

HEARTLINE

No. 2 Heartland Chapter, Florida Trail Association Apr. – Jun., 2009

FROM THE CHAIR:

Greetings, everyone,

This is being written one week after the chapter meeting held on March 7th and I must tell you that I am still elated at the turnout, 28 in all. There were even three new people in attendance; one being my brother from Baltimore and it was good to have him in town. The others were Natalie Linder and Jim Johnson. I hope you continue to come out and be a part of our great chapter. Seeing 28 people at a meeting is a wonderful sight and a sure sign that we are growing in size and in friendships. I hope this is a continuation of us getting stronger and with more members everyone's job will be made a little easier. Please continue to spread the word about who we are and what we are all about.

As we have discussed before, elections are on May 2 and I hope that everyone who can attend the meeting will do so. This will allow more members to nominate and elect someone as our chairman and for everyone to get to know him or her. This is critical to the ongoing success that has been established by our past chairpersons and myself. I will remain as Vice Chair to ensure that whoever steps in will be supported to the fullest and I look forward to someone who has new ideas and a desire to see us grow. This chapter is blessed with a number of talented people and I see only good down the road. We are always faced with challenges in our lives and in some ways they make us look deeper within ourselves and bring out parts of us we never knew we had, so let each of us make a challenge to ourselves to consider doing more, either as a board member or a trail worker, it's what I did four years ago and there is not one regret. Being your chairman and getting to know everyone in our chapter and leading you all has been a memorable and personally challenging experience.

Andrew Quagliana,
Chapter Chairman



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ACTIVITIES: (If you have trouble reaching the contact person listed in the activity description, please contact Maureen Jones. If you can't reach her, please contact Andrew Quagliana. Contact information for both is listed above.)

April 18, 2009 – Sat.

Little Manatee River State Park

Located five miles south of Sun City, off U.S. 301 at 215 Lightfoot Rd., Wimauma, FL

Day Hike, possibly with Suncoast Chapter members

Public/Leisure

Contact: Bob Yost at 863-644-5448 or Bobalinks2@aol.com

April 25, 2009 – Sat.

Weedon Island Preserve

Located: 1800 Weedon Island Drive NE, St Petersburg, FL

Kayaking

Public/Leisure

Contact: Teresa Newgent (813) 882-9558 or newgt@msn.com

May 2, 2009 – Sat.

IMC/Agrico Peace River Park or Mosaic Peace River Park

Location: 2200 CR 640 (Homeland-Garfield Road) Bartow, FL

Chapter Meeting, election of chapter officers, hike and for potluck lunch, bring a dish to share as follows: last names beginning with A – H bring a main dish, I - Q bring a dessert, R – Z bring a salad.

Public/Leisure

Contact: Andrew Quagliana at 727-542-5396 or modelbuilder12000@yahoo.com

Activities, Continued

May 9, 2009 – Sat.

Tenoroc Fish Management Area, Lakeland, FL

Full Moon Hike

Meet at gate for potluck dinner at Picnic Lake, then hike. For dinner, bring a dish to share as follows: last names beginning with A – H bring dessert, I – Q bring a salad, and R – Z bring a main dish.

Public/Leisure

Contact Monika Hoerl at 863-858-3106

May 9 & 10, 2009 – Sat. & Sun.

Green Swamp East, Lakeland, FL

Overnight backpack hiking

Public/Moderate

Contact Bob Yost at 863-644-5448 or Bobalinks2@aol.com

May 16 & 17, 2009 – Sat. & Sun.

Avon Park Bombing Range, Avon Park, FL

Family Hiking/Primitive Camping Weekend

Public/Leisure

Contact: Bob Hummel, Phone: 863-471-1814

May 30, 2009 - Sat.

Ft. Desoto County Park

Kayaking (Rentals Available)

Meet at the kayak rental area.

Public/Leisure

Contact: Teresa Newgent (813) 882-9558 or newgt@msn.com

June 6, 2009 – Sat.

