



From The Editor

I have a correction. **The annual dinner is on Friday, Nov. 2, at [Pack's Tavern](#) in Asheville. The cost is \$30 per person.** More information was in the Let's Go, or check the [CMC website](#).

This issue features the second article about CMC members and the Olympics. Also featured is Pete Steurer, club historian. Read Stuart English's profile of him. Also there is a chance to be a part of history by voicing your support of the trails and outdoors you enjoy. Several articles in this issue tell you how. Paul Benson has expanded CMC hiking choices by developing a CMC Meetup group. See details.

If anyone has any articles for the newsletter, send them to me at eNews@carolinamountainclub.org

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

Sincerely,
Kathy Kyle
Carolina Mountain Club

MST Discussion At Oct. 4 Council Meeting

Re-Routing Would Put In Question Many Miles CMC Has Been Working To Complete

By Marcia Bromberg

On September 13th a number of CMC members attended a public workshop for the Southwestern Commission's Regional Trails Inventory & Concept Plan, an initiative funded by State Trails Program of the NC Division of Parks and Recreation. Although the purpose of the planning exercise is to gather information about where communities in WNC should pursue or enhance greenways and hiking, biking and paddle trails, the CMC focus is on the route of the Mountain-to-Sea Trail. We learned from the Friends of the MST that they have proposed an alternate, southern route for the trail, one that would put in question the many miles of trail that our Club has been working to complete over the past several years.

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The question of which will be the "official" route of the MST-the route that was originally designated or the new southern route-was not answered at this workshop and it is clear that there will be additional discussions about the Trail's route over the next few months. To that end Kate Dixon, Executive Director of the Friends of the Mountain-to-Sea Trail, and Darrell McBane, Manager of the State Trails Program, have been invited to the CMC Council meeting October 4th. I encourage any CMC members interested in this topic to attend the meeting which will be held in the Community Room of the West Asheville Library, 942 Haywood Road. The MST discussion will take place at 6PM; the meeting is scheduled from 6-9PM.



Pete Steurer and CMC History

By Stuart English

Pete Steurer is one of our most important members that perhaps not many people know. He is our club historian. CMC's history is preserved in a collection at the UNCA library.

Recently, I got in touch with Pete and asked him about the importance of saving our history, his time with the club, how he got involved in archiving, and some ideas about the future. He had these words for us.

Harry Truman once said, "The only thing new in the world is the history you do not know." You may get to know some new things by discovering our Club's rich and diverse history.

CMC was organized in 1923. In these nearly 90 years, our Club has been a significant part of our local heritage and has also been a national influence in promoting and protecting the mountains of North

Carolina. Four of our members were so prominent that they have mountains over 6,000 feet named in their honor.

...Others have major trails named for them. Some have done so many things over many years, and have carried us on their shoulders for the next generation. We are currently a thriving Club of more than 1,000 members. But we have also struggled. One time the Club shut down for almost three years. Twice our Club was so small that the entire membership could have sat in someone's living room. Several times we had declining membership

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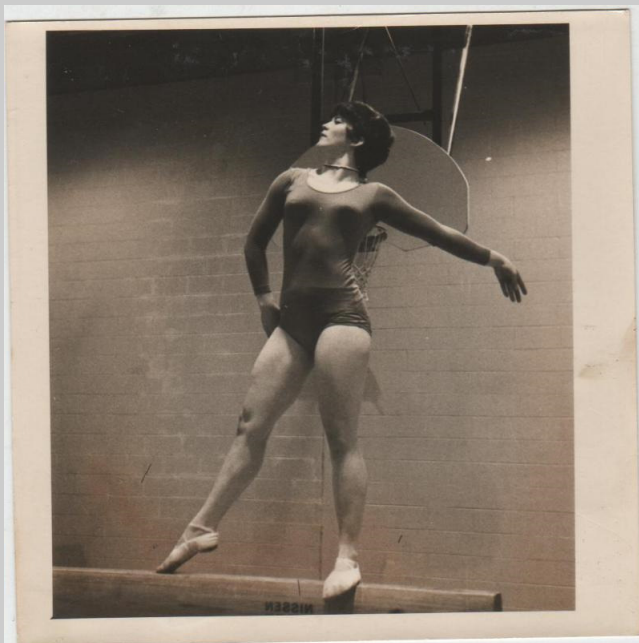
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due to national issues, changing club goals, and "family" feuds. The large majority of our Club's history is preserved in the Special Collections room at the D. Hiden Ramsey Library at UNCA. If you have access to the Internet, you can search their systems to discover what is available and even look at scanned documents and photographs from years past. You can arrange to visit UNCA and look at the actual documents. A smaller portion of our history can be found on the shelves of the North Carolina Reference section of Pack Library and in their Special Collections archive. This year marks my 30th year as a member of CMC. I became the unofficial club historian in 1992, when on my second duty as a CMC councilor, I was asked to research and write a history of the Club to celebrate our 70th anniversary. I became the official historian in 2002 when longtime member Bernard Elias had the foresight to arrange for the safe preservation of our collection at UNCA. Check out our history at:

