931-456-6259.

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Dec 25 Colditz Cove, Allardt, TN Annual Christmas Day hike at Colditz Cove. Meet at Harrow Road Café at 2:00 p.m. Upcoming event

Jan. 10 Snow and Ice Hike and Chili Lunch. Meeting of the Waters, Rugby, TN Plan to join us for this joint Big South Fork and Murfreesboro chapter event. Check the Murfreesboro blog for hike details and car pool information, or register with Benita Howell at 423-628-5521 or bjhowell@highland.net.

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MEETS MONTHLY: 3rd Tuesday, 7:00 pm CT at Crow
Community Center, 211 Richview Rd.

Dec 6 Ashland City Rails to Trails hike; 4 or 8 miles, easy; (lunch—place to be determined—after hike). Bob Lyon 931-648-2354

Dec 13 Clarksville Chapter Annual Christmas Party at Jo and Charlie Putnam's home; potluck; gather at 6 PM. 931-362-3669

Dec 20 Rotary Park, Clarksville; 4 miles, easy; Paul Schwab 931-645-9068

Dec 27 No hike.

Dec 31 Annual New Year's Eve hike of Downtown Clarksville; meet at McGregor Park at 9 PM; (Ring in the New Year at the Bastin's after the hike, potluck); Suva Bastin 931-645-2849

Jan 1 Annual New Year's Day hike, Montgomery Bell State Park, 8 miles, moderate; (traditional black-eyed peas,

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MEETS MONTHLY: 1st Tuesday at Grand Buffet (Hwy 31, north side of Spring Hill). Socializing and dinner at 6:00pm CT; meeting starts at 7:00pm.

Dec. 2 - Regular monthly meeting. We will plan hikes for 2009. Please be prepared with information and date, with an alternative date, for hikes you would like to take next year. We need to plan 2 hikes for each month thru the end of June. If you are not comfortable leading a hike bring the hike information and I will lead the hike if no one else volunteers. Information needed is length of the hike, difficulty rating plus any pertinent information about the hike. We will also need a meeting place and time. If you have any questions please call or email Bobby Hardeman and I will help. This is the time for you to get your favorite hike on the calendar.

Dec. 7 - Annual Festival of Lessons and Carols. As has become a tradition with our chapter and to kick off the Christmas season we will attend Lessons and Carol services at the All Saints Chapel on the campus of The University of The South in Sewanee, Tennessee. Plan to meet at A&D Market at 1883 Lewisburg Pike on Hwy. 431 south of Franklin. We will leave at 9:30 AM and car pool to Sewanee, having lunch at Shenanigans. We will then tour the campus and get in line at 3 PM; the service starts at 5 PM but the line will be long. After the services we will have dinner at Papa Ron's Italian Restaurant in Mount Eagle, Tennessee. We have decided not to hike this year so dress as you are comfortable attending church service. Register with Rick Lausten at saturncar1@aol.com or call 615-373-0029.

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Dec 20 Annual Christmas Dinner - Let's close out our 2008 hiking year at Connors at Turkey Creek. This will be a great winter setting with a large fireplace and lots of atmosphere. Their food is wonderful and the menu offers an array of steak, chicken and seafood choices. Our reservations are for 6:00PM; so come join us for this fun evening. For directions or other information call Rosemary at 865-548-6171 or *rosemary_L@hotmail.com*.

COVE LAKE CHAPTER

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MEETS MONTHLY: Meetings will be held at Cove Lake State Park at 6:00pm on the first Monday each month.

NO HIKES FOR DECEMBER. MERRY CHRISTMAS
TO ALL AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

HIGHLAND RIM CHAPTER (Tullahoma Area)

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MEETS MONTHLY: 1st Tuesday at Crockett's restaurant in Tullahoma. Socializing & dinner at 6:00pm CT; meeting starts at 7:00pm

Dec 6 - Hike will be to Collins West. Collins West is in SCNR and will be a short 5 mile hike, but is rated moderate due to elevation changes. Contact Marietta Poteet at 931-924-7666 or *nannietta@blomand.net*.

Dec 5–Dec 7 Christmas on the Mountain at Fall Creek Falls state park in Tennessee. Come enjoy Fall Creek Falls Winter Festival of Yuletide fun, featuring Handmade Christmas Crafts, Songs, Tea Parties, and more at Fall Creek Falls Inn. The cost of \$108 plus tax and includes two nights lodging and breakfast for two people each morning in the dining room (beverage included). Package price is based on double occupancy. You must make your own reservations at 423-881-5241. For those that want we will be hiking Friday and Saturday. Hikes will be moderate. You are responsible for making your own reservations but if you wish to hike with us let me know that you are coming and when you plan to arrive. Contact Tom Burley at 883-4267 or *tburleyhiker@bellsouth.net*

Dec 15 Sewanee Eat-Hike- Eat Hike will be scheduled based on demand. Please contact Tom Bentley *htbentley@lighttube.net* or (931) 273-6344

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MEETS MONTHLY: 2nd Mon at Perkins Restaurant, 999 Vann Drive in Jackson. Socializing & dinner starts 6:00pm CT; meeting starts 7:00pm

