Annual Dinner at Pack’s Tavern caps off 90th year

Over 100 CMC members gathered for a social hour, a dinner, a state of the club meeting, and an enjoyable program on November 1, 2013, at Pack’s Tavern in Asheville. As many old friends enjoyed their meals, Peter Barr, Chair of the Challenge Committee, recognized many challenge completers. This was a special year for challenges since there were two special challenges for the 90th anniversary year: the 90 in 90 of the A.T. that we maintain and the 130 miles of the MST that we maintain.

Pete Petersen, Councilor for Trail Maintenance, recognized Lew Blodgett (also in his 90th year) for 6000 hours maintaining trails. Barth Brooker, Chair of the Nominations and Awards Committee, announced the new Council positions for 2014.

Lenny Bernstein-President
Barbara Morgan-Vice President
Ann Hendrickson-Councilor at Large
Kay Shurtleff-Councilor for Education
Brenda Worley-Councilor for Hiking
Lee Silver-Councilor for Membership

Service Awards for the Club in 2013 were the Award of Appreciation, which went to Jim Ariail and Gale O’Neal for their efforts above and beyond the call of duty on the website and membership database. The Distinguished Service Award went to Lenny Bernstein for a long career, involving every aspect of CMC, including the Presidency.

Outgoing President Marcia Bromberg looked to the future and the next 90 years. The evening ended with a panel of past CMC presidents that looked at the Club at different periods in our history.

COUNCIL CORNER

Our 90th year is drawing to a close and our 91st is upon us. How have we lasted this long? If you look back at our 90th birthday year, you may see some clues. We have turned a new website from a kicking and screaming infant into a consistently functioning, user-friendly entity with the help of many volunteers, including Tim Carrigan, Charlie Ferguson, Jim Ariail, Gale O’Neal, Marcia Bromberg, Danny Bernstein, Becky Smucker and many more. All these people stepped up to the task.

We continue to offer almost 200 organized hikes a year thanks to the hard work of Bruce Bente, Brenda Worley, Gail Lamb, Lee Silver, and Ann Gleason, who help recruit leaders and schedule the hikes. We now have seven Trail Maintaining crews and two are led by women. Many members of these crews are actually hikers. We stay in the forefront of all conservation issues thanks to a great committee that realizes that we would be out of business without a place to hike. We provided the bulk of the volunteers at the ATC Biennial, which was a great success. When our president-elect was forced to opt out of the presidency in the coming year for job-related reasons, Lenny Bernstein, a past president, stepped up for two more years leading the club. Do you notice a pattern here? For 90 years, our hikers have known one universal truth. It might get a little tough, but the hike goes on.

– Stuart English
As part of the birthday theme at our dinner, Dave Wetmore presided over a panel of CMC past presidents that included Marcia Bromberg, Barth Brooker, Becky Smucker, Don Walton, Howard McDonald, and John Dickson.

Realizing the potential danger that these were people who had a lot to say, Dave used a timer to ensure that the program would not go over 30 minutes. He had a set of questions that included: What skills are most important? Marcia Bromberg mentioned civility. Becky Smucker said that a president must decide his or her own strengths. Don Walton said that having once been a clown helped him. Howard said that it helped to be aware of every aspect of the club. John cited dedication and appreciation.

Another question was “What were the issues that were faced during their tenure”? Becky Smucker remarked on the deficit of volunteers on the Maintenance side. Don Walton recalled the issue of taking the MST to Heintooga Road and raising the dues from $12 to $20. John Dickson recalled the A.T. being rerouted over Max Patch and what a controversy that was. Barth Brooker looked back on dealing with the Forest Service and Parkway officials in maintenance issues.

What could be taken away from this program was what a complicated, highly demanding job leading a huge multifaceted club like CMC could be. As with all volunteer efforts, we should appreciate those who take on this highly visible but often thankless six-year commitment.

A visit with past CMC presidents

90th means banner challenge year

Outgoing Challenge Committee Chair Peter Barr had his work cut out for him on this night recognizing 49 people for completing CMC challenges. The majority of recognition went to those who had recently completed the two anniversary challenges: the 90 in 90 A.T. Challenge and the MST 130. But there were also completers of the South Beyond 6000, the Lookout Tower Challenge and the Pisgah 400.

