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CMC Annual Meeting a Festive Success

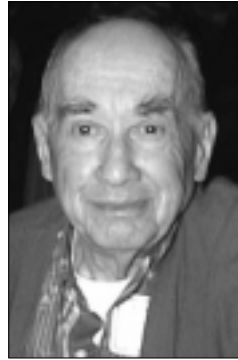
Some 112 people showed up at the Grove Park Inn for a very enjoyable Annual Meeting. But don't chalk it all up to the wine. Reports and elections



Bill Lea

were brief. Honors were meritorious, and the featured speaker, Bill Lea, was inspiring. Lea, of the U.S. Forest Service, is a nationally recognized, published photographer who showed a selection of outstandingly sensitive WNC

slides. Bernard Elias, above, was recognized as the club's member of longest standing, having joined in 1941. Next was Elizabeth



Parker, who joined in 1948. Also notable in his attendance was Jim (Pop) Hollinsworth, President of the CMC in 1971. The treasurer, Becky Smucker, said in her report that we spent more than we took in during the previous year, and for maintenance and educational reasons have budgeted to do the same again this year.

Members elected were:

Lenny Bernstein—Secretary

Bruce Bente—Councilor

Bill Ross—Councilor

Stuart Tauber—Councilor



Distinguished Service Award

The 2002 Distinguished Service Award was presented to Al Kohan at the Annual Meeting on November 1. A member of the CMC for 20 years, Al has been building and maintaining trails for at least that long. For most of those years he has been a member of the Monday and Friday trail crews. He is known for his expertise in constructing bridges and building trails over difficult terrain. In addition to this regular trail work he has taken on most of the responsibility for maintaining the 10 shelters on the club's section of the AT. He and wife Barbara have maintained a 3-mile section of what is now the Mountains to Sea trail for 18 years.

FROM THE TRAILHEAD

We have extended our trail maintenance agreement with the Blue Ridge Parkway on the Mountains to Sea Trail by approximately 50 miles, 30 miles of which is complete and the balance to be constructed by the CMC. Our responsibility now begins at the Black Mountain Campground and extends to Heintooga Road on the other side of Soco Gap a total of about 180 miles including the Alternate MST. This brings our total maintenance mileage to over 350 miles. We have over 100 trail maintenance volunteers working regularly to keep these trails clean. Lately, I have had the opportunity to meet with other trail clubs mostly through the Appalachian Trail Conference and the Friends of the Mountains to Sea Trail Association. The people I meet consistently communicate to me how lucky we are here in Western NC and CMC, first to have so much public land but more important how fortunate we are to have so many people (average age about 70) to maintain the trails. Most clubs have to beg their regular hiking membership to maintain on Saturdays, etc. I have hiked for years with the CMC and until now, never realized how it works most other places. Please thank a trail maintainer today! This leads me to ask you to please get involved. We need section maintainers, trail construction workers and even more hike leaders. We really would like to share our experiences with you.

As you recall we have created a new membership data base included on the CMC web site. Please visit this great resource and look up who you share your membership with. We have accumulated telephone numbers and email addresses for about 25% of our members so far. We would like to get this number up way over half so that it will become a resource to share information and communicate more with the membership. When you send your membership dues using the included form on Let's Go, please include your telephone number and email address or go to the web site and follow the instructions. In addition, please add yourself to the "list serve", an email communication service from the CMC so you can receive important notices from us.



Don Walton

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

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. 7984 **January 8**
Rocky Knob from the BRP, **9:00 AM**
 Including Greybeard
 Hike 6, Drive 60, Rated B-B
 Tommie Boston, 686-5029
 TAMBEE@aol.com
 We will hike from the BRP to Blue Ridge Pinnacle, Rocky Knob and Greybeard, using a portion of the Old Mitchell Toll Road. Elevation gain of 1300 ft. **Meeting place: 9:00 AM at lower parking lot at the Folk Art Center.** Topo: Montreat and Mt. Mitchell.

