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## Could Tennessee Be Number Twelve?

by James H. Baker - Chair,  
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As I write this, Representative Russell Johnson (R – Loudon County) and Senator Randy McNally (R – Oak Ridge) have introduced the "Tennessee Beverage Container Deposit Act of 2006" in the Tennessee state legislature. This is House Bill 3350 and Senate Bill 3616. As in 2005, this legislation faces an uphill battle. However, every member of the Tennessee Chapter ought to take the time to do what it takes to make Tennessee Clean and Green by assisting and encouraging our legislators to enact Container Deposit Legislation. Here are some points that Chapter members can use when talking with their legislators.

### Who supports Container Deposit Legislation?

Passage of Container Deposit Legislation is supported by the Tennessee Chapter of the Sierra Club, Tennessee Conservation Voters, Tennessee Federation of Garden Clubs, Scenic Tennessee, and many other organizations and individuals.

### What are the benefits of Container Deposit Legislation?

#### 1. Supplies recyclable materials for a high-demand market:

o Recycling markets require a steady supply of material that is uncontaminated with other materials. For example, cleaned and recycled plastic soft drink bottles are in great demand for spinning fiber for carpet yarns, producing fiberfill and geotextiles.

o Recycling centers can provide the needed "pre-sort" of various colors of glass, types of plastics, and aluminum that make up the majority of recyclable beverage containers. This reduces cross-contamination and increases the net worth of each waste stream.

**2. Conserves energy and natural resources:** Let me use the aluminum beverage container as an example. In 2001 in the United States, (51 BILLION = 760,000 TONS) of aluminum cans were wasted (landfilled, littered, and incinerated). To put that amount into perspective, this same 760,000 tons of aluminum could build about 25,000 Boeing 737 airliners. Because these cans were not recycled into new cans, the following environmental damages occurred:

o Added soil erosion and habitat loss from strip mining of aluminum ore (bauxite) and coal.

o More than 4 million tons of coal was burned to create the needed electrical energy to replace these wasted cans. To put that into perspective, all of the Tennessee Valley Authority's coal fired electric power stations could operate for about ONE month on that same tonnage of coal.

o Over 3 million tons of greenhouse gases (mainly carbon dioxide) were created to replace these wasted cans.

o Over 2.5 billion gallons of water was used to replace these wasted cans. A large city like Memphis, Nashville or Knoxville could operate about 10 days on a reserve of 2.5 billion gallons.

o Recycling of aluminum saves considerable electrical energy. Because the aluminum is already in the metallic state, all of the energy spent in purifying the ore and reducing it to the metal is saved when aluminum is recycled. The aluminum needs only to be melted to be reused. There are also the attendant side effects of less soil erosion and habitat loss, less coal burned, less greenhouse gas emitted, and less water used.

#### 3. Create new businesses and jobs:

o Depending on population and size, counties can expect to see 6 to 12 independent redemption centers, each employing 2 to 6 workers and grossing an average of

\$100,000 annually in handling fees plus additional revenue (perhaps 15% of the gross) from selling the scrap aluminum, glass and plastic. In addition, counties can expect to see job growth in related areas such as recycling, transportation, redemption-center supplies and reverse vending machine leasing.

o In addition to giving the poor and homeless a way to earn extra money while picking up the streets, this allows qualifying homeless shelters and other social-service organizations to operate certified redemption centers. Such operations will provide a steady source of income for the shelters while providing jobs and job training to clients.

o The common fears about business impacts—that prices will jump, sales will fall and border counties will lose customers to adjacent states – have not been borne out by the experiences of the existing container deposit states. Pre- and post-container deposit bill data suggest that sales increased at or above the regional or national average in most of the deposit states, while shelf prices went up little if at all, particularly for soft drinks. (An executive for a major soft drink manufacturer conceded that the prices before and after Massachusetts' container deposit bill went into effect were "virtually the same.")

o Consider also that container deposit legislation helps business. They all benefit from a cleaner, more inviting environment. But more directly, grocers benefit from anything that brings customers into their stores. In an Iowa consumer survey, 78% of respondents said they make purchases at the store where they redeem their beverage containers. And a 2002 Swedish study found that customers who return empty beverage containers spend 52% more during their visit.

o Though aluminum revenues will be reduced, these losses should be more than offset by savings in handling and transportation costs for heavy glass and bulky plastic; by reduced costs for waste pickup and hauling; by reduced costs for landfill fees and litter removal; and by increased revenues from other recyclable materials as citizens begin to recycle more.

#### 5. Reduce litter:

o The proposed bill is expected to eliminate 80%-90% of littered beverage containers. Since beverage containers account for at least half of Tennessee's litter, that means an overall reduction in litter of 40% to 45%. The overall reduction may be even higher, according to some states, because an increase in public awareness of litter and recycling appears in many cases to contribute to a decrease in littering behavior.

o Reduction in litter equals less taxpayer dollars spent to clean up litter.

o The proposed bill earmarks \$10 million of the unclaimed deposits for the annual county litter grants program (anti-litter education and litter pickups). This replaces the existing funding (approx. \$4.1 million a year) from "litter taxes" on beer and soda. The litter taxes will be eliminated under this container deposit legislation. Therefore, more money is available to conduct anti-litter education and to conduct litter clean ups.

Without container deposit legislation, cleaning up litter is like



#### 4. Reduce waste disposal costs:

o Cash strapped counties and municipalities may choose to operate their own redemption centers, perhaps in conjunction with an existing transfer station, and thus earn both the handling fee and the scrap revenue.

o Recycling rates for containers will almost certainly triple, from a current statewide average of 24 percent, to an expected 80 percent or more. Recycling rates for other materials are expected to increase as well, as people who have never recycled anything before are introduced to the concept. These increases will help counties reach their mandated municipal-solid-waste diversion goal of 25 percent, since beverage containers account for an estimated 5% to 6% of landfill volume.

mopping the floor while the spigot is still running. Litter grant money is expended, effort is expended, but no real progress is realized. Container deposits shuts off the spigot – allowing real progress in cleaning up our state, provide for economic growth and major environmental benefits as well. It will be a "WIN-WIN" situation for Tennessee.