SB6K (South Beyond 6000): Barbara Morgan, Jeffrey Crawford, Mimi Ausmanas, Kirk Mallory, Shaun Moore, Natasha Shipman, Kevin Cosgrove, Joseph Speirer, Michael Hill, James Monday, Dean Peterson, Jennifer Garren, Bill Shaffer

Pisgah 400: Gary Padgett

Lookout Tower Challenge: Erwin Hoadley, Beverley MacDowell, Rose Mary Ache

MST 130: Ann Hendrickson, Sawako Jager, Mark Cobb, Martha Hayes, Erwin Hoadley, Jack Fitzgerald, Mary Swain, Tom Sanders, Lee Silver, Steve Pierce, Richard Sampson, Vance Waggner, Ginny Waggner, Tom Lucha, Linda Lucha, Barbara Morgan, Paul Benson

A.T.: Mark Cobb, Martha Hayes, Beth Ransom, Vance Mann, Lenny Bernstein, Danny Bernstein, Tish Desjardins, Sawako Jager, Jan Onan, Janet Martin, Marcia Bromberg, Kate Fisher, Karen Rowe, Ken Smith

Congratulations to all of you in actively celebrating what we are all about.
**TRAIL MAINTENANCE**

All members are encouraged to participate in trail maintenance activities. Non-members are invited to try it a few times before deciding if they want to join the Club and be a regular part of a crew. We train and provide tools.

Below is a general schedule of work days. Exact plans often are not made until the last minute, so contact crew leaders for details. Crews marked with an * are currently seeking new members. MST and AT section maintainers work on their own schedule.

**Monday**
- Barth Brooker, barthb@bellsouth.net

**Monday Burnsville Crew**
- John Whitehouse, johnwhitehouse@frontier.com

**Wednesday Waynesville West**
- Larry Sobil, lsoibil@bellsouth.net

**Thursday Asheville Crew**
- Bill Falender, billfalender@hotmail.com

**Friday Asheville**
- Skip Sheldon, shelhalla@bellsouth.net

**Friday Pisgah**
- Pete (R) Petersen, roap@aol.com

**Wilderness Crew (Saturday bimonthly)**
- Becky Smucker, bjsmucker@gmail.com

**Saturday quarterly**
- Les Love, leslove55@gmail.com

**Draft Crew**
- Kayah Gadish, kayita79@gmail.com

**MST sections**
- Barth Brooker, barthb@bellsouth.net
- Les Love, leslove55@gmail.com
- Pete (R) Petersen, roap@aol.com
- Larry Sobil, lsoibil@bellsouth.net

**AT sections**
- Tim Carrigan, tim@newprisim.com

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### HIKE SCHEDULE First Quarter 2014

**Hike Ratings**

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**Saturday Workday**

For the Saturday MST Trail Building Workdays in 2014, meet at 8:30 at the Home Depot at the Enka-Candler Exit 44 off I-40. Workdays are March 15, May 3, June 7, Aug. 16 and Oct. 18. As in the past, we will be back in Asheville by 3:00. Call Les Love at 828-658-1489 (leslove55@gmail.com) to verify date.

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**SPECIAL PROGRAMS**

- **SB6K** For hiking all 40 peaks above 6000’. Contact Peter Barr, pjbarr@gmail.com
- **P400** For hiking every trail in Pisgah Ranger District. Contact Dave Wetmore, dwetmore@citcom.net
- **900M** For hiking every trail in GSMNP. Contact Dave Wetmore, dwetmore@citcom.net
- **LTC** For hiking all 24 lookout towers in WNC. Contact Peter Barr, pjbarr@gmail.com
- **WC100** For hiking to the 100 best waterfalls in the mountains of WNC, SC and the Smokies. Contact Jack Fitzgerald, 828-685-2897, suejackfitz@bellsouth.net

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**WEDNESDAY HIKES**

Wednesday hikes submitted by Brenda Worley, 828-684-8656, clworley@bellsouth.net. Driving distance is round-trip from Asheville. All hikes assemble at the far rear (north end) of Westgate Shopping Center near I-240 exit 3B unless otherwise noted. Some hikes will have second meeting places as described in the schedule; start times vary. *Times listed are departure times – arrive early.*

**Wednesday No. W1401-281 Jan. 1**
- **Green River Gamelands** *7:30 AM* 8:00 AM Breakfast at Cracker Barrel, 9:15 AM Hike
  - Hike 8, Drive 70, 1500 ft. ascent, Rated B-B
  - Bruce Bente, 828-692-0116, cell: 828-699-6296, bbente@bellsouth.net
  - *Form carpools at Westgate and meet leader at NE corner of Cracker Barrell Parking Lot (I-26 Exit 53) at times above. After breakfast, we’ll do our traditional New Year’s Day hike on a series of trails around the Green River Gamelands. We’ll hike down to and along the Green River, with a late lunch at the big rocks on the Green River, and then hike up and out on the Pulliam Creek trail. Short car shuttle. Topo(s): Cliffide Mtn.; also Trails of the Green River Gamelands Map**

