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SCOUT EARNS EAGLE WITH MST BRIDGE COMPLETION



David Alexander, with Troop 53 in Oteen, constructed a bridge on the Mountains to Sea Trail over a Parkway drainage this past fall to earn his Eagle rank, which will be awarded in May. An ongoing problem for trail maintainers, this wash out at MP 387.5 took David and 12

helper scouts, along with his dad supervising, 4 working days to complete. He submitted written plans and drawings to the Boy Scout Council, the Blue Ridge Parkway, and the Carolina Mountain Club. Don Walton, CMC President, approved the work and commended David for a job well done. Don said he hopes this will encourage other Scouts to use the trails for educational and mutually beneficial projects.

FROM THE TRAILHEAD

I would like to highlight some of the changes that have occurred over the last year or so. Each of these changes is not remarkable in themselves but even I am surprised when I look this list.

- The relocation, started three years ago Firescald Ridge at Camp Creek Bald on the AT, will be dedicated this August 17. This is an idea that was conceived over 10 years ago and is one of the most spectacular vistas on the AT.
- Piet Bodenhorst plus 4 people and 2 more crews successfully replaced the Asheville trail maintenance crew headed by the late Phil Smith. I guess you can say it took more then 5 people to replace Phil but we did it.
- Membership information was transformed into a new database system with web site communication abilities including email addresses and telephone numbers available to all members.
- The quarterly newsletter "Let's Go!" was redesigned with two new editors Gerry McNabb and Ginger Graziano pleasantly surprising us with the current ever-changing format.
- Last fall we signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Blue Ridge Parkway to extend our MST trail maintenance responsibility from Black Mountain Campground to Heintoga Road, including more then 30 miles of existing trail and about 15 miles of new construction that we

will be starting soon. Thanks to Waynesville section supervisor Stan Smith's quick work, we presently have filled all of the



section adopt-a-trail slots on the MST. Last year we had 120 people who worked over 5,000 hours doing maintenance. We hold most of the records for trail maintenance with the Friends of the MST organization for last year.

- The 40 South Beyond 6,000 Peaks program is in the final stages of being transformed from mostly a manually processed system to being 100% Internet based. This will allow the peak baggers access to much more information including downloadable GPS topos and profiles of the recognized peak hikes.
- Bruce Bente is in the final stages of being trained and mentored by Tom Sanders to transfer responsibility to Bruce for scheduling the All Day Sunday hikes. Thank you Tom.
- Thank you Pete Steurer for agreeing to be the Club Historian and updating our history book from 1993 to 2003.
- Maybe the most important accomplishment is the mutual agreement entered into with UNC Asheville to house and make

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Carolina Mountain Club Social Event

Grove Park Inn Resort & Spa

Wednesday, May 14, 2003, 6-9pm

Documentary presentation by Paul Bonesteel from Bonesteel Films of "The Mystery of George Masa", bonesteelfilms.com/masa.html

George was a founding member of the Carolina Mountain Club, a Japanese immigrant, Photographer and many other interesting mysteries.

Refreshments and light hors d'oeuvres available, small donations accepted.

First 40 members and guest to RSVP will be accepted, please contact Don Walton at 298-5084 or walt7258@bell-south.net by May 7.

HIKE SCHEDULE

First Quarter 2003

Hike Ratings

First Letter Distance	Second Letter Elevation Gain
AA: Over 12 miles	AA: Over 2,000 ft.
A: 9-12 miles	A: 1,500-2,000 ft.
B: 6-9 miles	B: 1,000-1,500 ft.
C: Under 6 miles	C: Under 1,000 ft.

Also in the hike descriptions, the terms easy, moderate or strenuous reflect the overall trail conditions, the physical challenge and other factors influencing hike difficulty. If you have questions, CONTACT THE LEADER.

WEDNESDAY HIKES

Submitted by Paula McNabb, 274-0057, gcmcnabb@charter.net. Next schedule: Kenneth & Carol Deal, 281-4530, KMCDeal@aol.com.

The meeting place for each hike will be designated by the hike leader and will appear in the hike description. Driving mileage will be listed, round trip, from the first designated meeting place.

ALL DAY #8030 **April 2**
Pisgah Ridge Loop **9:00 AM**
 Hike 7.5, Drive 15, Rated B-B
 Kathie Giddings, 696-9806
 kmgiddings@juno.com
 Starting at the Graveyard Fields parking lot, we will follow the Pisgah Ridge Trail to the MST, and lunch at a beautiful overlook, then proceed on the Graveyard Ridge Trail to the parking lot. The hike has nice views along the way. **Meeting place: Cold Mountain Overlook at Wagon Gap parking area on the Blue Ridge Parkway at Hwy. 276.** Topo: Sam Knob /Shining Rock.

