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Sunday Hunting?

The North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission is considering opening up more than 2 million acres of game lands for Sunday hunting, including many of the areas used by Carolina Mountain Club for hiking. These areas include Pisgah, Green River, Cold Mountain, Nantahala, and others.

An online survey has been developed by the commission to gauge public opinion on this issue. While the club does not have an official position on this to my knowledge, I am sure many of you have an opinion. I urge you to go online and complete the survey to make sure the club membership is heard. For more information, visit the WRC's website at <http://www.ncwildlife.org/default.aspx> . Look under News and Features on the homepage, dated July 16, "Wildlife Commission seeks Public Opinion for Sunday Hunting" and is also at the top of the homepage in the slide show.

The survey will be open until August 31, but please don't hesitate. Do it now while you are thinking about it. Go directly to the survey here: <http://www.ncwildlife.org/Hunting/Where-to-Hunt/Public-Opinion-Survey>

Randy Fluharty

Ted Snyder

By Kathy Kyle

We note with great sadness that Ted Snyder passed away. This former national president of the Sierra Club started the CMC Camporees in 2012, which is still held twice a year to honor areas that warrant more protection - Mountain Treasures.



His list of accomplishments is long and we thank him for caring and giving so much. He is a mountain

treasure. He will be remembered in a memorial during the October Camporee at Apple Tree. To read more about Ted, check out this profile of him in the eNews profile archives found here:

<https://www.carolinamountainclub.org/index.cfm/do/pages.view/id/55/page/Interviews>

Ted Synder Obituary Theodore A. "Ted" Snyder Jr., 85, died suddenly at his home in Walhalla on Friday, June 29, 2018. A son of Theodore Allen and Rebecca Clark Snyder, he was born on December 17, 1932, in Greenville, SC. Ted had a long and distinguished career as a lawyer and conservationist. After graduating from the University of Chicago in 1952, he earned a law degree "with distinction" from Duke University in 1955. Following law school, he served in Korea as a Colonel in the reserves as a JAG lawyer with the 7th Infantry Division, eventually retiring. Following his military service, Ted settled in Greenville, practicing law for many years with Thomas Wofford. After his partner's death, he opened his own law office in Walhalla where he practiced until his retirement in 1999. He was admitted to both the South Carolina Bar and the US Court of Appeals, allowing him to practice before the Supreme Court. Concurrent with his law career, Ted Snyder became a committed environmentalist. After returning from an East African safari, he set out to protect wilderness in the Southeast. He joined the Sierra Club in 1966 and organized members in the Carolinas in 1968. He served as first chair of the Joseph LeConte Chapter, and in 1971 he organized the Appalachian Regional Conservation Committee. He was chosen to serve as chair of the National Wilderness Committee in 1974 and the National Outing Committee in 1980. After serving as national treasurer in 1977, he was elected president of the national Sierra Club in 1978, serving for two years. Ted Snyder was instrumental in establishing the Chattooga as a Wild & Scenic River and in protecting the Congaree Swamp as a national park. He was also intimately involved in the Cohutta and Kilmer-Slick Rock Wilderness designations and the passage of the Eastern Wilderness Act. One of his last achievements was successfully opposing the infamous "road to nowhere" in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park by helping to negotiate a fair financial settlement between the Department of the Interior, TVA, the state of North Carolina, and Swain County. For his environmental work, he was honored with the national Sierra Club's Special Achievement Award and Walter A. Starr Award, as well as the Joseph LeConte Award. In 2002, the National Parks & Conservation Association presented him with its Marjorie Stoneman Douglas Award for his efforts to protect the Great Smoky Mountain wilderness. Ted is survived by his son, Theodore A. Snyder III, who is a wildlife biologist with US Forest Service in Helena, Montana, and by two brothers, John and Charles Snyder, and predeceased by his brother, Henry Snyder. Ted embraced the Sierra Club motto to "explore, enjoy, and protect the planet." He enjoyed photography, birding, skiing, climbing, paddling, exploring, leading trips and organizing camporees. He is remembered by his son for his unusual courage, sense of optimism, and unwavering willingness to sit and listen in times of need. Family and friends will gather to celebrate Ted's life at 11:00 AM on Monday, July 9, at the Ramsey Creek Preserve, 390 Cobb Bridge Road, Westminster, SC. Driving instructions are available on the Ramsey Creek website. Memorials may be made to The Carolina Mountain Club, the North Carolina Chapter of the Sierra Club, or a conservation organization of choice.

2018 CMC Awards Solicitation

Each year, CMC formally makes two very special awards - the Award of Appreciation and the Distinguished Service Award, with primary presentation at the Club's Annual Meeting. To find out more about these awards and to see who has received them since 2000, please go to the Members' portion of the CMC website at www.Carolinamountainclub.org. On the right of the homepage, look for Explore, and then click on Service Awards. As you click on the blue links to the two awards, you'll see a brief description of the reasoning for each, along with past recipients.

Think about the exemplary work of CMC members who should be considered for one of these awards - either the Award of Appreciation for actions during the past year or the Distinguished Service Award for actions that have consistently contributed to the Club at a high level for an extended period of time, typically ten years or longer or truly outstanding contributions over a shorter period of time.

As Past President, I'll be chairing the committee to decide who gets these awards this year, and it will be made up of several Council members and several members-at-large. If you know of someone you'd like to nominate, please send me their name, what award you're nominating them for, and a brief description of why you think they should be considered for the award. Email it to me at barbc129@gmail.com or mail it to me, Barbara Morgan, at 65 Dillingham Rd, Asheville, NC 28805 no

later than August 22.