**Wednesday No. W1401-001 Jan. 8**
- **Case Camp - Seniardi Ridge Loop** *8:30 AM* Hike 8, Drive 80, 1800 ft. ascent, Rated B-A
  - Mary Beth Gwynn, cell: 828-545-6487, mbgcmc@gmail.com
- **P400, WC100** This loop hike is scheduled for our coldest month to see 50-ft. frozen cascades along the closed BRP. We’ll do a two mile climb up to the MST and some gentle MST hiking before our lunch spot with great views of the mountains. After lunch, we’ll hike downhill through beautiful woods on the Seniardi Ridge trail. **Second meeting place: Pisgah Forest Bi-Lo at 9:00 AM. Topo(s): Shining Rock; also pp. 36-39 of MST Trail Profiles book and NatGeo map #780**

**Wednesday No. W1401-101 Jan. 15**
- **Lower Big Laurel Creek** *9:00 AM* Hike 7, Drive 50, 360 ft. ascent, Rated B-C
  - Tom Sanders, 828-252-6327, tsanders.avl@gmail.com
  - Hike along a beautiful stream with whitewater, big rocks and surrounding high cliffs to the French Broad River. Interesting flora. Parts of the trail are rocky – hiking boots/shoes are recommended. **Second meeting place: Rose’s parking lot in Weaverville - Exit 19B off I-26 at 9:15 AM. Topo(s): Hot Springs**

**Wednesday No. W1401-186 Jan. 22**
- **Little Pisgah Mountain** *9:00 AM* Hike 10, Drive 36, 1500 ft. ascent, Rated A-B
  - Janet Martin, cell: 502-494-9309, jaykaymartin@msn.com
  - A pleasant nearby hike for the shorter winter daylight hours. We’ll hike from the new Florence Preserve parking lot on US 74A up into an open meadow leading to the summit of Little Pisgah Mtn. If the weather is clear, the view doesn’t get any better. **Topo(s): Bat Cave**

**Wednesday No. W1401-035 Jan. 29**
- **Looking Glass Rock** *9:00 AM* Hike 6, Drive 70, 1800 ft. ascent, Rated B-A
  - Keiko Merl, 828-298-7634, cell: 828-231-2126, stuengo@comporium.net
  - A moderately difficult, well-graded trail leads to the top of this mountain with beautiful views along the way. In-and-out hike. **Second meeting place: Pisgah Forest Bi-Lo at 9:30 AM. Topo(s): Shining Rock; also NatGeo map #780**

**Wednesday No. W1401-545 Feb. 5**
- **Bent Creek #13 - Boundary Trail** *9:00 AM* Hike 8.3, Drive 25, 1100 ft. ascent, Rated B-B
  - Stuart English, cell: 828-231-2126, keikomerl@att.net
  - *Form carpools at Westgate and meet leader at NE corner of Cracker Barrell Parking Lot (I-26 Exit 53) at times above. After breakfast, we’ll do our traditional New Year’s Day hike on a series of trails around the Green River Gamelands. We’ll hike down to and along the Green River, with a late lunch at the big rocks on the Green River, and then hike up and out on the Pulliam Creek trail. Short car shuttle. Topo(s): Cliffide Mtn.; also Trails of the Green River Gamelands Map**

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Winter weather is coming, and hikes may be cancelled either because of dangerous hiking conditions or bad road conditions. If the weather forecast is questionable for an upcoming hike, do this to find out if a hike will be done:
- *Check the Breaking News section of the CMC website. Leaders will post a hike cancellation either the previous night or early of the day of the hike.*
- *Contact the leader. A phone call is better in case the leader’s e-mail is not working.*
the Bent Creek Boundary Trail and follow it to Ingles Field Gap, then down to Ledford Branch Rd., Deer Lake Lodge Trail and end at the Rice Pinnacle parking lot. Great views. Car shuttle. Topo(s): Standingstone Mtn.; also NatGeo map #780 and Bent Creek Trail map

Wednesday No. W1401-492  Feb. 12  
**Bent Creek Ramble**  *8:30 AM* 
Annual Cookie Hike  
**Hike 7, Drive 10, 1200 ft. ascent, Rated B-B**  
Ken and Carol Deal, 828-281-4530, cnkdeal@charter.net

**P400  *Only Meeting Place: Ingles parking lot on NC 191 across from Biltmore Square Mall.**  
Moderate loop hike in the Bent Creek area. We will start from the parking area for Cold Knob Road (FS 479H off Bent Creek Road beyond Lake Powhatan). Using a variety of short sections of trails, we will hike up to the MST, follow it past Sleepy Gap, and descend by the Stambaugh Trail to the Lake Powhatan picnic area for lunch and a cookie feast. Bring cookies to share. The afternoon walk back to the cars is approximately 2 miles. Topo(s): Asheville; also NatGeo map #780 and Bent Creek Trail map.

Wednesday No. W1401-492  Feb. 12  
**Cookie Hike - Shorter Version**  *10:00 AM*  
Alternate Hike  
Hike 4, Drive 10, Rated C-C  
Diane Stickney, 828-254-9054, magent9@charter.net

**P400  *Only Meeting Place: Ingles parking lot on NC 191 across from Biltmore Square Mall.***  
We will start on the Lake Powhatan Connector and hike to the picnic area to meet the other group for lunch and to share cookies. After lunch we will return to the cars.

