

# The Cherokee Hiker

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## Happy New Year!

### January Calendar

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| Jan 10 | Monthly Meeting  | --- |
| Jan 14 | Planning Session | --- |
| Jan 28 | Thunder Rock     | --- |
| Feb 3  | Big Frog B-pack  | --- |

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### Jan 14 2007 Hike Planning Session

Well, it's a brand new year. How many of us have made a New Year's resolution or two? And how many of us have included exercise in these new plans? Here's your chance to take the first step towards a funner and fitter you. Come help plan the 2007 Activities Calendar where we will schedule our hiking, canoing, camping, and trail maintenance (any other suggestions?) outings.

Meet Sunday afternoon at 2 PM at Clayton & Maggie's. This meeting is open to all club members. If you do not plan to lead a hike, come anyway - you may have some good ideas! Anyone who cannot come to the meeting but would like to volunteer to lead or suggest a hike, please e-mail Clayton or send the information with someone who you know will be at the meeting.

**Directions to Clayton and Maggie's:** On US Hwy 411 North through most of Etowah, turn left onto Hwy 30 in the direction of Athens. (This turn is at the traffic light at the Golden Gallon and Bi-Lo.) From Hwy 30, turn Right at the 1st traffic light onto Athens Pike (this turn is just before the 4-lane ends; Bookout's Auto Parts is on the Right before the light). Turn Right onto County Road 537, then turn Left on the 1st street. Clayton's house is the 1st house, #116. (From the traffic light on Hwy. 30, it is 1.1 miles to his house. Note there is a large 2-story brick house on the right; County Rd. 537 is the second road after it.)

116 County Rd 537, Etowah TN 37331-6305

### Scheduled Hikes

#### Jan 28 Thunder Rock on BMT / Clayton Pannell

6 Miles Round Trip / Easy / Sunday Afternoon

We will hike from Thunder Rock Campground up the Benton MacKaye trail and will intersect a bike trail. We will then take the bike trail down to near Thunder Rock and then will take a short road walk back to Thunder Rock Campground/Trailhead. Due to the short days we will meet at Hardee's in Ocoee at 1:30 PM.

## Feb 3 Big Frog Backpack / Rich Bowerman

Meet Saturday, February 3, 2007, 10:00 a.m. at the Thunder Rock Campground just behind Ocoee No. 3 Powerhouse. We will hike to the top of Big Frog and then over to the Licklog Ridge Trail - total mileage of 9.8 miles. On Sunday we will hike back to the trailhead for a total mileage of 11.3 miles. Two day mileage of 21.1 miles.

This is a Wilderness Area and participant number is limited, so be sure to call the hike leader if you are interested.

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## Club News

**Jan 10 Monthly Meeting**/Golden Corral Restaurant, 350 Stuart Rd NE, Cleveland, (423) 473-1662

**NOTE: This month the meeting is being held on Wednesday instead of the usual Thursday!!!**

The January meeting will be held directly after a *'treat yourself'* meal at the Golden Corral restaurant on **WEDNESDAY, January 10th**. Meet at 6:30 P.M. to eat and stay for the meeting which will begin around 7:30!

### **December Meeting/Christmas Party**

*Excerpted from outgoing Secretary Aggie Scott's minutes:*

The Cherokee Hiking Club met on December 9th, at 5:30 PM, at the home of Carol and Carroll Guhne for its monthly meeting and the annual Christmas party. The meeting which was initially planned to be hosted at Ann and Bill Gray's home was suddenly threatened by postponement or even cancellation due to Bill Gray's flu attack. Spontaneously and only with a few hours notice the Guhne's came to the rescue and turned their lovely home into a festive gathering place for the large party. Following the dinner, President Clayton Pannell called a brief business meeting to order by greeting 33 members. He thanked Carol and Carroll Guhne for generously hosting the meeting under such unexpected circumstances. He thanked Ann Gray and her helpers for preparing and serving such great food. The whole group endorsed his praise with a loud round of applause.

In the absence of Debbie Flower, Ken Jones presented the slate of new officers for the year 2007 as follows:

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|--------------------|-------------------|
| President:         | Clayton Pannell   |
| Vice President:    | Martha Firestone  |
| Secretary:         | Jane Bohannan     |
| Treasurer:         | Ann Gray          |
| Publicist:         | Debbie Flower     |
| Newsletter Editor: | Evette Strickland |

Although Debbie's creative ceremony was sadly missed for the installation, Ken Jones got the job done in his own brand of efficiency.

### ***Editor's Note***

All positions of the 2007 Board have been filled!

Two positions were open - Secretary and Newsletter Editor, and two dedicated individuals have stepped up to the plate to fill the vacancies. Thank you to both Jane Bohannan, who was elected as Secretary, and Evette Strickland, who has agreed to take over as Newsletter Editor.

I would like to thank our outgoing Secretary, Aggie Scott, who has done a beautiful and thorough job. As my schedule became more and more hectic, making it impossible for me to attend meetings, Aggie's minutes painted a clear picture and made it possible for me to assemble the information needed to report upcoming and past events. Thanks Aggie!

I would also like to thank Evette Strickland, who will be your NEW newsletter Editor. I'm sure Evette will do a great job. Please send all your hike announcements, reports, and any newsletter worthy information to Evette. Thanks Evette!

Also, a great big thanks goes to Clayton, Martha, Ann, and Debbie, who are all willing and able to serve for another year. Without all these people we would not have a club!

I've enjoyed being your Newsletter Editor over the past two years.  
Happy Trails to you! -- Diana

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## Hike Reports

*No December hikes to report*

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If you haven't renewed your membership, now's the time! Please fill out the attached form and return it to Ann Gray at the address on the form, or bring it with you to the next meeting.

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## Other Events



### **Jan 13 TN/NC Work Trip**

Taking a lesson from last year, we won't be scheduling anything above 2000 ft elevation in January or February. This trip is slated for one of the sections between 11d and 14b. For information, please contact Bill Lundin.

### **Jan 27 GA Work Trip**

We will work on the Great Wallalah-Licklog re-route on Section Three. Plenty of good sidehill work to burn those holiday calories. Meet at the Village Restaurant in Blue Ridge at 8:00 AM. Or meet at the trailhead, GA Hwy 60 and Little Skeenah Creek, at 9:20 AM. Trip leaders are George Owen and Tom Keene.

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## Mark Your Calendars

May 3-6, 2007

Great Southeastern Hiking Festival To Be Held In Montreat, NC

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