ALL DAY No. 7985 **January 15**
MST HIKE—French Broad Overlook
to Sleepy Gap and return **8:00 AM**
 Hike 10.6, Drive 30, Rated A-A
 Rusty Breeding, 692-0359, bree@ioa.com
 This hike will follow the MST south on the Shut-in Trail to the Sleepy Gap Overlook for lunch, and return on the same trail. Cumulative climb is about 1600 feet. Grade is mostly moderate. Nice views of the French Broad. **First meeting place: Ingle's, US 25N, Hendersonville. Second meeting place: Biltmore Square Mall parking lot, near McDonalds.**

ALL DAY No. 7986 **January 15**
ALTERNATE HIKE—MST HIKE

Bull Gap to the Folk Art Center **9:00 AM**
 Hike 7, Drive 15, Rated B-B
 Boyd Brasington, 254-8675
 boydb@buncombe.main.nc.us
 We will hike on the MST to the Folk Art Center from Bull Gap. Layer your clothes if the day is cold. We will take lots of rest stops on this hike. Car shuttle. **Meeting place: lower parking lot at the Folk Art Center.**

ALL DAY No. 7987 **January 22**
Art Loeb Trail/ North Slope Trail **9:00 AM**
 Hike 8, Drive 1, Rated B-B
 Brad and Bev Van Diver, 669-2740
 bravandi@cs.com
 A good winter hike and a very pretty trip, especially if there's some snow. We'll follow the Art Loeb Trail from the Davidson River Campground up to Neil Gap, then down the North Slope connector to the Davidson River, then follow the river back to the cars. **Meeting place: Pisgah Ranger Station on Rt. 276.** Y'all come.

ALL DAY No. 7988 **January 29**
Jones Gap State Park **8:30 AM**
 Hike 8, Drive 40, Rated B-A
 Jo Anderson, 693-7081
 jobob@brinet.com
 Hopefully, a warmer winter hike in S.C.'s Jones Gap State Park. A hike to the higher elevation of the park, a steady up on Pinnacle Pass trail. Good views of Pretty Place. We will then connect with a mix of trails back down to the parking lot. **First meeting place: Exit 22, I-26 at Cracker Barrel parking lot. Second meeting place: Jones Gap State Park.** Topo: Table Rock.

ALL DAY No. 7989 **February 5**
Fletcher Fields and Spencer Branch Trail **8:30 AM**
 Hike 7-8, Drive 6, Rated B-C
 Greg Goodman, 684-9703
 We'll take the Hendersonville Reservoir Road to Fletcher Creek Trail, then Fletcher Creek Trail to Road 5097 to Spencer Branch Trail. Spencer Branch Trail to the reservoir, and take Hendersonville Reservoir Road back to the cars. Stream crossings. **Meeting place: North Mills River picnic area.**

ALL DAY No. 7990 **February 12**
AT Hike—Lemon Gap to Max Patch Road **8:30AM**
 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, to the site of the proposed new shelter site, and on over Max Patch to Max Patch Road. We will have time to explore the two 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 No. 7991 **February 19**
Case Camp/Seniard Ridge Loop **8:30 AM**
 Hike 7, Drive 20, Rated B-B
 D. R. Kulp, 692-0783
 kulpdr@juno.com
 A moderate 7 mile loop going up Case Camp Ridge to Tunnel Gap on the Blue Ridge Parkway. We'll take the Mountains-to-Sea Trail to Bridges Camp Gap and return via Seniard Ridge.

ALL DAY No. 7992 **February 26**
Crabtree Bald **8:30 AM**
 Hike 7, Drive 70, Rated B-AA
 Jay Bretz, 658-1220
 Williambretz1220@msn.com
 This trail takes us through pasture and woods to the 5,320 foot summit of Crabtree Bald. Views, in good weather, of all the 40 mountain peaks in Western North Carolina 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. 7993 **March 5**
Hospital Rock, Falls Creek Trails **8:30 AM**
 Hike 6.1, Drive 70, Rated B-A
 Edgar Pistor, 692-2744
 Eprotsip@aol.com
 Starting at the trailhead near Palmetto Bible Camp, we'll hike to spectacular waterfalls and Falls Creek, then on to Hospital Rock, ending at Jones Gap State Park. A strenuous hike, with some steep climbs. Hike is only 6.1 miles, but it will be a good workout. **First meeting place: Fresh Market Shopping Center at intersection of Rt. 25 and 176, behind Mountain Bank. Second meeting place: Jones Gap State Park parking lot at approximately 9 AM.** Topos: Brevard, Table Rock.