Dec 6, Ft. Pillow State Park; Fort Pillow State Historic Park has been designated as a Wildlife Observation Area by the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency. Interpretive signs identify certain species and their habitat. The park provides sanctuary for deer, turkey, and is frequented by bird watchers. This will be an 8-mile hike rated moderate to difficult because of the terrain. Please bring lunch/snack, plenty of water and sturdy hiking boots are recommended. We will meet at the park visitor center at 9:30 a.m. To carpool from Jackson, meet at the parking lot across the street from Shoney's Restaurant at 8:00 a.m. To register, please notify James Avery at (731) 695-3385 or *chiggs_3@yahoo.com*

Dec Chapter Meeting: Meet at Perkin's Restaurant on Vann Drive. We will eat at 6:00 p.m. and the meeting will start at 7:00 p.m. Please contact Candy Higgs at *chiggs_3@yahoo.com* or 731-695-1960 if you need additional information.

Dec. 13 - Land Between the Lakes. We will walk a loop that will total about 7 miles, starting from the main entrance station at the south end of the park. The hike is rated moderate for the hilly terrain. Wear sturdy shoes and bring a jacket, food and water. Carpool: Gather at the parking lot behind the old Suede's Restaurant (now a radio station) around 8:00 and leave by 8:15. We will depart from the trailhead at 10:00am CT. To reach the trailhead, proceed east on US 79 about 22 miles past Paris and about 5 miles past the Tennessee River. Take the second left into LBL, which is the main entrance road, and proceed north to the entrance station. Please bring lunch/snack, plenty of water and sturdy hiking boots are recommended. For information and to register, contact Donald Dresser at 731-668-4662 or *donald_dresser@usit.net*

Dec 20, Natchez Trace State Park; This will be a 4 ½ to 6 mile hike that will meander through the forest and along the Cub Lake shores of Natchez Park. We'll begin the hike at the historic lodge located on Cub Lake and follow the lake to the dam where we'll stop for lunch. We'll then retrace our steps back to the lodge. Bring lunch/snack, plenty of water and sturdy hiking boots. Portions of this trail can be slick if it's rained recently. We'll meet at the historic lodge on Cub Lake at 9:00 a.m. To carpool from Jackson, we will meet at the parking lot across the street from Shoney's Restaurant at 8:00 a.m. To register, please contact Dick McKeen at 731-668-4139 or *sprucemountain@eplus.net*

Jan 1, 2009- Year's Day Hike at Centennial Wilderness - Scotts Gulf. This is a multi-chapter hiking event. Please see Murfreesboro hike description for additional information. To register, please notify Candy Higgs at 731-695-1960 or *chiggs_3@yahoo.com*

MEMPHIS CHAPTER

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MEETS MONTHLY: (Sep - May) 3rd Thursday at 7:00pm CT at
Cordova Library, 8457 Trinity Rd.

Dec 6. Meeman-Shelby Forest - New Trail! Let's go to Shelby Forest: Explore Shelby Forest newest trail, a 6-mile equestrian/hiker loop trail. The route follows Poplar Tree Lake shoreline. Meet at the parking lot near the stables at 9 a.m. The stables are located on the north side of Poplar Tree Lake in the vicinity of the Nature Center. One will need to drive slowly looking for a gated road leading down a hill. This will take you to the stables. Hopefully signs will be erected by the time we hike there. Poplar Tree Lake is on the south end of Shelby Forrest. From Memphis, one should use south entrances to the park, such as the entrance off Benjestown Rd. For additional information call Walt Cyan at 901-753-6916.

Note: Natchez Trace State Park hike cancelled due to trail problems

Dec – No Monthly Meeting – You are invited to a party at the Pierce

Dec 11. Memphis Chapter TTA Christmas/Holiday Party
Where: 8457 Briarbirch Cove, Germantown When:
Thursday, December 11, 2008

Woody and Carolyn invite you to their home at 6:30 p.m. to celebrate and enjoy food, fun, good conversation, and some surprises. Please bring one of your favorite dishes to share with the group. You may if you choose bring a favorite beverage. Water, tea, and ice will be provided. For those who enjoy the dirty santa game, bring a \$10 gift item for participation. If you have a talent you would be willing to share, call Carolyn and let her know. Don't be bashful, she already has two volunteers. Remember folks, this is for fun, not competition. For directions, call 901-755-5635 or get direction map at next TTA meeting.

Dec 13. Chickasaw State Rustic Park (lunch after hike) Pre-registration Required! This popular park features a pretty lake surrounded by ridges, and is situated on some of the highest terrain in west Tennessee offering over 100 miles of hiking! We will hike the park's many trails, which will afford an opportunity to explore the park's many interesting features. There are many beautiful places to explore, with lakeside gazebos, benches, horse stables, wonderful cabins and camping areas, and an excellent restaurant offering a restful atmosphere with excellent Southern cuisine. After hiking, we will all meet and eat at the restaurant, which serves homestyle country cooking and delicious buffets, so bring water and snack, but leave the lunch at home! The park is located 18 miles south of Jackson on State Hwy 100. Meet at the Park visitor center at 9:30 a.m. Pre-registration required. Contact Deena Spuryer at 901-685-7706 if you wish to participate. <http://www.tennessee.gov/environment/parks/Chickasaw>

Dec 14. Lucius Burch Natural Area - Wolf River Trail Meet at the Shelby Farms Soccer Field off Walnut Grove Road at 2 p.m. for an easy 3 - 4 mile loop hike along the river through a hardwood forest. Contact John Martin at 901- 386-3722 for information.

