



Notice of Future Meetings

Meetings are open to all members. NBATC welcomes and encourages your attendance at Board and Outing Planning Meetings.

**NBATC Board Meetings 7:00 PM
Thursday, January 12 & March 8**

Orthopaedic Center of Central Virginia
2405 Atherholt Road, Lynchburg

**Maintainers' Meeting 6:00 PM
Thursday, January 19**

Monte Carlo Restaurant
3230 Old Forest Road

**Outing Planning Meeting
Thursday, January 26**

Call Pat Egan, 540-997-1339
for time and location

**Local Management Plan Meeting 7:00 PM
Tuesday, January 31**

First Unitarian Church
818 Court Street

**NBATC Annual Dinner Meeting 6:00 PM
Thursday, February 16**

Peakland United Methodist Church
4434 Boonsboro Road

**Adopt-A-Highway 9:00 AM
Saturday, March 10**

Boonsboro SC
Laura Jones, 434-821-4548

**Pizza Social 6:00 PM
Wednesday, March 14**

Rivermont Pizza
2496 Rivermont Ave.



Huge blowdown dictated moving the footpath of the A.T. just south of the James River. Bill Bishop and Joe Chavez were part of the team that worked on the relocation along with Trudy Phillips, Leonard Johnson, Norm Sykora, Gary Nero, Joe Colligan, John Phillips, Pauline Dickens, and David Helms.

President's Message by Trudy Phillips

Hurray for volunteers! We had 128 volunteers in FY 2011. Those people maintained trails, completed administrative projects, and put in a total of 11,758 hours. Our Club has one of the highest percentages of members that volunteer, and we deliver more hours than many larger clubs. So, thank you to all the hard working volunteers.

Would you like to plan NBATC's future? We are looking for people to help with the Local Management Plan, which charts our future for the next ten years. Tasks vary from documenting all NBATC's facilities and equipment, planning interaction between the Club and emergency responder groups, to documenting our history since the last version in 1999. If you have an interest in any part of this effort, contact David Helms.

Education is part of NBATC's mission. On an annual basis, we need to educate all maintainers, sawyers, and maintainers-to-be. We will be meeting on the third Thursday of January – January 19 – at Monte Carlo Restaurant at 6:00 pm for dinner and a discussion of safety, maintenance techniques, and lessons learned. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Don't let the winter weather slow your enjoyment of the great outdoors. Bring extra clothes, hat, and mittens. Enjoy a tasty hot beverage and camaraderie on a trail in town or nearby.

Hope to see you on the trail.

Maintainers' Meeting

Are you a maintainer? Would you like to become a maintainer? Whether you maintain a blue blazed trail, a section of the A.T., are part of the Wednesday or Saturday crews, or just want to learn more about trail maintenance, we request that you come to the meeting.

**Monte Carlo Restaurant
3230 Old Forest Road
January 19, 6:00 pm**

11,758 NBATC Volunteer Hours by Emily Helms

Fueled by 3,583 hours volunteered for Virginia Journeys 2011, NBATC members set a record for hours volunteered during the October 1, 2010 – September 30, 2011 Fiscal Year just ended. In total, 128 NBATC members volunteered their time during the period. In addition to the Virginia Journeys 2011 project, tasks included trail maintenance and construction on the A.T. and its side trails as well as other hiking trails, leading hikes, education and outreach, training and certification and the many varied administrative duties required to keep our Club running. The 128 members who reported performing volunteer hours represent nearly one third of our total membership. Volunteer hours are reported to the Appalachian Trail Conservancy, our various Agency Partners, and other organizations. Among other uses, the data is used to help secure funding; so it is important that members report those hours.



Club President Trudy Phillips, members John Phillips and Emily Helms, and Angie Sheldon with VARO, chat among themselves at the club display at Buena Vista Mountain Days before the crowds came. Club members Gary Nero and Laurie Foot also helped out during the beautiful fall day.