http://toto.lib.unca.edu/findingaids/mss/CMC/default_carolina_mountain_club.htm. Maybe your future will be changed by what you learn there from the past. The Carolina Mountain Club is interested in your old files, pictures, and maps. If there is any CMC material you would like to see archived, contact Pete Steurer at himtview@bellsouth.net.



Lee Silver

Part 2 of 3

"Wow" Perspectives on Olympic Games

The 2012 London Olympics are history. However, there is more Olympics history to share this month for eNews readers. Last month we looked at Ann Hendrickson's feats in three Olympic sports - gymnastics, cycling, and speed skating. This month I had planned to focus on the insider stories of two other CMCers.

However, Lee Silver's memoir of the 1968 Mexico City Summer Games is so-o-o good as a stand-alone piece. Therefore, I have added a Part 3 due out in the October eNews featuring Keiko Merl.

This month it's all about Lee! Lee's first-person reflection is long, but please get yourself a cup of coffee and settle in for a fascinating Olympic story which includes a gripping history lesson on Cold War politics and culture in 1968 and Lee's lunch date with an athlete known throughout the world. -

Bobbi Powers

By Lee Silver

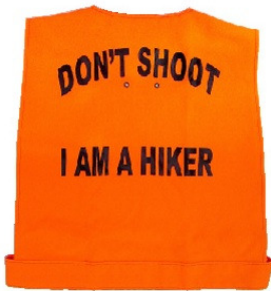
1967 - Atlanta, Georgia. I was 14 and had been involved in gymnastics for less than 2 years. Competition was a new experience, but it was going well. My gymnastics coach invited several of her team members to go to Mexico City for the Olympics. She purchased tickets for all of the gymnastics competition, and we each started our own fund-raising efforts while also practicing hard in the gym. Vaulting was producing the highest scores early in my career.

1968- a tumultuous year. The Viet Nam War, protests, strikes and race riots consumed the world's headlines. Martin Luther King (whose daughter Yoki was a classmate) and Bobby Kennedy were assassinated.

The space race and cold war were in full swing. Czechoslovakia was attempting to restructure its government and separate from the Soviet block . On a cultural level, "Laugh In" debuted, the Beatles prospered with their new hit "Hey Jude" and the first 911 system was initiated. Gymnastics was going well for me, and I qualified as all-around representative for the Southeast in the National Junior Olympics by winning over all other competitors in a 5-state area. I would do this each of the next four years. As October approached, all was ready. I packed my bag for Mexico City. My cassette tape player had recordings of "Classical Gas," "Tip Toe Through the Tulips" and "Young Girl" on it. Reports of a massacre of 300 students at a protest in Mexico City were troubling, but we proceeded anyway . As non-competitors we were able to enjoy all aspects of the Olympic spirit in action, to be tourists and to rub elbows with some famous athletes. On our flight to Mexico City we sat a few seats away from track legends Wyomia Tyus and Wilma Rudolph. Wyomia would go on to be the first woman to repeat as 100meter dash gold medalist in Mexico City. We attended every session of men's and women's gymnastics competition, and saw many things you never see on broadcasts. Several of the American women I cheered for I would compete against the next year. My coach made sure we got to tour Mexico City, and we made day trips to the silver mining area in the mountains and to ancient temples. The mood on the street truly