Dec 21. Sunday Night Harbor Town Christmas Walk Meet in the Peabody Hotel Lobby near the Christmas Tree at 5:00 pm for a walk to Harbor Town along the river then walk or take a Trolley ride back to the Peabody. Approx 5-6 mile walk. Bring a friend! For information call John Martin at 901- 386-3722.

MEMPHIS (cont)

Jan 1. New Year's Day Hike at Meeman-Shelby Forest Poplar Tree Lake Meet at the Visitor Center at 10:00 a.m. and bring water and lunch. We will hike the Poplar Lake Trail which begins with a car shuttle to the south end of the trail for a 5-6 mile easy to moderate hike through the forest connecting with the Woodland Trail and back to the visitor center. For information call Freddi Felt 901-685-9915.

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MEETS MONTHLY: 2nd Thursday at 6:30pm CT. Art Circle
Public Library's Community Room, 154 East 1st Street,
Crossville

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 Harris at (931) 484-9152 or Jim McCullough at sue1290@frontiernet.net. Rain cancels.

Dec 6. Black Mountain, Crossville, TN. This is a 4.5 mile section of the Cumberland Trail with some nice overlooks. We will shuttle cars and hike from the top down the mountain. Wear boots, bring water and lunch. For more information, contact Joe Matlock at 865-354-6101 or matlockjf@usit.net. Meet at Cumberland Mountain State Park office at 8:00 AM CST.

Dec 11. Christmas Holiday Party. 5:30 PM CST. Art Circle Public Library Community Room. Here's our chance to socialize, celebrate the holidays and appreciate the great group of hikers we have in the Plateau chapter. Potluck with the meat provided by the chapter. After dinner, there will be a gift to exchange (\$10 limit) for those who want to participate. Contact Myra or Jan to let them know what food you will bring and whether you want to be part of the gift exchange.

Dec 20. Lilly Bridge Hikes, Obed Wild and Scenic River. One or two of several hikes in the Lilly Bridge area will be selected based on weather conditions and hiker preference. Expect some difficult terrain and rock hopping with about 6 miles of hiking. The scenery includes high cliffs, rock formations, waterfalls, and overlooks. As usual, wear boots, bring water and lunch. Meet at the Crossville Mall's parking lot behind Vanity Fair at 8:00 AM CST. To register and for more information, contact Ginger Cass 931-788-1466 or Dawn Hardy at mcartt1306@hotmail.com.

NORTHWEST CHAPTER (UT at Martin/Weakley County)

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Our Chapter is active despite not having an announcement for specific hikes. Call Jim Clark at 731-587-2225 to find out what you can do to help the chapter.

ANNUAL MEETING (cont from pg 1)

This year's Tennessee Trails award went to Governor Phil Bredesen, for his outstanding contributions to the Association, for the furtherance of trails and natural resource programs and opportunities within Tennessee. Accepting the award for Gov. Bredesen, to be presented at a later time, was State Greenways and Trails Coordinator Bob Richards, a life TTA member and previous recipient of the award.

The Bill Stutz Award commemorates the late Bill Stutz, a TTA member and beloved hiker, and goes to an active hiker for his/her individual contribution to TTA or one of its chapters. This year Martin McCullough of the Murfreesboro received the award for his tireless work to see that the interests of the Cumberland Trail were protected against future rock mining devastation.

The Golden Squirrel Award goes to a hike leader who loses a group – before getting to the trail, or while hiking on it. [Despite hike leaders' best efforts, getting temporarily lost sometimes happens. We've never *permanently* misplaced anybody.*] In a spirit of fun, the award went to Tony Hook, for "losing" some East Tennessee chapter members on National Trails Day.

Don't let *rodentaphobia* – fear of having a tacky squirrel statue around for a year – keep you from leading a hike! All hike leaders are appreciated! Honest!

Annual Meeting Fundraisers Help Cumberland Trail

At this year's annual membership meeting, the Cumberland Trail Conference's general manager, Tony Hook, told us what some already knew – that direct state funding for the CTC will be sharply curtailed if not eliminated altogether as of June 30, 2009. In order for the work of building the trail to continue, many changes will be coming, but the need for support will go on.

For this reason especially, we are grateful to all the members who supported the live and silent auctions at this year's Annual Meeting with your bids and donations of goods and services – from yourselves and from merchants and other donors statewide. And thanks for your many contributions to the bake sale and the white elephant sale as well. Your generous contributions and hard work produced the following results:

Live Auction -	\$2165.00
Silent Auction -	\$1811.00
White Elephant -	\$ 587.72
Bake Sale -	\$ 180.72
Total	\$4744.44

FUNDRAISERS (cont)

With a wide range of merchandise, from an ice axe to adult bibs, sweet brownies and quirky boxer shorts, we had another memorable and successful live auction. And some of this begs a bit of an explanation. Highlights of our annual auction include a couple of standard donations - Vera's brownies and the Candy Corn Shorts. For the newer members among you, here's the story>

Nashville TTA member and long-time hiker and volunteer Vera Churcher is also a fine cook, and her brownies are her signature recipe. For at least the last twelve years, she's baked a pan of brownies that is sought after each year. Jim and Jenice Johnson were the lucky winning bidders in 2008. Their generous bid will help the Cumberland Trail Conference feed the student volunteers who come to build trail during their college spring break, and the brownies will continue to be a legend in the lore of the TTA.