Hawaii became the 11th state in the Union to enact container deposit legislation after a long hard struggle. Could Tennessee be number 12? With support from each and every member of the Tennessee Chapter to assist and encourage our legislators to have the political will to stand up to the opponents of this legislation, the answer is "yes".



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## from the Editor's Desk

Spring has officially arrived, and as I am working on this issue a snowstorm is burying the plains states in snow. Here in Middle Tennessee, snow is not something we've seen much so far in 2006. What I have seen a lot of lately is dandelions. It seems they cover every field.

Including the one where this photograph was taken.

A friend called one morning, "Shanna! Grab your camera and go down Pantall Road. That albino deer is there."

A few years back, before the 500 home subdivision was built behind my back yard, an albino deer showed up one morning. It was right behind my fence, walking in the meadow that was there then. Now the meadow is gone. And no one around here has seen the deer for awhile. Perhaps it's "THAT" albino deer, perhaps it's not.

What my friend didn't realize when she called was that I was at home, in my pajamas, hanging out with my 4 year old daughters, who were dressed in pajama bottoms and tutus—that's pretty standard attire for them. I put the phone down and thought about it for approximately 3 minutes before I grabbed my camera, put some blankets around my children, loaded up in the car and went to find the deer.

And find it, we did. At the edge of a thicket, in the middle of a field. I took several photographs through the misty air with a telephoto lens and no tripod—while my daughters waited patiently in the car and other motorists zipped past the crazy lady with the camera. in pajamas, in the ditch.

Was it worth it? Certainly the photo is not great. But the next day on our trip to preschool we passed the big white trucks with the guys in suits. They were parked in the field with papers spread across the hood of the truck. In Williamson County, we all know what that means. Now the field is full of orange stakes and the deer has not been seen again. I guess the answer is yes, it was worth it. I don't know when I would have had a better opportunity to explain to my tutu-wearing daughters that while it's important for people to have homes, we always need to work on keeping a place for nature.

If you have a Tennessee photo that you'd like to share, please email me it to me as a jpeg file, I'd love to see it. I'll pick my favorite each month - space permitting - to print in *The Tennes-Sierran*.

Happy Earth Day,

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### (Memphis)

**MONTHLY FIRST THURSDAY MEMBERS GATHERING:** (NOTE: New Hours) - Thursday, April 6, 2006, 5:30-7:00pm - Otherlands, 641 South Cooper, Memphis, Tennessee: Join us for Chickasaw Group's "First Thursday" monthly gathering where Sierra Club members, activists and friends can meet in a casual setting to talk about issues and interests. Contact Membership Chair Karen Prosser at (901) 327-9820 for more information.

**STRATEGY MEETING:** Monday, April 10, 2006, 6:30pm - Prescott Memorial Baptist Church, 961 Getwell, Memphis, Tennessee: This meeting of the Executive Committee is open also to all members of the Sierra Club. Contact Group Chair James Baker by April 7 to place items on the agenda at (901) 826-2448.

**PROGRAM MEETING:** Wednesday, April 26, 2006, 7:00pm - NOTE: New Location, Memphis Public Library and Information Center - Poplar/White Station Branch at 5094 Poplar Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee (at the base of Clark Tower): The April program will be a backpacking clinic by Mary Ann and David Henderson. Come learn the latest backpacking tips, including how to backpack with children. For more information, contact interim Program Chair - James Baker at (901) 826-2448.

## MIDDLE TENNESSEE GROUP

### (Nashville)

**PROGRAM MEETING:** Thursday, April 13th at 7:00 p.m. - Radnor Lake Visitor Center in Nashville. As springtime arrives we all begin serious planning of those winter long awaited renovation and construction projects for our living spaces. And, if you are like most of us eco-conscience nature lovers, you often search for alternative methods of architecture to enhance your surroundings and assist in the protection of our earth's environment. So, on this night, join the MTG as we welcome a very special guest, award winning Scott H. Wilson, local Brentwood, Tennessee Architect as he presents, Alternative Architecture for Eco-Friendly Living. Scott will deliver an informative, and delightful, evening of alternative methods of construction and new market products that will assist your home-time projects! Light refreshments will be served. For more information on this program, contact Rachel Floyd at 615-406-9204 or email at rfloyd557@bellsouth.net. (Enter the Radnor Lake area on Otter Creek Road, accessible only from Granny White Pike.) Non-members are always welcome!

### CONSERVATION MEETING:

Tuesday, April 4th in the Sierra Club office, located at 2021 21st Avenue South, Suite 436 (the old St. Bernard Academy building). We will be working on a Green Office program plus other initiatives. For more information, contact Diane Perschbacher at (615) 895-1236 or Diane@Propson.com.

### STRATEGY MEETING:

Wednesday, April 26th at 6:30 p.m. Conservation issues are first on the agenda. Come and get the news on what's happening in our Middle Tennessee Group. All members are invited to attend our conservation and administrative meeting on the 4th floor at 2021 21st Avenue South (the old St. Bernard Academy Building). We welcome you to be with us to learn about the group's conservation initiatives and community activities. For conservation issues or additions to the conservation agenda, contact Diane

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### (Chattanooga)

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## HARVEY BROOME GROUP

### (Knoxville)

**PROGRAM MEETING:** April 11, 7:30 p.m. Tennessee Valley Unitarian Church, 2931 Kingston Pike, Knoxville. What is the Cumberland Trail? Where is the Cumberland Trail? What is the Cumberland Trail Conference? What will you see when you hike the Cumberland Trail? Curious about volunteer opportunities and funding for the Cumberland Trail? Paul Freeman, Executive Director of the Cumberland Trail Conference, will answer these questions and many more about this 300-mile trail extending from Signal Mountain National Military Park to Cumberland Gap at the Tennessee and Kentucky border. Please join us for an informative evening.