ALL DAY #8031 **April 9**
Club Gap Trail/Bl. Mtn. Trail **8:30 AM**
 Hike 10.6, Drive 60, Rated A-A
 Edgar Pistor, 692-2744, eprotsip@aol.com
 We will pick up Club Gap Trail off Avery Creek Road (#477) and hike to Club Gap and then go back on Black Mountain Trail to parking lot at Pisgah work station. 10.6 according to Pisgah Trails illustrated topo map, (longer according to older sources). Car switch required. **Meeting place: paved parking lot by Pisgah work station.**

ALL DAY #8032 **April 16**
Turkey Pen Gap **9:30 AM**
To Cantrell Creek Lodge

Hike 8, Drive 3, Rated B-C
 Bob Campbell, 890-0848
 From Turkey Pen Gap parking area we hike along the South Mills River to the former site of the Cantrell Creek Lodge, now located in the Cradle of Forestry area. **Meeting place: Boylston Baptist Church on US 280.** Topo: Pisgah Forest.

ALL DAY #8033 **April 23**
Walnut Bottoms/Big Creek **8:30 AM**
 Hike 5-10, Drive 100, rated A-B
 Tommie Boston, 686-5029
 Tambee2@aol.com
 The Big Creek Trail follows a mountain stream through a beautiful forest to Walnut Bottoms. This time of year the wildflowers will be beautiful. Bring your camera. **First meeting place: Westgate. Second meeting place: Pilot Truck Stop at exit 24 off I-40 at 9:00 AM.**

ALL DAY #8034 **April 30**
AT Hike- Lemon Gap **8:30 AM**
to Max Patch Road
 Hike 6.2, Drive 70, rated B-C
 Howard McDonald, 693-8258
 hamcdonald@cytechcis.net
 This car switch hike starts at Lemon Gap on the AT, going to the present Roaring Fork shelter site. Then, one or two of the proposed sites for the new shelter, and on over Max Patch to Max Patch Road. We will have time for exploration of the sites. Easy. **First meeting place: Ingle's, US 25 N. Hendersonville. Second meeting place: Pilot Truck Stop, exit 24 off I-40 at 9:30 AM.** Topo: Lemon Gap.

ALL DAY #8035 **May 7**
3 Best Waterfalls in **8:30 AM**
South Carolina
 Hike 6, Drive 160(from Exit 22), Rated B,C
 Jack Fitzgerald, 685-2897 suejack@brinet.com
 Visit the three highest rated waterfalls in South Carolina on 3 in & out hikes. Best: Yellow Branch Falls. 3 miles, easy hike, beautiful setting & falls. Next best: Issaqueena Falls. 0.1 mile, great picnic lunch spot. Add a visit inside Stumphouse Tunnel. Final best: Lee Falls. 3 miles, several stream crossings, final 1/4 mile very strenuous rock hopping. **Meeting Place: Cracker Barrel at Exit 22, I-26.**

ALL DAY #8036 **May 14**
Bee Tree Gap to **8:30 AM**
Glassmine Falls Overlook
 Hike 6.4, Drive 70, Rated B-B
 Elizabeth Feil, 684-8719 hofeil@brinet.com
 We climb from Bee Tree Gap to the Craggy Gardens Visitor Center and continue on to Glassmine Falls Overlook via Greybeard

Overlook. Great views and early wildflowers. **Meeting place: lower parking lot of Folk Art Center.**

ALL DAY #8037 **May 21**
Shut In (MST) and **9:00 AM**
Bent Creek Trails
 Hike 7, drive 1, rated B-B
 Siro A. Del Favoro 277-2546
 Beginning at the Shut In Trail, via the Bent Creek Trail, we will connect with the Hard Times Road, and then loop around through the magnificent blooms of the Arboretum gardens, and then hike back to the overlook. **Meeting place: French Broad Overlook on the Parkway.**

ALL DAY #8038 **May 28**
King Creek Trail **9:00 AM**
 Hike 8, Drive 0, Rated B-B
 Larry Ballard 891-4318
 leballard@cytechcis.net
 This is a moderate trail following King Creek. It will be done as an in-and -out hike. From the fish hatchery we will follow the Cat Gap loop trail (East) to Cat Gap. From Cat Gap we will descend to and cross FS 475C to King Creek trail. We will follow King creek about two miles and return. **Meeting Place: Fish Hatchery**