The Candy Corn Shorts also have taken on a life of their own. They're a pair of men's boxer shorts, printed with candy corn, and they've been all over the world, literally, since their introduction to the TTA. The high bid gives the buyer a chance to have a lot of fun, photographing the shorts in places famous and funny from France to Florida and lots of other places, domestic and foreign. They first made history in 1999, when Vera Churcher happened to be wearing them when she was handcuffed to a treadmill. The treadmill was turned on, and TTA auction participants had to run up the bids to let her get off! The next year, Jim Poteet suggested that TTA members bid on the shorts (and give Vera a break). He bought a year's rights to Shorts that year and set in motion what is now a tradition, complete with documenting Shorts' adventures over the ensuing year. Anne Wesley brought them back to the auction this year, and it's been a big one (they've been to Japan); Jim and Marietta Poteet are giving them another tour for the next several months and they'll be back with tales (tails?) to tell next fall. TTA and the CTC are grateful to Shorts for their far-ranging good will and the funds and laughs they generate.

2008 Annual Meeting Auction Report

Auction Chair and Volunteers

Libby Francis-Chair, Nora Beck, Anna Bertram, Doug Burroughs, Alice Cannon, Jenice Johnson, Sue Lefferts, Diane Manas, Rosemary Marshall, Kate Perry, Bob Richards, Garnett Rush, Julie Walski

Total number of silent auction items donated: 107

Total number of live auction items donated: 32

Donor Lists by Chapter

Big South Fork (Rugby) Turner House B&B, Historic Rugby, Jessie Gully, Donna Heffner, Highland Rim Winery, Spirit of Red Hill/Donna Heffner & Annie Patterson, Benita Howell, Vi Biehl, Mara Trumbo

Clarksville Bob Forsythe, Jack & Suva Bastin, J.R.Tate, John Sneed, Lucy Weikel, Allison Bennett

Columbia/Franklin Russell Smith

East Tennessee (Knoxville) Jim Gray Galleries, Dr. Abraham Brietstein, Action Real Estate, Stogsdill Ct. Reporting Services, China & Gift Mart, Ray Garrett, Stages West Western Store

Highland Rim (Tullahoma) Marcia Medford & Bill Kammerer, Nora Hundley

Jackson Dick McKeen, Bonnie McKeen, Pilot Travel Centers

Memphis Classy Adult Bibs, Robert Beger, Debbi Hicks, Lichterman Nature Center, Tennessee State Parks, John Martin, Outdoors, Inc.

Murfreesboro Ann Jacobs/Skin Innovations, Tony & Millette Jones, Ron Dunn, Macaroni Grill, Demo's Steak & Spaghetti House, Great Harvest Bread Co., Maple Street Grill, Bonfish Grill

Nashville Great Harvest Bread Co., Shirley Ora, Julie Walski, Anne Wesley, Bill VornDick, Harris Teeter, Glenn Turner, Garnett Rush, Libby Francis, Blue Ridge Mtn. Sports, T.G.I. Fridays, Nashville Bike, Vera & Al Churcher, Al Baran, Nora Beck, Global Motorsports, Inc., Don Taylor, Bob Richards, Anne Wesley, Tom Gmitter, REI, Carole Root, Cumberland Transit, Jim & Dorothy Lesch

Plateau Jan Barber, Rita Senko, Joe Matlock, Gary Ruetenik, Cumberland County Playhouse, Cumberland County Bank, Jim Grove, Sue McCullough

Soddy-Daisy Jan Agee, Judy Varner, Mike White

Upper Cumberland (Cookville) Hix Stubblefield, Mountain Outdoor Sports, El Tapatio, Outdoor Experience

Un-affiliated George Summers, Commodore Hotel

AUCTION REPORT (cont)

TTA Members by chapter that gathered auction merchandise

Big South Fork Bonita Howell, Jim Meadows, Barbara Stagg, Bob Trumbo

Clarksville Suva & Jack Bastin, Allison Bennett, John

Sneed, J.R. Tate, Lucy Weikel

Columbia Franklin Russell Smith

East Tennessee Ray Garrett, Rosemary Marshall

Highland Rim Nora Hundley, Bill Kammerer, Marcia Medford

Jackson Candy Higgs, Dick & Bonnie McKeen

Memphis Sandra Amsden, Bob Barnett, Robert Beger, Debbi Hicks, Gloria Lenski, John Martin

Murfreesboro Ron Dunn, Mary Belle Ginanni, Ann Jacobs, Tony & Millette Jones, Radford Smith, Nabil Wakid

Nashville Al Baran, Nora Beck, Vera & Al Churcher, Libby Francis, Shirley Ora, Bob Richards, Carole Root, Garnett Rush, Don Taylor, Glenn Turner, Julie Walski, Anne Wesley

Plateau Jan Barber, Myra & Gene Holloway, Joe Matlock, Rita Senko

Soddy-Daisy Jan Agee, Judy Varner, Mike White

Upper Cumberland Louise Miniard, Richard Savage, Hix Stubblefield, Kathleen Sullivan

Un-Affiliated

George Summers

Our hope is that the list is complete. If you solicited an auction item, or donated one yourself and don't see it listed above, please let us know so we can recognize the appropriate donors and items. And thanks to all who supported the fundraisers! Your generosity feeds hungry, hard-working trail builders!

