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CAMPBELL OUTDOOR RECREATION ASSOCIATION

## **From The President**

T.W.R.A. - C.O.R.A. Getting in Synch

By Lee Asbury

Recent meetings and discussions indicate progress in the "Road Closing" controversy.

All parties agree that wildlife food plots are beneficial and that everyone should do all they can to provide more food and cover for game.

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All parties now agree that access to and through the property is essential.

Everyone agrees that an outdoor recreation area, providing year round recreational. opportunity with as little interference with access as is reasonably possible is a novel concept that will require some rethinking of old ideas and a great deal of cooperation among the many user groups enjoying the property.

Here are some ideas to kick around regarding Royal Blue:

How can C.O.R.A. help in improving wildlife habitat?

What is the best road and trail plan to permit adequate access?

What is the most feasible way to regulate use of the property so as to prevent overrunning and overuse. What kind of setup do we need to insure adequate communication between T.W.R.A. - C.O.R.A. - other interested groups to facilitate planning and eliminate misunderstanding?

What can C.O.R.A. do to live up to its charter mandate of working for the common good?

I believe a new era of communication and cooperation may be at hand. How well we handle it may make a huge difference in the way outdoor recreation areas are managed in the future.

We need to think about these things, come to the meetings, express our ideas, take part in discussions and make an honest effort to support programs that are in everyone's best interest.

C.O.R.A. has lots of work left to do. Be ready to do your share.

# Working to Improve the Future Cumberland Forest

by Ad Platt

Timber and Forestry Operations Manager Champion International Corporation

What are the opportunities for CORA and Champion to work together? What are your views of public access and recreation? How will Champion plan to manage the property they recently acquired from Tennessee Mining? What will Champion's expansion mean to the economy and the environment of Campbell County?

It was my pleasure to attend the November meeting of the CORA board in Jacksboro, where I had the opportunity to meet some of the CORA leaders, renew some friendships, and to answer some of the questions CORA members had about Champion.

This July, Champion announced that they had purchased some 85,000 acres of forestland in Campbell, Scott, Anderson, Fentress and Overton Counties from Tennessee Mining, Inc. This property

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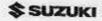






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## The October Ride

by Ernie Lester

The trip started at the Kountry Kitchen in downtown Oliver Springs. After everyone had eaten a big breakfast and each read the rules of the trip we left and went to the head of Jackson Trail. We unloaded and made a list of riders so we would have a head count at the end of the trip. The ride started at about 8 AM. We headed up Jackson Trail to the top of Winrock Mountain where we went Northeast through various trails around by the old cemetery to Hwy 116 where we rode over the road and up the other side to the mountains. This trail

was rough and some of the riders were inexperienced so some started falling behind. Since there were about 70 people and 58 bikes the pack string out for about a mile from front to the back of the pack. The speed at the front was about 15 to 20 miles per hour but we would stop and wait on everyone about every mile or so. We had 2 radios, one at the front of the pack and the other at the rear. Also, I was marking the trail with spray paint at each turn. The trees and the other sights were real pretty and the temperature was great. Not a cloud in the sky. The people that didn't make the trip missed a beautiful ride because

everything was just right. At about 4:30 I pulled in at the Hog Roast. The food was ready and so was I and everyone with me. The last of the riders pulled in between 4:30 and 6:30. That evening those who missed out on the food fixed by CORA went to Perkins for a good meal. Later Saturday night Jack took a group up to a place called Eagle Road to look at the pretty lights of Caryville. Then about 10 a bluegrass band started playing. Later Jack taught everyone how to do the watermelon crawl. If you know Jack, you know this was a real trick.

The next morning we got up and 38 people on 32 bikes went to Perkins Restaurant and had a real good breakfast. Breakfast was paid for by Jim Conner of Twin Cove Marine, because out of 58 bikes that started the ride 20 rode Polaris bikes. Jim sells Polaris, so he bought breakfast for everyone that was riding a Polaris. The manager of Perkins waited on us personally and made everyone feel right at home. I would recommend everyone hunting or riding in that area eat at Perkins. It is good food and 4 wheelers are welcomed quests. Be sure to drive responsible when pulling in the parking lot.