exemplified the Olympic spirit. Everyone was friendly and eager to meet Americans. Maybe the Olympic ideal of peaceful competition without the burden of politics or racism really could exist in our troubled world. On some levels it did, but on many levels it did not. Thirty-two African teams did not attend the 1968 Olympics, boycotting South Africa's participation in the games. Two American athletes (Smith and Carlos) were disciplined for supporting that movement by raising black-gloved fists on the awards podium in the track and field competition. I experienced personally how the ongoing conflict between the USSR and Czechoslovakia played out. As the competition took place, the conflict was continuing and would ultimately result in the violent end to Czechoslovakia's bid for autonomy. We experienced first-hand the results of that invasion on a personal level. In the course of the women's competition, a real drama played out. The reigning queen of women's gymnastics was Czech, Vera Caslavka. Her closest competitors were from the USSR, as were the majority of the judges. Judging is so subjective and the judges obviously had an agenda. Vera ultimately was awarded the all-around gold medal and several individual gold medals, but it was a tough battle. She was able to overcome biased judging and come out on top only because she was a far superior athlete. Soviet gymnasts repeatedly refused to acknowledge Vera in any way on the competition floor or on the podium when medals were awarded. In one instance the Soviet gymnasts, while standing on either side of Vera on the awards stand after she won gold, reached in front of her, shook hands with one another and never acknowledged her in any way. Scoring was questionable. The most notable time that Vera was short-changed on a score the crowd whistled (our booing) for 40 minutes and one score was ultimately changed, but only enough to tie her with the soviet. It was obvious to all spectators that she had done a superior performance. The Czech athletes kept their composure throughout the stressful competition, but they made their feelings clear. Anytime the Czech national anthem was played for a Czech winner (usually Vera), they stood with pride, heads raised. Whenever the Soviet anthem was played, Vera would look down and to the side, never looking up at their flag.....her silent protest. Seeing this as a 15-year-old put a face to the conflicts that I had only read about or seen on TV. It was a powerful lesson. I learned later that this silent protest by Vera led to her sport's participation being limited as well as her ability to travel. While out and about during the Olympics we became adept at finding other English speaking people and met some amazing friends from all over the world. It was common practice to share tables at any eating establishment. On our last day in Mexico, we went to the airport and while waiting for our flight, my coach and I got a sandwich and sat at a table. A few minutes later a US coach and an athlete wearing a gold medal asked if they could join us. Of course we invited them to sit. The young black male athlete was very shy, but after a few questions, we discovered we were sharing lunch with George Foreman and his boxing coach. He had just won his first major heavy weight medal. He spoke little, but was very polite. Our flight was full of returning athletes and coaches. One of the most memorable events occurred as our plane pulled up off Mexican soil, heading to the states. The entire plane erupted in cheers.....we were all going home and the athletes could relax. It was a fun

flight. I continued competing in gymnastics on a national level throughout high school, but decided not to continue on the college level. I had offers of financial aid, but scholarships were not available for women. Since Olympics occur every 4 years, the timing is essential. My career was not timed correctly to even consider trying out. I was 19 and retired from the sport when the Munich games came around. When Atlanta was awarded the Olympics for 1996, I knew where I would be. I took my family and attended gymnastics practice sessions with my 15-year-old daughter, as well as many other events. I got to see the Magnificent Seven win the women's gymnastics team competition. We sat right next to Bella Karole's coaching area and his antics were very entertaining. My family and I had a ball in Atlanta. We saw track and field, swimming, water polo, team handball, table tennis, soccer, baseball, basketball, speed walking, the inaugural beach volleyball competition, equestrian events and more. The Olympic spirit was alive and well.....at last.



By Bruce Bente

Hunting Season will soon start. Please wear blaze orange vests and/or hats when hiking. This will apply to Wednesday and Saturday hikes. No hunting on Sundays. 2012 hunting dates are:

- 10/1-10/13 muzzleloader deer
 - 10/15 - 11/17 bow deer, gun bear
 - 11/19 - 12/8 gun deer THE MOST DANGEROUS TIME
- (list may be incomplete)