ALL DAY #8039 **June 4**
AT-Allen Gap to Tanyard Gap **8:30 AM**
 Hike 9, Drive 100, rated A-A
 Curt Holladay, 628-9477
 caholady@bellsouth.net
 Fairly strenuous hike from Allen Gap to Tanyard Gap, with a 2100-foot cumulative elevation climb. Car switch required. **Meeting place: Westgate.**

ALL DAY #8040 **June 11**
Grassy Ridge Bald/ **8:30 AM**
Roan Highlands
 Hike 7, Drive 120, rated B-C
 Tom Marshall, 645-7249
 This in-and-out hike features good views and a superb lunch spot. From Carver's Gap we go over Jane Bald and Round Bald to a lunch spot on Grassy Ridge Bald. Then return to Carver's Gap. If we have timed it right, the rhododendrons will be in bloom. **Meeting place: McDonalds at the 25/70 Weaverville exit.**

ALL DAY #8041 **June 18**
Over 6000 in Southern Blacks **8:00 AM**
 Hike 8, Drive 65, Rated B-A
 Tom Sanders 252-6327
 Here is your chance to climb 4 peaks over 6000 on a scenery-filled trip. Beginning at Mt. Mitchell Parking Lot, we will go south on the Old Mt. Mitchell Trail via Mt.

Hallback (6,320 ft.) with a short bushwhack. We will then ascend Mt. Gibbes (6571 ft.) before returning via the Camp Alice Trail. After climbing Mt. Mitchell we will go north to 6647 ft. Mt. Craig. **Meeting place: Mt. Mitchell parking lot.** Topos: Mt. Mitchell, Montreat

ALL DAY #8042 **June 25**
Flat Laurel Creek Circuit 9:30 AM
Hike 6, Drive 20, Rated BB
Boyd Brasington (828) 254-8675
Note: **Only meeting place is Cold Mt. Overlook** where Hwy 276 crosses the Blue Ridge Parkway. We will rock hop across Flat Laurel Creek two times. Wear non-skid shoes. Short shuttle. Topo: Sam Knob.

ALL DAY SATURDAY AND SUNDAY HIKES

All-day hikes submitted by Bruce Bente 692-0116, bbente@cytechusa.com, with the assistance of Tom Sanders. Driving distance is round-trip from Asheville. All Saturday and Sunday hikes assemble at Westgate Shopping Center near Commercial Credit Corp. building UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.

ALL DAY NO. A0302-208 **April 13**
Buck Spring Gap – 8:00 AM
Little Pisgah Loop
Hike 7, Drive 40, 2200 ft. ascent, Rated B-AA
Joanne Tulip 299-3495
Joanne_flower@yahoo.com
From Buck Spring Gap on the Blue Ridge Parkway we will descend the Little Pisgah Ridge Trail to Big Creek, then ascend to Laurel Mtn. Expect good early Spring views. **Second Meeting Place: French Broad Overlook on the BRP.** Topo: Dunsmore Mtn.

ALL DAY NO. A0302-209 **April 20**
Buckwheat Knob-Coontree Loop 8:30 AM
Hike 8, Drive 50, 1900 ft. ascent, Rated B-A
Ruth Hartzler 251-0886 ruthmtn@aol.com
From the trailhead at Coontree Picnic area on US 276, we'll climb along beautiful Coontree Creek through open forest up to Saddle and Bennett Gaps and on to Buckwheat Knob for lunch, then return via Coontree Gap. A moderate woodland hike with exceptional views from the ridgeline. **Second meeting place at Pisgah Forest Ranger Station at 9:10 AM.** Topo: Shining Rock

ALL DAY NO. A0302-164 **April 27**
Hawkbill Creek-Snowball Circuit 8:00 AM
Don Walton 298-5084 grovedew@aol.com
Hike 8-9, drive 50, 2400 ft. ascent, Rated B-AA
This exciting spring trip will bushwhack up

Hawkbill Creek, then up to Hawkbill Rock and Little Snowball Mtn., site of an old fire tower, and then down to the starting point. The wildflowers and ramps have been spectacular every time CMC has taken this hike. The hike will also feature panoramic views from Hawkbill Rock and Little Snowball and enjoyable open-woods, off-trail hiking. A strenuous climb, but the pace will be moderate.

MST "Out-of-Sequence Hikes" May 3-4

The following two hikes are the two consecutive day hikes we couldn't do at the end of November, to continue a planned traverse from west to east of the completed sections of the Mountains to Sea Trail in the mountains. Come for one or both.

