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ABOVE: Project for Public Spaces stated: “[Beale Street Landing] seems to be a design that nobody will want and—worse—nobody will use.” The project was designed by architects from Argentina and includes pods that will, at times, be under the River. Artwork submitted by Sue Williams.

BELOW: River Explorer, one of the three passenger boats that tour the Mississippi River, docked at Mud Island with the “Duck” in harbor in front of it. The Duck heads for the Cobblestone landing. Passengers get a tour of Mud Island’s River Museum. This company does not wish to use the proposed Beale St. Landing dock. Photo by Sue Williams.

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Dear Tennessee Sierra Club Members,

It is with great sadness that I convey the news of the death of Dick Mochow. Dick was a long time Sierra Club member active in the Chickasaw Group and TN Chapter. He most recently served our chapter as Membership Chair and Co-Compliance Officer. Dick had recently been appointed to the National Environmental Justice Committee. He was a past Chapter Chair, GCC Delegate, Casual Delegate, GIS Coordinator, Agriculture Chair, and Training Coordinator. The Sierra Club and TN Chapter has lost a stalwart environmental champion as well as a dear friend. Dick will be missed and not forgotten.

Cherokee Group and State of Franklin Group are having re-organizational meetings this month. I will be facilitating those meetings and presenting the documentary film “The Future of Food.” Cherokee Group’s meeting will be held Wednesday, July 25th from 6:30-9:00 p.m. at the Chattanooga-Hamilton Co. Bicentennial Mall in Chattanooga, TN. State of Franklin Group’s meeting will be held on Monday, July 30th from 6:30-9:00 p.m. at the Holston Valley Unitarian Universalist Church in Gray, TN.

These are very important meetings and I strongly encourage all members in these groups to make an effort to attend and support re-organizational efforts in these groups. We need everyone’s help in fighting environmental issues. For additional information regarding these meetings please contact me at 615-943-6877.

The Watauga Group will be hosting me during their monthly program meeting on July 10th for a showing of “The Future of Food.” I look forward to meeting Watauga Group members and enjoying their hospitality. For additional information regarding this meeting please contact Watauga Group Chair Gloria Griffith at 423-727-2532.

I want to thank those of you who have made March Window and PAC contributions. We aren’t out of the woods yet regarding fundraising efforts and desperately need everyone’s support. If you haven’t yet made a contribution to either chapter fund, please take a moment right now to make out your check to either TN Chapter Sierra Club or TN Chapter Sierra Club PAC and mail to Tennessee Chapter Sierra Club, P.O. Box 29036, Nashville, TN 37229. I personally just put my PAC contribution in the mail for $50.

June 1-3, 2007, a Wilderness First Aid Course was sponsored by the TN Chapter at Fall Creek Falls State Park during which 18 participants were certified. I want to personally thank Gary Bowers, Webb Griffith, Judith Hammond, Dave Mitchell, and Diane Perschbacher for their assistance in making this a successful training event. The next WFA training event sponsored by the TN Chapter will be held June 6-8, 2008 at Fall Creek Falls State Park. Please make plans to attend or help with the training team.

There will be a Red Cross First Aid training held during the Summer Chapter Meeting on Saturday, August 4, 2007 from 8:30 AM-12:30 PM. The cost of the training will be $15/person. The training will be conducted by Sierra Club member Dave Mitchell from Chickasaw Group. Please pre-register with Judith Hammond, Chapter Outings Chair at judihammond@bellsouth.net.

During the program on Saturday night during the Summer Chapter Meeting, Judith Hammond will present a slide show of photos taken on outings. Please send your favorite outings photo to Katherine Pendleton@sierraclub.org or mail it to P.O. Box 29036, Nashville, TN 37229 by August 1, 2007.

Katherine Pendleton
Chair, Sierra Club Tennessee Chapter

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**Tennes-Sierran**

**The monthly newsletter of the Tennessee Chapter of the Sierra Club.**

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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

FOR DIRECTORS FOR THE 2008 SIERRA CLUB ELECTION

It is once again that time of year when the Nominating Committee begins its annual quest for Club members who would make excellent candidates for the Board of Directors. We are asking for your help in identifying potential candidates. I have attached below the Nominating Committee’s Call for Nominations.

