



FOURTH QUARTER 2003
 Quarterly News Bulletin
 and Hike Schedule



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NEW LICENSE TAG PROVIDES REVENUE TO THE CMC

The Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation has announced that the State of NC has signed into law a special revenue-producing license tag. The new Blue Ridge Parkway tag will be like the Great Smokey Mountain National Park tag approved a few years ago. This will provide the Carolina Mountain Club a portion of each new tag sale that a CMC member makes through January 15, 2004. This is your chance to get that "vanity" tag you could not get before because the name was taken by someone else as this is a new issue series of numbers. <http://www.brpfoundation.org/finalplate.pdf>

LOOKING GLASS ROCK SEEN FROM THE BLUE RIDGE PARKWAY



CONTRIBUTIONS SOUGHT

For several years CMC has been operating at a deficit, using up funds it accumulated in the past. In May, the Council agreed to set aside one year's operating expense as a reserve to ensure that the Club remained fiscally sound. Some additional funds are still available, but at the rate the Club is spending, this money will be spent in 1 - 2 years.

We need to either cut back on spending or bring in additional money to stay fiscally sound. The Council did not want to cut back on any of the projects CMC has undertaken, or to raise dues (which have been \$12 since before 1990). Instead the Council decided to seek voluntary contributions from members who are willing to help support CMC financially. CMC is a charitable organization, so

these contributions are tax deductible. Inserted in this issue of Let's Go is a form which will allow you to renew your CMC membership for 2004, make a contribution, and reserve your place at the CMC Annual Meeting and Banquet. Please fill it out and return it to CMC.

Some members have paid their dues in advance. If you have and send in dues for 2004, we will consider the money a contribution. If you have questions about your dues status, log on to the CMC membership list on our website. Click on your name and full details of your membership status will be displayed. If you don't have access to the web, call Lenny Bernstein (828-236-0192) for the information.

ANNUAL MEETING

WHERE: Grove Park Inn Country Club
WHEN: Saturday, November 1, 2003
TIME: 5:30 PM Social—7:00 PM Dinner
COST: \$22 per meal if paid by 10/25. Price includes 2 drinks—wine, beer, or nonalcoholic. Cost at the door or after 10/25: \$30 per person.

Our banquet speaker will be Phil Francis, Great Smoky Mountains National Park Superintendent. To get there, go north on Kimberly and turn right onto Country Club Drive. Take the first right into the Country Club itself.

Please send your banquet payment with the enclosed membership renewal form.

NO BURNING DESIRED: CAMPFIRES GO OUT

Campfires are the latest endangered species in America's wild lands. Concerns about forest fires and depleting wood from the forest floor have led to more and more bans. Even where fires are allowed, a growing number of campers are shunning the warm glow for environmental and aesthetic reasons.

The U.S. Forest Service two years ago declared campfires off limits in large parts of four California wilderness areas in the Sierra Nevada. Rangers said too many fallen tree limbs were being used as firewood. They said the limbs are needed to help enrich the soil as they decay.

Other bans are rooted in fire concerns. Campfires were banned across nearly all of Colorado last summer following devastating forest fires. This year, bans are in effect in parched areas of New Mexico, Arizona and Montana.

The no-fire movement began about 20 years ago, when some forest rangers began advocating a principle called "Leave No Trace" for back-country campers. The principle generally discourages campfires in favor of portable gas stoves.



HIKE SCHEDULE

Fourth Quarter 2003

Hike Ratings

FIRST LETTER Distance	SECOND LETTER Cumulative 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, KMCDDeal@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 No. W0304-227 **October 1**
Crabtree Bald **8:30am**

Hike 7, Drive 70, rated B-AA
Jay Bretz, 828-658-1220
Williambretz1220@msn.com

This is a rescheduling of a favorite club hike. Few hikers were able to do it in February due to rain and cold. This trail takes us through pasture and woods to the 5,320 foot summit of Crabtree Bald. Views of all the 40 mountain peaks in WNC that are over 6,000 feet. Fairly strenuous but gradual 2,355 foot climb. **First meeting place: Westgate. Second meeting place: Pilot Truck Stop on NC 209, exit 24 off I-40.** Topo: Fines Creek.