**STRATEGY MEETING:** April 25, 7:30 p.m. Tennessee Valley Unitarian Church, 2931 Kingston Pike, Knoxville. Calling all members and non-members! Please join us in planning strategies for issues of concern to the group. If you have issues you are interested in, let us hear from you. This meeting provides an opportunity for input into those areas of concern to you. For more information contact Axel ringe at 865-397-1840.



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# STOP I-3 NOW!

contributed by Axel Ringe,  
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An interstate highway wider than three football fields is on the fast track for our southern Appalachian mountains. The initial route is outlined in federal legislation authorizing a "study" of feasible routes and cost, and would pass through the mountains somewhere between Helen, Georgia and the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. The final route will change depending on the outcome of the feasibility study. Strong opposition from northern Georgia counties, which lie in the first proposed route, is already causing proponents of the road to talk about other options

Here are the facts: On July 22, 2004, Congressman Max Burns (R-GA) introduced legislation in the U.S. House of Representatives conceptualizing two new interstate highways. One, called I-3, would link the port of Savannah, Georgia, and the Midwest through Knoxville, Tennessee, going north of Atlanta through the southern Appalachian mountains. The other, I-14, would intersect I-3 at Augusta, Georgia, taking off south of Atlanta to Montgomery, Alabama, and on to Natchez, Mississippi. Georgia Congressman Charlie Norwood (R-GA) co-sponsored the legislation. A similar bill was then introduced into the U.S. Senate by Georgia Republican Senators Saxby Chambliss and Zell Miller. Opposition that was beginning to build subsided somewhat when Burns was defeated in last November's elections, but concerns remained about future efforts to renew the push for the interstate in the 109th Congress.

In January of 2005, Congressman Norwood introduced House Bill 301 requiring the U.S. Department of Transportation (US DOT) to study the same interstate system as proposed earlier by Burns. Reasons for constructing I-3 and I-14 listed in the bill were threefold: 1) to provide a linkage between military facilities to provide better national security; 2) for economic benefits, more expeditious transportation and safety; and, 3) to honor the U.S. Army 3rd Division that served as the "tip of the spear" during the latest Iraq war. The bill required the U.S. DOT to report back to congress on the feasibility and cost of construction no later than December 31, 2005.

The efforts of the Georgia delegation to pass legislation authorizing the feasibility study bogged down "in committee" as had the earlier effort by Burns, prompting a new strategy. On March 10th, legislation for the study of I-3 and I-14 passed the U.S. House of Representatives as a part of HR3, the Transportation Equity Act, by the margin of 419 to 7. Cost of the study was earmarked at \$400,000. Soon afterwards, Senators Saxby Chambliss and Johnny Isakson (R-GA) introduced almost identical legislation in the U.S. Senate as SB 459.

On April 26th, Congressman Norwood sent out a legislative update with an outline of the I-3 proposal and a map of the general route as proposed. Norwood was quoted as saying, "It is critical that we begin these projects as quickly as possible, while many sections of existing highways can be incorporated into the routes of both new interstates. Every day of delay runs the risk of development cropping up that will require a great deal more money to accommodate."

On May 17th, the U.S. Senate passed the Transportation Bill containing provisions to fund the feasibility study for the two interstates. Matt Sawhill, Senator Chambliss's northeast Georgia regional representative, was quoted as saying that the project has "overwhelming statewide support." Sawhill pointed to "studies" that show that 80% of jobs are located within five miles of an interstate.

Indeed, many do support the idea of bringing an interstate through the Deep South. Among those who support the project are Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, (R- TN). Big industry also supports both interstate projects including Home Depot, Georgia Pacific, the Georgia Mining Association, the Knoxville based Goody's Family Clothing Inc., and Sea Ray Boats Inc.

The Georgia State Legislature made their feelings clear in the 2006 budget that includes \$100,000 to establish the Interstate Highway Development Association for the purpose of promoting both interstate projects. This position is clearly motivated by the argument that both I-3 and I-14 would ease traffic problems in and around Atlanta by rerouting truck traffic through the countryside.

Opponents of I-3 are uniting forces across the Blue Ridge, not only in North Georgia but in both South and North Carolina and here in Tennessee. Chapters of an interstate opposition group called Stop I-3 have already held several organizational meetings with a common goal to stand together to stop the project before it gets any further. But backers of the interstate highway project are pushing hard with a target date to begin construction within five years.

The task of stopping an interstate highway with such political clout and regional support is a daunting task. Opposition forces

must expand a local argument to a national level with clear reasoning that appeals to the grassroots. Putting together a coalition is a must, with strategies for media, legal support, and non-violent protest. The key, of course, must be to convince people outside the region that there are alternatives to the reasons the pro-interstate side has given for sacrificing the pristine environment of the mountains for questionable economic development.

There are flaws in the argument that the region needs I-3 to link Savannah to the Midwest. The current 450-mile route from Knoxville to Savannah would only be shortened by 15 miles. The cost of building an interstate highway is about 25 million dollars per mile, with a total cost for I-3 in the neighborhood of 50 billion dollars! This staggering sum could better be spent on mass transit that would solve Atlanta's traffic woes while going a long way to address serious air quality problems from Atlanta to the Great Smoky Mountains. According to D. J. Gerken of the Southern Environmental Law Center in addressing Atlanta's traffic problems, "Peak hour traffic is the problem, and that's locals."

The argument that the interstate is necessary for homeland security seems aimed at tapping into patriotic sympathies, without much fact. The highway system that currently exists seems to be more than adequate to move troops and supplies. Both Fort Stewart in Hinesville, Georgia, home of the 3rd Infantry Division for which I-3 is named, and Hunter Army Airfield are located just outside Savannah, and are already served by a four-lane highway. The distance from Savannah to Fort Gordon and the Veterans Administration Hospital in Augusta is only about 140 miles. Necessary improvements to the roads between these military facilities are more than sufficient for national security without even coming near the mountains, where no major military facilities exist. One would only have to ask troops in Iraq or Afghanistan if they would rather see an interstate in the north Georgia mountains, or have 50 billion dollars spent on body and vehicle armor, to get a good argument against I-3.

