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## From The President

Past, Present and Future

By Lee Asbury

It seems at times that the newsletter comes out every week instead of every quarter. No matter. There is always plenty to write about. Elsewhere in this edition some of the agencies and companies we have worked with have expressed their opinions and attitudes about the work we do.

CORA, its officers, directors, members and other supporters can justly be proud of the part we have played in helping create a huge multiple use outdoor recreation area on Royal Blue WMA, Champion's Cumberland Forest and Huber Corporation's Tackett Creek area. CORA director Jack Etheridge has made a preliminary contact with Coal Creek Mining and Manufacturing Company owner of another huge tract of mountain land and we will pursue an effort to get that area formally opened for public recreation under TWRA's supervision. That area would be a welcome addition.

As long as we and other members of the public conduct ourselves properly, respect the rights of landowners to make lawful uses of their property and help preserve and protect the land, the future of land-based outdoor recreation in our part of Tennessee looks bright.

If there are any problem areas of significance they center around conflicts between special interest groups. The guiding principles of CORA is multiple use tempered by the need to protect the land and the plants and animals on the land. All user groups must also recognize

and respect the rights and enjoyment of other user groups, and must accept and abide by whatever reasonable regulations are adopted.

Anyone purporting to speak for CORA must abide by this principle or make it clear that they are speaking for themselves.

The subject of vehicle noise regulation is presently being discussed. There are some points that need to be made perfectly clear. (1) Whatever vehicle noise limitation is adopted will be applied to all vehicles. I have a feeling that many of us may be surprised at the noise levels generated by our own vehicles. (2) Whatever testing technique is adopted will be universally applied. (3) Once fair and reasonable standards have been adopted and the public has been given adequate notice, users should see to it that their vehicles are in compliance or expect to be ticketed.

Discussions about vehicle noise levels are ongoing among CORA, TWRA, and various vehicle and ATV user groups. We have recently enlisted Dr. Sam Burchfield, a recognized noise expert at the University of Tennessee, who has very graciously agreed to act as a consultant to all groups. I am confident that all interested parties, being people of good will and common sense can, with Dr. Burchfield's help, agree on a noise level that permits reasonable vehicle use without significant damage to the quiet enjoyment of the area.

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# **Tackett Creek Public Hunting Area**

Article submitted by Dale Weizenecker of Resource Management Service

Campbell and Claiborne county outdoorsmen will soon have access to a new public hunting and recreational area thanks to the cooperation of the J.M. Huber Corporation, according to the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA). The TWRA and Huber recently signed an agreement that would open more than 40,000 acres near Tackett Creek to public hunting and recreational ATV use.

Bob Ripley, manager of Region IV for TWRA in Talbott, says one of the big problems with public hunting in Tennessee is access. "When timber companies make their land available to the average hunter, it's a win-win situation for hunters and the companies. The wildlife is enhanced, the hunting is improved by sound timber management...It also provides a deterrent to poaching, which makes more wildlife available to the legal hunter in season."

Information about the ATV use in the Tackett Creek Public Hunting Area will be communicated through the TWRA and the Campbell Outdoor Recreation Association (CORA), says Dale Weizenecker, a professional forester with Resource Management Service, Inc., the company that oversees the timberland management for Huber.

"We know that ATV use is an important recreational benefit of this property and we want to see it continued in a safe and responsible manner," says Weizenecker. "We have been impressed with CORA as an organization and the leadership it takes on recreational issues in the community. We're counting on our good relationship with CORA to help us communicate about any ATV issues that arise."

The new public hunting area will be open for the 1997-1998 season.

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As long as CORA can provide a forum where well intentioned men and women meet, discuss problems of mutual concern, seek reasonable solutions and respect the land and each other, there will be a place for us because there will always be problems to solve, as we try to respect and hang onto the better things of the past while using the technologies of the present. This challenge has been with us for a long time and I am proud of the part CORA has played. We need to keep up the good work.

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# Looking Back!

by Bob Ripley, Region IV Manager TWRA

Royal Blue Wildlife Management Area was officially proclaimed by the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Commission on August 28, 1991. A lot has transpired since then.

It does us good to "look back" from time to time. In doing this, I think we get a better feel for what has been accomplished. It also helps to remind us what remains to be done or what can be done if we work together toward a common goal.