Wednesday No. W1401-286  Feb. 19  
**Sycamore Cove**  *8:30 AM*  
Hike 7, Drive 70, 2000 ft. ascent, Rated B-A  
Paula Massey, 828-299-0226, cell: 828-989-0003, massey.paula@gmail.com

**P400  Sycamore Cove, with forest diversity and stream crossings, connects with old logging roads of Grassy Road, Thrift Cove and Black Mountain Trails. Winter views include the site of old Ecusta paper manufacturing plant (1939-2002), which once employed 2000 people, including the late CMC member Art Loeb. Includes a 0.2 mile walk on US 276 or a 1 mile car shuttle. Second meeting place: Pisgah Forest Bi-Lo at 9:00 AM. Topo(s): Pisgah Forest; also NatGeo map #780**

Wednesday No. W1401-305  Feb. 26  
**DuPont Forest Lake**  *8:30 AM*  
**Imaging to Stone Mtn., including Grassy Falls, the Thomas Cemetery and Wintergreen Falls. Second meeting place: Pisgah Forest Bi-Lo at 9:00 AM. Topo(s): Standingstone Mountain; also DuPont State Rec. Forest Trails map (2012 is latest rev.)**

Wednesday No. W1401-270  Mar. 5  
**Cedar Rock Mtn. - John Rock Loop**  *9:00 AM*  
Hike 8, Drive 80, 2000 ft. ascent, Rated B-A  
Steve Pierce, 828-724-4999, cell: 828-442-8482, stevepierce@charter.net

**P400  This trip features two of the spectacular bare rock faces in the Pisgah National Forest, with great views from both. Starting at the Fish Hatchery, we'll have our major climb up to Cat Gap and then on to Cedar Rock to enjoy the view during lunch. We'll return via John Rock. Second meeting place: Pisgah Forest Bi-Lo at 9:30 AM. Topo(s): Shining Rock; also NatGeo Map #780**

Wednesday No. W1401-479  Mar. 12  
**Kagle Mountain**  *8:30 AM*  
Hike 9, Drive 80, 1100 ft. ascent, Rated B-B  
Vance Mann, cell: 828-273-7592, hvancem@icloud.com

**P400  This loop hike will start from Cathey's Creek Rd. and follow an overgrown forest road to the Art Loeb Trail, with lunch at the Butter Gap shelter. We'll return via a no-name trail for variety. Nice views. Second meeting place: Pisgah Forest Bi-Lo at 9:00 AM. Topo(s): Rosman, Shining Rock; also NatGeo map #780**

Wednesday No. W1401-051  Mar. 19  
**Hickey Fork - Pounding Mill - Whiteoak Flats**  *8:30 AM*  
Hike 8, Drive 85, 1900 ft. ascent, Rated B-A  
Tish Desjardins, cell: 828-380-1452, desrayet@aol.com

**P400 Form carpools at Westgate and meet leader at US 25/NC 208 intersection at 9:10 AM. After a splendid new footbridge over Hickey Fork, we'll do a nice loop hike using three different trails and finishing on newly and heavily rebuilt Hickey Fork Rd. Topo(s): White Rock, Greystone; also NatGeo. map #782**

Wednesday No. W1401-806  Mar. 26  
**Shope Creek Loop**  *8:30 AM*  
Hike 7, Drive 25, 2200 ft. ascent, Rated B-AA  
Jim Ariail, 828-505-0433, cell: 828-778-8355, jimariail@yahoo.com

**P400 Only Meeting Place: Oteen Ingles located on Tunnel Road across the street from the VA Hospital. We hike across the base of the mountain along a stream, then take a trail that leads to the ridge line. The trail is very steep near the top for a short distance. Then we hike along the ridgeline with beautiful views of the Riceville Valley. There is a rock scramble to Rocky Knob. Hiking poles are highly recommended. We will border the Asheville watershed on one side and Riceville Valley on the other side for a while.**

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**ALL-DAY WEEKEND HIKES**

All-day hikes submitted by Bruce Bente, 828-692-0116, bbente@bellsouth.net. Driving distance is round-trip from Asheville. All Saturday and Sunday hikes assemble at the far rear (north end) of Westgate Shopping Center at I-240 exit 3B UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED. Some hikes will have second meeting places, and starting times may vary.