ALL DAY No. W0304-104 **Oct. 8**
Wolfe Ford Hike **8:30 am**

Hike 9, drive 30, rated A-C
Greg Goodman, 828-684-9703
This hike takes the South Mills River Trail to Wolf Ford, Squirrel Gap to Horse Cove Trail to Funnel Top Rd. **Meeting place: Ranger station on 276 near Davidson River.** Topo: Funnel Top

ALL DAY No. W0304-279 **Oct. 15**
Montreat Trestle Grade Trail **9 am**

Hike 5-6, drive 3, rated C-C
Gerry McNabb, 828-274-0057,
gcmcnabb@charter.net

From the parking area up to and along the Trestle Grade Trail and return. **Meeting place: Black Mountain McDonald's parking lot, exit 64, I-40 east.**

ALL DAY No. W0304-284 **October 22**
Kitsuma Peak, Young's Ridge **8:30 am**

Hike 8.4, drive 8, rated B-AA
Elizabeth Feil, 828-684-8719,
hofeil@brinet.com
We'll drive to Ridgecrest and park. Hike up Kitsuma Peak and over to Old Fort Picnic grounds, have lunch and hike back. Good scenic views from the peak. Once we've climbed Kitsuma, it's a pleasant moderate hike to the picnic grounds. After lunch we climb gradually back to Kitsuma Peak and from there return to the cars. Total climb: 2600 feet. **Meeting place: Black Mountain McDonald's, exit 64, I-40 east.**

ALL DAY No. W0304-285 **October 29**
Lane Pinnacle **9 am**

Hike 5-6, drive 60, rated B-B
Paula McNabb, 828-274-0057,
gcmcnabb@charter.net
After a short climb of this high altitude ridge, we can enjoy 4 lovely viewpoints. We'll take the MTS trail from Bee Tree Gap to Lane's and return. **Meeting place: Folk Art Center lower parking lot.**

ALL DAY No. W0304-286 **Nov. 5**
Sycamore Cove **9 am**

Hike 6.5 Drive 2, Rated B-C
Kathie Giddings 696-9808
kmgiddings@juno.com
A nice easy/moderate late fall loop hike in the Pisgah Forest, with several easy stream crossings. Parking is limited at the trail head, so a car shuttle may be required. **Only meeting place: Davidson River Campground Parking Lot.**

ALL DAY No. W0304-287 **Nov. 12**
Montreat Ridge Hike **8:30 am**

Hike 12, drive 2, rated A-AA
Ames Tryon, 828-669-3805,
tryonaf@charter.net
Gate-to-gate hike. Ascend Stomping Knob Trail to West Ridge Trail to the summit of Greybeard. Will descend the back side of Greybeard back over Stomping Knob to Mt. Mitchell toll road. Return via the toll road, East Ridge trail, and Rainbow Road. Gain of 2700 feet. **Meeting place: McDonald's, I-40, exit 64.**

ALL DAY No. W0304-288 **Nov. 19**
Kanuga Conference Center **9 am**

Hike 8.5, drive 16, rated B-C
Fred Chaffee, 828-692-8937
Renewing our the traditional pre-

Thanksgiving hike over well-maintained trails including the Doug Stirling trail to Wolf Mtn. overlook, and Long Rocks to the Jim Redd trails, with lunch on scenic Eagle Rock, overlooking Pinnacle Mountain. A pleasant moderate loop hike over varied terrains. **First meeting place: parking lot rear of Mountain Bank, corner of White St. & Rt. 25 south, Hendersonville. Second meeting place: Kanuga Conference Center, lower parking lot (rear of Inn) 9:15.**