Meeting Monday, Oct. 1

American Pilgrims On The Camino

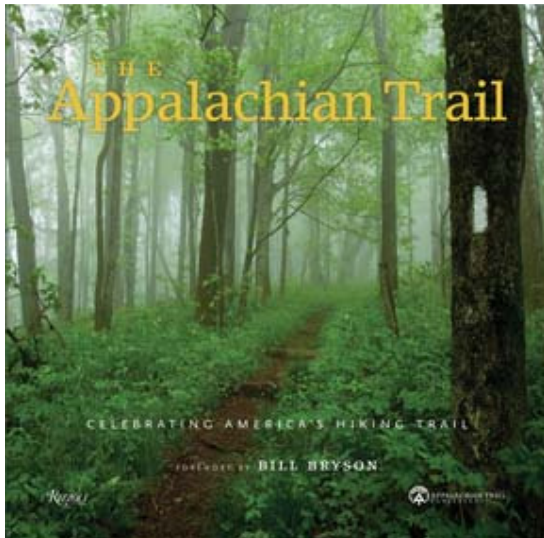
By Chris Slater

Since the showing of the film "The Way" there has been an increased level of interest in hiking the various pilgrim trails in France and Spain - at least eight local hikers have done so this year, and several of us enjoy meeting regularly to share experiences, mentor new pilgrims etc. Anyone interested is cordially invited to join us at Atlanta Bread Company on Merrimon Avenue, Asheville, where we meet weekly on Tuesdays at 9 a.m.

In addition, we're about to form a WNC chapter of American Pilgrims on the Camino (www.americanpilgrims.com), our kick-off meeting will be held in the community room at REI on Monday, October 1 at 7:00 p.m. and will include a brief description of the caminos, what it means to be a pilgrim, and some short presentations with slides from recent pilgrims. All are welcome, but please let me know (crslater@bellsouth.net) as space is limited.

The next event will also be held at REI, on October 16, entitled A Journey on the Camino de Santiago. In the words of the presenter: Olga Pader, resident of Franklin and avid hiker in our WNC mountains, crossed the Atlantic in the fall of 2011 to walk on the immemorial Camino de Santiago in Spain. Over the 14 days, she walked the 198 miles on the Camino, the French Way popularized in the movie "The Way".. The French Way, the best known and most popular, is one of a network of trails (Caminos) crisscrossing Spain as pilgrimage routes that have been traveled by people from all over the world since the Middle Ages. The Camino Francés crosses the Pyrenees from France, enters Spain on a mountain peak, traverses tiny villages, ancient forests and renowned cities, and culminates its mystical journey in the city of Santiago de Compostela. On the Camino, the human experience and earthly landscapes meld to transform walkers into pilgrims on this journey through time and space that culminates in receiving the Compostela that officially recognizes the walker as a "peregrina", a pilgrim of the Camino.

Olga will share her experiences through her picture presentation and tales of her adventures and encounters with the people of the Camino. With grandparents from Galicia, the province where Santiago is located, and being a native Spanish speaker, Olga brings personal connections and insight to her presentation. Maps of the route are included in the slides to anchor each day's itinerary. Planning information and resources will be available as handouts or to e-mail to attendees.



The Appalachian Trail: Celebrating America's Hiking Trail

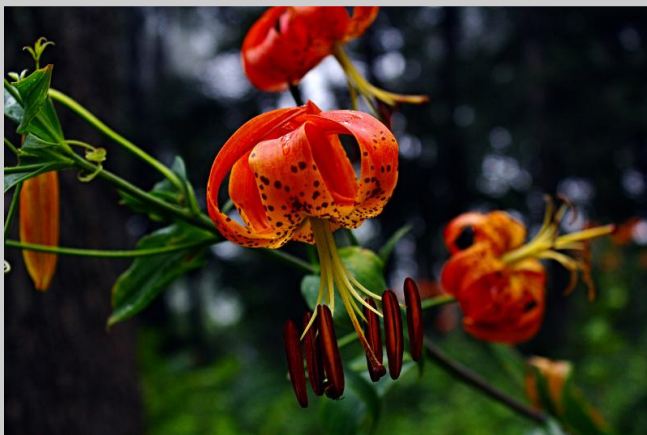
Book Review By Danny Bernstein

When I first sat down with *The Appalachian Trail: Celebrating America's Hiking Trail*, it was to look at the beautiful photographs and to reminisce about our section hiking as we completed the A.T. Instead I kept being drawn to the words, to the story of the trail.