Then there is the safety argument. Proponents of I-3 do not

deny that one possible use of I-3 would be to move tritium and MOX fuel between the Savannah River nuclear facility to other nuclear power plants and Oak Ridge, Tennessee, for processing. Moving the most dangerous poison known to humanity through steep, rugged terrain where snow, ice, and fog are common would be nothing short of extremely unwise.

The economic argument for I-3 is equally flawed. Suffice it to say that the real question is: what kind of economic development? Interstates bring sprawl in the form of convenience stores, fast food joints, warehouses, noise, congestion and pollution. The mountain region economy is fueled by nature based tourism, family farms, and second home development. In fact, the kind of development brought by an interstate would literally kill the goose that lays the golden egg.

Environmental destruction as a result of interstate highway construction would be staggering if I-3 were built through the Appalachians. Two likely corridors being considered at this time are Hwy 129 along the southern boundary of the Great Smoky Mountains NP and Hwy 64 along the Ocoee River. Wildlife corridors would be severed, streams would be choked with silt, and scenery would be destroyed. Air quality would be made even worse in an area already on the EPA's non-attainment list. In short, a pristine environment that is the key to good health and a good economy would be sacrificed for a few big corporations that want to move more goods from China through the Port of Savannah to big box stores across to the Midwest.

The fight to stop I-3 is daunting. You make the choice. Joining the fight to stop I-3 may be one of the most important decisions that people who care about the pristine environment of our southern Appalachian Mountains will ever have to make. Get involved now! Call and write your representatives in congress and demand this foolish project be withdrawn before it starts.

## takeACTION

The Stop I-3 Coalition would like to update you on the status of the proposal to build an interstate highway from Savannah to Augusta to Knoxville through the Southern Appalachian Mountains. You may remember that Congress passed funding for a feasibility study in the highway bill which was signed into law on last August 10th. Since then we have been monitoring the highway agencies to see what they will do about studying the proposal. The best information we have now is that both the Georgia and North Carolina Departments of Transportation have each declined to be the lead agency in letting the contract for a study. This leaves the Federal Highway Administration in charge of contracting out and overseeing the feasibility study, which should include public participation as well as participation by every level of government according to the FHWA's own guidelines (posted on [www.stopi-3.org](http://www.stopi-3.org)). Our most pressing concern at this point is that the study may be done without sufficient public participation. This is a critical time for us to act and let our voices be heard.

### Your letters and postcards are needed now!

We hope you will take the time to write the officials listed below and express your concern that citizens not be cut out of the process and that a full participation study be conducted. Our strong preference is that the concept of an interstate cutting through the Blue Ridge and Smoky Mountains be found to be not feasible as early as possible and that the proposal be permanently put to rest. As long as the proposal continues to be considered, we demand that a thorough and complete feasibility study be conducted according to the FHWA guidelines which call for full public involvement. If the study is done correctly, we are confident that it will find the project is unneeded, unwanted, and not feasible.

#### HOW TO WRITE

PLEASE SEND LETTERS VIA U.S. MAIL TO LOCAL OFFICES OR FAXES OR PHONE CALLS Since emails can be easily ignored, we are told that the most effective communications are those on paper that must be dealt with by the officials' staff. It is important to include your name and mailing address with all correspondence so the officials know what voting district you are in. Faxes and phone calls can also be effective. Remember that anything sent in an envelope to DC will be delayed by screening for anthrax so postcards are best in that case. We especially encourage picture postcards with pictures of our beautiful mountains to make an additional statement that we don't want this area ruined by an interstate highway.

WHOM TO WRITE The Federal Highway Administration is where the current decisions are being made so be sure to start with Mr. Capka. The other officials listed below can add pressure and represent our wishes as constituents. Depending on where you live, please identify below those legislators who have the responsibility to represent your views. If you do not know your U.S. Representative you may go to <http://www.house.gov/writerep> and enter your zip code for the name and address of your Representative.

FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION  
J. Richard Capka  
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Knoxville, TN 37902 Columbia, TN 38401

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Chattanooga, TN 37402 Memphis, Tennessee 38103

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Kingsport, TN 37662

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Washington, D.C. 20515 Jackson, TN 38301

Thank you for taking a bit of time to write to your elected and government officials and expressing your opposition.  
There is strength in numbers and we need to keep up the pressure!

# Tennessee Chapter Spring Meeting

April 28 – 30, 2006 • Pinson Mounds State Park

<http://www.state.tn.us/environment/parks/parks/PinsonMounds/>

*Join us at Pinson Mounds State Park!*

From Jackson, TN follow Hwy. 45 South to the small town of Pinson, TN. Turn left at the park sign, St. Rt. 197 and then follow the signs 2.5 miles to the park entrance. Park address: 460 Ozier Road - Pinson, TN 38366  
- Office: 731-988-5614. Hosted by the Chickasaw Group (CKG).

We will occupy the Group Lodge, where bunks are provided, but bring your own bedding, pillow, and towel.

Activities will include early Saturday morning hikes and other activities.

On Saturday evening, we will have a short program and a Silent Auction.

The cost for the entire weekend is only \$30.00 per person (1/2 price for children under 12 years old).

This includes lodging, Saturday breakfast and dinner, and Sunday breakfast.

Please RSVP to James Baker at: (901) 826-2448 or [kimo\\_aubrey@yahoo.com](mailto:kimo_aubrey@yahoo.com).

NOTE: Special Information.

As per Park Policy, there is no tent camping allowed. Pinson Mounds is an archeological site.

This includes both staked and "free-standing" tents.

## Silent Auction for Defenders of Tennessee

The Defenders of Tennessee is a Sierra Club program that was formed for the purpose of funding our own lobbyist in the Tennessee Legislature. For the past 8 years, our lobbying efforts have paid off in getting good legislation passed and bad legislation stopped. One of the ways we fund this program is through a silent auction at our Spring Meeting.

