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# CMC -- one of the Top 100 People of the Smokies!

By Danny Bernstein

Recently, Carolina Mountain Club received an email that said, in part:

*Congratulations from the Smokies, Carolina Mountain Club has been named to the inaugural "100 Most Influential People in Great Smoky Mountains National Park History" as published by Great Smoky Mountains Association (GSMA) in its special Centennial Issue of Smokies Life Magazine.*

Here's what the article said about CMC:

*Founded in 1923, club members supported national efforts, and were instrumental in completion and maintenance of significant sections of the Appalachian Trail—routing, marking, measuring, and maintenance. CMC was one of the first clubs to adopt the "overseer" system of trail maintenance, assigning each member to a 3-5 mile section of trail.*



**MARK SQUIRES:** State senator from Lenoir, NC, he led the campaign for the national park in North Carolina. He was able to secure critical state funding despite strong opposition from logging interests, especially by Champion Fibre Company, and lukewarm interest by the governor in the late 1920s.



**CHARLES WEBB:** Editor of the *Asheville Citizen-Times*, the leading newspaper for western North Carolina in the 1920s and 30s. He was instrumental in building public support for the national park in the Smokies with continued editorials, particularly his rallying call published on July 27, 1925 when the Smokies movement had almost stalled due to competing interest for a national park near Grandfather Mountain, NC. He continued to use his position of influence to maintain public interest in the park, often countering negative advertisements placed by timber companies. Webb Overlook where Newfound Gap Road descends into North Carolina, is named after him.



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**HORACE KEPHART:** Librarian, author, and outdoorsman from St. Louis who fell in love with the wilderness and people of the Smokies after arriving in 1904 to recover from a nervous breakdown. His books are classics, stirring interest in outdoor recreation (*Camping and Woodcraft*) and Appalachian culture (*Our Southern Highlanders*). He was a vocal campaigner for establishment of the national park, helped plot the Appalachian Trail through the Smokies, and served on the nomenclature committee. Mt. Kephart was named after him in 1931.



**SMOKY MOUNTAINS HIKING CLUB:** Founded in 1924, SMHC was a strong community of early national park supporters. Its role has evolved through the decades as members remain dedicated to hiking and have increasingly shouldered responsibilities for trail maintenance and efforts to



**CARLOS CAMPBELL:** Early park advocate and founding member of the Great Smoky Mountains Conservation Association as well as the Smoky Mountain Hiking Club. He helped blaze the Appalachian Trail through the Smokies, and was a driving force behind preservation of Gregory and Andrews balds. He published *Birth of a National Park* in 1960 and coauthored *Great Smoky Mountains Wildflowers* in 1962. In 1973, he became the twenty-first person to receive the highest award given to civilians by the National Park Service: Honorary Park Ranger. His third book, *Memories of Old Smoky*, was written in 1968 and published in

We are in such great company.



Steve Pierce receives first award.

## A New Approach to CMC Awards

By Lenny Bernstein

One thing an organization like CMC cannot do too much of is say thank you to its volunteers.

CMC has many ways of thanking its volunteers, including two awards - an Award of Appreciation for a special effort that benefited the Club, and a Distinguished Service Award for long-term contribution to the Club. These awards had

been made at the Annual Dinner by an ad hoc Awards Committee appointed each year. In the past, the Awards Committee solicited written nominations from the membership, and if these weren't received, the award wasn't made. This system didn't work as well as it should've, and some worthy accomplishments didn't receive the recognition they deserved.

Earlier this year CMC's Council approved several changes to the awards process. A permanent awards committee would be appointed and it would be responsible for proactively identifying members worthy of recognition. Nominations would still be welcome, but they could be made by email to committee members. A "button" will be installed on the Club's webpage to forward nomination to the Awards Committee. The current committee is: Lenny Bernstein, Chair, Marcia Bromberg, Pete Petersen, Bobbi Powers, and Skip Sheldon.



wildflowers.