The history of the A.T. starts before the famous paper by Benton MacKaye which proposed a wilderness path along the Appalachian mountains. Though MacKaye's proposal was in part an attack against the automobile, it was only with a car that people could contemplate using long footpaths. Before that, people went to resorts and walked circular loops.

While MacKaye thought, wrote, and proselytized with a pipe in his mouth, Myron Avery was the doer and is my A.T. hero. He was a maritime lawyer by day and an Appalachian Trail Conservancy (ATC) volunteer and advocate 24/7, it seems. He organized the PATC (site of the 2015 Biennial), and was the longest serving ATC chair. By walking and blazing every bit of the A.T. of its day, he became the first 2000-miler in 1936. The general public might talk of "thruhiking" but for ATC, those of us who've completed the whole trail are called 2000-milers. The trail was declared finished a year later – hence the 75th anniversary – but a lot of the trail was still on private land and on roads. This quote made me laugh aloud. Avery wrote to MacKaye. "Had you ever worked on the Trail... you might well appreciate the reaction to such armchair suggestions... I do wish those who talk so much about the "footless" Trail and the "wilderness" Trail would really go out on the Trail." So right. MacKaye broke with Avery and went on to the Wilderness Society. Two other big dates in the history of the trail - 1968 when the A.T. became the first National Scenic Trail and 1984 when the National Park Service turned over the management of the A.T. to the Appalachian Trail Conservancy. Throughout all that history, the pages are sprinkled with wonderful photographs. Lenny Bernstein contributed two pages on the impact of climate change on the trail. The more extreme

scenarios paint a scary picture of drought, more insects, and more hurricane force winds. After a fascinating history of the A.T. and its present challenges, the photo gallery starts. CMC members might go directly to the North Carolina/Tennessee photographs. We all know that those two states have the most beautiful sections of the trail. If there is one negative, it's that the book cover advertises a foreword by Bill Bryson without stating who wrote the text. Bryson made the A.T. world famous but he didn't finish the trail and annoyed all of us who did. Brian King is the author and his name should have been on the cover and big print. King has been the mainstay of publications for ATC since 1987. He wrote the text, is the keeper of the A.T. history, and is ultimately responsible for all news that comes out of ATC. When you come to the ATC Biennial next year, you can meet Brian. He'll be the one managing the ATC store selling books and mementoes in the exhibit area. Even if you've been reading on an iPads, iPhones, and other devices, you need to touch, handle, and turn the pages of this book. For all those with holiday lists, your problem is solved. Give this book to a hiker, trail maintainer, historian, environmentalist, or photographer. The best place to get the book is on the ATC website - www.appalachiantrail.org. As an ATC member, you'll get a discount. But of course, there's always Amazon.



CMC Maintainers

Botanical Club Appreciates Attention To Detail

***Shortia* the newsletter of the Western Carolina Botanical Club (WCBC)**

When WCBC members arrived at Bear Pen Gap for our walk on June 15th, several folks were dismayed at the amount of recent mowing they encountered at the beginning of the Mountains-to-Sea Trail there, which had probably removed flowers of some interesting plants. I remembered that mowing had sometimes wreaked havoc along the trail to Frying Pan Tower, so, in preparation for our June 23rd walk, I contacted Pete Peterson, Maintenance Counselor for the Carolina Mountain Club, who assured me that the trail would not be weed-whacked until after our walk.

Individual members of the Carolina Mountain Club volunteer to be responsible for maintenance of specific sections of the Mountains-to-Sea Trail and the Appalachian Trail in Western North Carolina. For example, for ten years, Ken and Carol Deal of Asheville maintained the section just north of the Mills River Overlook, where we've enjoyed the annual July display of

Turk's Cap Lilies and leather flower. In addition, five groups of volunteers (with an average age of 70!) meet regularly for a day of weedwhacking and other trail maintenance activities. They work on more than 300 miles of trails in other public areas in WNC: four national forests, three state forests, three conservancies, one county, and two towns. They built the Carolina Mountain Trail at the North Carolina Arboretum more than ten years ago. Their work makes it possible for us to access many of the interesting areas along the trails. (If you wish to contribute to the CMC to support their work, annual membership is \$20, and checks may be sent to P.O. Box 68, Asheville, NC 28802.)



