



# EARTHWORKS

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## Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club Volunteers Complete New Bridge over John Ward Creek at Barfield Bottoms



On Sunday, August 19, 2007, the volunteers from the non-profit Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club (KEMOTrail Corps, Inc.) successfully concluded a project that was more than a year in the making. As part of a 2006 NPS Challenge Grant, the club agreed to match the \$30,000 grant from the park service with an equivalent amount of in kind service to prepare the site, purchase and install the bridge, maintain the trail approaches, and rehabilitate the area of the previous boardwalk back to nature.

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## Welcome to the First Edition of the Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club Newsletter

*August 2, 2007*

**Richard C. Angeli President  
KEMOTrail Corps, Inc.**

The name is a bit of a double entendre. It names the primary resource that Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park was created to preserve and interpret to all visitors. It is also descriptive of the work of the club when we move rocks, and cut brush to maintain and develop the trails.

## Annual Meeting and Election of Officers

*September 18, 2007 7:00 PM*

*Visitor Center Auditorium*

The annual business meeting and election of officers of the Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club (KEMOTrail Corps, Inc.) is Tuesday, September 18, 2007 starting at 7:00 PM in the Visitor Center auditorium at Kennesaw Mountain Battlefield Park.

All Active and Associate members of the club are invited to attend. Each Active member is entitled to one vote for a candidate for each position on the Board of Directors and one vote for each issue presented for approval. Associate members are not eligible to vote.

An Active member is any member over the age of 18 who has participated in a minimum of two trail workdays or other planned activities in the current calendar year or in the preceding 12 calendar months if this is their first year of participation. An associate member is any member of any age who has participated in at least one club activity in the current year.

Nominations are now open for the following positions. The nominating committee (i.e., the present board of directors)

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<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/kennesawtrails>



Concrete footings waiting for the bridge

## **Bridge over John Ward Creek -Continued from page 1**

The 60-foot long by 6-foot wide wood and fiberglass structure was manufactured by E.T. Tectonics of Pennsylvania. The new bridge is stronger, more durable, more weather resistant, and capable of carrying equestrian and pedestrian traffic.

This project is the first major grant project undertaken by the fledgling Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club. Since its founding in the fall of 2002, the club has donated more than 10,000 hours of volunteer service to the trails at Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park, coordinated more than 20 Boy Scout Eagle projects and qualified more than a dozen crew leaders in the current best practices in trail design, construction, and maintenance methods.

Crew Leaders from the Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club are working closely with the KEMO Staff to develop the strategic trail plan for the park. When approved, the new trail plan will add almost 9 additional miles of trails to the 21 + miles of existing trails in the 3,000 acre park. In addition, the new trails will provide the opportunity for expanded and more balanced interpretation of the events that occurred here in May and June of 1864 by opening up visitor access to previously inaccessible Union positions on the west side of the park.

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## **Submission of Newsletter Articles**

We gladly accept submittal of articles for the newsletter. Articles should be submitted no later than the 15th of the month for publication in the next month's edition. Articles should be sent to Fred Feltmann at [faf1948@bellsouth.net](mailto:faf1948@bellsouth.net)

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**Additional Volunteers needed! Call today!**

**FAX:** 770-516-9120 (*Call first, so I can turn it on!*)

## **New ADA Accessible Trail to the Mountain Top**

The trail from the Visitor Center to the top of Kennesaw Mountain is the most heavily traveled of all the trails in the park. The current trail is rough and steep, sometimes exceeding a 20% grade. It has many other problems as well, including the 4 times it crosses the earthworks on its way to the top of the mountain.

In the course of developing a new strategic trail plan for the park (which will be presented for public comment in the near future), we were able to map a new route on a more gradual slope (between 8% and 10%) that can built along the contour of the mountain for better maintainability and better compliance with ADA guidelines. The long term plan for the new trail is to make it completely ADA compliant.

In addition, the new trail offers more scenic views, as well as visibility to additional historic features of the park such as the row of Confederate rifle pits hidden in the woods below the existing trail.

Since the new trail is a reroute of an existing trail, approval and archeological inspection were completed in May, and construction of the first phase was started at our 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday workday in June. Completion of the entire trail will probably take multiple years.

As each phase of construction is completed, the new trail will be opened and the old trail will be closed and rehabilitated back to nature.

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### 2<sup>ND</sup> SATURDAY WORKDAY SEPTEMBER 11, 2007

PARK SERVICE AREA

TIME: 8:30 AM – 1:30 PM

Continue construction of the new mountain trail and other projects depending on the number of volunteers available

### NATIONAL TRAILS DAY PLANNING MEETING, SEPTEMBER 15, 2007 (TENTATIVE)

VISITOR CENTER AUDITORIUM

TIME: 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM

Planning meeting for the June 7, 2008 National Trails Day Event. Primary topics - Sponsorships and Activities for the Event. Contact Fred Feltmann, 770-516-9120, for more details or to volunteer to be on the Planning Committee.

### ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING, SEPTEMBER 18, 2007

VISITOR CENTER AUDITORIUM

TIME: 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM

The only regular meeting of the club. Election of officers for 2008, State of the Organization, and any new business.