SATURDAY NO. A0302-210 **May 3**
FR-816 to US 276 8:00 AM
Hike 11, Drive 70, 1800 ft. ascent, Rated A-A
Lenny and Danny Bernstein 236-0192
lsberns@worldnet.att.net
Fine views on the back side of Graveyard Fields and of Looking Glass Rock, with lunch at Skinny Dip Falls. Topo: Shining Rock

ALL DAY NO. A0302-211 **May 4**
(strenuous) US 276 to NC 151 8:00 AM
Hike 10, Drive 50, 1700 ft. ascent, Rated A-A
Lenny and Danny Bernstein 236-0192
lsberns@worldnet.att.net
We'll hike past the Pisgah Inn, and over the top of Little Pisgah Mountain. Topos: Shining Rock, Pisgah Forest

ALL DAY NO. A0302-098 **May 4**
(moderate) Reinhart Knob- 8:00 AM
Richland Balsam
Hike 6, Drive 90, 1500 ft. ascent, Rated B-A
Dave Wetmore 884-7296
dwetmore@citcom.net
Features two over-6000 peaks. We'll go up Reinhart Knob the "easier" way, the exposed rock chute. A steep, brushy bushwhack will take us down to the MST which we'll follow to Judaculla Ridge. From there we'll bushwhack up to and across the BRP, and then follow the trail to Richland Balsam. Strenuous because of the bushwhacking. Be sure to wear long pants, a long-sleeved shirt and gloves, due to brambles. **Second meeting place: Beartrail Ridge Parking area at MP430.4 of the BRP at 9:00 AM.** Topos: Sam Knob, Tuckasegee

ALL DAY NO. A0302-212 **May 11**
Sassafras Mtn. to 7:30 AM
Table Rock St. Park
Hike 12-13, Drive 140, 1200 ft. ascent, Rated AA-B
Tom Sanders 252-6327 Mel&tgs@main.nc.us
Note earlier start time. Take in three of

South Carolina's principal mountains, on an exceptionally scenic trip. We will begin at Sassafras Mtn., the state's highest, then follow the Foothills Trail to Pinnacle Mtn., Table Rock, ending at Table Rock State Park. For additional meeting places, please arrange with the leader. Topos: Eastatoe Gap, Table Rock

ALL DAY NO. A0302-213 **May 18**
Rocky Knob & Greybeard 9:00 AM
from BRP

Hike 6-7, Drive 60, 1300 ft. ascent, Rated B-B
Tommie Boston, 686-5029
Tambee2@aol.com
Note later starting time. We will hike from the BRP to Blue Ridge Pinnacle, in-out trail to Rocky Knob and Greybeard. Return using a portion of the old Toll Rd. Two ascents will be steep but short. **The only meeting place will be the back parking lot at the Folk Art Center.** Topos: Montreat and Mt. Mitchell.

ALL DAY NO. A0302-214 **May 25**
Standing Indian Circuit 7:30 AM
Hike 10, Drive 150, 2300 ft. ascent, Rated A-AA
Bill Ross 299-7637 wrossmath@cs.com
Note earlier starting time. The Standing Indian area in the Nantahala National Forest is known for its beautiful forest, rushing streams and excellent vistas. Our lunch spot, Standing Indian, with outstanding views into Georgia at 5498 ft., is the highest mountain on the AT south of the Great Smoky Mountains. Strenuous, but good grades on well kept trails. **Second meeting place: Rest Stop beyond Waynesville on US 23/74 at 8:00 AM.** Topo: Rainbow Springs

MEMORIAL DAY JOINT HIKE WITH SMOKY MOUNTAIN HIKING CLUB

NO. A0302-215 **May 26**
Mt. Cammerer via Low Gap 7:30 AM
and Lower Cammerer Trails

Hike 15.5, Drive 140, 2600 ft. ascent, Rated AA-AA
CMC contact: Barbara Passmore 230-2670
bpss354@aol.com
SMHC contact: Cindy Spangler 865-584-3512 spangler@utk.edu
Note earlier starting time. One of our most popular and beautiful Spring hikes. From Cosby campground we will ascend to the AT, then follow the AT to Mt. Cammerer. After lunch, we will stroll down the flower-laden Lower Mt. Cammerer Trail to our starting point. **Additional meeting places: Pilot Truck Stop at exit 24 off I-40, at 8:30 AM, and Cosby Campground at 9:00 AM.** Topos: Luftee Knob and Hartford