Please visit your local outdoor, health food, music, wine (heh, heh) or other stores and restaurants and ask them to make a donation of goods or gift certificates. We also need your donations of new or good old things such as crafts, outdoor equipment, books, CD/DVDs, homemade items, etc. Plants and flowers always sell well.

If you are not able to attend the meeting but want to help, please contact someone you know who is going, or call your local chair listed on page 2 of this newsletter to arrange for someone else to take your donations to the meeting. And, if you are coming to the meeting, don't forget to bring \$\$ to buy all the good stuff!

## ATTENTION HARVEY BROOME GROUP MEMBERS

Jonathan Young, Manager of the Blue Ridge Mountain Sports Stores in Knoxville has agreed to allow a 10% discount on all purchases except for boats and kayaks.

The Blue Ridge Mountain Sports stores where this discount applies are located in The Kingston Pike Shopping Center, 4610 Kingston Pike-Bearden and in The Village Green Shopping Center, 11537 Kingston Pike- Farragut.

Mr. Young says the discount will be applied to purchases made by any Sierra Club member. The member must present a valid membership card.

## 2006 Whites Creek Cleanup

The 4th Annual Whites Creek Cleanup will take place on Earth Day, Saturday, April 22, 2006. We will meet at Hartman Park's Picnic Shelters at 9 a.m. Bring water, work gloves, and hand tools. Be a water pro. Bring your boat and help ferry stuff back and forth across the stream, if you can. Do wear comfortable clothes - long sleeves and pants that can protect you from a briar. Choose shoes that can get wet, in case you cross the creek. And maybe a change of clothes to relax in afterwards. We will provide beverages, tasty snacks, and a light lunch. There will be shifts of folks working until about 4 p.m., so stop by when you can. Bring a friend! We may be also joined by some teen volunteers in the morning. To RSVP or for more information at call Michelle at (615) 876-8865.

Directions: From west Nashville, take Briley Parkway East and exit at Clarksville Pike. Turn South. Go about a mile and a half. You will pass the Krogers' shopping center on your left. Turn LEFT at the gas station onto West Hamilton Rd. Continue about a mile and turn RIGHT onto Tucker Rd. And RIGHT into the driveway of Hartman Park. Follow the driveway around to the picnic shelters at the back, and look for our signs.

Thanks to our sponsors:

Whites Creek Preservation Society, TWRA, and Metro Beautification.

## Thanks to our Defenders

Many thanks to our February donors (through March 9) to the Sierra Defenders fund, who include:

Anonymous Donors • Richard and Frieda Coleman

Tom Cullen and Wray Estes • Steve and Patty Ghertner • John Harwood

Jay and Marilyn Hiatt • Martha McKnight • Steven Patrick

Bonnie Seay • Dr. Andy Walker • Julia Walker

Although the Defender campaign is officially over for this year, contributions can be accepted at any time. If you wish to contribute to our advocacy and lobbying program, you may return the form below, with your check made out to Sierra Club Defenders, c/o Adelle Wood, 4641 Villa Green Drive, Nashville, TN 37215. Note that donations are NOT tax deductible. THANK YOU!

Bill Terry, Legislative Co-Chair

Penny Brooks, Legislative Co-Chair

### takeACTION

**Yes! I'd like to help!**

Amount of donation: ( ) \$50 ( ) \$125 ( ) \$250 ( ) \$500 ( ) Other \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

May we publish your name in the Sierra Club newsletter as a donor?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

(OPTIONAL) Your e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Sending our letter of appreciation to you electronically will allow us to conserve paper and save money. We will not divulge the address nor use it for other purposes.

No letter of acknowledgement is requested \_\_\_\_\_

# Outings

## HARVEY BROOME GROUP (Knoxville)

**Saturday, April 1, 2006 at 9AM, Fifteenth Annual Greenways 5K Race.** The HBG cosponsors (with the Knox Greenways Coalition and Knoxville Track Club) an annual 3.1 mile race on the Third Creek Greenway to support the development of greenways in Knox County. Registration is at West High School on the day of the race; by mail before race day. Cost is \$15 if preregistered, \$20 on race day. West High School is on Tobler Lane (from Kingston Pike in Sequoyah Hills, turn north on Forest Glen, then right on Tobler Lane to the school). A greenways T-shirt with original design, food, and live music are provided. Contact Mary Lake for information/applications: <mailto:ma43ry@yahoo.com>; (865) 675-6971.

**Saturday-Sunday, April 1-2, Mount Rogers Backpack.** The Mount Rogers National Recreation area is a unique environment with high country balds populated with wild highland ponies. This backpack will climb the Mount Rogers trail to join the Appalachian Trail at Deep Gap. Near Thomas Knob shelter, we will take the Mt. Rogers spur trail to the highest point in Virginia. After descending, we will travel cross country to the campsite at Cabin Ridge. The next morning we will pick up the Wilburn ridge trail across the spectacular rocky bald. At Rhododendron gap, we will traverse the Pine Mountain trail and finally descend another segment of the AT. Total distance is 15.3 miles with 7.1 miles on day 1 and 8.2 miles on day 2. Due to the altitude, open terrain, and other environmental factors, the area is subject to extremes of weather. Hike is rated moderate due to distance, climbing, and technical aspects of crossing Wilburn ridge. Preregister with Bill Adams: <mailto:radvet@frontiernet.net>.

**Saturday-Sunday, April 8-9, Cumberland Trail Backpack** (LaFollette to Cove Lake Section). The Cumberland Trail Association is in the process of developing what promises to be a truly outstanding long distance trail in Tennessee. Extending from Kentucky to Georgia along the edge of the Cumberland Plateau, it is called the Cumberland Trail and several significant segments are complete. One of the best sections is a short drive from Knoxville, along the Cumberland Plateau escarpment (where there are numerous unusual rock formations and great views of the Powell River valley and the Cumberland Mountains) from LaFollette to I-75 and Cove Lake. Above Cove Lake a newly constructed section leads down past the rock outcrops you see from I-75 known as Devil's Racetrack. Distance is about 11 miles and it is rated Moderate. Preregister with Will Skelton: H 523-2272; W 521-6200; <mailto:whshome@bellsouth.net>.