[The Tennessee Trails Association Annual Meeting – Thank About It!

While Tennessee Trails' hikers were back home getting ready for trick-or-treaters, the Nashville chapter moved ahead to thanks-giving – and the list is long. Thanks to all the more than 160 TTA members and guests who came and participated, hiked, and helped us celebrate being in our fortieth year as a statewide hiking organization. And thanks to the many who helped to make this a great meeting all the way around. Co-chairs Nora Beck and Diane Manas are grateful to . . .

The site search committee of Robbie Benson, Libby Francis, Jenice Johnson, Sue Lefferts, Diane Manas, Judy Martin, Toni Reeves, and Carole Root. As soon as the details were ready, Jim Poteet and Leslie El-Sayad publicized them on the TTA website and in the newsletter.

The registration committee, headed by Diane Manas, who did a masterful job of keeping track of the myriad details of lodging, meals, and room assignments for over 150 people. She was ably assisted by Jenice Johnson, Sue Lefferts, Chris Machtay, Judy Martin, Kate Perry, Garnett Rush, and Mary Kay Walton.

Donors of items in the registration welcome bags, who included Blue Ridge Mountain Sports, Greenways for Nashville, Keep Tennessee Beautiful, Leave No Trace, Nature Valley Granola Bars, REI, TennesseeGreen.com, Tennessee Parks and Greenways Foundation, and TonerRefillKits.com.

Nora Beck, for recruiting our great Friday evening program presenters. First was Jim Poteet, who made an entertaining and informative presentation on TTA's forty years of history, as well glimpses of his own exploits back in the day and before TTA. (See Jim's article in the Tennessee Conservationist for March/April 2008 for further background.)

Then came Bob Fulcher, park manager for the Cumberland Trail, who gave us some unforgettable images and stories of the people and the culture of the regions through which our Cumberland Trail winds.

To top off Friday evening, we enjoyed birthday cake (thanks to Costco Warehouse/Nashville) and danced to the fine fiddle, guitar, banjo, and dance calling of Bob Fulcher, Brian Volmer and Michael DeFoché as the "Cumberland Trail Tor-nah-dos." And when *they* were done, Jerry Hendrixson treated us to a fine fire in Indian Creek Youth Camp's great indoor fireplace.

Karl Dupre, who coordinated the hikes and outings, and the leaders and coordinators who helped including Al Baran, Suva Bastin, Found Bertram, Pete Broehl, Ross and Brenda Cardwell, Katherine Dupre, Elizabeth Gerlock, Randy Hedgepath, Tony Hook, Jim Johnson, Tony and Millette Jones, Sarah Pollard, Dave Simpson, Hix Stubblefield, Mary Jane Ware, and Anne Wesley. Edgar Evins State Park manager Karl Halfacre provided pontoon boat transportation for the hike there – a special treat; and Edgar Evins SP ranger Mark Taylor was the pilot. The rain didn't stop the Friday hikers, and the Golden Squirrel hid from the hike leaders the whole weekend. (For those who haven't met him, see the article on the annual meeting elsewhere in this issue.)

State TTA President Rosemary Marshall, who guided a fast-paced membership meeting on Saturday evening that included election of next year's officers, chapter and Cumberland Trail Conference reports, and awards presentations (more on the meeting elsewhere in this newsletter).

Libby Francis, who led the auction committee, recruited a great auctioneer –Don Driver – and Nora Beck, Anna Bertram, Doug Burroughs, Alice Cannon, Jenice Johnson, Sue Lefferts, Diane Manas, Rosemary Marshall, Kate Perry, Bob Richards, Garnett Rush, and Julie Walski assisted in seeing that all went well, and Dave Walton made sure the sound system did what it was supposed to do. And to Doug Burroughs and Garnett Rush, who stayed up really late to make sure our auction results were accurate. And of course, to all the people who solicited donations for the auctions and those who gave them. (See the separate article on the auction and other fundraisers elsewhere in this issue.)

The food team, led by Toni Reeves and assisted by Robbie Benson, Joyce Chapman, Karl Dupre, Kathy Dupre, Margie Funk, Jerry Hendrixson, Nancy Juodenas, Betty Magee, Diane Page, Dianna Richter, Del Truitt, and Steve Watson, who variously made trips to Indian Creek, planned carefully, then rose really early to make sure we had a great menu, delicious food, and plenty of good hot coffee. (When all was said, done and eaten, Toni's figures were so close that there was less than a

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quart of barbecue and only four pieces of chicken left!) We appreciate the special discounts provided to us via Toni by Harry Wampler of Family Brands (Elm Hill Meats) and Susan Giles of FilterFresh Coffees.