After breakfast we went to the Marathon Service Station to fill up with gas and cokes and other things needed for the trip back to Oliver Springs. We left and went to Turkey Nine up to the top of Red Oak at Three Poles, then out the ridge above Caryville to the gravel road down to Round Rock then across a creek and up the mountain to Briceville.

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brings Champion's investment in Tennessee forests to more than 245,000 acres. Champion's history in Tennessee dates back almost a century, but many of our first acres ended up as the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

It is our intention that this land become a valuable part of the local economy by providing good-paying jobs (75-100) and contributing more than \$12 million annually in payroll, contract services and timber purchases. At the same time, we are committed to improving the quality of this forest through the use of modern forest practices that will support wildlife habitats and protect water and soil quality. We will be able to use the low-grade timber, which has historically been wasted, for our pulp and paper operations. Higher grade trees suitable for lumber will be sold to locallyowned sawmills for use in building materials and lumber, as they always have.

Our foresters will be using the same practices on this land that earned Champion the '1993 Forest Conservationist of the Year Award form the Tennessee Conservation League. This award was in recognition of the way we manage our other forestlands across the state. We will require all operations on our land to follow Best Management Practices, and will encourage our neighbors to do likewise.

We also hope to allow the public access to this property for hunting and other recreational activities through a cooperative agreement with the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency. Most of our other Tennessee lands are already open to the public. No decisions have been made about whether to charge a user fee, or how much, but most responsible sportsmen seem to agree that a reasonable fee would be okay if the money was used to improve the property. "Champion says they will leave this property better than they found it, and it seems only fair that everyone else enjoying this property should do the same" said one hunter recently.

Those who know this property have typically called it the "Koppers" lands, and at one time Koppers was the largest producer of hardwood lumber in the United States. In those days, Champion's Cumberland Forest and the Royal Blue Wildlife Management Area was all one property. Past uses, and abuses, of this land have left us with some major challenges. Over a century of mining, quarrying, and logging activities have been conducted with more attention paid to profit than to sustainability. These forests have traditionally been harvested by high-grading, basically taking the best and leaving the rest, on a ten-year interval.

Champion will manage this renewable forest in an environmentally responsible way. "Renewable" means that we are continually growing more trees to replace the ones we harvest. When we talk about sustainability, we mean managing our forests to meet the present needs without compromising our future supplies. As responsible stewards of the land, we take an integrated approach: we grow, nurture, and harvest trees, while at the same time conserving or enhancing soil, air and water quality, along with wildlife and fish habitat.

This forest is primarily mixed hardwood, and we will manage the property to keep it that way. Thinnings, oak shelterwood, and selection (to improve a stand) are all appropriate harvest techniques when used properly.

Clearcutting is used to regenerate degraded or burned stands, as the best known method to start a healthy and vigorous forest over. Any of these techniques are best used moderately and spaced widely, with attention paid to the overall forest system.

People are very much part of the environment, and we are interested in keeping this working forest open to responsible recreational activities. CORA is recognized as a group that provides leadership and initiative in promoting outdoor recreational activities. We have a history of working with groups such as Quail Unlimited, Wild Turkey Federation. Ruffed Grouse Society, to name a few, and have found that we can get much more accomplished by working with partners who have similar goals than we can alone. Not all the things that result from having land wide open and without rules are good, and we are seeking cooperators who can accomplish what they want while helping us improve the land and eliminating the environmental problems.

We look forward to future meetings with CORA.

# **Opening Morning**

by Brent A. Harrison

I'll never forget the night before opening morning of squirrel season, twisting and turning in bed waiting for the alarm clock to go off. Eventually the alarm sounded and dad would tell me to hurry, there would be light enough to see before long. We headed out the ridge on foot in the late August morning wearing T-shirts with flannel shirts thrown on to ward off the early morning chill. If we were fortunate it had rained the night before to wet the leaves on the ground and the trees. Not only would this dampen our footsteps, but would signal the movement of squirrels in the treetops from a great distance away.