With the adoption by the Board of Directors of a Club wide Diversity Statement, the Nominating Committee is strongly committed to the implementation of this policy and seeks to promote the tenets of the Statement through the nominating process. We particularly support the message that there is a great need within the Club to build and integrate diversity into the structure, budget, workforce, business practices, program strategies, membership, conservation initiatives, and basic culture of the Club.

The Nominating Committee is also especially cognizant that there are probably many dedicated Club members who are not active within the Club but who have a demonstrated outside leadership experience and the ability to step into a governance role of a 70 million dollar organization. We would especially like to encourage these members to consider nomination.

Please read the announcement and pass it along to other Club leaders in your Chapters, Groups, or committees. Then take a moment and consider who you might know that meets the qualifications for a Board member and pass along the announcement to them.

Thank you.
Katherine Pendleton
Nominating Committee

PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED
QUESTIONNAIRE BY JULY 15, 2007,
to Jeri Andrews (Email: jeriandrew@aol.com)

The Nominating Committee is seeking Sierra Club leaders to run for the Board of Directors in the 2008 National Sierra Club Election. In support of the Sierra Club diversity statement, the committee seeks a diverse pool of candidates, that is inclusive of geography, ethnicity, urban and rural interests. We encourage interested Club members to apply.

The Board of Directors, comprised of 15 elected volun-
teers, has the legal responsibility and authority to oversee all staff and volunteer activities of the Sierra Club, to establish the Club’s conservation priorities, and internal policies, and to develop and implement a multi-million dollar budget. The Sierra Club’s current budget is over $70 million and includes a staff of over 300.

The ideal candidate is an experienced, effective leader who has a proven capacity to work with a diverse group of members, organizations and communities to resolve problems and achieve goals. All candidates are required to have been Sierra Club members continuously for one year prior to the close of nominations on January 9, 2008.

The Nominating Committee seeks members interested in serving as a Director who are:

• dedicated to the purposes and goals of the Sierra Club
• able and willing to accept the legal and fiduciary responsibilities of a Director
• able and willing to dedicate sufficient personal time to Board duties
• able to think and plan strategically and politically
• aware of critical environmental issues
• knowledgeable about the structure and operations of the Club
• able and willing to deal with the broad range of issues that come before the Board

The Sierra Club Board is a working board. All members are expected to devote sufficient time and energy to the tasks at hand. All Directors are expected to:

• prepare for and attend five or more Board meetings each year
• participate in conference calls
• communicate regularly via e-mail
• participate in other meetings on behalf of the Board or the Club
• actively serve on one or more of the Club’s Governance Committees, including regular attendance at meetings and conference calls

Each Director is elected for a term of three years. A Director may serve an unlimited number of terms, providing that a minimum one-year absence from the Board occurs after any two consecutive full three-year terms. Board members receive reimbursement for travel and lodging, and can claim a per diem of $50 during Board meetings and while on Club business.

The Nominating Committee will contact potential candi-
dates, and will send a questionnaire to those who request one. After reviewing returned questionnaires, the Nominating Committee will select applicants for interviews. To be considered for an interview, candidates must return completed questionnaires to the Nominating Committee by July 15, 2007. The Nominating Committee will announce its candidates at the November 2007 Board meeting. In addition to the nomination process, the Sierra Club allows candidates to qualify for the ballot by a petition process, as specified in the bylaws and standing rules.

The candidate questionnaire is also available on the Clubhouse section of the Sierra Club website (http://clubhouse.sierraclub.org/go/committees/bod/candidate_questionnaire.doc) or you may contact any member of the Nominating Committee for a copy of the candidate questionnaire. [Parks will verify with Gene C. that this address is correct then transmit to Gene C.]

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Not everyone can make a large gift to protect the environment during their lifetime, but you can preserve the environment for generations to come by remembering Sierra Club in your will.

There are many gift options available. We can even help you plan a gift for your local Chapter.