Prior to inception of Campbell Outdoor Recreation Association (CORA), the prospects for land based outdoor recreation for Campbell countians and their surrounding neighbors did not look very bright.

From 1977 to 1985, Koppers Company provided a free lease of 52,000 acres of their land to Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA) for public hunting. When World Wide Purchasing, Inc., bought the property they canceled the lease. Due to economic demands on the company, they felt compelled to seek a minimum income for use of their land comparable to their annual real estate taxes. The money needed to lease this land, approximately \$50,000, appeared to be an insurmountable hurdle to keeping this land open for public use. CORA raised this money for five years, and in the process served as the lobbying force to convince Tennessee government officials to buy this area to insure that it will always be available for the public to use.

Today, TWRA holds title to 48,181.80 acres that comprise Royal Blue Wildlife Management Area. With an accomplishment like this you might think that CORA would have been tempted to "rest on their laurels" or "fade into the sunset," but this certainly has not happened.

As word of the "new" Royal Blue Wildlife Management Area spread and as people learned about the multiple use concept in place that allowed liberal access for All Terrain Vehicles (ATVs), public use increased markedly. CORA members and leadership recognized early, that there was a need for more land managed for multiple use near Royal Blue Wildlife Management Area.

When Champion International
Corporation came to Campbell County to
purchase land and locate a chip mill for
their paper production, they needed a
mechanism to communicate with the
historic users of their land. CORA volunteered to help the company with this
need and the proven track record
between TWRA and CORA convinced
Champion to make 80,000 acres of their
land available as a Public Hunting Area
(PHA).

Tackett Creek Public Hunting Area, which is 51,000 areas in Campbell and Claiborne Counties, will be available to sportsmen this fall. Again CORA stepped up and acted as "facilitators" to get the company, H.M. Huber, historic users of the property and TWRA around the same table to insure that this popular tract of land remains open for public hunting.

Look around you, where else in the country can you see 180,000 acres of land that has been preserved as open space for public hunting and recreation. All across the country, lands are being closed to hunters or leased out to a select few. The efforts of CORA, company officials, state officials, elected officials, TWRA and the historic users of these mountain lands can become a model for opening lands and reversing this nationwide trend to "post" every acre.

Have we won? Are we there yet? In my opinion, our test case has just started. With access to these lands goes the responsibility to use them carefully. Champion and Huber officials will be watching us. Are we complying with the rules? Are we considerate of weather conditions and what are machines are doing to company roads before we ride? Are we careful with our warming fires? Are we considerate of other users? Do we hunt right up against or through active logging operations?

TWRA is plowing "new ground" with the multiple use concept in place on Royal Blue Management Area. For turkey hunters and dirt bikers to co-exist on the same property, on the same day, takes some understanding and patience. We have come a "fur piece" in ten years, but we are not "there" yet. The spirit of cooperation that has opened up 180,000 acres for public use will have to continue and expand if this effort succeeds. It will take the combined efforts of all these multiple users if this experiment works.

## **CORA Minutes**

#### **MARCH 4. 1997 MEETING MINUTES**

The Board meeting commenced at 7:15 pm at the Campbell County Court House, Jacksboro, TN

Invocation by Don (building superintendent).

Board roll call. Absent: Robert Burden, Tom Conner, Hubert Rollen and Charles Vincent.

Excused Absence: Harry Burden, Perry Vinsant and Jim Shetterly.

February Minutes and Treasury reports for the General Fund and Newsletter were read by Terry Lewis and approved as read. A Motion was made and passed to pay all outstanding payables from the General Fund.

The Secretary read the minutes taken at a Special Meeting with: Champion Paper, Huber Corp Consultants from Resource Management Services, TWRA and CORA representatives. The theme of the meeting was: how the HUBER property might fit into the programs presently under development for the CHAMPION PAPER & TWRA ROYAL BLUE WMA property. A discussion and comment period followed.

Board member Leonard Hooks, visited some of the people in and around the HUBER property. His visit was to ask and possibly address any concerns they might have regarding the changes under consideration for the area. Their greatest concern, said Hooks, is the closing of the roads and access to some of the property. The permit program was explained and appeared to be acceptable, according to Hooks.