We each had our favorite stand of woods to go to out on the ridge; Dad at the bottom of the second field and me below the buckeye tree. Each of these areas held a good stand of hickories along with beeches, which the squirrels always cut early in the season. Bushytails cutting on hickories made a loud gnawing or chiseling sound, while the sound of squirrels feeding on beeches was like the steady pitter patter of rain falling on the leaves below.

As usual, Dad would always harvest the first squirrel of the season, his shot echoing along the ridgetop. Both of us stayed in the woods until the jarflies became so loud that the squirrels could no longer be heard above their racket.

We would later meet at a predetermined spot on top of the ridge to begin the long walk home. For our efforts that morning we would be rewarded with a steaming plate of fried squirrel at supper.

> C.O.R.A. Meeting Sept 6, 1994, 7:00 p.m. Regular meetings are 1st Tuesday of each month

## **One For The Freezer**

by Terry Lewis

Dawn was just beginning with its pink light and I could barely make out the edge of the corn field from my stand in the small white oak. It was November 18 and the opening day of the gun season in southern Illinois. I was in this same tree last year and my confidence was running high. In my lap was my new Knight muzzleloader. This weapon will shoot 2 1/2" groups at 100 yards and with its black composite thumbhole stock it is a beautiful firearm. It was in this same stand last year that I shot the largest racked buck of my life. Although I shot the buck as it was moving some 80 to 90 vards out and the hit proved to be superficial and not life threatening to the huge buck.

As the dawn turned into full daylight the shots begin to ring out in the areas around my little patch of woods between the corn and bean fields. My brother-inlaw Don Dean was a couple of hundred vards to the south and several shots came from his direction. I was on full alert and as the minutes passed my eyes were glued to the south where the shots continued to sound. I thought he must be surrounded by a whole herd of deer as I counted 5 and then 6 shots. You know the feeling, I just knew that any moment a deer would be running my direction. But nothing moved. Then I began to feel that something was watching me, but where? Moving only my eyes I scanned the brush on both sides finding nothing, but still the feeling was there. So, doing my best impression of a barn owl, I slowly turned my head around to the north while trying desperately to hold my body still. You know the move. My heart was pounding in my head and my breath was short and ragged.

Then it hit me like a run away truck, that adrenaline rush I always get when a deer catches me by surprise. The spike buck was 25 yards away frozen broadside and locked up like a bird dog on point and staring holes clear through me. I was caught, flat footed and with my back turned, I began to appreciate the swivel boat seat mounted on the ladder stand just 12' up as it allowed me to slowly turn without much movement or

effort. Slowly, up came my big muzzle loader and everything began to come together as the scope settled on the buck. At that moment, it lost its nerve and it began to move into its flight mode. At that same instant the smoke boiled and the recoil was over but never felt. The buck ran to my left about 75 yards to the edge of the field and stopped, then looked back. My breath was really ragged now and my heart was beating so hard it's difficult to imagine, even after all of the deer I've harvested in my life time of hunting them.

Looking through the big
Simmons scope I could see the
buck clearly, not a scratch, no
blood not even a hair out of place.
Can you believe it, at 100 yards I
can drive tacks but at 25 yards I
couldn't hit a target as big as a
truck. Go figure that one. Well, to
be honest it's not the first time I've
missed. OK now what? Well only one
thing to do and that is to reload. The
buck was behind some brush looking
over its shoulder in my direction; obviously confused but not moving away.