Preserve the Future
Sustainable design was the topic of the Chickasaw Group’s program meeting on May 23. Jim Lutz, Professor of Architecture at the University of Memphis, presented one of his department’s exciting new green projects. The University of Memphis architecture department has a Center for Sustainable Design. Two local residents, with the help of the Center, are building a TERRA house in the Uptown neighborhood of Memphis. TERRA stands for Technologically and Environmentally Responsive Residential Architecture. Groundbreaking is set for June 12. The new home will be built to the U. S. Green Building Council’s LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) standard. LEED homes use less energy and water than conventionally constructed homes.

The use of daylight will be maximized in the house. Artificial lighting will come from energy-efficient LED fixtures and compact fluorescents. All appliances and the air conditioning and heating system will be ENERGY STAR rated. There will be a greywater recovery system in all bathrooms. The house will make use of high-efficiency toilets, showerheads, and lavatory faucets. There will be superinsulated windows. These are only some of the differences and heating system will be Energy Star rated. There will be a greywater recovery system in all bathrooms. The house will make use of high-efficiency toilets, showerheads, and lavatory faucets. There will be superinsulated windows. These are only some of the differences in the TERRA house and conventional construction.

The ground around the house has not been ignored, either. All of the landscaping will be drought-tolerant. Without a traditional lawn, there will be only a minimal need for watering. Smart tree planting will shade the house for energy-efficiency. There is even a plan for erosion control of the site during the construction phase.

Dr. Lutz and the owners hope that the TERRA house will become one of many environmentally sensitive homes in Memphis.
A Tour of the Greater Memphis Greenline

Some Chickasaw Group Sierrans took an auto tour of the proposed Greater Memphis Greenline on Saturday, June 2. Thad Howard organized and led the informative tour. Following the old and unused CSX rail line, the Greater Memphis Greenline promises to link diverse Memphis neighborhoods, while giving Memphians new recreational opportunities.

Thad stopped at many of the streets where they cross the projected Greenline and visualized parking spaces, benches, rest rooms, and lush greenery. What now looks like an overgrown wasteland may become a beautiful natural resource. Memphians might one day shed their excess pounds in one of America’s foremost linear parks.

The proposed 13 mile multi-use urban park/trail would begin at the intersection of Poplar/Walnut Grove/Union and run through Midtown Memphis out into the suburbs near Houston Levee Road. Property values are expected to rise on both sides of the Greenline. Businesses will flourish near the trail, and the additional trees will absorb carbon dioxide from the atmosphere.

TVA Modifies Its Strategic Plan

The Tennessee Valley Authority has made changes to its long-range strategic plan in response to citizen input. Chickasaw Group members attended a public hearing held by TVA at the Bridges building in Memphis on May 1. The meeting was one of nine held in various locations throughout TVA’s service area.

The plan was revised in response to suggestions from hundreds of TVA customers. Chickasaw Group members at the Memphis meeting expressed concern that TVA’s draft plan made little mention of environmental concerns. The revised plan gives greater emphasis to energy efficiency and conservation. It is well known that energy efficiency alone is the most abundant source of “new” energy.

TVA’s revised plan de-emphasizes new plant construction in favor of efficiencies in generating energy. TVA will strive to become a leader in energy-efficiency improvements and peak (power) reduction in five years. The new plan does even more to promote energy efficiency and “three-way partnerships (between) TVA, distributors and end-use consumers.”

New plant construction has not been eliminated entirely from TVA’s plan, however. While they hope to retire some older coal plants, much importance is still attached to new nuclear capacity. Chickasaw Group members will remain vigilant in monitoring TVA’s actions.

MORE CHICKASAW GROUP NEWS

State of Franklin Group
Re-organizational Meeting

Monday, July 30, 2007
6:30-9:00 PM
Holston Valley Unitarian Universalist Church
136 Jobe Road, Gray, Tennessee

The meeting will feature a showing of the film “The Future of Food”
TN Chapter Chair Katherine Pendleton will be attending this meeting.

For additional information contact Kathbug1959@aol.com
For directions call 423-477-7661

REFRESHMENTS SERVED
All current and potential members are encouraged to attend!

Cherokee Group
Re-organizational Meeting

Wednesday, July 25, 2007
6:30-9:00 PM
Chattanooga
Hamilton County Bicentennial Library

Featuring a showing of the film "The Future of Food"

For additional information contact Katherine.pendleton@sierraclub.org
For directions call 423-757-5029
All current and potential members are encouraged to attend!