**Saturday, April 22 - A celebration of Earth Day at World's Fair Park,** with hours of 10:00 am - 6:00 pm. Volunteers from HBG are needed to help with the HBG booth. Contact Ed Soler, 690-4780(H).

**Saturday, April 29 - Dayhike, a wildflower hike to Max Patch.** Pre-register with Priscilla Watts, 865-966-4142.

**Saturday-Sunday, May 6-7, Wilderness First Aid (WFA) training - Fall Creek Falls State Park.** This is the fourth annual Sierra sponsored wilderness first aid training (WFA). WFA covers the basics and the most common traumatic, medical, and environmental issues that occur in the backcountry. Space is limited, so enroll now. To enroll, please contact Katherine Pendleton at 615/943-6877 evenings or at [Katibug1959@aol.com](mailto:Katibug1959@aol.com). HBG coordinator: Ron Shrieves, 865-922-3518, <mailto:rshrieve@utk.edu>. The cost this year is \$140/person. (HBG will subsidize \$50 for current/future outings leaders.)

**Saturday, May 13, Dayhike. Spring in the High Country on Grandfather Mountain, Linville, NC.** Experience a challenging day hiking on boulders, ladders, open cliff faces, and a rock wall called "The Chute" as we hike the trails of Grandfather Mountain. If we have enough participants, we will shuttle cars and begin our hike on the backside of the mountain climbing through a variety of vegetation and terrain, ending at the Grandfather Mountain Visitors Center. If our group is smaller, we will hike in and out from the Visitors Center turning around

at Calloway Peak (5964'). After the hike, we will catch the view from the Mile-High Swinging Bridge. Be prepared to pay up to a \$14 park entry fee. We will stop on the way back for dinner. Drive: 368 miles round trip, Hike: 5.6-miles Strenuous, only for experienced hikers in good physical shape. Pre-register with Beverly Smith, 865-531-8480 (Evenings), [emailto:blsmith1300@comcast.net](mailto:emailto:blsmith1300@comcast.net) (email is preferred).

## MIDDLE TENNESSEE GROUP (Nashville)

**Saturday & Sunday, May 6th and 7th: The 4th annual Wilderness First Aid course (WFA)** will be held May 6th and 7th at Fall Creek Falls State Park. Instruction includes 16 hours in 2 days certification by Landmark Learning, LLC, in an outdoor setting. Training, snacks and lunch are provided, all for \$140. For questions and registration (deadline April 10), contact Katherine Pendleton at 615-943-6877 evenings or email [katibug1959@aol.com](mailto:katibug1959@aol.com). More detailed information is also available in the February and March Tennes-Sierran newsletters.

All participants in Sierra Club outings are required to sign a standard liability waiver. If you would like to read a copy of the waiver before you participate, please refer to: <http://www.sierraclub.org/outings/chapter/forms/SignInWaiver.PDF>, or call 415-977-5630, for a printed version.

Transportation to the outing including carpooling, ride sharing or anything similar, is strictly a private arrangement among the participants. Participants assume the risks associated with this travel.

## CHICKASAW GROUP (Memphis)

**Signs of Spring Walk - Sunday, April 2, 2006 - 1:00pm - Memphis Botanic Gardens at Audubon Park, Memphis, Tennessee:** The Gardens are located at 750 Cherry Road. Join Outings Chair Judith Hammond to look for the continuing signs of spring. Meet in the lobby of the Botanic Gardens building. For more information, contact Judith Hammond at (901) 276-2819.

**Old Forest Hike - Saturday, April 8, 2006 - 10:00am - The Old Forest Trail, Overton Park, Memphis, Tennessee:** Second Saturday Hikes. This is the Marjorie Raines and Charlie Rond Memorial Wildflower Walk. Explore the only urban old growth forest of its kind in America. Learn about the forest's history, identify big trees and wildflowers and observe firsthand the impact of natural and human forces on forests in an urban setting. Meet at the bridge next to the parking lot at the end of Old Forest Lane in the center of Overton Park. The informative and entertaining trail map to the self-guided mile-and-a-quarter loop hike with seasonal bird watching and wildflower-viewing guides is available for free at the Golf House in Overton Park at all other times. For additional information, contact Don Richardson at (901) 276-1387. Sponsored by Park Friends and the Sierra Club.

**Wolf River Harbor Cleanup - Saturday, April 8, 2006 - 1pm to**

## Ten Essentials for Hiking

Sierra Club Outings offer a variety of wilderness and near-wilderness experiences. It is important to realize that while all trips are guided by a leader, it is ultimately the responsibility of the individual to operate in a safe manner. To this end, the following is a list of essential items, which should be modified according to the particular type of outing.

1. Adequate map
2. First aid kit
3. Compass
4. Rain gear
5. Extra clothing  
(it is a good idea to always have a wool hat)
6. Matches
7. Knife
8. Flashlight
9. Extra food, water
10. The tenth essential.  
You decide what is the most important thing to bring!

**3pm, Memphis, Tennessee:** Auction Street Bridge Boat Ramp, Memphis, Tennessee. Meet at 1pm at the public boat ramp under the Auction Street bridge, just north of the Pyramid. The closest major intersection is North Front Street. Join members of the Chickasaw Group and the Sierra Club Water Sentinels as we pick up trash and litter and make Wolf River Harbor look better. Trash bags and gloves will be provided. Participants are advised to wear sturdy shoes that they do not mind getting muddy and clothing appropriate to the weather conditions. For more information, contact James Baker at (901) 826-2448.