Circle B Bar Reserve - Lakeland Area

Entrance south side of SR 540 (Winter Lake Road) between US 98 and Thornhill Road

Celebrate National Trails Day

Trail hike and Nature Center Tour

Public/Leisure

Contact: Andrew Quagliana at 727-542-5396 or modelbuilder12000@yahoo.com

June 13, 2009 – Sat.

Kelly Park at Rock Springs Run

Tubing (tube rental available)

Public/Leisure

Carpool from Bob Evans at US Hwy 27 and I-4

Contact: Eileen Valachovic at 863-956-2145 or eileenvalachovic@verizon.net

Activities, Continued

June 20, 2009 – Sat.

Highlands Hammock, Sebring

Hiking and bicycling

Public/Leisure

Meet for car pool at Mac Donald's on US Hwy 27 just North of Route 60 or at Highlands Hammock Country Store

Contact: Andrew Quagliana at 727-542-5396 or modelbuilder12000@yahoo.com

June 27, 2009 – Sat.

Circle B Bar Reserve - Lakeland Area

Entrance south side of SR 540 (Winter Lake Road) between US 98 and Thornhill Road

Meet in Nature Center Parking Lot

(July) Chapter Meeting in June because the 1st Sat. in July is Independence Day

Hike, meeting and for potluck lunch, bring a dish to share as follows: last names beginning with A – H bring a salad, I – Q bring a main dish, and R – Z bring a dessert.

Speaker

Public/Leisure

Contact Andrew Quagliana at 727-542-5396 or modelbuilder12000@yahoo.com

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!!

The officers and current members of the Heartland Chapter of the Florida Trail Association are pleased to welcome the following new members, who are listed in alphabetical order by last name(s):

Gail Allen, Lake Alfred

William Ellmore, Auburndale

Marti & Steve Franklin, Winter Haven

Clark Godwin, Bartow

Kirsten Hite, Polk City

Riley Jones, Winter Haven

James Mathey, Lakeland

Rosedale & Juan Rodriguez, Lakeland

Patricia & Kenneth Watts, Winter Haven

All members are appreciated and we thank you for your membership.

SAVE THE DATE

May 25, 2010

The Heartland Chapter is going international! Monika Hoerl is going to plan a 2-week hiking vacation in Bavaria, Germany. It will be limited to 10 people. We will hike in the Alps on moderate and strenuous trails. We will travel by train to Munich, Salzburg, and into the mountains, and possibly do a bike tour. Monika will check out the trails while she is in Germany this summer. Estimated cost for the trip will be \$1800 plus airfare and a 15% deposit will be required in the fall of 2009. If interested contact Monika at 863-858-3106.

JULY 2009 MOUNTAIN CAMPING TRIP

We are returning to Appletree Group Camp in the Nantahala National Forest near Andrews, NC. This is a favorite of the Heartland Chapter, and we will be in Camp Site D, which is in a private, quiet corner of the campground. There is a large shelter with several picnic tables, nearby flush toilets, and hot showers.

Nearby trails include the Appalachian Trail, the Bartram Trail, and the trail system in the campground. Some trails in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park are also easily accessible, and we will visit the area near Fontana Dam.

We plan to meet at Appletree Group Camp on Saturday July 11, 2009, and will depart camp on Saturday July 18, 2009.

Each camper will donate \$35 to the food kitty, and then we'll split into groups of 2 or 3, and be responsible for cooking dinner for the group one evening during the week. Money should be into Monika Hoerl by June 15 and no later than July 1, 2009. Nancy will then be sending more detailed info to those folks who will camping, including directions, supplies to bring, lock combination to enter camp, etc.

The camping fee for the week is \$350 divided by the number of campers attending. If there are only 10 of us, expect to pay \$35 per person for the week. If there are 20 of us, then the amount would drop to \$17.50 per person for the week. As they say, the more the merrier!

For more information please contact Nancy Needs at Nanspath@aol.com, or call her at 828 696-0732.

Looking forward to seeing you at camp!!

FOR SALE

16-Foot Canoe

Red, 2 seats

**Fresh gelcoat,
inside & outside**

\$500

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