ALL DAY NO. A0302-216 **June 1**
(strenuous) AT: Sams Gap to 8:00 AM

Devils Fork Gap

Hike 8.2, Drive 90, 1400 ft. ascent, Rated B-B
Carroll Koeppinger 667-0723
carrollkoepp@cs.com

This section of AT features nice views into Tennessee from the ridge line, traversing a series of knobs along an unusual section of the TN-NC state line where Tennessee is east of N.C. and the southbound hiker is actually traveling north. Topo: Sams Gap

ALL DAY NO. A0302-217 **June 1**
(moderate) Sandy Mush Bald 8:00 AM

Hike 7-9, Drive 40, 1800 ft. ascent, Rated B-A
Rob Resnick 255-8066 reschrio@aol.com
It's been many years since CMC has offered a hike on these private properties. Thanks to Long Branch Environmental Education Center for providing access. After dropping a car at the end of Boyd Cove, we will ascend forest roads up Surratt Cove to the Sandy Mush Balds, traversing on the ridge tops to Chestnut Gap, and descend along Long Branch to a waiting vehicle. Some cross-country hiking required, and be prepared to cross a few private fences. If the weather is clear, the views do not get any better! Topos: Sandy Mush, Fines Creek

ALL DAY NO. A0302-091 **June 8**
Black Mountains Circuit 8:00 AM

Hike 8, Drive 65, 2000 ft. ascent, Rated B-A
Amy Treverton 298-1882
athikerbabe@yahoo.com
Features four over-6000 peaks. Beginning at Mt. Mitchell parking lot, we proceed south along the Old Mt. Mitchell Trail via a short bushwhack to Mt. Hallbeck (6320 ft.), then to 6571 ft. Mt. Gibbes. We will return on the Camp Alice and Commissary Ridge Trails to 6684 Ft. Mt. Mitchell, and go north to 6647 ft. Mt. Craig, and return. **Second meeting place at Craven Gap at 8:10 AM.** Topos: Mt. Mitchell, Montreat

ALL DAY NO. A0302-074 **June 15**
Tanawha Trail 8:00 AM

Hike 13.3, Drive 150, 1300 ft. ascent, Rated AA-B
Don Gardner 754-4067 Gardog3@charter.net
According to Alan de Hart, "There is not a similar trail elsewhere in the state." A fragile and ancient ecosystem, rhododendron and laurel tunnels, hardwood coves, boulder fields and great views make this a special trip. Optional supper stop at Little Siena (byob). **Second meeting place: by the tree at McDonald's in Black Mtn.** Topo: Grandfather Mtn.

ALL DAY NO. A0302-218 **June 22**
Cataloochee Divide 8:00 AM

Hike 12, Drive 85, 1800 ft. ascent, Rated

AA-A (EB), or 2800 ft. ascent, Rated AA-AA (WB)

Larry Modlin 251-5092

lmodlin@warren-wilson.edu

If this is a clear day, we will experience some of the most spectacular views in WNC. This hike will feature a key swap, and although lengthy, the hike is generally moderate and follows the Cataloochee Divide, with vistas into the Smokies and toward the east. Hemphill Bald is an open grassy meadow and a scenic lunch spot. **Additional meeting places, but call leader: Pilot Truck Stop at exit 24 off I-40 at 8:30 AM, or Quality Inn, junction of US 19 and US 276 in Maggie Valley at 8:30 AM.** Topos: Cove Creek Gap, Dellwood, Bunches Bald

SATURDAY NO. A0302-219 **June 28**
Flat Creek Trail 8:00 AM

Hike 5, Drive 95, 1000 ft. ascent, Rated C-C
Diane Hankins 298-2870 (before 9 PM)
Leisurely paced high elevation hike in Great Smoky Mtns. Natl. Park. Hike from Heintooga Ridge Rd. (BRP milepost 458) to the picnic area and back to the road. A beautiful area with a nice waterfall. Suitable for anyone over 10 years old (those under 18 MUST be accompanied by an adult.) Topo: Bunches Bald

ALL DAY NO. A0302-137 **June 29**
Roans above 6000' 8:00 AM

Hike 9, Drive 130, 2000 ft. ascent, Rated A-A
Bob Byrd 299-7681 bobbyrd@charter.net
Features three over-6000 peaks. A beautiful hike on the AT with some of WNC's finest views. Expect the Rhododendrons, Flame Azaleas and Gray's Lilies to be in bloom. From Carver's Gap we'll go north to Grassy Ridge (6160'), then double back south to Roan High Knob (6285') and Roan High Bluff (6287'), which also has a spectacular vista. Topo: Carvers Gap