ALL DAY **Nov. 26**
NO HIKE SCHEDULED.
HAPPY THANKSGIVING

ALL DAY No. W0304-289 **Dec. 3**
MST: Glassmine Falls Overlook **8:30 am**
to Stepps Gap

Hike 7, Drive 70, Rated B-A
Tom Sanders 252-6327 mel&tgs@main.nc.us
Features 2 peaks over 6000, Blackstock Knob and Mt. Gibbes. This route has been worked out by Cave Dog and Tom, with a shortcut bushwhack off the MST around the North of Potato Knob and on to Clingmans Peak and Gibbes. Close to 2000 ft ascent. Car shuttle. Topos: Mt. Mitchell and Montreat. **Meeting place: Westgate Shopping Center**

ALL DAY No. W0304-290 **Dec. 10**
Shut-In - (MST) and Bent Creek **9 am**

Hike 7-8, drive 0, rated B-B
Siro Del Favero, 828-277-2546
From the French Broad Overlook we will embark on a brisk hike through Bent Creek via Shut-In, Cascades, CMC extension, CMC, Wesley Branch, and Old Mill Trails back to the overlook. Estimated total ascent: 1,000 feet. **Meeting place: French Broad Overlook on the Parkway.**

ALL DAY No. W0304-291 **Dec. 17**
Wagon Rd. Gap to Pisgah Inn, **10 am**
annual Cookie hike,

Hike 6, drive 0, rated B-C
Fred Chaffee, 828-692-8937
Note later start. An easy traditional hike to the Pisgah Inn. Lunch on the back porch of the Inn's motel for a pre-Christmas celebration. Bring a few homemade goodies to share. The leader will provide info on the historical significance of our cookie hikes, which began in Dec. '88. A portion of hike will be on a trail at the base of Frying Pan Mtn. to the lower campground at the Inn. A side trip up Frying Pan Mtn., may be included. In case of dubious weather, call the leader the day before the trip. **Meeting point: Cold Mountain Overlook at Wagon Rd. Gap on the Blue Ridge parkway at Hwy. 276.**

ALL DAY
NO HIKE SCHEDULED.
HAPPY CHRISTMAS EVE.

DEC. 24

Hike 7.5, Drive 100, 1000 ft. ascent,
Rated B-B
Neal Andreae 828-698-2546
nandreae@gowebway.com

ALL DAY
NO HIKE SCHEDULED.
HAPPY NEW YEARS EVE.

DEC. 31

See the waterfalls – Drift, Turtleback,
Rainbow and Stairway, ending at Windy, the
finale downstream near Lake Jocassee, if the
weather is not rainy. **Second meeting place
at Bi-lo in Pisgah Forest at 8:40 AM.**
Topo: Reid. Also Sierra Club guide to
Jocassee Gorges.

ALL DAY SATURDAY AND SUNDAY HIKES

All-day hikes submitted by Bruce Bente 828-
692-0116, bbente@cytechusa.com. Driving
distance is round-trip from Asheville. **All
Saturday and Sunday hikes assemble at
Westgate Shopping Center near I240
UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.**

ALL DAY NO. A0304-265 Oct. 12
Panther town from

West Entrance 8:00 AM
Hike 8-9, Drive 120, 1000 ft. ascent,
Rated B-B

Joe Cirvello 828-627-1797 joec@brinet.com
Come to see brilliant fall colors, bogs, water-
falls, plutons and great views in this beauti-
ful valley near Cashiers. We'll do a moder-
ately-paced loop hike in this unique setting.
**Second meeting place at Bi-Lo in Pisgah
Forest at 8:40 AM.** Topo: Big Ridge

ALL DAY NO. A0304-268 Oct. 26
**Hospital Rock, Pretty Place,
Rainbow Falls 8:00 AM**

Hike 8, Drive 80, 1500 ft. ascent,
Rated A-A
Hank Czubek 864-292-6212
hankczubek@charter.net
This is a challenging hike in Jones Gap
State Park. Hiking up and past Hospital
Rock we will have a spectacular view during
lunch at Pretty Place. In the early afternoon
we will walk to Rainbow Falls and back to
our cars via a little-used trail. **Second
Meeting place at Jones Gap State Park at
9:00 AM.** Topo: Standingstone Mtn.