Sunday No. A1401-001  Jan. 5  
**Case Camp - Seniardi Ridge Loop**  *8:30 AM*  
**Hike 8, Drive 80, 2000 ft. ascent, Rated B-A**  
Mary Beth Gwynn, 828-545-6487, mbgcmc@gmail.com

**P400 WC100**  This loop hike is scheduled for our coldest month to see 50-ft. frozen cascades along the closed BRP. We'll do a two-mile climb up to the MST and some gentle MST hiking before our lunch spot with great views of the mountains. After lunch, we'll hike downhill through beautiful woods on the Seniardi Ridge trail. **Second meeting place: Pisgah Forest Bi-Lo at 9:00 AM. Topo(s): Shining Rock; also pg. 36-39 of MST Trail Profiles book and NatGeo. map #780**

Saturday No. A1401-182  Jan. 11  
**Green River Cove**  *9:30 AM*  
**Hike 6.7, Drive 75, 1000 ft. ascent, Rated B-B**  
Marcia Bromberg, 828-505-0471, mwbrromberg@yahoo.com

**P400 First meeting place: Ingles on NC 191 across from Biltmore Shopping Center. This is a moderate in-and-out winter hike along the scenic Green River to the rocks jutting into the river. If we are lucky, we may see kayakers in the river at our lunch spot. Second meeting place: NE corner of Cracker Barrell parking lot (I-26 Exit 53) at 10:00 AM. Park near Upward Rd. Topo(s): Cliff Mountain; also Trails of the Green River Gamelands map**

Sunday No. A1401-826  Jan. 12  
**Corn Mill Shoals P.L. #4**  *8:30 AM*  
**Hike 9, Drive 90, 1450 ft. ascent, Rated B-A**  
Ashok Kudva, 828-698-7119, cell: 828-674-1374, ashok.kudva@att.net

**P400 Form carpools at Westgate and meet leader at Pisgah Forest Bi-Lo at 9:00 AM.**  
This new DuPont Forest hike will explore a rock quarry and other features in the Corn Mill Shoals area of the forest. **Topo(s): Standingstone Mtn.; also DuPont Stte Recreational Forest Trail Map**

Sunday No. A1401-186  Jan. 19  
**Little Pisgah Mountain**  *9:00 AM*  
**Hike 10.5, Drive 36, 1500 ft. ascent, Rated A-B**  
Michael and Kathy Cornn, cell: 828-458-1281, mccc2220@gmail.com

A pleasant nearby hike for the shorter winter daylight hours. We'll hike from the new Florence Preserve parking lot on US 74A and up into an open meadow leading to the summit of Little Pisgah Mtn. **Topo(s): Bat Cave**
Saturday No. A1401-307  Jan. 25
MST around Asheville/West Portion  9:00 AM
Hike 10.7, Drive 15, 1450 ft. ascent, Rated A-B
Laura Frisbie, 828-337-5845, laurafrisbie@charter.net
We will hike on the MST around Asheville, a pleasant MST section that is often overlooked.
We’ll hike from the BRP Visitor Center to the French Broad Overlook. Car shuttle. Topo(s): Asheville; also MST Trail Profiles, pp. 48-53.

Sunday No. A1401-418  Jan. 26
Canaki Fork-Newton Bald  8:00 AM
Hike 11.5, Drive 120, 3800 ft. ascent, Rated A-AA+
Janet Martin, cell: 502-494-9309, jaykaymartin@msn.com
**900M** This great winter hike climbs Canaki Fork Trail, then follows Thomas Divide trail and descends on the Newton Bald Trail. Nice scenery and even more fun if we hike up into snow-covered scenery. Short car shuttle. Second meeting place: Oconoluftee Visitors Center at 9:00 AM, but call leader first. Topo(s): Clingman’s Dome; also NatGeo map #317.

Sunday No. A1401-634  Feb. 2
High Top Tower Site  *8:00 AM*  (strenuous)
Hike 10, Drive 65, 1900 ft. ascent, Rated A-A
Brent Martin, 828-587-9453, cell: 828-524-7400, brent_brent@tws.org
**P400** *Wilderness hike, limited to ten hikers—call leader for reservation. This hike was a longtime favorite of the scouts at Camp Daniel Boone years ago. From the camp we will ascend to High Top with its excellent views, and then follow the Fork Mtn. ridge before descending to the rushing Little East Fork of the Pigeon River. Car shuttle. Topo(s): Shining Rock; also NatGeo. map #780.

Sunday No. A1401-830  Feb. 2
Expanded Cat Gap Loop  *9:00 AM*  (moderate)
Hike 8.6, Drive 72, 1700 ft. ascent, Rated B-A
Dave Wetmore, cell: 828-577-0648, dwetmore@citcom.net
**P400** *Form carpools at Westgate and meet leader at Pisgah Fish Hatchery at 9:45 AM.* We will hike an expanded version of the Cat Gap Loop, going clockwise on an old forest road and the ALT past Cat Gap and down through Picklesimer Fields. Topo(s): Shining Rock; also NatGeo map #780.