Tanawha hikers

Write The Forest Service Help Protect The Grandfather National Scenic Area

By Perrin de Jong

Wild South is gearing up to protect the Grandfather National Scenic Area - 25,500 biologically- and economically-significant acres of the Pisgah National Forest - through the upcoming Pisgah & Nantahala Forest Plan Revision process. We hope we can count on your participation in advancing the cause of ecological and economic sustainability in Western North Carolina! What follows is the story of how this unique area went from being somebody's backyard to the focus of a campaign for permanent federal protection.

Six years ago, the U.S. Forest Service proposed a logging project that ignited a firestorm of opposition and grassroots organizing across Western North Carolina's high country. The proposal was to build roads and log in old growth forests, rare natural communities, critical watersheds and world-

famous scenic viewsheds in the area of the Pisgah National Forest known as the Globe.

But the Globe and its surrounding National Forest lands aren't just a biologically-significant and pretty place; they are the engine for the local tourism-based economies of Blowing Rock, Boone, Banner Elk and beyond. In 2009, tourism brought in over \$300 million and nearly 4,000 jobs to Avery, Caldwell, and Watauga Counties, the three counties in the area. And it's little wonder why tourism plays such a prominent role in the local economy, with the globally renowned tourist destinations of Grandfather Mountain, the Blue Ridge Parkway's Linn Cove Viaduct, and the town of Blowing Rock all surrounding the area the Forest Service targeted for logging.

With so much to lose, local community members in the high country organized and partnered with the Asheville-based public lands protection group Wild South to fight the logging and to seek a solution that would permanently protect the area. This is how the campaign to establish the Grandfather National Scenic Area (GNSA) was born. The proposed GNSA is made up of the 25,500 acres of the Pisgah National Forest between Grandfather Mountain, the Blue Ridge Parkway, and Blowing Rock. With popular and vibrant streams like Wilson Creek Wild & Scenic River and Upper Thunderhole Creek; popular recreation areas like the China Creek/Upper Thunderhole trail, the Mountains-to-Sea trail, and Raven Rocks; nearly 3,000 acres of inventoried old growth forests and an abundance of rare natural communities, the GNSA is one of Western North Carolina's rare and precious mountain gems. Add to that the fact that millions of tourists from all over the world gaze down on the green mountainsides of the GNSA each year as they travel the section of the Blue Ridge Parkway between the Linn Cove Viaduct and Blowing Rock, and the economic significance of this vital area comes into clearer focus. The Linn Cove viaduct section of the Blue Ridge Parkway is the most heavily visited section of the parkway, and parkway user surveys have consistently shown that the most popular reason people come to the parkway is for the views. So, in one sense, the GNSA is the biggest reason why people come to Western North Carolina to vacation.

In the end, community members and Wild South worked together to prevent the Forest Service from building any new roads or logging any old growth forests in the Globe Timber Sale. Also, we reduced the amount of logging the agency planned to do by 65%. Despite these accomplishments, the logging the agency did do last year left an awful mess that will certainly impact the experience of tourists, hikers, anglers, hunters, climbers and mountain bikers. See images of the logging at <http://www.gnsafornc.org/newsroom>. This final sad result has only strengthened the rationale for permanently protecting the GNSA from irresponsible Forest Service management by an act of Congress.

As you've probably heard, Congress hasn't accomplished much since the 2010 election. Thankfully, we do have a significant opportunity to achieve interim protections for the GNSA until Congress can act to save it permanently. The U.S. Forest Service has started the process for revising its management plan for the Pisgah & Nantahala National Forests.

Everything is on the table for this revision, including how different areas of the forest should be managed differently. In short, the Forest Service can decide as a part of this forest plan revision that the clean waters, diverse

wildlife, and scenic views of the proposed GNSA will not be degraded for the next 10 or 15 years, until the forest plan is revised once more. And that is exactly what we will be pushing for throughout this forest plan revision process.