ALL DAY NO. A0304-269 Nov. 2
(strenuous)

Richland Balsam Ramble 8:00 AM
Hike 10, Drive 90, 2600 ft. ascent,
Rated A-AA

Dave Wetmore 828-884-7296
dwetmore@citcom.net
See some country never before hiked by
CMC, the pleasant old roads and beautiful
meadow below Richland Balsam. Starting at
Richland Balsam, we'll join the MST at
Beechflat Branch and take the MST to
Haywood Gap. No bushwhacking, but some
rough trail and unmaintained old roads.
**Second Meeting Place: Rough Butt Bald
overlook at BRP mile 425.4 at 8:45 AM.**
Topos: Tuckasegee and Sam Knob

ALL DAY NO. A0304-213 Nov. 2
**(moderate) Rocky Knob &
Greybeard from BRP 8:30 AM**

Hike 6.2, Drive 60, 1300 ft. ascent,
Rated B-B
Tommie Boston 828-686-5029
tambie2@aol.com
Note later starting time. This is a near-
repeat of our May hike; this time we're hop-
ing for good weather to enjoy the great
views. We will hike from the BRP to Blue
Ridge Pinnacle, and an in-out trail to Rocky
Knob and Greybeard. Return using a por-
tion of the old Toll Rd. A couple of short
steep sections. This primitive trail is a 6-
hour hike. **The only meeting place will be
the back parking lot at the Folk Art
Center.** Topo: Montreat

ALL DAY NO. A0304-270 Nov. 9
Cedar Rock Mtn. – John Rock 8:30 AM
Hike 8-9, Drive 80, 1800 ft. ascent,
Rated B-A

Barbara Passmore 828-230-2670
bpss354@aol.com
Note later starting time. A moderately paced
hike from the Pisgah Fish Hatchery to lunch
on the rock face of Cedar Rock Mtn. with
its great views. Then return via Cat Gap and
more great views from John Rock as we
return on the John Rock and Horse Cove
Trails. **Second meeting place at Fish
Hatchery parking lot at 9:15 AM.** Topo:
Shining Rock. Also Nat'l. Geographic
Pisgah Ranger District map.

ALL DAY NO. A0304-271 Nov. 16
Chestnutwood Mtn. 8:00 AM

Hike 7, Drive 40, 1900 ft. ascent, Rated B-A
Don Gardner 828-754-4067
gardog3@charter.net
We'll do our major climbing before lunch on
this pleasant hike past streams, cascades, a
glimpse of the Black Mtns, and a 20 year old
timber harvest in the Grandfather District.
Some off-trail. Short car shuttle. Topo: Old
Fort

ALL DAY NO. A0304-415 Nov. 23
**Deep Creek – Kephart's
Last Stand 7:30 AM**

Hike 13.5, Drive 135, 2160 ft. ascent,
Rated AA-AA
Danny Bernstein 828-236-0192
danny@hikertohiker.org
This lovely hike starts at the Deep Creek
entrance of the Great Smoky Mtns. Natl.
Park, outside of Bryson City. The trail fol-
lows Deep Creek past a waterfall, camp-
ground and mixed woodlands to Campsite
#57, Horace Kephart's last permanent camp-
site. Next a short, steep section of the
Martin Gap Trail and then we go downhill
on the Indian Creek Trail where we will
enjoy another waterfall. Some rockhopping
may be needed for a dry creek crossing.
**Second meeting place: Rest area on US
23/74 near Waynesville at 8:00 AM.**
Topos: Bryson City, Clingman's Dome