**TELEVISION PROGRAM:** Monday - 1:30pm, Tuesday - 4:00pm, Wednesday - 11:30am, Wednesday - 11:00pm, Thursday - 7:00am. WPYL-Channel 18 - "The Nature of Conservation" is the Sierra Club's Chickasaw Group TV Program hosted by Judith Rutschman. The April show is an interview with Steven Sondheim - Chickasaw Group Conservation Chair and Keith Kirkland - Executive Director of the Wolf River Conservancy. They will discuss the values of greenways and what they mean for Memphis. A different program is aired, usually each month, with the program repeating every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday throughout the month. If any groups or individuals in the community have a special problem or concern, or would like to see a program on a special issue or subject, please contact Judith Rutschman at (901) 767-5916.

**Earthfest 2006 at Lichterman Nature Center - Saturday, April 22, 2006 - 10am to 2pm, Memphis, Tennessee:** Join members of the Sierra Club at our booth as we celebrate Earth Day. Contact Joe Kyle at (901) 761-9118 or Julian Prewitt at (901) 752-5691 to volunteer.

**Pinson Mounds Tour. Pinson Mounds State Archeological site, near Jackson Tennessee - Saturday, April 29, 2006 - 9:00am - 12:00noon:** Tour of the Pinson Mounds and trails and swamp board walk on the South Fork of the Forked Deer River with State archeologist. Easy, one strenuous climb which may be avoided. In addition, there will be an option of exploring Harris Creek with the Jackson, TN based group - Friends of Harris Creek, and examining the threats to that watershed. For more information, contact Judith Hammond at (901) 276-2819.

## CHEROKEE GROUP (Chattanooga)

For information on upcoming outings, contact Chris O'Connor at [chris\\_o77@yahoo.com](mailto:chris_o77@yahoo.com) or visit our web site at <http://www.tennessee.sierraclub.org/cherokee/index.htm>.

## Attention Students: BE A FORCE FOR CHANGE

Every year, the Sierra Student Coalition runs a series of week-long summer programs for environmentally minded high school and college students. While there, you will meet people who share a common love for the environment and new ideas for how to make things better. The programs combine rustic settings and outdoor activities with intense training on how to plan and run environmental campaigns, communicate effectively and build campus environmental groups. Guest speakers provide new insights into the problems facing our planet and how all of us can get involved to solve them. Many past participants have gone on to lead their student environmental groups and Sierra Club Chapters to new levels of organizing and effectiveness. Get more information at [www.ssc.org](http://www.ssc.org) or by calling 1-888-JOIN-SSC

### 2006 Student Summer Training Program dates and locations:

June 19-25 North Carolina • June 26-July 2: Minnesota • July 17-23: Washington • July 24-30: Environmental Justice, near Los Angeles, CA  
August 14-20 Pennsylvania • Puerto Rico: Dates TBA: (Native Spanish-speakers only, please)

## Memoriam

# Charles A. (Charlie) Rond IV

Contributed by James H. Baker

On February 11, 2006, the Chickasaw Group lost its immediate past three-term Chair and first web-master. The Tennessee Chapter lost a man who served in many ways. We all lost a friend. He was preceded in death by his father, Chancellor Charles A. Rond, III. His mother, Olivia H. Rond of Memphis, and his sister, Charlotte Rooke (Chris), also of Memphis, survive him.

Charlie was born on December 19, 1939. He graduated from East High School in Memphis. He attended the University of the South at Sewanee and Southwestern College (currently Rhodes) in Memphis where he majored in psychology. His careers ranged from journalism at United Press International (covering the assassination of Martin Luther King), to surgical assistant at Baptist Hospital. He also worked in public relations at the University of Tennessee, Memphis, and held managerial positions at both Outdoors, Inc and Computer Lab in Memphis.

Prior to becoming a Sierra Club member in 1976, Charlie worked with other Memphis groups that were instrumental in stopping the construction of Interstate-40 through Overton Park. He was a strong advocate of building coalition of various environmental and related groups to build a stronger chorus to champion the environment to its opponents, and to the public, rather than the separate voices of individual organizations. He knew well the meaning of "united we stand – divided we fall." In the 1980's, Charlie co-chaired a statewide conference, with the President of the West Tennessee Sportsman's Association, aimed at bringing sportsmen - hunters and fishermen - together with environmentalists to work on issues of wildlife, threats to wildlife habitat and similar joint issues.

Charlie always had an interest in the outdoors. Over the years his interests turned from hunting, skiing, rock climbing, backpacking and kayaking to fly fishing, hiking and canoeing. He concentrated on fly-fishing, mostly for trout in the tail waters of the dams in neighboring Arkansas but also for warm water game fish species in Tennessee and Mississippi. He was a member of the Mid-South Fly Fishers and the Federation of Fly Fishers and enjoyed hiking with his friends and colleagues.

He was as generous in death as he was in life. He provided the gift of life through organ donation. He will be missed by all of us.



**Charles A. Rond IV on the trail at Cedars of Lebanon State Park.  
Photo by: Clark A. Buchner**

# Last Hike with Charlie Rond

Contributed by Clark A. Buchner

On a gloomy, rain-filled weekend this past January, a small window opened up on Saturday morning where one could take a short hike without becoming drenched and miserable. In all the winter weekends I have spent by the Group Lodge fireplace at Cedars of Lebanon State Park, there have not been many where I felt the urge to go hiking. It is usually wet and unpleasant or so cold that it bites your nose off. This time, it was different for some reason, and I got up feeling that a hike in the woods would be an invigorating thing to do.

The Middle Tennessee Group had provided us with Tammy Day from Murfreesboro, an excellent outing leader, who showed up at the lodge ready to go promptly at nine o'clock. I was a bit surprised to see that Charlie Rond and I were the only ones that were dressed in layers and geared up to join the hike. Tammy took her car and drove us across the park to the two-mile loop trail, which was a pleasant surprise, as I had no idea that there were such well-developed and interesting trails in the park. In past Tennessee Chapter meetings at this park, I had gone cross country with Arthur Smith through some scrubby cedar glades, winding up on asphalt back roads, and I generally found that the hiking areas were so poorly defined, that it was better to go to Long Hunter or even drive into Nashville and hike at Radnor Lake. Tammy knew exactly what the Cedars had to offer and took us to the right place.