ALL DAY No. 7994 **March 12**
MST HIKE Lane Pinnacle **8:30 AM**
 Hike 6, Drive 30, Rated B-C
 Heinz & Elisabeth Feil, 684-8719
 hofeil@brinet.com
 Hike starts at Bee Tree Gap and ends at Tanbark Tunnel. There are several short but

steep ups and downs and a long, well-graded descent. Good views and intriguing rock formations make this hike interesting. Moderate, but may be icy in places. If we cannot get to BeeTree Gap, we'll start from Bull Gap and go as far as we can (or want to go). Car Shuttle. **Meeting place: Lower parking lot at the Folk Art Center.**

ALL DAY No. 7995 **March 19**
AT Hike

Spivey Gap to Bald Mountain Shelter **8:30 AM**

Hike 11, Drive 90, Rated A-AA
Curt Holladay, 628-9477
caholady@bellsouth.net
Rescheduling of rained out September hike. Hike from Spivey Gap (US 19W-AT intersection) south on AT up High Rocks and down to Whistling Gap. The trail takes us up Little Bald and over a stretch of flat terrain to Bald Mountain Shelter. The cumulative climb out and back is 2800 feet. It is through open woods for the most part, with the opportunity for some views. **Meeting place: Westgate Shopping Center**

ALL DAY No. 7996 **March 19**
ALTERNATE HIKE

High Windy **9:30 AM**

Hike 6, Drive 4, Rated B-A
Bernard Elias, 274-0202
Rescheduling of cancelled hike. The hike is near Black Mountain to a major peak (4500 feet), site of former fire tower on property of Blue Ridge Assembly of YMCA. Great view from top. Nice late winter hike. Climb 1700 feet, starting behind Robert E. Lee hall. **Meeting place: McDonalds, Exit 64 off I-40, Black Mountain.**

ALL DAY No. 7997 **March 26**
John Rock Loop **9:00 AM**

Hike 6.5, Drive 40, Rated B-B
Jack Fitzgerald, 685-2897
suejack@brinet.com
We'll start at the fish hatchery parking lot and go up the Cat Gap Trail to Cat Gap (3,350 elev.), with lunch at the summit of John Rock. Return via the connector. **First meeting place: Ingle's North, Fleming Street, Hendersonville. Second meeting place: Fish Hatchery parking lot at 9:40.** Topo: Shining Rock.

ALL DAY No. 7998 **April 2**
Pisgah Ridge Loop **9:00 AM**

Hike 7.5, Drive 15, Rated B-B
Kathie Giddings, 696-9808
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. This 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 SATURDAY AND SUNDAY HIKES

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

ALL DAY No. 7999 **Jan. 19**
Dupont Forest Explorer **8:30 AM**

Hike 8, Drive 60, Rated B-B
Rusty Breeding 692-0359, bree@ioa.com
Note later starting time. A moderate hike, close to home and at low elevation for our coldest month. It will cover trails not covered in other recent CMC hikes and will include Bridal Veil Falls and Lake Julian. **Second meeting place at the Dupont State Forest main entrance parking lot on Dupont Rd. at 9:15 AM.** Map: Dupont Forest trails, and Topo: Standingstone Mtn.

SATURDAY No. 8000 **Jan. 25**
Laurel Mtn.,

Slate Rock Creek Trails **8:30 AM**

Hike 8, Drive 80, Rated B-B
Carroll Koeplinger 667-0723, carrollkoepp@cs.com
Note later starting time. From Yellow Gap, we'll follow the Laurel Mtn. trail up to Sassafras Gap, and then bushwack down to the beautiful Slate Rock Creek trail, and back to Yellow Gap Rd. Topo: Dunsmore Mtn.