ALL DAY NO. A0302-220 **July 6**
(strenuous) 7:30 AM

Gregory Bald via Wolf's Ridge Trail
Hike 15.6, Drive 200, >3500 ft. ascent, Rated AA-AA
Stuart Tauber 254-0824 sdauber@charter.net
Note earlier starting time. From the Twenty Mile Creek trailhead, this loop hike ascends progressively on the Wolf Ridge Trail to Parson Bald and reaches Gregory Bald, the home of greater than 1000 flame azaleas and breathtaking views of Cades Cove, Thunderhead and other Smokies peaks. Returning on the Long Hungry Pine trail to 20 Mile Creek trail, one passes beautiful 20 Mile Creek cascades. Wolf Ridge trail crosses Moores Branch five times which one must ford; it is best to bring sneakers/ sandals for

these crossings. **Second meeting place: Rest Stop beyond Waynesville on US 23/74 at 8:00 AM.** Topos: Fontana Dam, Cades Cove

ALL DAY NO. A0302-049 **July 6**
(moderate) Walnut Bottoms 8:00 AM

Hike 11.6, Drive 110, 1500 ft. ascent, Rated A-B
Jorge Munoz 658-0606
jmunoz@buncombe.main.nc.us
This Big Creek trail follows a spectacular rough and tumble mountain stream through a beautiful forest to Walnut Bottoms, site of a beautiful backcountry campsite. The Rock House, Mouse Creek Falls and Dead Man's Curve are featured bonuses seen along this trail. **Second meeting place: Pilot Truck Stop at exit 24 off I-40 at 8:30 AM.** Topos: Waterville, Cove Creek Gap and Luftee Knob

HALF-DAY HIKES

Half Day hikes submitted by Elisabeth Feil, 684-8719. For the next schedule, please call Anita and Richard Walkey, 681-2967, with suggestions. Leaders: Mail sign-up sheets to this quarter's scheduler. **Meet at Westgate unless otherwise noted.**

HALF DAY #8043 **APR 13**
Hickory Branch Trail Noon

Hike 3, Drive 45, Rated CC
Diane Hankins, 298-2870 (before 9 PM)
Note the early start time. Leisurely paced hike in the Curtis Creek area near Old Fort. We'll identify wildflowers & have snack break near the falls. Suitable for anyone over 10 years old (those under 18 MUST be accompanied by adult.) **ONLY meeting place is Oteen Ingles parking lot at the post office flagpole.**

HALF DAY #8044 **APR 20**
Seven Knobs & Seven Gaps 1:00 PM

Hike 6.5, Drive 12, Rated BC
Paula Robbins 281-3253 (before 9 PM)
paularww@bellsouth.net
Note early start time. Moderate up-and-down hike along a ridge above the Bent Creek Gap Road. Last year on this date, we identified 24 different wildflowers in bloom along the trail. Car spotting will be necessary for a short distance, from Laurel Branch Road to the Ferrin Knob Tunnel of the Blue Ridge Parkway. **ONLY meeting place is Ingles parking lot on Brevard Road.**

HALF DAY #8045 **APR 27**
Tanbark Tunnel to Craven Gap 1:30 PM

Hike 5, Drive 40, Rated CC
Elisabeth Feil - 684-8719 hofeil@brinet.com
From Tanbark Tunnel we climb to Rattlesnake Lodge. Then easy hike back to Craven Gap

(with a few short climbs). Early wildflowers should be out. Car Shuttle. **2nd meeting place: Craven Gap, BRP milepost 377.4.**

HALF DAY #8046 **May 4**
Christmount Ramble **1:30 PM**

Hike 4, Drive 6, Rated CC
Tommie Boston – 686-5029
tambee2@aol.com

This hike will cover a number of trails at Christmount Assembly. Good views atop Glade Mt. **ONLY meeting place McDonalds at Exit 64 off I-40 East. (Black Mtn)**

HALF DAY #8047 **MAY 11**
Pilot Mtn from Gloucester Gap **1:30 PM**

Hike 6, Drive 100, Rated CA
Joe Cirvello – 627-1797 joec@brinet.com
A favorite hike, especially at this time of the year. It is a loop trip. We'll climb 2 strenuous miles to the top for outstanding views. Return trip down to Deep Gap though breathtaking display of Pink Shell Azaleas & then back to our cars via Forest Service Road #3 229.

HALF DAY #8048 **MAY 18**
Daniel Ridge Loop **1:30 PM**

Hike 4.5, Drive 65, Rated CC
Siri Perry – 681-0560 sirip@bellsouth.net
This is an easy to moderate hike in the Pisgah Forest. We should see some beautiful spring flowers as well as the spectacular Daniel Ridge Falls. Bring your wildflower books as I am still learning all the names!
Second meeting place Pisgah Ranger Station 2:15 PM.