ALL DAY NO. A0304-273 Nov. 29
Boogerman Trail 9:00 AM

Hike 8, Drive 90, 1000 ft. ascent, Rated B-B
Jorge Munoz 828-658-0606
jmunoz@buncombe.main.nc.us
Note later starting time. A lush forest with
giant old-growth Tulip trees and remnants of
pioneer life make this a favorite loop hike in
the Cataloochee area of the Smokies. If
we're lucky we may spot one of the elk that
have been introduced into this valley. Topos:
Cove Creek Gap, Dellwood

ALL DAY NO. A0304-266 Oct. 19
MST Sequence Hike: NC 128

– Black Mtn. Campground 7:30 AM
Hike 11, Drive 130, 1300 ft. ascent,
Rated A-B

Lenny and Danny Bernstein 828-236-0192
lsberns@worldnet.att.net
Features one over-6000' peak. This dramatic
section of the MST features outstanding
views and beautiful woods. Hike up and over
Mt. Mitchell, then a long 3600' downhill to
Black Mtn. Campground and the eastern
end of the MST maintained by CMC. A
chance to bag Mt. Mitchell for your SB6K
patch and good fall colors along the route.
NOTE: Possible key swap hike; to be decid-
ed on day of hike. Topos: Montreat, Mt.
Mitchell, Celo

ALL DAY NO. A0304-267 Oct. 25
Horsepasture River 8:00 AM

SATURDAY WORK DAY October 18

Here's a great chance to learn what is
involved with trail maintenance. We will
meet on October 18 at the Moose Café on
191 at 8:00 AM for breakfast. We will return to
Asheville around 4:00 pm. Come join the fun.
Call Les Love, 658-1489, for more information.

ALL DAY NO. A0304-274 **Nov. 30**
Chimney Tops and Alum
Cave Bluffs **8:00 AM**
 Hike 9, Drive 150, 2500 ft. ascent,
 Rated A-AA
 Don Walton 828-298-5084
 walt7258@bellsouth.net
 Two spectacular Smoky Mountain highlights
 on one trip! We will first climb Chimney
 Tops, a rocky outcropping with marvelous
 views of the Clingman's Dome – Mt. Le
 Conte area. In the afternoon we will take in
 Alum Cave Bluffs, another rocky wonder.
Second meeting place: Quality Inn at
junction of US 19 and US 276 in Maggie
Valley at 8:30 AM. Topos: Clingman's
 Dome, Mt. Le Conte

ALL DAY NO. A0303-275 **Dec. 7**
(strenuous)Rich Mtn., Roundtop
Ridge, Pump Gap, AT **8:00 AM**
 Hike 12, Drive 70, 2000 ft. ascent,
 Rated AA-A
 Tom Sanders 828-252-6327
 mel&tgs@main.nc.us
 A new hike for the CMC. From Tanyard
 Gap we will hike north on the AT to Rich
 Mtn, with good views, then down beautiful
 Roundtop Ridge (never hiked by CMC in
 memory), then up Pump Gap Trail to the
 AT and north to the trailhead. Bordering
 on AA-AA with solid climbs up Rich Mtn.
 and Pump Gap Trail. Topo: Hot Springs

ALL DAY NO. A0304-276 **Dec. 7**
(moderate)
AT: Streets Gap to Big Bald **8:00 AM**
 Hike 9, Drive 70, 1500 ft. ascent,
 Rated A-A
 Joanne Tulip 828-299-3495
 joanne_flower@yahoo.com
 Big Bald is one of the crown jewels of our
 section of the AT, with views of the Blacks,
 Smokies and other ranges in WNC and
 Tennessee. The first 0.6 miles climbs up to
 Streets Gap, then follows the AT to Big Bald.
 If we're lucky, the forest will be coated with
 rime ice. Topo: Sams Gap and Bald Creek

