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WATeR WORKS

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Left to Right - **knelling**: Ernie Johnson, George Zola, John Brazil, Jim Blaker, Bob Martin, Dave Golden, Bart Margoshes

Left to right— **standing**: Mel Fisher, George Southworth, Larry Smart, Dave Noble, Ben D'Ooge, Joe Kushmaul, Garry Lucas, Gene Brownell, Oscar Lidstrom, Rob Hambrecht, Tom Schemberger, Darrell Guthbertson, and Larry Benson

Special recognition goes to **Larry Smartt**, the keeper, maintainer and transporter of trail building tools for more than a decade and **Jim Blaker** a member of the first work crew.

A group of volunteers under the direction of Bob Martin, the trail building manager for WATeR recently completed the building of the East Lakeshore Trail. This project was started 12 years ago and this National Recreation Trail totals over 30 miles of beautiful hiking trails along the east coast of Tellico Lake. It is the product of a successful partnership between WATeR and the Tennessee Valley Authority. The partnership will endure through bringing on line additional support facilities, trail improvements, continuous trail maintenance, and likely additional future spurs, loops and trail amenities. Driving directions and detailed trail branch maps are available on WATeR's website: tellicowater.org.

Looking back on this year's accomplishments of the trail building group, more than three miles of trail were developed, including the following features: six new bridges (two of which are 20-footers), numerous maintenance hours involving 34 Adopt-a-Trail volunteers, two new trailheads in progress and the complete paving of 4 existing trailhead parking areas, new bulletin board kiosks at Coytee and Wildcat Point trailheads, and a total of 1,722 recorded volunteer trail building hours. To help with future trail projects, it was announced that TVA has purchased and donated to WATeR a beautiful new single-axel 8X6 enclosed cargo trailer for the storage of trail building equipment and supplies. Also, with assistance from Ryan Janikula, Loudon County Mapping, a beautiful mounted 40"X12" poster of the entire trail system has been produced for display at county visitor centers and other prominent high exposure locations.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED TO HELP WITH YEAR-END AUDITING

Are there any accountants (or ex-accountants) out there who would be willing to audit WATeR's 2014 books. An audit is required by our by laws and we need a volunteer. It should not take more than a couple of hours. You do not have to be certified or licensed. Just someone to perform an informal review of financials. If you are willing to help please call John Palmer at 423-884-2167. Thanks