Sierra Club Radio – Coming to an iPod Near You

Did you know the Sierra Club has a weekly radio show? Hosted by Orli Cotel, Sierra Club Radio broadcasts for a half hour every Saturday at 3:30 pm on the Quake (960 am) in San Francisco.

But of course, it’s 2007, and you can listen to the show anytime from anywhere, on your computer, your iPod, maybe even your phone.

Highlights of a recent show included an interview with author Bill McKibben on his walk across Vermont to draw attention to global warming, tips on green house-cleaning, commentary of Bush’s State of the Union speech from the Club’s Executive Director Carl Pope, and the impacts of tourism on Antarctica.

And that’s just one show -- there’s a new one every week, and they’re all available to download and listen at www.sierraclub.org/radio/.
**Outings**

**CHICKASAW GROUP (Memphis)**

Wednesday, July 4: 12 noon to 6 p.m. Chickasaw Group 4th of July Picnic with Bluff City Canoe Club. Meetman- Shelfly Forest State Park picnic shelter # 5 at Poplar Tree Lake. Free admission to the park. Chickasaw Group will provide drinks and burgers. Bring a dish to share. We plan to eat around 2:00 p.m. For more information: Juliet Jones, (901) 374-0782, or juliet101@comcast.net

Saturday-Sunday, August 4-5: Sierra Club Quarterly Meeting, – Dubose Conference Center, Monticello, TN. Cool off a little on the mountain and enjoy sleeping in the new cabin facilities. Camping is also available, and there is a small motel on site. Dubose will be preparing all our meals. But the Chickasaw Group will be responsible for refreshments, as the Group will be the host at this meeting. MARK your calendars. Our Group needs to be well represented; we will need hikers co-leaders, refreshments, coffee prep, Saturday night entertainment/program. There will be a Saturday morning hike on the Ferris Gizzard Trail, and we will return in time for the quarterly meeting. Other events in the works! Contact Tom Lawrence at (901) 237-4819 or bus@thecave.com

**TELEVISION PROGRAM: WPYL - Channel 18, Memphis, Tennessee:** The Nature of Conservation is the Sierra Club’s Chickasaw Group TV Program on cable channel 18. For the complete “Nature of Conservation” schedule on cable channel 18, please visit http://www.memphiscitylibrary.org/shelbyctv/ch18schedule.htm. 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 Randsman at (901) 767-5916 or rutschman@rhodes.edu.

**HARVEY BROOME GROUP (Knoxville)**

All HBG outings may be accessed at this website: http://www.tennessee.sierragroup.org/broome/

July 7-8: Beginner Backpack, destination to be determined. This will be a short-distance easy-to-rate moderate hike catering to new backpackers. Preregister with Ron Shrieves: phone 922-3518; email ronaldshrieves@comcast.net.

July 28-30: Backpack, Dolly Sods (West VA): Dolly Sods is a 52,000-acre wilderness in northeastern West Virginia, with a minimal amount of private land to the north that is open to the public. It is known for sphagnum bogs, spectacularly scenic open meadows, heath barrens and scattered spruce forest that are characteristic of areas much farther north. The HBG has visited the area several times over the years (most recently in 2004) and we will do a three-day, two-night backpack through the best of Dolly Sods over a three-day weekend; you’ll need to take Monday off. The reason for going on a non-three-day-holiday-weekend is that the wild blueberries should be at their peak. Since the drive is about 7.5 hours, we will leave Knoxville Friday night and spend the night a motel north of Roanoke. Driving distance approximately 450 miles each way. Rated Moderate. Preregister with Will Skelton: H 523-2272; Cell 742-7327; wwhosayedbellisouth.net.

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.

**MIDDLE TENNESSEE GROUP (Nashville)**

Saturday, July 14: Dayhike at Rutherford County Barfield Crescent Park: Haven’t had a chance to check out one of Rutherford County’s best community parks! Join us for a morning 4.5 mile easy -moderate wooded hike that skirts by the Stones River, a civil war encampment and shows some of Tennessee’s typical geology. Barfield is just south of Murfreesboro, off of Hwy 231. For exact time and to register, contact Diane Pancher at Diane@Pancher.com or 615-895-1286.