ALL DAY No. 8001 **Jan. 26**
Newton Bald via Mingus Creek

And Thomas Divide Trails **8:00 AM**

Hike 11, Drive 130, Rated A-A
Tom Sanders 252-6327, mel&tgs@main.nc.us
Acquaint yourself with some of the best trails in the Smokies. From Ela (near Bryson City) we will ascend by the Mingus Creek Trail to the neighborhood of Newton Bald, then descend by the Thomas Divide Trail. On the connector Deeplow Gap Trail is a great waterfall. **Second meeting place: Rest stop beyond Waynesville on US 25-74 at 8:30 AM.** Topo: Clingmans Dome

ALL DAY No. 8002 (Strenuous) **Feb. 2**
Case Camp -

Seniard Ridge Loop **8:00 AM**

Hike 10, Drive 80, Rated A-B
Bruce Bente 692-0116
bbente@cytechusa.com

A short steep climb, some Mountains-to-Sea scenery, some beautiful woods and cascades. See Looking Glass Rock lean over. Topo: Shining Rock

ALL DAY No. 8003 (moderate) **Feb. 2**
Montreat Ramble **9:00 AM**

Hike 7-8, Drive 28, Rated B-B
Marlene Santamaria 299-9095
Note later starting time. This will be a moderate loop hike starting in Montreat and going up Lookout Mtn. along the ridge line to Pot Cove Gap and down on the Graybear Trail. This close-to-home hike promises a good workout and good views. **Second meeting place at McDonald's in Black Mountain at 9:30 AM.** Map: Montreat Conference Trail System, and Topo: Montreat

ALL DAY No. 8004 **Feb. 9**
Mountains-to-Sea Trail: Folk

Art Center to Ox Creek Rd. **8:00 AM**

Hike 7.5, Drive 20, Rated B-C
Lewis and Jane Blodgett 274-7863
An easy, enjoyable hike on a choice part of the Mountains-to-Sea Trail in the vicinity of Asheville. Diversified woods and periodic good views. Though generally uphill, this is not strenuous. **Second meeting place: 8:20 AM at the Folk Art Center.** Topo: Oteen

ALL DAY No. 8005 **Feb. 16**
Table Rock-Pinnacle Loop **8:00 AM**

Hike 9.5, Drive 120, Rated A-B
Hank Czubek 864-292-6212
hankczubek@charter.net
This is a great hike with views and a good workout because of the elevation gain of 2000 ft. We will start from the parking lot at Table Rock State Park on SC Highway 11. Our first objective will be Draw Bar Cliffs near Pinnacle Mtn. and a spectacular view of SC. We will then head for Table Rock for more views and lunch before returning to the starting place. **Second meeting place: Table Rock State Park at 9:15 AM.** Topo: Table Rock (SC)

SATURDAY No. 8006 **Feb. 22**
Bent Creek: Stradley Mtn.-

Ingles Field Loop **8:30 AM**

Hike 6, Drive 20, Rated B-B
Bill Ross 299-7637, wrossmath@cs.com
Note later starting time. This moderate hike will begin in Bent Creek near Lake Powhatan, ascending Slide Hill Trail to the Mountains-to-Sea Trail, then skirt Stradley Mtn. and descend through Ingles Field to the beginning. Topo: Dunsmore Mtn.

ALL DAY No. 8007 **Feb. 23**
Chasteen Creek – Hughes Ridge 7:30 AM
 Hike 13, Drive 120, Rated AA-AA
 Larry Modlin 251-5092
 lmodlin@warren-wilson.edu
 Note earlier starting time. This loop hike starts in the Smokemont Campground of GSMNP, and goes up along scenic Chasteen Creek. The last time that CMC did this hike, we enjoyed hiking up into the snow and back down again. Although the mileage is long, the park trails are well graded. Topo: Smokemont

ALL DAY No. 8008 (strenuous) **March 2**
Long Branch, Art Loeb,
Butter Gap Trails Loop 8:00 AM
 Drive 60, Hike 12, Rated A-A
 John Pawcio 299-8126
 jpawcio@tycovalves.com
 Highlights of this trip, which begins and ends at the Pisgah Forest Fish Hatchery, are the McCall family cemetery and views from Rich Mountain, Chestnut Mountain, and the Art Loeb Trail. **Second Meeting Place: Pisgah Ranger Station on Rt. 276 at 8:40 AM.** Topo: Shining Rock