Here is what you can do today to help protect the GNSA:

1. Write to the Forest Service and let them know that the proposed GNSA is too valuable as a haven for clean water, rare wildlife, recreation opportunities, and as a magnet for tourists to be left vulnerable to more logging and development. Tell them to make the protection of the proposed GNSA a priority in the upcoming forest plan revision. **SUBMIT YOUR COMMENTS TO THE FOREST SERVICE AT:** Kristen Bail, Forest Supervisor Supervisor's Office

160 Zillicoa St. Suite A Asheville, NC 28801 828-257-4200



CMC Conservation

Members Participate In Forest Task Force Efforts

By Ruth Hartzler

The Forest Task Force is a coalition of local conservation organizations that networks on ecology issues affecting national forests, especially our local forests, Pisgah and Nantahala. The group shares information on timber projects, road building, forest restoration, federal policies on forest management, and even noise impacts of a proposed shooting range.

Western North Carolina Alliance's Ecologist and Public Lands Director, Bob Gale, leads monthly meetings, with attendance by environmental professionals from Wild South, The Wilderness Society, South Wings, and the Southern Environmental Law Center, among others. Members of participating organizations coordinate efforts to work with the US Forest Service and other forest management agencies to protect the environmental integrity of our forests.

Members of CMC's Conservation Committee regularly participate in Forest Task Force efforts. We keep informed on activities that may impact trails and the hiking experience. We share our "boots-on-the-ground" perspective with other organizations. As a result of our participation in the FTF, CMC submitted comments to the US Forest Service regarding the Courthouse Creek timber project currently in planning stages. Negative impacts to the

Art Loeb Trail hiking experience and to Courthouse Falls Trail are expected, in addition to other negative environmental impacts. The photo taken from the MST shows the Courthouse Creek area to the right of Pilot Mountain. CMC has also recently submitted comments on the Blue Ridge Parkway Management Plan and the Brushy Ridge timber project. The Brushy Ridge project is located in the Trace Ridge Trail area, the heart of one of our prime hiking areas. We'll be monitoring impacts to trail conditions as the project unfolds. If you are interested in having an impact on our hiking environment and learning more about how our forests are managed, contact CMC Conservation Committee Chair Tish Desjardines desraylet@aol.com. For more info on the Forest Task Force, contact Ruth Hartzler ruthmtn@charter.net.

Annual Picnic

Maintainers Celebrate With Food, Music

By Jack Albright

The 6th annual Maintainers Appreciation Picnic was held under sunny skies on a pleasant Saturday (Sept. 15th) out in the 'sticks' at Jack and Lois Albright's property in Alexander. The picnicker's- some 45-50 were in attendance- enjoyed the usual hot dogs, hamburgers, grilled chicken and Brats. The brats were in particularly high demand this year. The grill work was provided by Jacob, an AB-Tech Culinary School product and the meats were done to perfection.

As in years past, everyone brought and shared a dish of their own choosing. There was a large selection of both hot and cold dishes and a finger-lickin' assortment of desserts. Music was again provided by the "No Name Rangers" or was it "Bill Jones and his Posse"- or as Bill said when he arrived, "This week we're the Asheville Mixers". Under any name they provided us with four hours of great music- a mix of Blue Grass, Country and Western and a few popular tunes as well.

The weatherman co-operated again!! Six years in a row and the tents were used as shade rather than rain shelters. This allowed for a festive atmosphere and the Great Maintainers mingled and traded stories throughout the afternoon. Some new faces were present this year and we hope to see them back next year.

This picnic is taking on a "sanctioned" aspect in that Club Council voted to help defray expenses this year with a generous donation and has further suggested that the picnic be in the budget for funding next year. With that, Jack and Lois are looking for suggestions for improvements in the areas of Menu, drinks, set-up, location, and entertainment. Please feel free to drop them a line at ME7679@AOL.com .

It's your party Maintainers! What are you looking for.

In Montreat

National Wilderness Stewardship Alliance Conference To Be Held Nov 1 - 3

By Jill Gottesman

Join the Southern Appalachian Wilderness Stewards, a program of The Wilderness Society, in welcoming the National Wilderness Stewardship Alliance (NWSA) for their 2012 Annual Conference, November 1st - 3rd at the Montreat Conference Center, outside of Asheville, NC, in the heart of the southern Blue Ridge. This gathering of land managers, NGOs, and volunteer stewards from across the country will be filled with amazing learning and networking opportunities in the rustic and cordial setting of fall in the southern Appalachians.