Monday, July 23: 6:30-8:30 p.m. – Outings Leader Training 101: Would you like to become an outings leader? Want to see if being an outings leader is a way you’d like to participate in the Sierra Club? Why not come and join us for a fun interactive training complete with pizza and beer! Outings Leader training is designed to teach outings leaders how to design and lead outings in accordance with Sierra Club regulations. The course is a requirement to become a certified outings leader. This course is also offered on-line; however, many people enjoy learning new material in an interactive setting. For additional information and to register please contact MTG Outings Chair, Katherine Pendleton at 615-943-6877 or Katherine.pendleton@sierraclub.org.

**CHEROKEE GROUP (Chattanooga)**

For information on upcoming outings, contact Chris O’Connor at chris_07@yahoo.com or visit our web site at http://www.tennessee.sierragroup.org/cherokee/index.html.

10 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
6. Matches
7. Knife
8. Flashlight
9. Extra food, water
10. The tenth essential. You decide what is the most important thing to bring!
MIDDLE TENNESSEE GROUP  
(Nashville)

PROGRAM MEETING: Thursday, July 12, 7:00 p.m. at Radnor Lake Visitor Center, 1160 Otter Creek Road, Nashville. Parks are our refuge when the business of the world gets to be too much, but how are our parks doing here in Tennessee? Charlie Tate, our program speaker will tell you just that when he speaks about the opportunities and challenges of resource management in Tennessee’s state parks. And, there are definitely some challenges! He will discuss the 70 year history of these great vistas of nature with beautiful examples in photos. Charlie holds a BS degree in education and M5 in education from Tennessee Tech and University of Memphis. He began working with the park system in 1973 with the interpretative program and has held his present position of director since 2003. Light snacks will be served, and the public is invited. For more information, call Martha Wilson at 376-2535

STRATEGY MEETING: Tuesday, July 23 at 6:30 p.m. in the old St. Bernard’s Academy Building, 2021 21st Avenue South, 4th floor. Conservation and legislative issues are first on the agenda. All members are invited to attend this conservation and administrative meeting to get the news on what’s happening in our Middle Tennessee Group. 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 Perschbacher at 615-895-1236 or email Diane@Propson.com. For additions to the administrative agenda or for more information regarding the meetings, send a message to Rachel Ford at rfly557@bellsouth.net or call 792-2590.

HARVEY BROOME GROUP  
(Knoxville)

PROGRAM MEETING: Tuesday, July 10, 7-30pm, at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Church, 2931 Kingston Pike, Knoxville. We urge all Harvey Broome Group members to join us as we discuss and plan strategies for issues of concern to the group. These meetings provide you an opportunity for input into issues of concern to you. Please join us! For more information contact Axel Range at 805-397-1840.

CHAPEL HILL GROUP  
(North Carolina)

PROGRAM MEETING: Every second Tuesday at 7 p.m. Please contact Gloria Griffith, (910)479@earth- link.net, (423) 727-479} for more information

CHICKASAW GROUP  
(Memphis)

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PROGRAM MEETING: Thursday, July 26, 7-30pm, at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Church, 2391 Kingston Pike. George Minnigh presents “Challenges to Managing Backcountry use in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.” A central question he will address is how to manage backcountry use for the enjoyment of our generation and still leave the park unimpaired for future generations. George currently serves as backcountry manager for the park, where has worked for 29 years. He previously served as supervisory park ranger for the Cataloochee, Big Creek, Cosby and Greenbrier areas. Prior to his GSMNP employment, he worked for the Metropolitan Nashville City Parks and then as a Tennessee State Park Ranger. All welcome. For information call John Fuger (865) 573-5908.

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WATAUGA GROUP

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UPPER CUMBERLAND GROUP  
(Cookeville)

PROGRAM MEETING: The fourth Thursday at 7:00 p.m. (four times a year at a minimum) in the lower level meeting room of the Putnam County Public Library. Please contact Peggy Evans for meeting details at maevans@wlakes.net or (931)432-6680.

CHEROKEE GROUP

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OUTINGS CHAIR

and

PROGRAM CHAIR

If interested please contact Peggy Evans, UCG Chair at 931-432-6680 or maevans@twlakes.net

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