ALL DAY NO. A0304-277 **Dec. 14**
Bent Creek Loop #2 **8:30 AM**
 Hike 9-10, Drive 20, 1600 ft. ascent,
 Rated B-A
 Ruth Hartzler 828-251-0886
 ruthmtn@aol.com
 Note later starting time. A nice Bent Creek
 loop originated by Tom Bindrim, starting at
 the Hardtimes trailhead. We will hike part
 of the MST, a little easy off-trail (about one-
 third mile), the Lower Sidehill Trail, and
 stroll past Lake Powhatan. A great close-in,
 cool weather hike. Topos: Dunsmore Mtn.,
 Skyland

ALL DAY NO. A0304-278 **Dec. 21**
Kitsuma Peak **9:00 AM**
 Hike 8, Drive 60, 1600 ft. ascent, Rated B-A
 Lenny and Danny Bernstein 828-236-0192
 lsberns@worldnet.att.net
 Note later starting time. Our hike up Young's
 Ridge offers great views of Greybeard, Green
 Knob and the Mt. Mitchell area. Also
 there's a grandstand view of the Swannanoa
 valley from our lunch spot. **Second meeting**
place: McDonald's in Black Mtn.(exit 64)
at 9:20 AM. Topos: Old Fort, Black Mtn.

ALL DAY NO. A0304-280 **Dec. 28**
North Slope / Art Loeb Trails **8:00 AM**
 Hike 8, Drive 70, 1300 ft. ascent, Rated B-B
 Larry Modlin 828-251-5092
 lmodlin@warren-wilson.edu
 A good winter hike and a pretty trip, espe-
 cially if there is some snow. We'll follow the
 Art Loeb Trail from the Davidson River
 Campground up to Neil Gap, then down the
 Connector and North Slope Ridge Trails to
 the campground, then follow the river back
 to the cars. Topos: Pisgah Forest, Shining
 Rock

NEW YEARS DAY NO. A0304-281 **Jan. 1**
Green River Gamelands
8:30 AM breakfast, 9:30 AM
 Hike 8, Drive 20 (from Hendersonville),
 1000 ft. ascent, Rated B-B
 Bruce Bente 828-692-0116
 bbente@cytechusa.com

This annual hike begins with breakfast at
 the Cracker Barrel in Hendersonville (exit
 22 on I26), followed by a pleasant loop 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. Topo:
 Clifffield Mtn., and Map of the Green River
 Gamelands Trails

ALL DAY NO. A0304-282 **Jan. 4**
(strenuous)Black Mtn. –
Buckhorn Gap Loop **8:00 AM**
 Hike 11-12, Drive 70, 1800 ft. ascent,
 Rated A-A
 Carroll Koeplinger 828-667-0723
 carrollkoepp@cs.com
 This hike will first take the Black Mtn trail
 past Black Mtn. and Clawhammer Mtn. to
 Buckhorn Gap, then follow FS 5058 and the
 Buckhorn Gap Trail down past Twin Falls to
 FS 477. Short car shuttle. **Second meeting**
place at parking lot next to Pisgah Forest
Maintenance yard at 8:40 AM. Topos:
 Pisgah Forest, Shining Rock

ALL DAY NO. A0304-283 **Jan. 4**
(moderate)
Montreat Ramble #2 **9:00 AM**
 Hike 8, Drive 30, 1000 ft. ascent, Rated B-B
 Marlene Santamaria 828-299-9095
 marlena98@hotmail.com
 Note later starting time. This will be a mod-
 erate loop hike starting in Montreat and
 climbing to a ridgeline. This close-to-home
 hike promises a good workout and nice
 views. **Second meeting place at McDonalds**
in Black Mtn. at 9:30 AM. Topo:
 Montreat

HALF-DAY HIKES

Half Day hikes submitted by Elisabeth Feil,
 684-8719. For the next schedule, please call
 Paula Robbins, 281-3253 or Pat Elias, 687-
 1651, with suggestions. Leaders: Mail sign-up
 sheets to this quarter's scheduler. **Meet at**
Westgate unless otherwise noted.