Libby Francis, again, who made mealtime entertaining by awarding door prizes – and thanks to the contributors, including Nora Beck, Libby herself, Herb Kneeland, Diane Manas, and TennesseeGreen.com.

The clean-up crew – Glenn Turner, chairman, and Alice Cannon, Elizabeth Gerlock, Jim and Jenice Johnson, Sue Lefferts, Diane Manas, Kate Perry, Carole Root, Carol Smith, Don Taylor, and Dave and Mary Kay Walton did such a great job that the staff at Indian Creek Youth Camp returned our entire cleaning deposit. **THANKS TO YOU** for making *their* job easy by picking up your areas so well, and for wiping down tables and moving them back as needed.

All the groups who enhanced the meeting with their displays – Clarksville, Columbia-Franklin, East Tennessee, Highland Rim, Murfreesboro, Nashville, Upper Cumberland, TTA's first 40 years, the Mid-Cumberland Wilderness proposed trail and Scott's Gulf, the Alabama Trails Association, and a special memorial tribute to Cove Lake chapter founder and Cumberland Trail volunteer Faith Dippold. Special contributions of TTA history items came from Fount and Anna Bertram, Bertha Chrietzberg, Libby Francis, and Elizabeth Gerlock.

Marietta Poteet, for once again making TTA-logo items available for purchase (if you missed out, you can order them –see that information on the inside back page of the newsletter); and to Jackson Chapter chair Candy Higgs, who will be taking over that responsibility.

Kathy Dupre of the Nashville chapter, who designed our 40th anniversary patch and tee shirts.

A special thanks here, there and all around for the staff at Indian Creek Youth Camp – Herb and Darlene White, and Brian, Casey, Clayton, and Kristy, who made us welcome and provided such a great facility.

We realize that this list may be incomplete, and will gladly acknowledge those we may have omitted. Please know that all of your contributions were important in making this a good annual meeting.

See you in the Smokies next year!

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Meet Quarterly: Time and location to be announced on our schedule

Schedule: See current schedule at <http://tinyurl.com/6np53k>

Blog: <http://sdttablogspot.com>

Dec 6 Greenway on Hamill Road in Hixson. 4 mile easy hike around Chickamauga Quarry. Meet at Greenway parking area on Hamill Road. Contact Don Deakins at 423-842-3140 or don.deakins@gmail.com

Dec 13 Stinging Fork trail maintenance on Shut In Gap Road in Rhea County. Join CTC staff and state personnel for trail maintenance in this State Natural Area near Spring City, Tennessee. Task to complete are construction of a kiosks, installing wooden steps, and repairing trail tread. Free camping is available at nearby Newby Branch campground. The Cumberland Trail Conference can be contacted to register at www.cumberlandtrail.org or calling 931-456-6259.

Dec 20 This approximate 5-mile hike encompasses the southern half of Cumberland Trail Possum Gorge segment between Heiss Mountain Road trailhead and a non-official trail exit point near Imodium Falls. Some sections of this trail rate toward the strenuous end of scale since long uphill grades will be encountered. It will require parking cars at both ends of hike. We'll meet at BP station in Bakewell at 9:50 AM and proceed up Retro Hughes Road to a backwoods parking area near Imodium Falls where we will drop off a few vehicles. We'll then drive to Heiss Mountain Road trailhead where hike will begin. We'll take an extended lunch break at Perkins Point which provides an excellent view and is about the half way point. At hike's end, we'll use previously staged vehicles to return to Heiss Mountain Road. Contact Don Deakins at 423-842-3140 or don.deakins@gmail.com

MURFREESBORO CHAPTER

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Barfield-Crescent Park's Wilderness Station
697 Barfield-Crescent Rd., Murfreesboro

BLOG www.ttamurfreesboro.blogspot.com

Dec 6- Joe Wheeler State Park Resort, Rogersville, Alabama. Bob Goodwin and Sandra Parker will lead this easy to moderate four mile hike (total) on two separate trails which will include views of Wheeler Lake and the Tennessee River. The trails are in good condition. The first trail is moderate and will have several elevation changes from 50-90 feet. After the first part of our hike we will have lunch at the park restaurant. Then we will continue our hike in another part of the park. The second trail is easy, much shorter, and has minimal elevation changes. After the last hike we will drive over Wheeler Dam to a lookout where you can see the Wheeler Dam and Wilson Lake. We will leave from the Murfreesboro Sam's Club overflow parking lot next to Hardees at 8:00 AM. Distance from Sam's Club to Joe Wheeler State Park Resort is about 120 miles (all Interstate except last 30 miles-about 2 hours total). This park has very nice facilities, to include rooms on the water, cabins, golf, restaurant, etc. For more information on the park and reservations: www.joewheelerstatepark.com. For more information and to register for the hike, please contact Bob Goodwin at CAMEL40@earthlink.net or 256-564-8417.