ALL DAY No. 8009 (moderate) **March 2**
Crabtree Bald 8:30AM
 Hike 7, Drive 70, Rated B-AA
 Lee Finger 651-9517
 It is said that every "40 over 6000" peak can be seen from 5320 ft. Crabtree Bald. We will start counting as we climb on a gravel road and through open pastures to the summit. Count on an evenly graded 2350' climb to our lunch spot on the summit. **Second meeting place at Pilot Truck Stop, Exit 24 of I-40 at 9:10 AM.** Topo: Fines Creek

ALL DAY No. 8010 **March 9**
Fork Ridge: Sunburst
Campground to Mt. Hardy 8:00 AM
 Drive 95, Hike 6, Rated B-AA
 Dave Wetmore 884-7296
 dwetmore@citcom.net
 We'll start at Sunburst Campground on NC 215. After an initial very steep mile the climb slackens at Green Knob with spectacular views of Sam Knob, Shining Rock, and other peaks. Then on to the summit of Mt. Hardy at 6110 ft. We'll come out at Beech Gap on the Parkway and NC 215. It's only 6 miles, but we'll ascend 3700 ft. Topo: Sam Knob

ALL DAY No. 8011 **March 16**
Mountains-to-Sea Sequence
Hike: NC 151 to Chestnut
Cove Overlook 8:00 AM
 Hike 10, Drive 40, Rated A-B
 Lenny and Danny Bernstein 236-0192,

lsberns@worldnet.att.net
 Continuing our West to East traverse of the MST, we'll hike 10 mostly downhill miles over sections maintained by the CMC, including a section maintained by your leaders. Topo: Dunsmore Mountain

ALL DAY No. 8012 **March 23**
Mt. Sterling via
Little Cataloochee Trail 8:00 AM
 Hike 13.7, Drive 100, Rated AA-AA
 Joe Cirvello 627-1797, joec@brinet.com
 This new hike for the CMC will climb 3500 ft., and will take the Little Cataloochee Trail past the old Little Cataloochee Church and the site of an old mountain community, then ascend to Mt. Sterling via the Pretty Hollow and Mt. Sterling Ridge Trails. Enjoy the great views from the Mt. Sterling fire tower. **Second meeting place at Pilot Truck Stop, Exit 24 of I-40 at 8:40 AM.** Topos: Cove Creek Gap, Luftee Knob

SATURDAY No. 8013 **March 29**
Mountains-to-Sea (Woodlawn) 8:30 AM
 Hike 5-6, Drive 80, Rated B-C
 Diane Hankins 298-2870 (before 9 p.m.)
 Note later starting time. Leisurely paced hike from Woodlawn picnic area near Marion. Early wildflowers expected, and we may see something special outside its normal habitat range. Suitable for anyone over 10 years old (those under 18 MUST be accompanied by adult). **Only meeting place is Oteen Ingle's parking lot at the post office flagpole.**

ALL DAY No. 8014 **March 30**
Linville Falls and Gorge 8:00 AM
 Hike 10, Drive 100, Rated A-AA
 Don Walton 298-5084, grovedew@aol.com
 We'll descend to look at Linville Falls and then access the rocky, up-and-down trail along the Linville River in the depths of the gorge. One of the great streams of WNC. Then out of the Gorge via the Pinch-In Trail, 2000 ft. up in 1 mile. Strenuous. Map: Linville Gorge Wilderness, and Topos: Ashford and Linville Falls

ALL DAY No. 8015 (strenuous) **April 6**
Wilson Creek 8:00 AM
 Hike 8, Drive 150, Rated B-A
 Les Love 658-1489, lesrlove@aol.com
 A beautiful hike in the Wilson Creek area, with many early wildflowers. Start by Mortimer, go via South Harper Creek Falls and finish at Little Lost Cove Cliffs. Map: USFS Wilson Creek Area Trail Map, and Topos: Chestnut Mtn. and Grandfather Mtn.