HALF DAY No. H0304-292 **Oct. 12**
North Slope Trail **1:00 PM**
 Hike 6, Rated C-B
 Pat Elias 828-687-1651 peliasy@aol.com
 Note early start time. An easy to moderate
 hike in Pisgah National Forest

NOTE: Only meeting
place will be the Pisgah Ranger Station
new parking lot.

HALF DAY No. H0304-089 **Oct. 19**
Lemon Gap to Max Patch **12:30 PM**
 Hike 5.5, Drive 140, Rated C-B
 Les Love 828-658-1489 lesrlove@aol.com
 Note the early start time. This AT hike
 highlights beautiful fall foliage & panoramic
 views from the top of Max patch. Suitable
 for anyone over 10 years old. (Those under
 18 MUST be accompanied by adult.)

HALF DAY No. H0304-293 **Oct. 26**
Cane Creek Loop **1:30 PM**
 Hike 4, Drive 80, Rated C-C
 Gerry McNabb 828-274-0057
 gcmcnabb@charter.net
 We'll take a clockwise loop. There are sev-
 eral foot bridges, some without rails. **Second**
Meeting Place: Pisgah Ranger Station new
parking lot at 2:15 PM.

HALF DAY No. H0304-294 **Nov. 02**
Picklesimer Fields **1:30 PM**
 Hike 5, Drive 65, Rated C-B
 Tom Sanders 828-252-6327
 mel&tgs@main.nc.us
 In and out hike from the fish hatchery.
 We'll take the Butter Gap trail and see how
 far we get. **Second Meeting: Place Fish**
Hatchery at 2:20 PM.

HALF DAY No. H0304-295 **Nov. 9**
Pump Gap Loop **1:00 PM**
 Hike 4, Drive 80, Rated C-B
 Jorge Munoz 828-658-0606
 jmunoz@buncombe.main.nc.us
 Note the early start time. From Silvermine trailhead in Hot Springs we have a good climb to the ridge where we will visit an old mountain cemetery, cross the AT and return on Pump Gap Trail. There is beautiful vegetation & scenery to enjoy beside good company.

HALF DAY No. H0304-296 **Nov. 16**
MST: Parkway HQ to
Folk Art Center **1:00 PM**
 Hike 5, Rated C-C
 Anita & Richard Walkey 828-681-2967
 walkey@juno.com
 Note the early start time. This easy in & out hike begins at Parkway Headquarters. Suitable for anyone over 10 years old. (Those under 18 MUST be accompanied by adult.) **NOTE: Only meeting place will be the Blue Ridge Parkway Headquarters parking area.**

HALF DAY No. H0304-297 **Nov. 23**
Sams Gap South **12:30 PM**
 Hike 5, Drive 50, Rated C-B
 Neal Andreae 828-698-2546
 nandreae@gowebway.com
 Note early start time. An AT hike from Sams Gap to Hog Back Ridge shelter & return. An opportunity to check out the relocation under I 26 & an AT parking lot!

HALF DAY No. H0304-298 **Nov. 30**
Sleepy Gap from Hardtimes
Trailhead **1:30 PM**
 Hike 4-5, Drive 20, Rated C-C
 Elizabeth Feil 828-684-8719



hofeil@brinet.com
 This is a popular loop trail in the Bent Creek area. There is some climbing involved, but it will feel good on a cold day.

HALF DAY No. H0304-102 **Dec. 7**
Coontree Loop **1:00 PM**
 Hike 3.7, Drive 70, Rated C-B
 Paula Robbins 828-281-3253
 paularww@bellsouth.net
 Note early start time. Starting from Coontree parking area this moderate hike goes along Coontree Creek & over Coontree Mountain. Hike is steep in places. **Second meeting place: Pisgah Ranger Station new parking lot at 1:45 PM.**

HALF DAY No. H0304-299 **Dec. 14**
Christmas Party Hike **Noon**
 Hike 4-5, Drive 50, Rated C-C
 Diane Hankins 828-298-2870 (before 9 PM)
 Note early start time. Leisurely paced annual hike. Bring a little gift (wrapped, please) & receive one too. Where we go will depend on the weather. **Only meeting place is the Ingles parking lot across from Biltmore Square Mall.** Suitable for anyone over 10 years old. (Those under 18 MUST be accompanied by adult.)

