

PROGRAM



Saturday, March 24, 2012
Grand Affairs
Virginia Beach, VA

TIDEWATER APPALACHIAN TRAIL CLUB

1972-2012

40 Years of Fun and Adventures

The Tidewater Appalachian Trail Club began with an informal gathering of people who wanted to hike in the mountains. That first meeting was in a barn where they agreed upon some general rules and scheduled their first hike, which would be on the Appalachian Trail across Three Ridges and The Priest. Of the 22 hikers, 18 were named Bill! They liked what they saw and decided that an objective of the club would be to support and maintain a part of the Appalachian Trail.

The following year, TATC was assigned responsibility for the ten mile section of the A.T. from Reed's Gap to the Tye River by the Appalachian Trail Conference (now known as the Appalachian Trail Conservancy). This was done with the cooperation of Natural Bridge Appalachian Trail Club, the George Washington National Forest and the National Park Service. Since that date, our section of the A.T. has undergone several relocations and numerous improvements such as the rock steps on Bee Mountain and the rehab near Hanging Rock. The Mau-Har Trail (constructed by TATC 1977- 1979) continues to be one of the most popular loop hikes in Virginia with its cascading waterfalls and challenging climbs. The establishment of the Three Ridges Wilderness (November 2000) created new challenges as we transitioned from chainsaws to crosscut saws and adapted to the requirements of Wilderness regulations. The Forest Service entrusted us with the care of the trails in the St. Mary's Wilderness in 2001. Despite serious damage to some of the trails during Hurricane Isabel and long years of neglect prior to our stewardship, it has become one of our most treasured destinations. We continue to maintain the White Rock Falls Trail along the Blue Ridge Parkway and have participated in numerous projects to assist the U.S. Forest Service, the National Park Service and the local communities in and around Nelson County.

Closer to home, we remain very active in our local city, county and state parks where we have built and maintain walking trails, lead hikes, assist in construction projects and participate in community events. TATC is over 400 members strong and continues to grow through social media and community outreach programs. While our primary goal is to support and maintain our modest section of the A.T., we strive to promote good stewardship of the land through our efforts locally and in the George Washington National Forest. We owe our thanks to that group of folks who met in a barn, formed the Tidewater Appalachian Trail Club, obtained the right to maintain a section of the Appalachian Trail, and led the way for those who have followed in their path.

Douglas Lee Putman Memorial Cabin

With a generous memorial gift from the Putman family in 1978, 15 acres of land was purchased on the wooded western slope of Entry Mountain just off the crest of the Blue Ridge. Construction of the TATC cabin began in the winter of 1979. Rocks and trees were harvested from the hillsides to build the cabin and through the dedication and hard work of scores of volunteers continued until its completion in the early 1980s. Many improvements and additions have been made in the 30+ years since then, but it remains the rustic retreat built and treasured by TATC.

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40 Years of Accomplishments

The following are trails, projects and events that TATC members over the past 40 years have either participated in or assisted in developing, promoting, constructing, maintaining or managing.

Mau-Har Trail
St. Mary's Wilderness
White Rock Falls Trail
Tye River Suspension Bridge
Back Bay NWR
Fisherman Island NWR
Great Dismal Swamp NWR
Chippokes State Park
False Cape State Park
First Landing State Park
Merchants Millpond State Park
York River State Park
Newport News City Park
New Quarter Park
Northwest River Park
Sandy Bottom Nature Park
Noland Trail
Backpacking for Women Workshop
Beginning Backpacker and Hike Leader Workshops
Leave No Trace Workshops
Wilderness First Aid Classes
Douglas Lee Putman Memorial Cabin
First Sweet Smelling Toilet
Tye River Relocation Project
Konnarock Crews
National Trails Days
Co-host of 1987, 1999 and 2011 ATC Biennial Conferences
Host of 1990 and 2001 Southern Regional Multi-Club Event
Cabin Fever Event at New Quarter Park
Love Mountain Festival
Winter Wildlife Festival (Virginia Beach)
American Discovery Trail Society (founding member)
American Hiking Society (first club affiliate)
ATC Local Management Plan (first club approved/plan used as model)
AT Communities Program
AT MEGA-Transect Program
Youth outreach and use of social media
The Tuesday Group
Home club of current ATC Executive Director-Mark Wenger