President Asbury assured everyone that he would pursue their acceptance and address their concerns with a personal visit into the area with HUBER personnel.

A suggestion by Hooks, that we request some property for a Rifle Range and a Picnic Area was taken under advisement.

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Newsletter:** Once again, a request was made for additional articles. Ernie Lester accepted the responsibility to collect any outstanding receivables.

No additional reports were provided by committee chairmen.

Asbury openly discussed the last "Steering Committee" meeting held at the Holiday Inn. The meeting was attended by: Special Interest groups, "Off Road Vehicle" personnel, TWRA, CHAMPION PAPER and CORA host personnel.

Most of the conversation and discussions centered around the ATV, ORV, Motorcycle and Dune Buggy type vehicles, especially the ones which "go fast."

A very brief overview of some of the ideas now under consideration and/or advisement:

- · ATV's will be permitted.
- Rules and Regulations will be established and implemented by TWRA
- Positively, no racing or competition of any kind involving speed or timing.
- Reasonable controls over the properties will be established and administered.
- · Permits, funding, etc.
- The compatibility and interrelationship of the user groups.
- · Environmental Impact concerns.
- How to spend the Symms Act funds and the liability assumed by the user.
- Isolated areas for specific uses.
- Enforcement: methods, implementation and penalties.

It's generally agreed, since TWRA, CHAMPION & CORA decided to get together and make this work, all are much more closely aligned and well pleased with the way things are going.

Jack Ethridge commented that there may be another 72 acre tract available and asked for the most current CHAMPION/TWRA program for presentation to the owner.

President Asbury announced that he extended an invitation to Ms Allison Braedon, Special Assistant to the Governor regarding Recreation, facilities and programs, to meet with him and a delegation. They will bring her up to date on what we are doing in this area, and ask for any assistance she may be able to offer...Ms Braedon accepted the invitation.

Lee also commented, that he has received a number of calls from all over the state, requesting information on what ATV programs are in place and/or planned, in this area.

Apparently, said Lee, the word is getting out that things are finally beginning to happen here in East Tennessee. This is an especially good reason for us to get these programs as right and proper as we can. What we do now may be the model programs for future recreational areas throughout the state....let's make sure that we will be able to look back and be proud of CORA's contribution.

In closing, Lee commented that he's been contacted by the NORRIS/WATTS BAR fishing research group. It appears that they have decided to place more emphasis on Norris Lake. They requested his assistance in coordinating the distribution of research information to the interested groups.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm. Respectfully submitted by Frank LaGreca, Secretary

### **CORA MINUTES OF APRIL 1, 1997**

The Board meeting commenced at 7:10 pm at the Campbell County Court House, Jacksboro, TN

Invocation by Jim Shetterly.

Board roll call. Absent: Tom Conner, Perry Vinsant, Mike McAfee, Don Shelton

Excused Absence: Charles Vincent.

March Minutes and Treasury reports
for the General Fund and Newsletter
were approved as read. A Newsletter
shortfall was noted and examined by the
Board. It was unanimously agreed to
make it up with funds from the General
Fund. Co-Editor Terry Lewis once again,
made everyone aware of what it cost to
print and mail each Newsletter. He said,
"If everyone sold just one ad, there
would be enough to cover the cost of a
Quarterly Newsletter."

#### **Committee Reports:**

Roads and Trails: Ted Fields reported that all those which he had traveled were in pretty good shape. No other serious complaints or comments were expressed or noted.

No additional reports were provided by committee chairmen.

It was announced that April 30, 1997 would be the last day to submit to the

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Commission, any requests for changes in our WMA land or game laws.

- · Ginseng regulations were discussed.
- Vehicle regulations should and would be discussed for Royal Blue.

Some additional recommendations for Royal Blue are:

- Signage for roads will be posted.
   Decisions to open or close roads will be made and posted as they become available.
- · Post all regulations.
- Horses and bicycles are restricted to existing trails.
- During the gun deer season, persons using the property MUST wear 500 square inches of blaze orange.
- TDR stickers will be mandatory and enforced.
- OUT-OF-STATE users must obtain a daily permit.
- Reckless operation and speed must be reported to the authorities.
- Noise limit will be 93 Decibels.
   Monitoring devices will be carried by TWRA officers.
- Spark arresters must be attached to all vehicle mufflers.
- Cost of the permit, if any, will be delayed until 1998.