HALF DAY No. H0304-300 **Dec. 21**
MST from Craven Gap or
Ox Creek **1:00 PM**

6000 Footers!

If you have completed the 6000 footers, please check the completers list on the Club web site (South Beyond 6000, "Completers" in left margin) to make sure you are on the list. If you don't have Web access, call Dave Wetmore at 828-884-7296. Please report any errors or omissions to Dave Wetmore.

Hike 6, Drive 14, Rated B-C
 Ruth Hartzler 828-251-0886
 Ruthmtn@aol.com
 Note early start time. Depending on where BRP is open we will either start at Craven Gap or Ox Creek. **Only meeting place will be the Folk Art Center back parking lot.**

Half Day **Dec. 28**
NO HIKE SCHEDULED
HAPPY HOLIDAY!!!

HALF DAY No. H0304-301 **Jan. 4**
Pink Beds Loop **1:00 PM**

Hike 5, Drive 80, Rated C-C
 Elizabeth Feil 828-684-8719
 hofeil@brinet.com
 Note early start time. From Pink Beds parking lot we will make a pleasant loop past meandering streams & wildlife clearings. An easy popular hike with negligible elevation change. **Second meeting place: Pink Beds parking area at 2:00 PM.**

USEFUL TIP

If you have an emergency on the Blue Ridge Parkway you may report accidents, criminal activity, fires and other problems by calling 1-800-parkwatch (1-800-727-5982).

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

For Sale:

Garmin Etrex Vista with all instruction manuals and PCcable. \$150. If interested, email dwetmore@citcom.net or call 884-7296.

Alan Barton Memorial sign in place

It has been reported that the new explanatory sign dedicated to late member, Alan Barton, has been installed at the site of the old Rattlesnake Lodge.

The History Corner

by Pete Steurer

80th Anniversary of the Carolina Mountain Club: On July 16, 1923, the CMC was formed in Asheville with Dr. Gaillard Tennant appointed as the first president. There is little written history about the CMC in the 1920s but it was quite different than the present day. The membership was primarily interested in leasing and maintaining two cabins near the Big Ivy Forest Service Campground and Schenk Lodge located in the Pink Beds near the present day Cradle of Forestry. These cabins were available to members for outings and camping trips and used as bases for their hikes. There were very few organized activities and membership was less than 50 people. Commemorating our 80th anniversary, the ten page history of CMC written in 1993 will be updated and placed on the CMC web site later this year.

In Memoriam

HARLOW HOSKINS died Aug 7. He worked for the Army Surgeon General's office for his entire career, including eight years at Ft. Sam Houston in San Antonio, Texas. When he retired, he moved with his wife, Emmy, to Hendersonville in 1982. For over 20 years he worked as a volunteer for both the U.S. Forest Service and The Appalachian Trail Club. In 1985 he was awarded the "Golden Pulaski" for outstanding leadership of the Carolina Mountain Club trail volunteers in the Pisgah National Forest. By 1989 he had logged over 10,000 hours as the supervisor of the Friday CMC trail maintenance crew. He was very proud of having climbed the CMC 40 peaks over 6,000 feet.

AL KOHAN died June 22 after a long illness. He received his bachelor's and master's degrees in electrical engineering from the University of Michigan. He was a Navy veteran of World War II, serving in the Pacific. He worked for Michigan Bell and ATT until he retired to Hendersonville in 1981. He was an active member of First Congregational Church and enjoyed build-

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ing houses for Habitat for Humanity. In 2002, the Carolina Mountain Club presented him with the Distinguished Service Award for the years he spent building and

maintaining trails. He was especially good at constructing shelters and bridges. He worked on the Roaring Forks Shelter and the bridges at Skinny Dip Falls, among others. He had been a club member since the early 80's.

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

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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