PROGRAM

Social Hour	7:00-8:00
Music by Judy Kernel-Harpist	
Dinner	8:00-9:00
Opening Remarks	Phyllis Neumann
Introduction of Honored Guests	
<u>Guest Speakers</u>	
Appalachian Trail Conservancy	Mark Wenger
Appalachian Trail Park Office	Pamela Underhill
USFS Glenwood/Pedlar District	Annie Downing
VA Dept. of Conservation and Recreation	Fred Hazelwood
<u>Recognitions</u>	
Honored Club Members	
Club Presidents	
2,000 Milers	
Met and Marrieds	
Golden Pulaskis	Mark Connolly
Video Presentation	Rosanne Scott
Outgoing Board of Directors	
Incoming Board of Directors	

TATC Presidents

1972	Bill Baldwin
1973	Bill Gibbings
1974-75	Phelps Hobart
1976	Charlie Gillie
1977	Jacque Jenkins
1978	Mike Ashe
1979-80	Otey Shelton
1981-82	Reese Lukei
1983	John Folsom
1984-85	Herb Coleman
1986-87	John Folsom
1988-89	Bill Rogers
1990-91	Rick Hancock
1992-93	Mike Brewer
1994-95	Bob Giffin
1996-97	Ned Kuhns
1998	Ken Isaac
1999-00	Jim Sexton
2001-02	Ken Isaac
2003-04	Rosanne Scott
2005-06	Bill Lynn
2007-08	Mark Wenger
2009-11	Phyllis Neumann
2012-	Jim Newman

Appalachian Trail 2,000 Milers

Martin Glasser	1973
Jim Hall	1975
Paul Russell	1974-75
Susan Gail Arey	1976
Bob Adkisson (Bilbo Bob)	1973-77
Bob McCullough	1977
Chuck Engle	1979, 1989
Rick Hancock	1980
Steve Cyrus	1982
Joanne Kandare	1982
Jerry Cobleigh	1966-82
Joe Kupec (Mill Hunkey)	1981-83
Dave Dailey	1983
Harry Train	1983
Mike Reitelbach	1985
Reese Lukei, Jr. (Sagwagon)	1974-87
Ken Isaac	1987
Tom Harris (The Virginia Rambler)	1989
Joe and Ellis Micklos (Tidewater Turtles)	1989
Earl Swift (The Housewife's Friend)	1990
Charlie Park (Eagle III)	1993
Bruce Goodhue (Grandpa Bruce)	1993
Ned Kuhns (Typhoon)	2003
Scott Hilton (Scott-1/2 of the Odd Couple)	2005
Katrina Rogers (Vision Quest)	2005
Juliet Stephenson (Just Blue Skies)	2010
Mark Wenger (Animal)	2004-11

TATC M & M's (Met and Married)

Ed Smith and Carol Ann Hornsby
David Wike and Barbara Cruz
Bill Abbott and Judy Jones
Bud Franklin and Jennette Heyder
John Folsom and Lynn Gaither
John Fincannon and Sheila Bish
Bill Van Moorhan and Judy Verzal
Kenneth King and Frances Koah
Bob Adkisson and Evelyn Smith
Ed Bradley and Linda Hoag
Gid Honsinger and Terri Villanueva
Mike Squire and Nancy Pratt
Jim Robertson and Teela Clifford
Mason Newsome and Mary Marsh
Rick Hancock and Robi Florino
Helmut Speckheuer and Mary Lou Morrill
Fred Bull and Susan Darling
Larry Blett and Vicki Fanning
Julio Fonseca and Susan Hall
Jim Smith and Karin Lyman
Doug Hudak and Yi Wang
Lance Deaver and Sharon Reid
Ed Martin and Jane Jarvis
Jim Sexton and Chris Roisen
Tim Smith and Ann Fagnani

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2012 - 2013

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	Chris Sexton
	Carl Allen
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	Greg Hodges
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	Margaret Julian
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