President Asbury commented that the newly appointed Wildlife Commissioner, John Smolko, and TWRA Director, Gary Meyers toured the RB area via plane and ATV. Both were impressed.

Other comments:

Trees should be color coded (open, closed). Lee again requested that CORA be notified of the closing and opening of all roads.

Ted Fields expressed concern regarding our state law which forbids hunting turkey all day. Wants to see the ½ day law changed.

Terry Lewis asked if CORA had any influence in getting any game and fish laws changed. Asbury suggested we do it as a group and present it to the Commission next year.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm. Respectfully submitted by Frank LaGreca

#### **CORA MINUTES OF MAY 6, 1997**

The Board meeting commenced at 7:15 pm at the Campbell County Court House, Jacksboro, TN

Invocation by Jim Shetterly.

Board roll call. Absent: Tom Conner, Ernie Lester, Don Shelton & Charles Vincent.

April Minutes & Treasury reports for the General Fund and Newsletter were approved as read.

The Newsletter short fall, as reported by Treasurer Terry Lewis, was noted and examined by the Board. It was unanimously approved to make it up with funds from the General Fund.

Hubert Rollen asked that we consider contributing to the FOOTHILLS LAND CONSERVANCY for the purpose of purchasing additional property in Blount County. The property is adjacent to the property previously purchased, which CORA also contributed. A motion was made and passed to contribute \$337.00 which will purchase (1) acre of property. President Asbury suggested that the records show that, should the purchase of the property fall through the money is to be refunded.

#### Committee Reports:

Membership: Chairman Robert Burden reported (1) new member. Harry Burden reported his obtaining (4) new members.

No additional reports.

In the presence of TWRA personnel, an in-depth discussion regarding "control" recommendations of THE ROYAL BLUE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA were addressed as follows:

#### 1. Should the property be open to hunters only during the deer season?

There was concern regarding inhibiting the multi use aspect of the property during the gun season. Area Manager, Stan Stooksbury commented that his experiences indicated that ATV'ers, horseback riders and hikers didn't particularly want to be in the woods during gun season. Asbury asked if he had received any complaints last year regarding the noise generated by ATV'ers. Stan said yes, with half being legitimate. Those using the roads were no problem, it was those cutting through the woods, whether hunters or riders cutting their own trails, were creating the legitimate complaints.

It was finally concluded that, during the muzzle-loader and gun season, "others" using the property must have 500 square inches of blaze orange during daylight hours.

#### 2. Road designation regarding their being open or closed. How can they best be made recognizable and bullet proof?

TWRA's Ron Saunders explained that their experience using unmarked roads as being open and roads marked closed are forbidden, has worked well on other WMA's.

Saunders agreed with Terry Lewis that the map earlier presented to TWRA showing opened and closed roads would be a good place to start.

President Asbury suggested that as changes are needed, they should be made by mutual agreement and with available manpower.

Both Asbury and Stooksbury agreed that in order to prosecute and make it stick, the roads needed a distinguishable marking and recognizable as to its condition.

It was generally agreed that painted trees would be the least costly and most timely method.

Saunders said he would like to implement the program by July for it to be effective for the coming season.

A motion was then made by Bill Bruce & seconded by Terry Lewis that the following proposal be forwarded to the commission:

"As decisions are made and manpower is available, that a designation be made which is recognized that the road is open or closed."

#### 3. Noise Level.

Ron Saunders suggested that we maintain the 93 db level on all vehicles used on the ROYAL BLUE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA. A motion was made and carried.

Saunders commented that permits for ROYAL BLUE will be formulated and presented to the 1998 Legislature.

Board member Jack Ethridge asked why the need for a TDR (Tennessee Department of Revenue) sticker on ROYAL BLUE & SOUTH FORK and not state-wide?

Area manager Stan Stooksbury commented that it was because it was a multi-use area. Lee Asbury added, it was also done to discourage out of state users.

The Clairfield meeting was briefly discussed. Those who attended agreed that it went well. The local citizens went

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away with a better understanding of what was going on and where HUBER Corporation stood with public use of their property.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm. Respectfully submitted by Frank LaGreca.