HALF DAY #8049 **MAY 25**
Balsam Gap to Pt Misery **1:00 PM**

Hike 6, Drive 70, Rated BB
Jorge Munoz – 658-0606
jmunoz@buncombe.main.nc.us
Note early start time. This in & out hike begins at Balsam Gap (milepost 359.7) on



SATURDAY WORK DAY

May would be a beautiful time of year to learn what is involved in trail maintenance. We will meet on May 17 at the Moose Cafe at 8:00 am for breakfast. We will return to Asheville around 4:00 pm. Come join the fun for a productive learning experience. Call Les Love 658-1489.

BRP & follows the ridge crest to Point Misery with superb views of Mt. Mitchell & the Blacks. **2nd meeting place at Craven Gap at 1:15 pm.**

HALF DAY #8050 **JUN 1**
Green River Cove **1:30 PM**

Hike 4.5, Drive 50, Rated CB
Neal Andreae – 698-2546
nandreae@gowebway.com
In and out along the Green River—maybe we'll see some kayakers. Plus an intro to other trails in the Green River Gamelands.
Only meeting place: Cracker Barrel at exit 22 on I 26 (NE corner of parking lot)

HALF DAY #8051 **JUN 8**
Pink Beds Loop **1:30 PM**

Hike 6, Drive 72, Rated CC
Barry & Heather Fletcher – 299-4776
hmflet@aol.com
From Pink Beds parking area, we will make a pleasant loop past meandering streams & wildlife clearings near the birthplace of forestry in America. Flowers should be great!
2nd meet place at Pink Beds Parking lot.

HALF DAY #8052 **JUN 15**
John Rock **1:00 PM**

Hike 5.5, Drive 85, Rated CB
Gerry McNabb – 274-0057
gcmcnabb@charter.net
Note early start time. A colorful loop hike from the Fish Hatchery. Counter clockwise on the Cat Gap trail to John Rock. Returning via the Cat Gap/John Rock connectors. **2nd meeting place at Pisgah Ranger Station at 1:45**

HALF DAY #8053 **JUN 22**
Greybeard to Bee Tree Gap **1:00 PM**

Hike 4, Drive 30, Rated CC
Ruth Hartzler – 251-0886 ruthmtn@aol.com
Note early start time. This car shuttle hike will start North of Craggy Gardens. We'll hike through the rhododendrons to Bee Tree Gap. **ONLY meeting place will be the Fork Art Center lower parking lot.**

HALF DAY #8054 **JUN 29**
Bent Creek Loop **1:00 PM**

Hike 4-5, Drive 12, Rated CC
Eugene Jaroslaw – 255-9925
Note early start time. A nice hike, low elevation and close to Asheville. We'll travel the Discovery trail, Chestnut Gap, Sleepy Gap Trail & MTS loop. **ONLY meeting place at Ingles at Biltmore Square Mall.**

HALF DAY #8055 **JUL 6**
Moore Cove Figure Eight **2:00 PM**

Hike 6, Drive 10, Rated BB
Bruce Bente – 692-0116
bbente@cytechusa.com
Note later start time. A nice double loop trail following 2 old USFS paths that are not on the map. A couple of short steep sections & two creek crossings. Should be a good view of Looking Glass Rock. **ONLY meeting place: Ranger Station, Rt. 276 Pisgah National Forest.**

WILDERNESS FIRST AID COURSE

*Could you handle an emergency on the trail?
What if you could not call 911?*

On Nov. 23-24 of last year, 31 members of CMC paid to attend a Wilderness First Aid course. This course, intended primarily for active and prospective hike leaders and for trail maintainers, was considered very successful by the attendees.

We are interested in assessing the number of people who would be interested in attending this course if it were to be given again in the future. If you are interested, please send your name, address and telephone number to Bruce Bente at bbente@cytechusa.com or call 692-0116.

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accessible the club's collection of historical documents, photos and other material. Thank you Bernard Elias for initiating this arrangement.

- The Club just had the first organizational meeting with 4 other Southern Regional AT clubs to start the very important process of hosting the 2005 Appalachian Trail Biennial Conference at Eastern Tennessee University in Johnson City. This will be attended by over 1200 members and rotates to our region every ten years.