ALL DAY No. 8016 (moderate) **April 6**
Cane Creek Gap to Pt. Misery 9:00 AM

Hike 7.4, Drive 50, Rated BB
 Bernard Elias 274-0202
 This hike begins with a steep ascent but then rises gradually to our lunch spot, where hikers will enjoy one of the best perspectives on the entire Black Mountain Range. Return by the same route. Topo: Mt. Mitchell

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 No. 8017 **Jan. 12**
Craven Gap to
Folk Art Center 1:30 PM
 Hike 5.4, drive 14, rated C-C
 Jorge Munoz, 658-0606
 jmunoz@buncombe.main.nc.us
 A pleasant winter hike with good views from Haw Creek Overlook. Car shuttle. **Only meeting place Folk Art Center.**

Half Day No. 8018 **Jan. 19**
Blue Wall Passage of the
Palmetto Trail 11:30 AM
 Hike 4, drive 120, rated C-AA
 Mary Swain, 828-863-2125
 Note early start time. Mary has found a new hike in the easternmost portion of the Blue Ridge Escarpment in South Carolina. It's a strenuous climb, but Mary promised to take it slowly so we can enjoy the beautiful views. **Leader will meet group at second meeting place: Ingles at Landrum Exit (I-26, Exit 1 in SC) at 12:30 PM.**

Half Day No. 8019 **Jan. 26**
Chambers Mountain 1:30 PM
 Hike 5, drive 50, rated C-B
 Pete Steurer, 891-9802
 msteurer@asheville.cc.nc.us
 The group will hike up a jeep road to the tower on this prominent peak near Clyde, with sweeping views of Haywood County and the Great Smokies. On a clear day some of the best views in Western North Carolina.

Half Day No. 8020 **Feb. 2**
Sycamore Cove 1:30 PM
 Hike 5, drive 70, rated C-B
 Heinz and Elisabeth Feil, 684-8719
 hofeil@brinet.com
 This used to be Dottie Burton's hike. The trail starts near the Ranger Station, leads up a ridge and then back down through the beautiful cove. **Second meeting place: Pisgah Ranger Station at 2:15 PM.**

Half Day No. 8021 **Feb. 9**
East Fork, Pigeon River 12:30 PM
 Hike 5-6, drive 90, rated C-C
 Richard and Anita Walkey, 681-2967
 walkey@juno.com

Note early start time. An in-and-out walk along one of Western NC's most beautiful rushing streams, perhaps ringed with ice and snow. We'll see how far we get within the time limits, but hopefully to a large rock in the middle of the river. **Second meeting place: Big East Fork parking area on US 276 north of the Blue Ridge Parkway, at 2:30 PM.**

Half Day No. 8022 **Feb. 16**
Sams Gap to Streets Gap 12:30 PM
 Hike 5.2, drive 65, rated C-B
 Heinz and Elisabeth Feil, 684-8719
 hofeil@brinet.com

Note earlier start time. Let's try again after the rain-out in the fall. With a bit of luck we will have a pleasant walk on the A.T. with excellent views from an old pasture just above Streets Gap. Moderate. Car shuttle.

Half Day No. 8023 **Feb. 23**
Swannanoa River Ramble Noon

Hike 4-5, drive 20, rated C-C
 Diane Hankins, 298-2870 (before 9 p.m.)
 Note the early start time. Leisurely paced hike at Warren Wilson Collge includes the River Trail and Dam Pasture Trail through the woods to an old dam site. 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 flag pole.**

Half Day Hike No. 8024 **March 2**
Sam's Gap to 1:30 PM
Hogback Ridge Shelter



TRAIL WORK ON FRIDAYS The Hoskins/
 Newton crew, from the Hendersonville-
 Flat Rock-Brevard area, goes out every
 week for trail maintenance in the Pisgah
 NF, the Mountain to Sea trail and the AT.
 No experience necessary. Come out when
 you can. Contact Bill Newton: 693-4033,
 BNewton34@earthlink.com

Hike 4.5, drive 65, rated C-B
 Neal Andraea, 698-2546
 nandraea@gowebway.com
 This is a retry of another washed-out hike.
 We'll walk in and out on the Appalachian
 Trail. Maybe a little snow will make the
 woods sparkle. Moderate.