Biennial Meeting Efforts Net NBATC \$4,600 by David Helms

The Regional Partnership Committee of the Southwest and Central Virginia Region of ATC has distributed the net proceeds from Virginia Journeys 2011 among the maintaining clubs. The financially successful conference was held at Emory & Henry College the first week of July.

NBATC's Pat Egan chaired the Hikes Committee and David Helms co-chaired the event. Many NBATC members volunteered to lead hikes and perform other Hikes Committee duties.

NBATC New Member Report

by Bill Bishop

Period From: 9/6/11 To: 12/2/11

NBATC is pleased to welcome 8 new members listed below. We have a total of 401 members of whom 154 are family members and 140 are individual members. The current number of lifetime members is 107. A total of 21 new members joined the Club over this past membership year from 10/1/10 to 9/30/11.

I just wanted to say thank you to all those that renewed on time this year. You should be receiving the new NBATC roster in January. Unfortunately, if you did not renew by December 31st, then your name will not appear in this year's roster.

Please notify me of any change in mailing address, phone numbers, or email addresses to help us save the postage of returned newsletters.

New Members:

Brittany Fletcher, Lynchburg
Ellen Mackey, Bedford
David and Wanda McGee, Lynchburg
Michael and Pat Ohleger, Buena Vista
George Richards, Lexington
Alexia Smith, Lexington

Local Management Plan Process Begins

by David Helms

NBATC is in the process of updating its Local Management Plan (LMP). Our current document is 1999 vintage and should be reviewed at least every 10 years. Ours, like most other A.T. Maintaining clubs, is quite out of date and in need of revision.

The process involves bringing together and reviewing all of the various agreements, policies, guidelines and other documents that help us manage the Trail. These policies address numerous areas covering topics like trail design, stream crossings and bridges, parking lots, corridor monitoring, exotic species, cultural resources, pack animals, wind energy, climate change, bicycles and hang gliding.

Let's take stream crossings for example. Our goal will be to make an inventory of all of our stream crossings, identify overall issues concerning stream crossings and then identify any specific issues we have. We will develop a policy statement relating to stream crossings that will help guide us in the future and then create an action plan that will specifically address any current issues we have with stream crossings.

The NBATC Board of Directors has formed an Ad Hoc committee to kick start this project and its first meeting will be **Tuesday, January 31, 2012, 7:00PM at First Unitarian Church**, 818 Court St., next to Monument Terrace Steps. The meeting room is in the building directly behind 818 Court Street. Evening parking is permitted in the Lynchburg City parking lots on both sides of 818 Court St. as well as along most of the street. Descend to the parking lots and enter the lower building. Go down to the lower floor and the Fellowship Hall: elevator and stairs are available.

All Club members are encouraged to participate in this project.

This is probably the best possible way imaginable to learn more about the operation of the Appalachian Trail and the many issues faced in its management. This process will highlight the critical roles of Trail Maintaining Clubs in cooperative management with Agency Partners and the ATC.

Please contact David Helms if you plan on coming to this first meeting. Phone 434-237-2180 or email davidahelms@verizon.net. Come on out and learn more about your Trail and your Club; express your ideas. Your attendance does not obligate you to attend future meetings of the committee (but, of course, you are welcome to).

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NBATC Board members pictured at the Annual Meeting included Gary Nero, Laurie Foot, Alex Newmark, Trudy Phillips, Bill Bishop, Barbara Bicking, Steve Tanner and Lola Provenzola. The complete list of Board members is shown below.

NBATC Board of Directors

President	Trudy Phillips	384-4870
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	Alex Newmark	385-5616
	Lola Provenzola	385-5848
	Steve Tanner	525-8105
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Immediate Past President	Norman Sykora	946-7084

NBATC is a Class A member of the Appalachian Trail Conservancy and an affiliate member of the American Hiking Society, and maintains 90 miles of the A.T. from the Tye River to Blackhorse Gap.

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