The Conference this year includes sessions on Organizational Development, Stewardship beyond the Trail (presented by the Society for Wilderness Stewardship), Attracting Non-Traditional Stewards, Fire Regimes and Management, Successful Fund Raising, Wilderness Character Monitoring, Why Diversity Matters and many more. Optional stewardship trips are planned for before and after the conference. Conference cost is \$100 before 9/28, \$125 after 9/28, and room rates are \$75 single, \$37.50 shared, per night plus tax. For more information about the NWSA and the Conference visit <http://wildernessalliance.org/news/events/175-2012-annual-conference>



Heinz Feil

Black Mountain - Heinz left us and this beautiful earth on August 20 at the age of 85. Born and raised in Germany, Heinz moved to NC with his family in 1968 to start his own business. He fell in love with these mountains, settling in the Asheville area in 1977. He was an active member of CMC along with his wife who is a former CMC president. He is survived by his wife, Elisabeth; children, Aenne and Peter and other relatives.

A celebration of Heinz's life will be held at Highland Farms, Black Mountain, on October 13, 2012, at 2:00 PM. Memorial donations may be made to any of his favorite organizations: The Botanical Gardens at Asheville, Carolina Mountain Club, or The NC Arboretum.

Condolences may be sent to Heinz.Feil@att.net.

MST Photo Contest

Submit your photos of North Carolina's Mountains-to-Sea Trail - from the Great Smoky Mountains to the Outer Banks. Win cash prizes, gift cards for outdoor gear, and the chance to have your photos published.

Photos will be judged by a panel of judges in three categories:

- The view from the trail
- People on the trail
- Youth Photographer (17 and under)

Deadline for submitting photos:

Wednesday, Oct. 31, 2012 at midnight.

Visit Friends of the Mountain-to-Sea Trail's website at:



<http://www.ncmst.org/> for more information.

Girl Scouts And The A.T.

By Kay Shurtleff

In honor of the 100th birthday of Girl Scouts, troops all over the East coast and the nation have selected a portion of the Appalachian Trail to hike. This challenge hopefully will result in over 2000 miles of trail hiked in bits and pieces by the scouts. Members of Troop 58 from Spartanburg led by Troop Leader Julie McClendon participated in this challenge. CMC members Joanne Tulip, Rusty Breedlove and Kay Shurtleff led a hike on Max Patch. At lunch, A.T. completers Joanne and Rusty talked about the A.T. and shared some of their experiences on the trail. Kay discussed the values of making like time friends in Girl Scouts. A good time was had by all and hopefully some of the scouts will become avid hikers.



CMC Meetup Group

CMC hikers have another option to plan hikes and find and communicate with hikers. CMC member Paul Benson has created a CMC Meetup site. Here is the link: <http://www.meetup.com/Carolina-Mountain-Club/> The first hike is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 20, at 8 a.m. - the Mountains to Sea Trail: Balsam Gap to Double Top Overlook. The meeting place is the same - Westgate. For more information, contact Paul at pd Benson@charter.net, or go to the link listed above.



ATC Holding Membership Drive With Nation-Wide Events

In celebration of the 75th Anniversary of the completion of the Appalachian Trail (A.T.), the Appalachian Trail Conservancy (ATC) will be hosting a membership drive called "DISCOVER THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL" across the USA. Current and non-members of the ATC are encouraged to attend.

The event will feature the National Geographic film - America's Wild Spaces, the Appalachian Trail. Several special guest speakers will also share their story of the Trail and free prizes will be awarded to the public. The closest events to the CMC area are Knoxville, Tenn., and Charlotte, NC.

The Small Print

The next issue will come out on Friday, October 26. Wednesday hike reports for the hike just before the eNews comes out will be published in the next eNews.

Hiker leaders, please send all your eNews hike reports and photos to hikereports@carolinamountainclub.org

So send your news by Friday evening at 9 P.M. before the newsletter comes out, that is, by Friday evening October 19 to Kathy Kyle at eNews@carolinamountianclub.org. Include your email address at the end of your story. Thank you.

The CMC Calendar is meant to answer the perennial question "When is this happening again?" It is also meant to prevent conflicts between competing CMC events. Please check it often.

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

How to join the Carolina Mountain Club

1. Go to www.carolinamountainclub.org
2. Click on "Join CMC" on the right side and follow the instructions

For CMC members only - Send all address and email changes to Gale O'Neal at 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.