## Help Needed Again in Fighting Invasive Garlic Mustard

by Brenda Worley

CMC is assisting Amy Snyder of the Appalachian Trail Conservancy on the second scheduled garlic mustard pull at Lemon Gap on May 2, with May 3 as a rain date. Please make plans now to join Amy Snyder and Brenda Worley in pulling this fast-spreading weed which is native to Europe. This weed is popping up all over the Southeast, overtaking forest floors and smothering

We will meet at Westgate on May 2 (May 3 in case of rain) at 9:00 AM. Expect to spend 3 to 4 hours pulling weeds.

Herbicides or special equipment will not be used. Just bring your gloves and a small garden shovel.

Please contact Brenda Worley at [bjdworley@gmail.com](mailto:bjdworley@gmail.com) for additional information and to let her know you are coming.



Pete (on the left)

## Speaking with Pete Petersen

By Danny Bernstein

Pete Petersen has lived in Hendersonville since 2005 and has been part of a CMC trail crew from the first. Two weeks after he and his wife, Judy, landed in Western North Carolina, he became a trail maintainer.

Pete, whose real name is Richard Oluf Andreas Petersen, is of Danish origin. "My grandfather came from Denmark and worked in shipyards," Pete says proudly. Pete is a New York/New Jersey fellow through and through.

Because Pete lived in the New York City area, he read the New York Times, of course. He's still a crossword puzzle addict, doing the NY Times Crossword puzzle. However, "It's becoming more difficult because I'm no longer current with New York lore."

So how did Pete get from the Northeast to being so active in trail work? See Interview section of website.

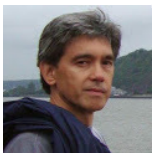
Save  
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**The new section of the MST will be dedicated on National Trails Day -- Saturday, June 4. CMC has been instrumental in the completion of the section. Please plan to attend. Hikes and refreshments will be part of the celebration.**



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**By Rocko Smucker**  
CMC History Brief:

## CMC History: Lost Hiker

Carolina Mountain Club Council Meeting, May 7, 1956

...Father (Eric) Veal expressed concern as to whether action should be taken in regard to members who are uncooperative and indifferent as was the case yesterday even before it had been ascertained a hiker was lost. This led to discussion about whether it was good policy for the experienced and indomitable hikers to start early or late or to separate from the group on a hike. The President (Robert W. Larson) agreed to talk on a friendly and "Good Scouting" basis with some of the offenders, in the hope that no Council action would be necessary....

....Father Veal suggested that when the rules are presented, it be emphasized that this action has been under discussion for some time and was only "brought to a head" by events of May 6, 1956, when a member was lost overnight on the Catawba Fall hike.

For more documents on the lost hiker continue to the CMC History Feature.

CMC History Feature: George Masa "Hell Hike" in the Smokies, May 28-30, 1932 plus CMC and CMC Partners Patches at CMC archives <http://rockocmhistory.blogspot.com/>

## New Non-Profit to Support Pisgah

### News Release

**Representatives of a variety of Pisgah user groups, in cooperation with the U.S. Forest Service, announced on April 12, 2016 the formation of a North Carolina non-profit corporation called The Pisgah Conservancy.**



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The newsletter will go out the last Friday of every month. The deadline to submit news is the Friday before it goes out.

The next issue will come out on Friday, May 27, so send your news by Friday, May 20, to [eNews@carolinamountainclub.org](mailto:eNews@carolinamountainclub.org). Include your email address at the end of your story. Thank you.

Westgate parking - Park in the northernmost part of the lot - past EarthFare, in the last row of parking spaces.

To join Carolina Mountain Club go to: [www.carolinamountainclub.org](http://www.carolinamountainclub.org). Click on "Join CMC" on the right side. Follow the instructions. Send all address and email changes to Gale O'Neal at [gogalemail@gmail.com](mailto:gogalemail@gmail.com). Do not resubscribe yourself to the eNews. That will be done automatically. If you are a non-member subscriber, you need to go back to the eNews and make the change yourself.

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