As I began to reload, I could see the buck's ears moving like radar scanning the area. I pushed the saboted 44 cal. pistol bullet down the big frontloader behind 70 grains of powder, the metal rod clanking on the barrel sides. I wondered just how long my luck would hold out and the buck would stand there. Next came the primer and wouldn't you know it, the expired primer just would not come off the nipple and my frustration began to rise. Digging through all of the clothes and into my pocket, finally out came my pocket knife. Removing that primer cap seemed to take forever, but at last I installed the fresh cap. Would the buck come out of the brush and in the clear for another shot or would it just cut a trail out of the country in another direction was my big question. Many minutes passed and the deer just stood stone still scanning the brush for anything out of place. I couldn't take it any longer-I wanted another chance!



Terry Lewis bags deer with Knight muzzleloader

Out came my grunt tube and a couple of soft notes sent the buck exploding through the trees to my right and away from me. I have never had any luck getting deer to come to me with the grunt call. They always seem to run away. Up came the big frontloader and my instincts took over as things became a blur. The scope crosshairs found the moving buck, the smoke boiled and down went the buck like a runner sliding into second base.

At 5 minutes after 7:00 a.m. my hunt was over. As my heart rate returned to normal, I couldn't figure out how I could miss a stone still buck at 25 yards and then make a quick and clean hit on a running deer at 75 yards. It just doesn't add up. But then it has happened before and maybe at 42 I'm still not old enough to shake "old buck fever."

In the distance I saw my hunting partner Don, who had harvested his deer and was making his way over to my stand. My buck definitely wasn't the wall hanger I wanted, but the corn fed 85 lb. spike is one for the freezer and will make some mighty fine eating this winter.

## C.O.R.A. Minutes

#### Meeting minutes of Aug. 2, 1994

Meeting commenced at 7:15 PM at the Campbell County Court House, Jacksboro, TN. In attendance were: 20 members and 13 Board members.

Invocation by Jim Shetterly Board roll call: Absent...Gene Hinds, Ray Ivev.

Excused absence...Harry Burden, Robert Burden, Mike McAfee, Tom West. July 5, 1994 minutes were approved as read

Treasurers report by Terry Lewis for CORA and the NEWSLETTER, were approved as read.

President Asbury discussed, briefly, his most recent conversation with TWRA area Supervisor, Bob Ripley. Ripley commented that most management areas were under-going a tightening of policies rather than a loosening, which we are attempting to do on Royal Blue. Ripley's concern is the imbalance of users on the property with the least amount of restrictions, which of course, would be Royal Blue. He suggested; rather than allow this to happen to Royal Blue, we should broaden the crusade to cover other WMA's and attempt to more evenly divide the traffic. Since TWRA is holding their Staff meeting on Aug. 8th to discuss further the information and suggestions gathered at the meeting held at the Hatchery with CORA, we will have to wait for the results before we pursue broadening our interest, said

Lee asked member Ted Fields to comment on what he most recently saw regarding the installation of gates on the Royal Blue property. Ted reported that a number of gates were put up in prime hunting and riding areas but his biggest concern was where they were positioned. According to Ted and others having seen the gates, they are apparently installed long before getting to the area they are needed.

Lee asked that Ted and Hubert Rollen provide him with documentation showing exactly where they are located, so he can more easily address their possible relocation. Gates once again discussed at length and again, there was considerable concern and dissent among the ranks regarding TWRA's apparent disregard in

selecting the most reasonable location for their installation. Lee terminated the discussion. He said nothing could be done until Ted and Hubert gather the information he needs to properly address the problem.

At this point Lee introduced two guests, Jim Cooper and Tom Lamberson. Both Jim and Tom represent a group of East TN sportsman called, EAST TENN SPORTSMAN'S ASSOCIATION, Mr. Cooper said he has on file, a list of 4,000 names of sportsman interested in habitat, improvement of small and big game populations, and the restoration and enhancement of native fish to our area lakes and streams. He asked that CORA and/or individuals ioin the organization to help pursue these interests. Their primary concern, is to bring in professional (out of State) personnel to help identify TWRA's problems, and provide accurate appropriate corrective measures for resolution. "This organization fully intends to enter the legislative process to correct existing problems, and to ensure future safeguards are solidly in place to protect our wildlife resources."