Thank you,
Barbara

Ann Gleason: Interview with a Hike Scheduler

By Stuart English

Many things happen behind the scenes to make our hiking club function. Probably the most unnoticed and therefore unappreciated is that of the hike scheduler. We don't just schedule 200 or more hikes a year by accident. One of our long time schedulers has retired. Ann Gleason had scheduled hikes since 2004. Recently we asked Ann about her years scheduling hikes.



I'm not sure when I joined CMC but it must have been in the late 90's.

Don Walton was president and he asked me about doing the 2nd and 4th quarter Wednesday scheduling while several of us were camping at Elkmont in the Smokies, seeing the synchronous fireflies. I had been hiking on my own and with a neighbor a lot before then.

One of my first CMC hikes was with Tom Bindrim and Joan Lemire. Bernard Elias was also on that hike. I was really impressed with their knowledge of the trails and the area. It seemed that Tom could bushwhack anywhere and you'd end up where you wanted to be. Bernard was very sweet and oddly one of the things I remember about him was he seemed to be hiking in worn dress shoes rather than boots and also, though well up in age, he could hike the pants off most anyone. I started scheduling the Wednesday hikes in the fourth quarter of 2004. Bruce Bente was a major part of the process then as he still is now. We have seen many changes and new people leading and scheduling hikes, as well as changes in the technology. I finally decided that it was someone else's turn to take my spot as I'd gotten very busy with community work here in town. I was fortunate to have what I consider the two best hiking quarters of the year to schedule: spring and fall. Hike leaders were generally quick to grab up their favorite dates and the best ones sent you the complete hike information right off the web site along with their personal additions. Some folks just gave you a hike number and others would just say "I'm doing the hike that got canceled last fall." So those took more time and digging around to complete. The down side to scheduling for me was that it always seemed to hit when I was swamped with work but that might just be my own tendency to procrastinate. All in all I enjoyed doing it and when I had some health issues that prevented me from being able to do any hikes the last few years, it was nice to vicariously take part by doing the scheduling. I've been a professional potter and teacher here in Tryon, NC since 1985. I grew up on Long Island, NY, lived in NYC after college (and worked in the Empire State Building). After that, it was Montana, graduate school in Utah, and working for a potter in Kentucky before moving to Tryon to help my ailing parents. I set up shop in their basement, and never left, so to speak, eventually buying this place from them. Though I love what I do, like many self-employed businesses, it is all consuming and free time is not easily had. Working alone is also quite isolating and that is another reason I sought out CMC to get out in the woods and get rejuvenated with some active nature lovers. I have met several hike leaders while doing the annual Southern Highland Craft Guild shows in Asheville over the years. They'd see my name on the banner and introduce themselves if I hadn't met them before. Danny and Lenny Bernstein were almost always regulars at the show and always stopped by to say "Hello". It is good to see so many new hiker leaders on the schedules now. I hope to get back on the trail this fall with CMC again.

Take a Hike!

Celebrate the Mountains-to-Sea Trail's 41st birthday

Last year over 1,600 people celebrated the Mountains-to-Sea Trail's 40th birthday by participating in the MST-in-a-Day hike. Enthusiastic hikers made sure every foot of the 1,175 mile trail was visited on that

day-September 9th. The overwhelming response to the call to celebrate the MST's 40th birthday by hiking the trail led organizers to create an annual birthday hike experience. This year's Take a Hike celebration will span the weekend of Friday, September 7th through Sunday, September 9th. Participants are encouraged to hike their favorite section of the MST, then log their experience at MountainstoSeaTrail.org/BirthdayHike.

The Carolina Mountain Club has a special relationship with the MST. We built and maintain over 140 miles of trail including all of Sections 2 and 3 and a portion of Section 1. Over a quarter of our scheduled hikes take place partially or fully on the MST.

Be part of the celebration and Take a Hike! After all, that's what we do.

Great Job Trail Crew!

Scott Crocker, NC Trails Program Manager, sent a letter acknowledging the CMC Trail crew for their contribution to getting two MST bypass trails built and open. This has been a monumental task involving several government agencies, the Cherokee, and numerous volunteers, including Allen deHart. All CMC members need to see what incredible Trail Maintenance Crews we have!
Les Love

Technology

If one was sitting in their car at the Folk Arts Center on the MST and wanted to drive to Mt. Mitchell, one option would be to drive west to Waynesville then north to I-40 then east to I-26 then north to the Burnsville exit and head east following the signs to Mt Mitchell. If you consult a map you can confirm the route described would eventually get you there, except it takes longer and requires more fuel. Some will say that it doesn't matter because it's guaranteed to get you there and it's the way they've always done it. Consider this the "Mt. Mitchell via Waynesville Rule".

On average there are 1000 searches a month for hikes using any of the 4 search methods available on the website. As the results of those searches there are about 500 downloads of PDF maps, profiles and GPX files per month. While this is impressive the opportunity to do much better is at hand. Over 40% of the CMC hikes do not have GPX files.

The Councilor for Technology will be making a separate announcement about the opportunity to contribute gpx files for the CMC Hike Database next month. However the procedures to contribute will require you to spend 5-10 minutes learning a new process and help us break the "Mt Mitchell via Waynesville Rule". The new process is no more difficult than a hike search and will get us there much quicker.

We're also open to feedback to anyone who can make recommendations how to improve procedures or posted instructions, so feel empowered to contribute.

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up to two photos as jpg attachments.

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