Dec 6-7- Backpacking trip on the Rock Creek Segment of the CT- 9.6 miles, rated moderate due to distance and elevation change. Please see blog for further details of hike. . To sign up please email Tammy Day at tlday@comcast.net.

Dec 9- Monthly Meeting at Barfield Crescent Park. 6PM. Join us for our annual Christmas Celebration. No business will take place at this meeting. Please bring a dish to share and your family. Please contact Millette Jones at 615-397-9588 or millette.jones@comcast.net with the TOTAL number including yourself so that we can plan accordingly.

Dec 13- Collins Gulf West Waterfall trail, 5 miles easy to moderate. Moderate only for changes in elevation. Beautiful woods walk with a wonderful waterfall at the end. There are lovely cliffs on the trail. Call Marietta Poteet at 931-924-7666 or email at nannietta@blomand.net. For Murfreesboro members Ron Dunn will be the carpool coordinator and contact. trekkingtn@comcast.net

Dec 13- Adventure Trip to Franklin for "A Dickens of a Christmas" – A Victorian holiday street festival featuring more than 200 costumed characters re-enacting scenes from "A Christmas Carol" and other stories by Charles Dickens. . . Downtown Franklin, rich with 19th-century architecture and cobblestone streets, is a ready-made backdrop. Women in tier-hooped skirts, men in top hats, reveling carolers, horse-drawn carriages, the aromas of roasting chestnuts, mulled cider, popcorn, gingerbread, and plum pudding. If that is not enough to convince you that Christmas past is present, hearing "Bah! Humbug!" from Scrooge will make you smile with certainty. Admission is free, but bring money for lunch and extras. We plan to eat at Merridee's or Monell's restaurants downtown. The carpool will leave the Murfreesboro Sam's Club parking lot, behind Hardees, at 9:30 AM. Please contact Fount or Anna Bertram to let them know to expect you: abertram@dtccom.net or phone 615-765-5357

MURFREESBORO (cont)

Dec 20- Standing Stone State Park, Lake Trail, easy/moderate, 4.6 miles Meet at 7:30 AM promptly at the Sam's Club parking lot in Murfreesboro. Bring water, snacks and a lunch. Contact Cindy Andrews at 893-3088 or email swallowtail1@comcast.net to pre-register.

Dec 25 Christmas Morning hike at Barfield Crescent Park. This is an easy to moderate hike. Meet at the Wilderness Station. We will start hiking around 8:00 a.m. The temperature will determine the length of the hike. Rain cancels the hike! Contact Ann Jacobs at eannjacobs@aol.com or 615-896-3935 to register.

Planning Ahead

Jan 1 - Annual New Years Day hike at Bridgestone Firestone Centennial Wilderness. A Joint hike with Columbia/Franklin.

UPPER CUMBERLAND CHAPTER (Sparta / Cookeville)

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Dec 6 The South Old Mac Lightning Gallop to Frozen Head Tower, Frozen Head State Park, Wartburg, TN. We will hike quickly to the Frozen Head Tower and back from the trailhead parking lot via the South Old Mac Trail. The hike is about 8 miles and the pace will make it VERY STRENUOUS. We will lunch at the top and enjoy the view from the recently shortened tower. Bring lunch, water, dress in warm layers, wear good hiking boots, and bring a walking stick or trekking poles. You can meet us in the Penney's parking lot in Cookeville at 8:00am CT. We will hike from the trailhead parking lot about 10:00am CT. The hike should take about 4 hours. We need to move quickly to get out of the park by sunset. For information and to register contact Paul Miller at 931-526-9259 or pdmiller@citlink.net.

Dec 20 Old Stone Fort State Park, Manchester, TN, and Short Springs State Natural Area, Tullahoma, TN. We will start out at the museum at Old Stone Fort State Park. After a quick walk through the museum we will hike all the trails in the park - about 3.25 miles total. We will then eat lunch at a local restaurant, Jiffy Burger, and head down the road to Tullahoma to hike at Short Springs. We will hike first to Machine Falls and then explore some of the other short trails there. We will hike as long as there is interest. Both hikes are rated easy and you can sign up for both or just one. We will meet at the US Bank across from McDonald's in Sparta at 8:00 and at Manchester at 9:00. Bring plenty of water, snacks, and sturdy shoes. For information and to register contact Cindy Johnson at cjhike@comcast.net or 931-570-0122.

Dec 27 Savage Day Loop, North Rim and North Plateau Trails, Savage Gulf State Natural Area, Palmer, TN. We will hike the Savage Day Loop and parts of the North Rim and North Plateau Trails. The hike is about 9 ½ miles and is rated easy for the terrain and moderate for the distance. The hike features several nice overlooks. Bring water, snacks, and lunch. You can meet us in the Penney's parking lot in Cookeville at 8:00am CT. For information and to register contact Richard Savage at 931-526-2035 or savage_richard@hotmail.com.