#### **CORA MINUTES OF JUNE 6, 1997**

The Board meeting commenced at 7:30 pm at the Campbell County Court House, Jacksboro, TN

Invocation by Jim Shetterly.

Board roll call. Absent: Tom Conner,
Ernie Lester & Mike McAfee.

Excused Absence: Lee Asbury, Perry Vinsant & Fred Walker.

May Minutes & Treasury reports for the General Fund and Newsletter, were approved as read.

#### Committee Reports: Newsletter:

Terry Lewis expressed his concern regarding the exhausting of prepaid funds to fund the Newsletter.

The situation was fully addressed by the Board with the following conclusion:

Motion passed to contact Newsletter advertising and collections Chairman, Ernie Lester.

Frank LaGreca will make contact to determine whether Ernie is still interested in the position and report back to the Board at the next meeting.

Terry listed all present accounts and their status. Delinquent accounts were targeted for a personal visit by Board volunteers. The volunteers chose their accounts and agreed to make contact and report back at the next meeting, or through Ernie Lester, should he decide to continue.

#### Roads and Trails:

Terry Lewis stated that some 400 volunteers from the TENNESSEE VALLEY FOUR WHEELERS organization were going to do some major work on ROYAL BLUE.

Water bars were first on the list and sign posting was also a priority. This was announced by Greg Griffith, manager of JIM'S OFF ROAD dealership. Greg agreed to provide CORA with a list of all (GPS) recorded roads.

There was some confusion or misunderstanding regarding the distribution of the \$75,000 available for such work. Greg was under the impression that it would be made available to rent the equipment needed to do the job. However, it was concluded that the work must first be done, then invoiced for payment. He asked that CORA get involved to help insure that the funds are there and available.

#### **New Business:**

All were reminded that their 1997 CORA membership expires on July 31, 1997.

Board Chairman, Harry Burden, announced that the annual election will take place at the July meeting. He also requested that everyone make an attempt to contact as many members as possible and ask that they attend the meeting.

He also read the monthly roll call report for the year, of all the elected Officers and Board members. After a lengthy discussion regarding the number of times a Board member can be absent and continue as a Board member, the following motion was passed:

When a Board member is absent three successive times without notice, he will be called and his situation discussed. Should he continue his absentee schedule for the 4th time, he will be replaced.

It was generally concluded that anyone wishing to be a Board member knows his responsibility and will respond accordingly. Basically, don't accept the position if you are unable to attend the meetings and serve the duties required of the position.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm. Respectfully submitted by Frank LaGreca.

# **Regulation Bans Entry**

by Bob Hodge, News-Sentinel outdoors editor

Wildlife on the Eastern State Wildlife Management Area has been getting a little too wild and the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency wants to stop it.

A new regulation prohibits entry or presence on certain WMAs—including Eastern State—between sunset and sunrise, and the use of alcoholic beverages is prohibited except in designated camping areas.

It's not deer and raccoons that have gotten out of hand, but teenagers and others who are using the WMA as an out-of-the-way rendezyous.

Chuck Swan has operated under a similar regulation for several years. Other WMAs that have been added to the list are Catoosa near Crossville, Cheatham near Ashland City, Laurel Hill near Lawrenceburg, Pea Ridge in Dekalb County and Prentice Cooper in Marion County.

WMAs also can be deemed off limits when fire hazards exists, when weather conditions likely would lead to increased damage to area roads, or when TWRA or other agencies are conducting special projects. During these times WMAs would be posted by the area managers.

"The rule has been successful when applied at the Chuck Swan WMA during the past several years," said Greg Wathen, assistant chief of the TWRA's Wildlife Division. "We have seen an increase in a range of activities on these other WMAs during summer months."

### TURKEY SIGHTINGS NEEDED:

TWRA is encouraging anyone who observes wild turkeys between now and September to report their sightings to the nearest regional office.

The agency needs to know the date the turkeys were seen, the number of hens without poults, the number of poults, the number of gobblers, the county, and whether the sighting was on private land, public land or a publichunting area.

TWRA uses the information to assess turkey reproduction. The information is used to manage the turkey population and to set hunting seasons.

In Region IV send the information to: TWRA, 6032 West Andrew Johnson Hwy., Talbott, TN 37877.