Half Day Hike No. 8025 **March 9**
Daniel Ridge Loop 1:30 PM

Hike 4, drive 70, rated C-C
 Laura and Ned Stallard, 697-1579
 This pleasant, moderate hike follows the
 Davidson River for about half a mile. Then,
 after an easy climb over the ridge, we'll go
 down to spectacular waterfalls with a 90 foot
 drop. **Second meeting place: Pisgah Ranger
 Station at about 2:15 PM.**

Half Day No. 8026 **March 16**
Douglas Falls Trail 1:00 PM
 Hike 4-5, drive 60, rated C-B

Howard Mc Donald, 693-8258
 hamcdonald@cytechcis.net
 Note the early starting time. This in-and-out
 hike goes first to spectacular Douglas Falls
 and maybe under the falls. Then uphill to
 cascades as far as we want to go. Moderate.
 Topo: Montreat, Craggy Pinnacle.

Half Day Hike No. 8027 **March 23**
Raven Cliff Falls 1:30 PM

Hike 5, drive about 40, rated C-C.
 Rusty Breeding, 692-0359
 bree@ioa.com
 Views toward South Carolina and maybe
 early spring flowers. Destination: Overlook of
 Raven Cliff Falls. All uphill on return trip.
**First meeting place: BiLo shopping center
 in Pisgah Forest (US 64, US 276, and NC
 280), at 1:30 PM. Second Meeting place:
 Raven Cliffs parking lot on US 276, just
 south of the NC/SC state line.**

Half Day Hike No. 8028 **March 30**
Carl Sandburg/Big Glassy 1:30 PM

Hike 4, drive 45, rated C-C
 Boyd Brasington, 254-8675
 We will hike to the lookout atop Big Glassy
 and maybe come back down by the goat
 pens. **Meet at Westgate Shopping Center.**

Half Day Hike No. 8029 **April 6**
Slate Rock Creek—Pilot Cove 1:30 PM

Hike 6, drive 60, rated B-C
 Bruce Bente, 692-0116,
 bbente@cytechusa.com
 This is a moderate hike up beautiful Slate
 Rock Creek trail, returning via Pilot Cove
 loop trail. We should see some early wild-
 flowers in bloom. Short car shuttle. **Second
 meeting place: Mills River Recreation Area
 parking lot at 2:10 PM.**

THE HISTORY CORNER

by Pete Steurer

25 YEARS AGO: CMC was honored with a prestigious national award by Holiday Magazine for the club's efforts in conserving the natural wilderness beauty of America. The award citation stated that the club was chosen "for devising constructive alternatives to the proposed transmountain highway across the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, thus preventing the bulldozer from again intruding into wilderness beauty." The award was presented to then CMC president Bernard Elias and club member James Hollandsworth at a ceremony in Asheville. Noted conservationist Michael Frome was a member of the selection panel and gave a presentation following the formal procedure. According to Bernard, for a number of years the award trophy was annually passed on to the CMC member who had hiked the most miles.

2003 DUES ARE DUE

Please send your 2003 dues, along with this form to:

Carolina Mountain Club, P.O. Box 68, Asheville, NC 28802

Dues are \$12/year for individual and family members.

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Home phone _____

Work phone* _____

Cell phone* _____

e-mail * _____

* We'd appreciate this information for our data base.

Beyond 6000

CMC members working on the 40 peaks over 6000 might be interested in listing their emails or telephones to get information about group trips, especially to difficult peaks. If so, get in touch with Tom Sanders (252-6327) or Bob Byrd (299-7681).

Note in this issue of Lets Go: hike to Mt. Hardy on March 9.

Carolina Mountain Club

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Return Requested

In Memoriam

Nick Floros, a long time member of the Carolina Mountain Club, died on 10/25/02. Nick had suffered health problems for the last two years. He hiked with the club for over 20 years, and led many Wednesday hikes during the 1980's and 1990's. Nick lived in Asheville for 50 years and retired from his work as a chemical engineer at American Enka in 1986. He is survived by his wife, Florence, and three children. Nick will be missed on the trails by many hiking friends.

LOST UMBRELLA If you found a blue umbrella in your car with the brand name Go Lite, please call Joe Cirvello at 627-1797

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

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

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.

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.

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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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