Sunday No. A1401-636  Feb. 9
Coontree-Bennett Gap-Presley Cove Lollipop  9:00 AM  (moderate)
Hike 8.4, Drive 75, 1900 ft. ascent, Rated B-A
Bob Hysko, cell: 828-243-3630, rhysko@yahoo.com
**P400** This hike is an extension of the popular half-day Coontree Loop hike. We ascend the left branch of Coontree trail, proceed in and out on Bennett Gap and Pressley Cove trails and descend on the right branch of Coontree trail to the cars. We will visit an old homestead chimney, a remnant of the farming community between Pressley Cove and Maxwell Cove. Second meeting place: Pisgah Forest Bi-Lo at 9:30 AM. Topo(s): Pisgah Forest; also NatGeo map #780.

Saturday No. A1401-035  Feb. 15
Looking Glass Rock  10:00 AM
Hike 7, Drive 70, 1800 ft. ascent, Rated B-A
Barbara Morgan, 828-738-3395, cell: 828-460-7066, barbic129@gmail.com
**P400** A moderate well-gated trail leads to the top of this pluton and then downhill to the first viewpoint, with views of the mountains. After visiting the west-facing face, we’ll hike downhill, turn right and past the helicopter pad to the second viewpoint. In-and-out hike. Second meeting place: Pisgah Forest Bi-Lo at 10:30 PM. Topo(s): Shining Rock; also NatGeo map #780.

Sunday No. A1401-283  Feb. 16
Montreat Ramble #2  (strenuous)
Hike 7.5, Drive 40, 1500 ft. ascent, Rated B-B
Daisy Teng Karasek, 828-505-2036, cell: 408-887-366, daisytk@yahoo.com
This will be a moderate loop hike starting in Montreat, climbing to the great view from Lookout Mtn., then to Pot Cove Gap and Graybeard Trail to our cars. Second meeting place: Ingles parking lot off Exit 64 of I-40 at 9:20 AM. Topo(s): Montreat; also Montreat Trail Map.

Saturday No. A1401-479  Feb. 22
Kagle Mtn.  8:30 AM
Hike 9, Drive 80, 1100 ft. ascent, Rated B-B
Vance Mann, 828-273-7592, hvancem@icloud.com
**P400** This loop hike will start from Cathey's Creek Rd. and follow an overgrown forest road to the Art Loeb Trail, with lunch at the Butter Gap shelter. We’ll return via a no-name trail for variety. Nice views. Second meeting place: Pisgah Forest Bi-Lo at 9:00 AM. Topo(s): Rosman, Shining Rock; also NatGeo map #780.

Sunday No. A1401-599  Feb. 23
Daniel Ridge - Caney Bottom Cove - Creek Falls Loop  *8:30 AM*  (moderate)
Hike 10, Drive 80, 1800 ft. ascent, Rated A-A
Stuart English, cell: 828-384-1759, stueno@comporium.net
**P400** *Form carpools at Westgate and meet leader at Pisgah Fish Hatchery at 9:45 AM.* We will hike an expanded version of the Cat Gap Loop, going clockwise on an old forest road and the ALT past Cat Gap and down through Picklesimer Fields. Topo(s): Shining Rock; also NatGeo map #780.

Saturday No. A1401-256  Mar. 15
Moore Cove Figure-8 Loop  *10:00 AM*  (moderate)
Hike 7, Drive 70, 1050 ft. ascent, Rated B-B
Jan Onan, 828-698-3237, cell: 828-606-5188, janonan@bellsouth.net
**P400** *Form carpools at Westgate and meet leader at Pisgah Fish Hatchery at 9:45 AM.* We will hike an expanded version of the Cat Gap Loop, going clockwise on an old forest road and the ALT past Cat Gap and down through Picklesimer Fields. Topo(s): Shining Rock; also NatGeo map #780.
This moderate in-and-out hike takes about 5 hours, with a moderate amount of ascent. The trail is great for a winter afternoon, with great "walk in the woods" for a winter afternoon. We'll tour many interesting structures and sites of this pre-national park community, including former and existing home sites and other structures of the residents, cemeteries, old roads, a CCC site and returning on the Clawhammer Cove Trail with its beaver dam. The hike will be completed with a short walk on a Forest Service road. Note: In case of bad road conditions on US 276 in the forest, we'll determine an alternate hike. Topo(s): Pisgah Forest; also NatGeo map #780

**HALF-DAY SUNDAY HIKES**

Newcomers are welcome, but non-members MUST call the leader before the hike to determine the requirements. Half-day hikes submitted by Gail Lamb, 828-338-0443, glamb46@gmail.com and Lee Silver, 828-668-7147, leehsilver@aol.com. Driving distance is round-trip from Asheville. All hikes assemble at the far rear (north end) of Westgate Shopping Center near I-240 exit 3B UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED. Some hikes will have second meeting places, and starting times may vary. *Times listed are departure times – arrive early.*

**Half-Day No. H1401-826 Jan. 5 Cannon Creek Rock Quarry *12:00 PM**

Hike 4.6, Drive 90, 600 ft. ascent, Rated C-C
Ashok Kudva, 828-689-7119, cell: 828-674-1374, ashok.kudva@att.net