Lee suggested the possibility of an umbrella group with their organization and Jim agreed, however, he said; "he would rather things be handled on a local basis with each group able to identify their individual problems." Lee asked that they stay after the meeting to further discuss their organization and ideas.

Meeting business was brought back to order and Bill Bruce suggested we have a Fall "cook-out." Since everyone thought it was a good idea, suggestions as to where and when proceeded.

The Coal Town Pavilion was suggested and Charles Vincent, an influential partner of the property, said it was no problem and an Oct. 15th date was approved. Tom Conner, our chairman and chief coordinator for all kinds of fun and games requiring food, said he would take care of all the details. It was agreed that we would start eating at 4 PM.

Terry Lewis announced that SPORTSMANS CHOICE was having an open house and wanted CORA to attend. Terry said he would make arrangements and call if help was needed to attend the booth.

The absence of Ray Wilson opened up the position of "ROADS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN." Jack Ethridge volunteered and was approved. He said he would also assist in determining where the gates are and where we should suggest they be.

It was announced that 70 new members were added to our roster and it was still growing.

A request and need for a good Royal Blue map was made but, in conclusion, there aren't any. Since surveying of the property is still going on and roads undecided, Lee and Tom Conner said they would attempt to put one together, as it is now.

Respectfully submitted, Frank LaGreca, Sec.

## Meeting Minutes of September 6,

Meeting commenced at 7:30 at the Campbell County Court House, Jacksboro, TN, with 11 members and 13 Board members attending.

Invocation by Tom West.

Board roll call: Absent...Lee Asbury, Gene Hinds.

Excused absence:...Tom Connor, Jim Rains.

August meeting minutes were approved as read.

Treasury report for CORA and the NEWSLETTER, by Terry Lewis, approved as read.

Letter to Stan Stooksbury regarding the possibility of relocating some of the gates blocking some large tracts of land was read to the membership. The offer the help relocate any designated gates was made...we are waiting for his reply.

Ted Fields gave a brief report on what he found with regard to gate placement and a discussion ensued. All agreed that there was no need to discuss gates any further, until we hear from Stan.

Terry Lewis explained all that was done on CORA's behalf, at Sportsman's Choices' Open House. A \$25 gift certificate, each, was won by Gary Boshear of Caryville and Andrew Mackley of Knoxville.

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100,000 participants. Fishing is even
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141 out of every 100,000 anglers report
injuries. You want to play football? You
may be among the 2,171 players out of
every 100,000 who get injured.

How about baseball? It's the second most hazardous recreational activity, according to the statistics. Out of every 100,000 baseball players, 2,089 report injuries.

What about fatalities? You're still safer walking through the woods with a gun than you are staying around the house. Fewer then one in every 100,000 hunters was killed in 1991, according to the statistic. Just over eight out of every 100,000 deaths are attributed to home accidents. Get in a car, and your odds of dying shoot upward, as the death rate is 18.6 per every 100,000 people.

You're more likely to die from poisoning, falls, fires or suffocation than from a stray bullet during the hunting season.

The above was taken from the "Hunter Education Instructor," a textbook for hunter safety instructors.

#### Interest Note...

Deer change their coats twice a year, trading light, comfortable, warm weather pelts for a heavy, insulated coat that offers them maximum protection from winter's cold.



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The annual "HOG ROAST" was discussed. It will be held at the Coal Town Pavilion on October 15th. Tickets and their cost will be discussed at the October meeting. Bill Bruce will contact the CAMPBELL COUNTY COON HUNT-ERS ASSOCIATION to discuss their participation in a "Bench Show and a Treeing contest." H. A. LaRue will hold the "ARCHERY" demonstration and public "SHOOT-OFF" some time in the afternoon.

A motion was made and passed to authorize Tom Conner to spend and do whatever necessary to put on the best hog roast ever...all members and guests are invited and urged to attend.

