

## outdoor experience

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We are alive and well - You Bet Your Life!

Its been a long time, almost a year, between newsletters. We'll try to do a better job in keeping you informed on upcoming trips and adventures.

If you want to know whats happening or if you want to put together a trip - give us a call. We have had many exciting adventures in the past year starting with skiing in North Carolina and ending in Vermont. After that, the warm blooded half of our group headed south to San Salvadore, then canoeing around Florida, hiking out west and scuba diving in Crystal River.

Eric and Cheryl took a class on travel agency procedures, so our club now has the know-how to book many trips and cruises for you.

Aside from our trips we have had many evening bar-b-ques out on the north forty at Kris and Erics. It seems we are becoming more affluent as more and more members are becoming land barons and homeowners.

Upcoming trips include a four day weekend in North Carolina August 17,18,19 and 20. We will be backpacking and using our own tents rather than the park shelters. We also have another camping and scuba weekend at Crystal River.coming up. In September we have another cruise scheduled and an Everglades campout sometime in October. Aside from these scheduled trips you can also usually find us Saturday nights sitting around the campfire, bar-b-queing chicken out at Kris and Erics.

For our August hike we will be leaving from Kris and Eric's on Thursday evening. Attached you will find a copy of the park map indicating the trail we will be hiking. According to our trail guide we will be following Lost Cove Creek and Pinnacle Creek about half of the way. We will be hiking by an old abandoned copper mine, and of botanical interest we should be able to see some 'yellow berried' dogwood and yellow lady's-slipper. This should be an interesting hike for both the novice and the old pro. If you are planning on riding in the van please contact Eric as soon as possible to reserve your seat. If you have any questions don't hesitate to call.

'How often we forget all time, when lone Admiring Nature's universal throne; Her woods-her wilds-her mountains-the intense Reply of Hers to Our intelligence!'

Edgar Allan Poe