The temperature was in the low 50's and the sky was overcast. The suggestion that we were just on the edge of a downpour stayed with us the entire hike, and a light misting every now and then reminded us that any minute we could easily be soaked. To be in the woods away from shelter on the edge of a storm is always interesting. One ear is constantly tuned for the sound of distant thunder. In many ways, this was a pretty ordinary morning; the sky remained overcast, without hint of the sun breaking through, yet the day had a beauty of its own. The trail was damp and wet leaves covered the ground. Most of the leaves were gone from the trees except for a few rusty brown oaks that were a nice understory contrast to the starkly dominant gray trunks and the native junipers. To my delight, linear outcroppings of moss-covered rock began to appear and the path wove in and out through the middle of them. There was enough elevation change to give a nice flowing quality to the trail. Sinkholes were everywhere in this geography of karst formations and native limestone. Charlie climbed down in one sinkhole that looked like a cave entrance and posed with his hiking stick in hand to give a human scale to the digital image I was framing.



**Charlie puts a human scale to one of the many sinkholes at Cedars.  
Photo by: Clark A. Buchner**

Charlie Rond and I had done many hikes together, and had planned even more. Often the hikes were canceled, as he could not always predict whether his body would be up for the occasion. The conversations we had while hiking were one of the things that I treasured about my relationship with Charlie. Topics covered everything under the sun, from emerging technology, national and local politics, earthquake predictions, relationships with women and how we could improve Sierra Club communications. On this hike, the conversation went more to Tammy, and she told us of being an exchange student in South Africa, about living in Germany and the interesting places she had lived and worked. The two of us were just pleased to be walking in the woods on a winters day, being led through interesting terrain by a highly intelligent and attractive young woman that could easily walk circles around the two of us. The hike was long enough to have us break into light sweat. There was something about that morning that was good and sweet. It felt right to me, and Charlie and I remarked to each other what a good thing it was to do. It was perhaps the last hike that Charlie made. I feel very grateful that I could be there with him to take that last walk in the woods.

**4th Annual****Wilderness First Aid Training**

**May 6th & 7th, 2006**  
**Fall Creek Falls**

What is included: Training by highly qualified instructors, mid-morning snacks, lunch, mid-afternoon snacks

Not included: Breakfast, dinner, lodging, Sierra membership

Lodging: We plan to camp in the state park. Make your own arrangements.

Cost: \$140, non-refundable (we commit to Landmark, you commit to Sierra)

Payment due: April 10th

Enrollment: Complete form and send with check to Katherine Pendleton

Other:

1 – Membership in Sierra is required. You can join on line at <https://ww2.sierraclub.org/membership/> or Katherine can send you a membership form. Introductory memberships are \$25

2 – Participant must have health insurance coverage

3 – Participant must sign Sierra liability waiver

4 – Participant must sign SOLO/Landmark Learning liability waiver

Questions: Contact Katherine Pendleton at 615/943-6877 evenings or email at [katibug1959@aol.com](mailto:katibug1959@aol.com)

Note: This course is not for Wilderness First Responder recertification

Value: Wilderness first aid classes of this caliber often cost at least twice this amount. Sierra's goal in providing this training is to help insure the safe enjoyment of the great outdoors, and we price this course accordingly for our members.

Membership: We require membership in return for the value pricing offered. By becoming a member, you will receive both the Chapter (state of Tennessee) newsletter and the national Sierra Club publication, Sierra Magazine. Each of these publications will help to keep you aware of challenges to great outdoors and suggest actions that you can take to preserve the things about nature that we value.

Course: WFA - 16 hours / 2-yr certification. Originally called Backcountry First Aid, this course was the first wilderness medical training to be taught anywhere in the world. WFA covers the basics and the most common traumatic, medical, and environmental issues that occur in the backcountry.

**Join us at the fourth annual Sierra sponsored wilderness first aid training (WFA) the weekend of May 6th and 7th at Fall Creek Falls State Park.**

Landmark Learning, LLC, a long term partner with SOLO (Stonehearth Open Learning Opportunity) will perform the training again this year. This educational weekend features top notch training in an outdoor setting by field experienced instructors. Here are some comments from previous participants:

*"Essential skills for anyone going into the backcountry" -- E. Plakaus*

*"An excellent course-very informative-very knowledgeable, creative instructors: a must for all trip leaders or anyone who hikes outside organized trips" -- M. McClendon*

**takeACTION**

**4th Annual First Aid Wilderness Training**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Previous First Aid Training: \_\_\_\_\_

**A non-refundable payment of \$140 is due by April 10th**

\* to participate in this training you must be a Sierra Club member

\* introductory Sierra Club memberships are \$25

o go to <https://ww2.sierraclub.org/membership/> to join on line

o please send me a membership form \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE - breakfast, dinner, lodging/camping, and Sierra membership are not included in the course fee of \$140

I am seeking recertification of a previous SOLO WFA certification. YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_

\* Note-this is not a recertification class for Wilderness First Responders

I am interested in information on the following

\* camping with the other training participants YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_

\* buffet dinner at the park lodge YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_

If you answered yes to either of the above, information will be emailed to you by April 20th.

I am an omnivore \_\_\_\_\_ a vegetarian \_\_\_\_\_

Please send check to: Katherine Pendleton  
 105 Catamaran Court  
 Nashville, TN 37217



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**Volunteer Opportunity!**

To help the Middle Tennessee Group, to help our senior and disabled recyclers, to have fun and to meet other Sierrans, please consider volunteering at our recycling site at the Elysian Fields Kroger in Nashville. The site is open Saturday mornings from 9:00 to 12:00. You will have at least one other person working with you, and you can choose to volunteer only when it is convenient for you, whether that is just one time, monthly, quarterly, or every few months. Please call Recycling Coordinator David Bordenkircher at 333-3377 (H) or 741-1597, or e-mail him at [dabordenkircher@mindspring.com](mailto:dabordenkircher@mindspring.com).

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