Hubert Rollen suggested that we get involved in projects...projects such as the kind which "QUAIL UNLIMITED" get involved or assist in. The suggestion was tabled for future discussion.

As Treasurer, Terry Lewis thanked everyone for the over-whelming response to our membership drive and reminded everyone to please continue their efforts...more is better.

Because of Tom Wests' involvement with the NEWSLETTER, he asked to be relieved from his Chairing the trash P/U committee. Members were asked to volunteer...the position still remains open.

With no further business to conduct. the meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Frank LaGreca, Secretary.

#### Meeting Minutes of October 4, 1994

Meeting commenced at 7:30 pm at the Campbell County Court House, Jacksboro, TN with 12 members and 10 Board members attending.

Invocation by Chairman Harry Burden Chairman Harry Burden instructed Treasurer Terry Lewis to act as temporary Secretary in the absence of Secretary Frank Lagreca

Board roll call: Absent: Gene Heins, Ray Ivey, Mike McAfee, Don Shelton, Charles Vincent, Fred Walker, and Tom West

Excused Absence: Tom Conner, Frank

September Meeting Minutes were approved as read.

Treasury report for CORA and the Newsletter was given by Treasurer Terry Lewis approved as read.

Old Business: Bill Bruce and Tom Conner are to order the food materials as required to produce the annual "Hog Roast." A discussion on the ticket price proceeded and the cost of \$3.00 per person with children 12 and under free. was adopted and passed. Jack Ethridge volunteered to provide wood for the fire at the "Hog Roast."

Jim Shetterly reported that he had spoken to Stan Stooksbury about the proposed rifle range to be constructed on the property by TWRA. He reported Stan had indicated that the money had been appropriated but he did not have a spot picked out for the new addition. Stan did not know when or where the range would be constructed.

New Business: Newsletter Co-Editor Terry Lewis asked for help in visiting more advertisers for the newsletter and securing new accounts.

President Lee Asbury indicated he had not received a response to the letter he had written to TWRA 90 days ago, regarding the meeting at the Fish Hatchery. President Asbury asked the group what follow up action they felt was required. Several courses of action was discussed. A motion was made by Terry Lewis that a follow up letter be written asking for an answer to the questions still open from the meeting at the Fish Hatchery. President Asbury agreed to write a new letter asking for TWRA to respond to all open questions.

A discussion on the attitudes of the TWRA officers toward individuals that they had checked and talked to in their normal course of business. All agreed that TWRA had an arrogant attitude toward the public in general.

A discussion on the road closures and gate erections was hot and heavy. Ted Fields asked about a petition signed by the public. Another member addressed the possibility of legal action against TWRA to stop the random road closures. The conclusion, after much discussion, was that legal action is always a possibility which should be avoided. In an effort to shut down any further discussion of the subject, one of our more astute members commented, "the option to pursue legal action is available but not now. What we need to do is continue to attempt to communicate with the responsible TWRA management until we've exhausted all efforts to resolve the road closure and any subsequent

problems on ROYAL BLUE... I believe we can do it."

Hubert Rollan asked President Asbury about writing an article for the Knoxville News Sentinel asking the public's opinion toward the road and gate issue and also to inform the public about the happenings within the Royal Blue WMA. No decision was made on the Newspaper

Jack Ethridge introduced and read a flyer he had produced explaining about the Trail Ride to be held on October 15. 1994.

With no further business to conduct. the meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Acting Secretary Terry Lewis

# The Recipe **Exchange**

### White Christmas Fudge

3 cups sugar

11/2 sticks margarine

1 (5 ounces) can evaporated milk

1 (7-ounce) jar marshmallow creme

11/2 teaspoons vanilla

1/2 pound Brazil nuts, coarsely chopped

1/2 pound pecans, coarsely chopped

1/2 pound walnuts, coarsely chopped 1/4 pound candied red cherries, halved

1/4 pound candied green cherries,

halved

Butter a 9-by-13-by-2 inch pan. Combine first 3 ingredients in large saucepan, stir over medium heat until smooth and melted. Bring to boil and cook for 5 minutes, stirring constantly until candy thermometer registers 238 degrees (soft-ball stage).