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TN Wildlife Resources Association meeting room at
Ellington Agricultural Center, 5105 Edmondson Pike. For
directions, visit: www.tennesseetrails.org/nashville.php

CHAPTER NEWS:

December 2008 will mark the seventh time that we've been invited to wrap customers' gifts at REI (Brentwood) in exchange for donations, and each time it has been a FUN and very \$\$\$uccessful fun-draising event for the chapter. This year we will be wrapping gifts on Sun, Dec 14 from 12noon until 6:00p and on Sat, Dec 20 from 10:30 until 6:00p. As in years' past, we are asking chapter members to help by generously volunteering their time (at least 2 hours; more if you can) to wrap gifts while at the same time talking to prospective members about TTA (the TTA Display Unit will be up; plus, we'll have brochures and newsletters to give away). In exchange for the gifts we wrap, customers have been extremely generous to us by making \$\$\$DONATIONS\$ (*'tis the season to be generous*). Donations received will be allocated to the Cumberland Trail Conference's 2009 Spring BreakAway program which will help offset some of the expenses incurred to house and feed the volunteers that come to TN to build the Cumberland Trail during the month of March (note: each week there are about 75 college students and 30 CTC/TTA volunteers working on the trail). So, don't hesitate, call and volunteer today for this truly unusual and fun way to FUN-draise while talking to prospective members. No experience required, on-site training and materials provided. To volunteer Sun Dec 14 (between 12noon and 6:00p) and/or Sat, Dec 20 (between 10:30a & 6:00p), call Diane Manas at 615-352-7777.

Dec. 6 - Annual Christmas party at Garnett Rush's Nashville home, 6:30 p.m. The program for the evening: festive fun, no business meeting this month at all. Bring a finger food to share, and bring a friend. For complete directions, give Garnett a call at 615-352-7217

Dec. 6 Beaman Park Winter Hike, Nashville. 9:00am to noon CT. Meet at the Beaman Park Nature Center, 5911 Old Hickory Blvd. This moderate, 4 to 5 mile hike will showcase the new Sedge Hill Trail, as well as the Henry Hollow Loop and the new park nature center. For more info contact Nancy Dorman at 615-202-5891.

Dec. 7 Radnor Lake State Natural Area, Nashville. Enjoy great views of the lake as the leaves have fallen from the trees. Newcomers as well as seasoned hikers are welcome. We will hike the Lake, Ganier Ridge, and the South Cove Trails for a total of 4 ½ miles. The trails are rated easy, though there are some short elevations, wear comfortable shoes, dress appropriately for the weather and bring water.

Dec. 13 Blackburn Fork near Cookeville. The "mystery hike" planned for November is finally going to happen. We'll be walking on beautiful private property along the Blackburn Fork State Scenic River in Jackson County, north of Cookeville. The terrain is rugged and we'll be bushwhacking, so you'll want sturdy boots. Due to possible wet-weather stream crossings, dry footwear in your pack is a good idea. Bring water and lunch, and we'll plan on hiking for about three hours. We won't go for a distance record – though we may cover a total of four or so miles. We'll see some awesome land and habitat for threatened

and uncommon species like butternut and walking fern. When we're through, we can plan on coming back through Cookeville and stopping there for something hot to eat or drink at a local restaurant. Meet at 8:00 a.m.; contact Nora Beck for meeting place, nora_beck@comcast.net or 615-517-6486.

Dec 14 Gift Wrapping at REI; 12noon till 6:00p – see **CHAPTER NEWS** (above).

Dec 20 Gift Wrapping at REI; 10:30a until 6:00p. – see **CHAPTER NEWS** (above).

Dec 25 Warner Parks. Nashville, TN. So you got some really cool hiking gear for the holidays. Today's a good day to start using some of it on this 7.5 mile hike on the Mossy Ridge and Warner Woods trails in the Percy Warner side of Warner Park. This terrain is rated moderate for the numerous rolling hills we will ascend and descend along the way. Bring snacks, lunch, water and 10 Essentials. Sturdy hiking shoes/boots are recommended for the terrain because it is uneven with roots, rocks and ruts. We'll meet at the flagpole just inside the entrance to the park at the end of Belle Meade Boulevard. For additional information, meeting time and/or to register, call Diane Manas at 615-352-7777.

EVANS MEANS

TTA is Accepting Applications for 2009 Evan Means Small Grants - The Evan Means Small Grants Fund was established by TTA to honor one of its founders, Evan Means. Each year, the TTA board of directors awards small grants to non-profit, volunteer-based groups or individuals to assist with trail-related projects in Tennessee. The grants program is funded by membership dues - especially by the additional funds contributed by TTA's Supporting Members. Thank you for making this program possible.

In 2008, Evan Means Small Grants recipients included: **Friends of Beaman Park** in Nashville to assist with the construction of a bridge in honor of Bob Brown; **Cumberland Trail Conference** to defray the expense of its Spring Breakaway Program; **WATER** to fund the ongoing construction and maintenance of a trail system around the Tellico Reservoir. In the past, local chapters of TTA have also received grant money to help with local trail projects.

For example, Big South Fork chapter was granted funds to help rehabilitate the Gentleman's Swimming Hole trail in Rugby. To apply, go to www.tennesseetrails.org and click on "Grants". Download a grant application, and mail a hard copy to:

Tennessee Trails Association, attn Evan Means Grants Committee

P.O. Box 41446

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The deadline for 2009 grant applications is December 31, 2008. Grant applications received by this deadline will be reviewed at the first Board of Directors' meeting in February 2009.

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