

1st Quarter 2001

Gary Everhardt delivers high praise for CMC's public services (photo by Elias)

This year's annual meeting on November 4 at the Grove Park Inn was a happy combination of fashionable elegance and fulsome praise. After a pleasant social hour and a tasty repast, Gary Everhardt, former Superintendent of the Blue Ridge Parkway, set the tone of the meeting with remarks lauding the club for its massive contributions in trail construction and maintenance. This was followed by three of our members recounting some memorable moments in the careers of three retiring trail supervisors.

Alexander Kohan presented Harlow Hoskins; John Dickson spoke on behalf of Dick Roberts; and Don Walton heaped acclamation on Sherman Stambaugh. After that, Linda Blue presented the club's first annual Distinguished Service Award to Ed Dunn for his many contributions as a longtime member, incessant trail maintainer, hike leader and South Beyond 6,000 chair.

Linda also handed out our first Award of Appreciation to Walt Webber for his outstanding effort in putting together Trail Profiles Mountains to Sea. John Pawcio mentioned the Appalachian Trail Conference, presented Seventy-Fifth Anniversary Commemorative Awards, and recognized Jane Blodgett, Phil Smith and Sara Davis. It seemed a very successful meeting

Half-Day Hike Scheduler Needed

We now have a need for one or more of our members to do the Sunday half-day hike scheduling. This job could possibly function as a committee if several of you would like to split up the work. Please contact John Pawcio at 299-8126. Many thanks to Richard Walkey and Anita Downs for doing such a great job. — John Pawcio

Thank You Greta

Just to let those of you know who may not have been at the annual banquet, Greta Merrick has decided not to seek reelection after serving so capably as our treasurer the past three years. In addition to collecting the dues and paying the bills, Greta also took care of picking up, sorting and distributing the mail. Thanks from all of us and we appreciate your hard work and efforts that made those tasks run so smoothly.

— John Pawcio

AT Multiclub Meet

According to Neal Andreae, CMC and the Nantahala Hiking Club (NHC) cohosted a great gathering over the Labor Day weekend at the Appletree Campground on the upper Nantahala River. Ninety-one (16 from CMC) folks from 12 of the 13 AT Southern Region's trail maintenance clubs attended. There were interesting hikes, a musical campfire, positive club reports and lots of happy campers. We really roughed it – all eight meals were fully catered!

Hike Schedule Change

The Half-Day hikes in this schedule are listed separately from the Sunday/Saturday hikes. This is not only a production efficiency but makes it easier to find the available hikes for our various hiking communities.

Social Events Planned

A committee has been formed to provide an opportunity to get better acquainted with our members. If you would like to join the committee or have ideas for upcoming gatherings, please call chairman, Amy Binderim at 298-1882. Our first gettogether will be January 21 for after hike hors d'oeuvres at Amy's house, approximately 5 p.m. If you're a Wednesday hiker or Saturday hiker, please join us. Call for directions. Other possibilities for this quarter include:

February or March..... Ski trip
April..... Bike ride
May..... Spring picnic
Dates to be announced.

New Members

Bill White, Carol Williams, Carolyn Hintz, Don Prater, Elizabeth St. John, Gayden R. Jones, Gerald & Paula McNabb, Glenn McLeroy, Henry Harris, Janet Martin, Kara Paat, Kate Lozier, Larry Modlin, Michael Shettleroe, Polly Gates, Shirley Davis, Susan Williams, Terri M. Hopkins

Election of Officers

Howard McDonald presented the following slate of officers and council members who were nominated and accepted by all present. Officers: President, John Pawcio; Vice President, Don Walton; Secretary, Mary Swain; Treasurer, Becky Smucker. Council Members:

Neal Andreae, Linda Blue, Jan Lounsbury, Les Love, George Munoz, Brad VanDiver.

Want CMC Notices By E-mail?

If you would like to receive timely club notices from John Pawcio on your computer, access the club website at www.carolinamtclub.com and use the e-mail feature to request that you be added to the CMC e-mail list.

AT Thru-Hike Help

Joe Cirvello is hoping to begin a thru-hike of the AT next Spring and is asking CMC members for whatever help they might wish to give.

Perhaps you have a good book to recommend, or suggestions about gear or food, or names of people who have done the AT. Please contact Joe at: joec@brinet.com or 828/627-1797.