*Form carpools at Westgate and meet leader at Pisgah Forest Bi-Lo at 12:30 PM. This shorter version of Corn Mills Shoals P.L. #4 is a pleasant loop hike featuring an old rock quarry. Topo(s): Standingstone Mtn.; also DuPont State Recreation Forest Trail Map (2012 is latest revision)*

**Half-Day No. H1401-320 Jan. 12 Swannanoa River Hike *12:30 PM**

Hike 5.2, Drive 6, 300 ft. ascent, Rated C-C
Bobbi Powers, 828-667-5419, Bobbipowers23@gmail.com

*First meeting place: rear parking lot of Folk Art Center. Jump start 2014 by reinforcing or updating on the possibility of a loop hike. Second meeting place: All cars will go to the rear parking lot of Charles D. Owen Park at 12:50 PM. Topo(s): Oteen; also Warren Wilson College Trails Map*

**Half-Day No. H1401-686 Jan. 19 Shope Creek Ramble *12:30 PM**

Hike 5, Drive 25, 1200 ft. ascent, Rated C-B
Dick Zimmerer, cell: 828-989-0480, dddiz@yahoo.com

*Only Morning: Trip: Folk Art Center back parking lot. The new parking lot for this trailhead is a very short ride from the Folk Art Center. This will be a nice winter walk in the woods, partly through Shope Creek in the Riceville Rd. area. This area has been recently opened to hikers and has some unmarked trails, some of which are near, but not connecting to the Parkway. We will cross several streams (on stepping rocks) along the way. Topo(s): Craggy Pinnacle*

**Half-Day No. H1401-347 Jan. 26 Twin Falls *12:30 PM**

Hike 6, Drive 8, 1000 ft. ascent, Rated B-B
Lee Belknap, 828 698-9394, rivergypsy@sprintmail.com

**P400 WC100 *Form carpools at Westgate and meet leader at Ingles parking lot off Exit 64 of I-40 at 12:50 PM. This is a moderate hike in the Pisgah National Forest, starting on the Buckhorn Gap Trail, taking the Twin Falls Bypass to view two nice waterfalls and returning on the Clawhammer Cove Trail with its beaver dam. The hike will be completed with a short walk on a Forest Service road. Note: In case of bad road conditions on US 276 in the forest, we’ll determine an alternate hike. Topo(s): Pisgah Forest; also NatGeo map #780**

**Half-Day No. H1401-222 Feb. 2 Montreat #3 to Graybeard Falls *12:30 PM**

Hike 5, Drive 40, 1300 ft. ascent, Rated C-B
Linda Blue, 828-296-7537, lblue@sellsouth.net

*Form carpools at Westgate and meet leader at Ingles parking lot off Exit 64 of I-40 at 12:50 PM. This moderate in-and-out hike takes the rerouted Graybeard Trail to Graybeard Falls. This follows a section of the old trestle road that was cleared just a few years ago. We will snack at Graybeard Falls and return by the same route. Topo(s): Montreat; also Montreat Trail Map*

**Half-Day No. H1401-434 Feb. 9 Laurel Mountain Trail *12:45 PM**

Hike 5.4, Drive 70, 800 ft. ascent, Rated C-C
Greg Goodman, 828-684-9703, greggoodman@sellsouth.net

**P400 *Form carpools at Westgate and meet leader at N. Mills River Rec. Area parking lot at 1:15 PM. This loop hike will start at FS 1206, hike along a ridge trail toward Black Mountain, and return via the Laurel Mountain Trail. There should be good views of the Mills River Valley. Topo(s): Dunsmore Mtn.; also NatGeo map #780**

**Half-Day No. H1401-767 Feb. 16 Montreat Trestle Road, Mt. Mitchell Toll Road Loop *11:40 AM**

Hike 5, Drive 40, 1040 ft. ascent, Rated C-B
Renate Rikkers, 828-298-9988, rerikkers@gmail.com

*Form carpools at Westgate and meet leader at Ingles parking lot off Exit 64 of I-40 at 12:00 PM. This always enjoyable 5-mile loop hike takes us into the history of Montreat via the old trestle railroad trail, connecting to the Mt. Mitchell auto road built between 1911-1914 to encourage tourism. A great "walk in the woods" for a winter afternoon. Topo(s): Montreat; also Montreat Trail Map*

**Half-Day No. H1401-298 Feb. 23 Hardtimes Loop *12:30 PM**

Hike 6, Drive 15, 600 ft. ascent, Rated B-C
Award of Appreciation winners Gale O’Neal and Jim Ariail with their new walking sticks. Distinguished Service Award winner Lenny Bernstein was not present.