## **Trails Update**

by Greg Griffith, SFWDA & Atomic City 4-Wheelers

The state of Tennessee has designated Royal Blue WMA as the first off Highway vehicle (OHV) area...So, as we all know this means that the area will be a true multiple use area. I represent Southern Four Wheel Drive Association (SFWDA). We are 19 dubs from throughout the Southeast with 650 families represented. We have worked with several different areas in different states with great success. Our premier area is the Tellico OHV area in North Carolina. This area is very heavily used. Although we have done extensive work in these areas it is all Federal land, not state owned, so a lot of this planning is different to me.

The two main clubs that will be working in the area are Tennessee Valley 4-Wheelers, a well established club that has worked in the past on the area with the TWRA on cleanup days; and the other club is Atomic City 4-Wheelers, a club that is only two years old. They are made up of families who have been involved with SFWDA for the past ten years as individual members and have done a lot of maintenance with the Tellico area.

I have been involved with SFWDA for ten years. I have been in charge of the Tellico area for the last six years. We average around \$50,000.00 in matching funds work each year in just the Tellico area. I stay in close contact with Stan Stooksbury with the TWRA and Terry Lewis from CORA. NOTE: Both have been very helpful and patient with this

planning process. Terry has helped me more than you can imagine. Any questions about the area will be handled by Benny Parks from the Tennessee Valley 4-Wheelers. They will be doing most of the work after I get the planning completed.

What we are looking to do with the moneys appropriated for the area is this: To take the trail network that is already in the Royal Blue WMA and develop a marked and mapped trail system for all trail users. The map we are using to pull information from was supplied by Terry Lewis at CORA, it was agreed to by CORA and TWRA. We will mark the trails both with signs and with paint on the trees, so it will be easy for you to know if a trail is open or closed. All outlawed and unauthorized trails will be closed.

All trails will be improved by seat of the pants' operations. These guys are all operators that we have used in the past. I have already taken the state biologist through most of the area and she told me which areas she has concerns about. These areas will be fixed first and will take a lot of time and money. When I first started the planning for the area I though we would have a hard time spending the money that was appropriated, but boy was I wrong...Machine rental, insurance, time and materials, haul bills, etc .... It will be no problem spending the money. SFWDA does not make any money from the work performed. SFWDA will try to match

Labor dollars back to what the Government has sent to the area. This should amount to a total of \$150,000.000 dollars in the next year.

I hope this will answer any questions about the area. I am not a good writer and do not pretend that I am, but I wanted CORA to know how and what is going on now. There will not be any changes other than positive ones to the area. I talk to Terry Lewis frequently and together we should be able to answer any additional questions you might have.

I would like to thank CORA, TWRA and the great state of Tennessee for the opportunity to do this project. We are looking forward to a positive impact for the project for all the parties involved. I will let CORA know how the project progresses in the coming months. See yain the woods.

Happy Trails.

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# CORA & TWRA Help Champion International Accomplish Objective

by John Flynn, Timber & Forestry Operational Manager, Champion International

Forest managers have the responsibility for managing a variety of values located in the forest beyond timber. These include: wildlife and fish habitat, clean water, aesthetics, and many forms of recreation. Recreation and enjoyment of the open space provided by the forest can be enjoyed in many ways: hunting, fishing, hiking, biking, and the use of Off-Road Vehicles, just to mention a few.

CORA and TWRA have played a significant role in assisting Champion foresters to understand the traditional uses of the Cumberland Forest, and the values placed on it by many people today. Champion was very fortunate to have the assistance of Judge Lee Asbury and Terry Lewis of CORA, along with Bob Ripley and Stan Stooksbury of TWRA, to

help understand some of the local expectations with regard to the future of recreation on the property. These individuals helped get the Champion land in Scott, Campbell, and Anderson County enrolled as a designated Public Hunting Area

Champion has a good working relationship with both CORA and TWRA. Many of the same issues and challenges that will need to be addressed on the Royal Blue Wildlife Management Area, will be the same on the Cumberland Forest. It is important that we continue to work together to see that those values that the public place the highest priority on, are identified and incorporated in our management plans to the best of our ability. Champion looks forward to

having the continued help of CORA and TWRA to accomplish this goal.

C.O.R.A. Meeting
August 5, 1997
7:00 P.M.
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See You There!