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WLOS TV weatherman/outdoorsman Bob Caldwell recently aired a story about the Rattlesnake Lodge and its long history as a local Ambler family mountain retreat.

At the end of his presentation, he suggested that it would be nice if there could be an interpretation of the history at the site.

Thanks to the Alan Barton Memorial Fund and all of the many contributors, Linda Blue (who observed the TV show) has written Mr. Caldwell to inform him that CMC and the Blue Ridge Parkway are currently in the final stages of constructing such a presentation.

We have been working for several months and expect to announce the installation of a pictorial and narrative presentation at the lodge site for visitors to enjoy in the near future.

– Don Walton

Forest Service Honors CMC

The Carolina Mountain Club was honored by the U.S. Forest Service on February 8.

David McFee, assistant ranger, presented the club members with monogrammed jackets in recognition of all their work in the Appalachian Ranger District, one of three districts comprising the Pisgah National Forest.

Donation

Don Walton receives a \$500 donation from Susan Jackson Mills, Executive Director of the Friends of the Blue Ridge Parkway on behalf of CMC for trail maintenance tools.

Annual Dues Are Due

Please help us to keep you up to date on all the planned hiking adventures by prompt payment of your annual dues. To avoid the expense of a reminder notice, please mail your check (\$12.00) to Carolina Mountain Club, PO Box 68, Asheville, NC 28802

Saturday Work Day

June would be a great month to learn what is involved in trail maintenance. It is a chance to give some of your time back to the trails by helping on a Saturday workday. We will meet on June 8 at the Moose Cafe at 8:00 a.m. for breakfast. We will return to Asheville around 4:00 p.m. Come join the fun for a productive learning experience. Call Les Love 658-1489.

In Memoriam.

Carol S. Johnston of Asheville died on February 12, 2002. She had worked at the National Climatic Data Center in Asheville from 1969 to 1983. More recently, she worked with the Community Care Partners and then Mission St. Joseph's Health System designing and implementing human resources databases. Her husband, John M. Johnston, survives her. Memorials may be made to Sarah Circle of Groce United Methodist Church, 954 Tunnel Road, Asheville, NC, 28805.

Joseph B. Huff of Mars Hill died February 15, 2002 after an extended illness. A native and lifelong resident of Madison County, he was a graduate of Wake Forest School of Law and served as member of the Board of Governors of NC Bar Association. He was an avid outdoorsman. His wife, Georgine Huff, daughter Lisa Rhodes, and son, Stephen Huff, survive him

New Members

Charles Meson, Gerald & Karen Van Eman, Faith Weathington, Kathy White, Joseph & Linda Kane, Pamela Froncek, Laurel Reinhardt, Aubrey Leonard, Margaret Thomas, Alan Toney, Ruth Dawson, Denise Riddle, Eleanor Grieshaber, Angela Carter, Harry & Susanne Bigsby, Kurt Neilson, Curt Bigsby and Wes Johnson.

Next Council Meeting

Monday, May 13, 2002 at McGuffey's Dinner and meeting start at 6:00 p.m. sharp! **All articles and schedules for next newsletter are due at that time.**

Attention: Wednesday Hikers

AT Hikers: A notice appeared in the 4th quarter issue of "Let's Go" regarding scheduling hikes on the 92 miles of the AT maintained by CMC. If you are interested in earning a club patch, please check the Wednesday hike schedule.

Mountain to Sea Trail Hikers: 93 miles of the MTS are being scheduled for those Wednesday hikers who want to qualify for a club patch. The first series of hikes scheduled in the last newsletter will be rescheduled at a later time.