Dennis Bass, 828-367-7792, dbass3607@gmail.com
P400 *Only Meeting Place: Ingles parking lot across from Biltmore Square Mall on NC 191. This loop hike will start at the Hardtimes trailhead in Bent Creek. It will follow the Hardtimes Road up to the Parkway, down to near the Arboretum entrance and then return via the Bent Creek trail. Expect views of the Biltmore Estate and downtown Asheville. Topo(s): Skyland; also NatGeo map #780 and Bent Creek Trails Map

Half-Day No. H1401-511 Mar. 2
Florence Nature Preserve 12:30 PM
Hike 5, Drive 40, 1000 ft. ascent, Rated C-B
Karin Eckert, 828-593-8453, karingarden@yahoo.com
This hike is a loop in the Florence Nature Preserve 600+ acre tract in Hickory Nut Gorge. We’ll be hiking part of the hike as described in # 511 (6.5 miles) to keep it to approx. 5 miles. We’ll take the new Yellow Diamond trail, Blue Trail, White Trail, Red Trail to nice overlook, and return via Blue Trail and Yellow Trail. Topo(s): Bat Cave

Half-Day No. H1401-591 Mar. 9
Bent Creek Loop #13 12:00 PM
Hike 5, Drive 6, 1200 ft. ascent, Rated C-B
Stuart English, cell: 828-384-1759, stuenoga@comporium.net
P400 *Only Meeting Place: at Ingles across from Biltmore Square Mall on NC 191. Note: First day of DST. A pleasant winter walk along lesser-hiked trails and roads in Bent Creek, including Sidehill Connector, Lower Sidehill Trail, South Ridge Road, Chestnut Cove and Explorer Loop Trailhead. Topo(s): Skyland; also NatGeo map #780 and Bent Creek Trails Map

Half-Day No. H1401-182 Mar. 16
Green River Cove 11:00 AM
Hike 5.5, Drive 75, 800 ft. ascent, Rated C-C
Marcia Bromberg, 828-505-0471, mwbrumborg@yahoo.com
*First meeting place: Ingles on NC 191 across from Biltmore Square Mall. This is a moderate in-and-out spring hike along the scenic Green River to the junction with the Pulliam Creek Trail. Expect plenty of wildflowers and maybe even kayakers on the river. Second meeting place: NE corner of Cracker Barrel parking lot, at I-26 Exit 53 at 11:30 AM. Topo(s): Cliffield Mountain; also Trails of the Green River Gamelands map

Half-Day No. H1401-637 Mar. 23
BRP Visitor Center / Folk Art Center / MST 12:30 PM
Hike 5.8, Drive 20, 500 ft. ascent, Rated C-C
Bev MacDowell, cell: 828-777-5806, bevmacllowellhappy@gmail.com
The hike starts at the BRP Visitor Center Parking Lot at the MST blue blaze access. This includes the 1.4 mile loop passing by the BRP Headquarters Building, then crossing the BRP near US 74 and heading east on the MST towards the Folk Art Center. We will return to the access trail to complete the loop under the BRP back to the parking lot. Second meeting place: BRP Visitor Center Parking Lot at 12:45 PM. Topo(s): Asheville

Half-Day No. H1401-831 Mar. 30
Cedar Rock Mtn. from Cathey’s Creek Rd. 11:30 AM
Hike 5.4, Drive 86, 1350 ft. ascent, Rated C-B
Sawako Jager, 828-687-2547, cell: 828-674-4067, Baiko70@aol.com
P400 *Form carpools at Westgate and meet leader at at Pisgah Forest Bi-Lo at 12:00 PM. So, you’ve done John Rock hike and wondered what Cedar Rock Mtn. is like? Here’s an opportunity! Starting at Cathey’s Creek Road we will hike a forest service road to the Art Loeb Trail, stopping at the Butter Gap Shelter for a break. We will then take a steep trail up the south ridge of Cedar Rock Mtn. that includes a couple of nice over looks, ending with a spectacular view from the west-facing overlook. Return via the same route. Topo(s): Shining Rock, Rosman; also NatGeo map # 780

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Trail Maintainers recognized at Parkway luncheon

On November 5th a luncheon was held at the Parkway offices for all Parkway volunteers. This included CMC Trail Maintainers who work on the MST. Lew Blodgett was at the top of the list with 6,000 hours accumulated in a long, distinguished maintenance career. He received a rocker to put on his patch. Bill Newton was next with 5,000 hours. Pete (Arnold) Petersen and Neal Andrea were at 3,000 hours. Alan Frank received a fleece vest for his 2,500 hours. Wayne Steinmetz, George Banta, Bill Falendar, Lenny Bernstein, Larry Sobil, and Becky Smucker received a rocker and the ATC Trail Book for 1,000 hours. Paul Thrailkill, Pete Pevcik, Jake Blood, Bob Beach, Jim Hinton, and Roy Davis received a patch and a hooded rain jacket for 500 hours.