Remove from heat and quickly stir in marshmallow creme. Add all remaining ingredients. Stir well; mixture will be stiff.

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By Beverly Bundy Fort Worth Star-Telegram

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## **Emptiness Will Be Felt**

by Vickie A. Smith

Any hunter who has hunted for a few years, has probably lost at least one hound that was very dear.

> Some reach the pages of the books and have great fame. Others aren't seen, but are as good and loved just the same.

The young pups will be going to the woods this fall, But it won't be the same. hunting without the ole' man's ball.

Breaking pups with him was a simple task, He taught 'em to run only the furry one with a mask.

When you look into his young pups eyes, There's something about the ole' dog you recognize.

Each one has something a little different to show, That their sire will live forever in them, you know.

Those who've had a certain special hound, Know the empty feeling in the woods without their sound.

> There are those precious memories that will always stay clear, And on a quiet nite in the woods his unmistakable bark you will hear.

Several years are spent thinking back, Hearing that special hound running every track.

Time can't erase hours spent together, And in all the years to come, he'll be there forever.

We all take things for granted each and every day, And when they're gone...they can't hear what we say,

So show the love for your dog in every way, You just never know when or how they'll be taken away.

#### Stiffed By The Government

According to a U.S. Treasury Department study, off-highway vehicle enthusiasts paid nearly \$64 million during '93 in federal gasoline taxes while recreating on motorcycles, ATVs, snowmobiles and fourwheel drives. Under the National Recreational Trails Act of '91, part of that gas tax is supposed to be channeled back to the individual states to fund trail recreation. Although Congress authorized \$30 million to go to the Trails Act, it failed to appropriate monies in '92, only \$7.5 million was appropriated in '93 and none was appropriated in '94 or '95. Based on Treasury Department figures, there is a shortfall of \$119.5 million. In other words, there is a significant amount of money that should be committed to America's trails that's going somewhere else. Help put an end to this situation and contact the Motorcycle Industry Council (MIC) at (703) 416-0444.

#### Interest Note...

With winter coming on, the ruffed grouse gets ready for deep snow with a set of feathers around their feet. These feathered "snowshoes" help keep the birds on top of the snow instead of floundering around and becoming easy prey for predators.



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## **BITS AND PIECES**

### Did you know that...

You can predict the weather by observing?

When you want to know the weather report, you probably turn on the news. But, before the TV weather forecast ever existed, people could predict the weather simply by observing nature such as:

- Animals behave strangely just before a violent storm.
- Field mice run out of their holes, squeal and frolic just before a storm.
- Sea crabs fill up the beach just before a storm to seek shelter on land.
- Bats try to fly in homes under a low pressure system.
- Raccoons carry their young away from their homes just before a flooding rain.
- Locusts sing only when the air is hot and dry.

- Outdoor fires burn more vigorously just before bad weather.
- Hardwood tree's leaves turn about 24 hours before a rain.
- You will never see a toadstool unless the air has almost reached the moisture saturation point.

#### And...

- There are 119 grooves on the edge of a quarter.
- There are 45 miles of nerves in the adult human body.
- Lion manure will keep deer from your garden.
- 4. Lots of shiftless people get up early.

#### Now...you know!!

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# May Your Holidays Be Merny and Safe

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Then we went to Indian Rock where we watched as some people climbed down the rocks. It was about 100 feet or better to the bottom. After that Jack took some people to Swetchen to look at Oak Ridge. I took a group up to the cabin and we started eating lunch. Jack came back with his group and they ate also.

We were about 3 to 5 miles from the parking area. Jack went out to the asphalt and went down. I went back down Jackson trail because I don't like to ride asphalt. We will have another trip in the spring. You won't need to miss it. We had a hoot.