I leave you with a quote from George Masa and the Carolina Mountain Club, "More Walk. Less Talk." *Don Walton*

MST PROFILES BOOK

Our MST Profiles Book is selling very well, especially from all the help from club members. Thanks to all who have been talking it up! Our top sellers to date: Larry Modlin 16, Linda Blue 14, Sherman Stambaugh 6, Danny Bernstein 3, Richard Walkie 3

If you know of a place where the book might sell or have friends who would like to buy one, let me know. Remember, the cover price is \$12.95, but you can sell them for \$10. Les 658-1489 leslove@aol.com

Beyond 6000

Anyone interested in planning a trip to the Smokies in late April to climb the peaks over 6000 feet in the vicinity of Tricorner Knob should contact Tom Sanders at 828-252-6327 or mel&tgs@main.nc.us.

In Memoriam

Long time member, Janet S. McDowell, 91, of Highland Farms, died January 12. She and her late husband, Gladstone McDowell, joined the club in 1962. In 1972, she served on the Council. The year before, she won the honor of hiking the greatest total distance during the year – 371 miles. She was among the first women to climb all area 40 peaks over 6000 ft. Warmly remembered for her sense of humor, Janet was also a skilled silversmith. Her jewelry earned her the prized Lifetime Achievement Award from the Southern Highland Handicraft Guild.

Kathleen Barger, formerly Kathleen Loeb died on January 29. She was the wife of the

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late Art Loeb, well-known CMC member and general manager of Ecusta Paper. He died in 1968. The Art Loeb Trail is named in honor of his work to promote hiking.

Further
information is available
at www.carolinamtnclub.org
about regulations

NOTE: Additional copies of this newsletter are available at the information counter of the Asheville Chamber of Commerce, 151 Haywood Street, downtown.

Mountaineering Information

Consult the trip leader for additional information regarding a particular hike. Hikes may be cancelled due to adverse weather, causing dangerous road and trail conditions. Please call hike leader if weather conditions are questionable.

Visitors are cordially welcome but should select trips within their endurance. When reservations are necessary, the leader will have to be called to reserve a space. Hikers usually carpool from the meeting places to trailheads and back.

Passengers are expected to share operating expenses with the driver.

Clothing & Equipment, Etc.

Footwear comes first. Never start a mountain trip in brand new footwear. Lightweight hiking boots are recommended. Clothing of any substantial type will do. Carry a sweater, even in summer, and some kind of rain wear.

EQUIPMENT for all-day trips should be a lunch, plenty of water, compass, first aid kit, matches in waterproof case, flashlight, cellphone if available and personal medication including allergy medication. On overnight trips, carry tent, sleeping bag, foam pad, extra clothing, stove, fuel, mess kit, eating utensils, and food in addition to the above.

MAPS are helpful when hiking on your own. U.S. Geological Survey and T.V.A. topographic quadrangle maps are for sale at \$4.00 per sheet at local outfitting stores or by mail from Branch of Distribution, U.S. Geological Survey, Box 25286, Denver, CO 80255. State index maps for selecting quadrangles are free from the Denver office. U.S. Forest Service topographic maps (based on U.S. Geological Survey quadrangles) and maps of selected areas in Western North Carolina are available at the National Forest Service Office, 160 Zillicoa St., P.O. Box 2750, Asheville, NC 28802. Call (828) 257-4200 for further information.

CLUB TRIP REGULATIONS: Both members and visitors are expected to abide absolutely by club regulations and by instructions of the leader. Visitors should make themselves known to the leader on arrival at assembly place announced for the trip. No one is to start ahead of the leader without definite permission, or lag unreasonably far behind the group. The party is pledged not to pick shrubs or wild flowers, damage property in any way, or endanger forests and property by smoking while walking.

MEMBERSHIP: Any person is eligible for membership by completing a Membership Application form and paying dues. Individual and Family memberships are \$12.00 per year.

Frequent non-member participants in club hikes are expected to join the Carolina Mountain Club. All members are encouraged to participate in one of the club's many maintenance efforts. Contact a club officer for details.

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Quarterly Council meetings are open to all Club members. Call any Council member for date, time and place.

THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL: The Carolina Mountain Club is a member of the Appalachian Trail Conference, P.O. Box 807, Harpers Ferry, West Virginia 25245 Telephone (304) 535-6331.

Responsibility For Safety

Each CMC member, guest or non-member hiker agrees to accept personal responsibility for his or her safety and the safety of minors accompanying such persons. The Club cannot ensure the safety of any participant on hikes. In participating in Club hikes, each such person agrees to hold harmless and free from blame the hike leaders, and the CMC, its officers and members, for any accident, injury or illness which might be sustained from participating in hikes or other Club activities.

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