### TRAIL AMBASSADOR PROGRAM KICK-OFF MEETING, SEPTEMBER 23, 2007

VISITOR CENTER EDUCATION MEETING ROOM

TIME: 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

We'll be discussing the organization, and operation of the Trail Ambassador program, and looking for input on how folks think it should work. Everyone is invited to participate.

### VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINER, SEPTEMBER 29, 2007

BACK YARD AT SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

TIME: 6:00 PM TIL .....

Annual National Park Service Volunteer Appreciation and Recognition Dinner.

Reservations requested. Call Retha Stephens at (770) 427- 4686 extension 0

### HANDS ON ATLANTA VOLUNTEER DAY, OCTOBER 6, 2007

PARK SERVICE AREA

TIME: 8:00 AM - NOON

To recognize Hands on Atlanta, Volunteers a variety of projects from trail construction to trash pickup and brush removal. Something for everyone of all skill and ability levels. This event replaces the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday Workday for October.

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## Leave No Trace Challenge Grant for 2007

### \$30,000 National Park Service Matching Challenge Grant

The Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club is the recipient of a second challenge grant that will be used to purchase 7 informational kiosks for installation at park trail heads, 60 trail signs to provide directional and distance information for all the existing official park trails, and to fund the start up of a visitor hosting and assistance program to be called **Trail Ambassadors**. The club will provide in kind service hours and funds received from other donors to provide its part of the match. We estimate supplying approximately \$6,500 in cash, and 1,400 volunteer service hours acquiring and installing signs and kiosks, and serving as Trail Ambassadors.

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## National Trails Day June 7, 2008

*Fred Feltmann, Jr*

### Visitor Center Education Meeting Room September 15, 2007, 2 PM

A planning meeting will be held on September 15th at Kennesaw Mountain Battlefield Park Visitor Center at 2:00 PM. We will discuss sponsors and activities at the meeting.

If you cannot attend, but would like to be on the Committee to help plan this event, please contact me at 770-516-9120 or via e-mail at [faf1948@bellsouth.net](mailto:faf1948@bellsouth.net)

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## Trail Ambassador Program Kick-off Meeting

*Richard Angeli*

### Visitor Center Education Meeting Room September 23, 2007, 2 PM

What is a Trail Ambassador? What are the duties and responsibilities of a Trail Ambassador? How can I become one? Come to our meeting on September 23rd and find out - be on the leading edge of creating this program at Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park.

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## **Annual Meeting & Election of Officers - Continued from page 1**

will review the nominations, and prepare the ballot for presentation and voting at the general meeting. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor during the meeting.

For a nomination from the floor to be approved, the person being nominated should be present at the meeting, or the person making the nomination must have a letter of acceptance signed by the person being nominated and dated within 15 days of the general meeting.

The positions of President, Secretary Historian, Treasurer, and Trails Supervisor constitute the officers of the corporation. As defined in the current by-laws of the corporation approved September 10, 2006, the officers also serve as members of the board of directors. Per the current by-laws Article V1 Section 3, tenure requirements for officers are waived for 5 years from the approval date of the by-laws which is September 2011. *This is to give the club an opportunity to grow and develop a sustainable organization.*

Nominations may be sent via e-mail to [kemotrailcorps@mindspring.com](mailto:kemotrailcorps@mindspring.com) or by postal mail to KEMOTrail Corps, Inc, 905 Kennesaw Mountain Dr., Kennesaw GA, 30152. You may nominate yourself (i.e. volunteer) for a position that you are willing to fulfill. The responsibilities of each elected position are described below:

### **President – Richard C. Angeli incumbent**

♣ Presides at all meetings of the Club and of the Board of Directors

♣ Carries out the orders of the Board of Directors

♣ Enforces the By-laws, Standard Practices, and Rules of the Board of Directors

♣ Is an Ex-officio member of all standing committees

♣ Provides general supervision over the affairs of the club

♣ May have additional powers conferred by the Board of Directors

♣ Has all powers that ordinarily accompany the office of President

### **Secretary/Historian – Larry Wheat incumbent**

♣ Is Secretary of the Corporation

♣ Keeps a record of all meetings of the Board of Directors

♣ Maintains current records of the club

♣ Maintains and updates the club archives

♣ Prepares an Annual Summary of Club Activities for the Archives

### **Treasurer – Thomas Okerberg incumbent**

♣ Maintains custody of any monies belonging to the Club

♣ Makes disbursement of funds as directed by the Board of Directors

♣ Provides annual accounting for income and disbursements

♣ Maintains the corporate and tax records of the Corporation

### **Trails Supervisor – Jerry Givan incumbent**

♣ Serves as Chair of the Trail Maintenance Committee

♣ Is responsible for all matters pertaining to maintenance of the trail corridor and its supporting structures.

### **Finance Director – Jay Haney incumbent**

♣ Collaborates with Kennesaw Mountain Park management to develop the budget

♣ Manages the allocation of funds designated for specific projects

♣ Responsible for all fund raising by the club

♣ Coordinates all Grant applications and in kind donations to the Club

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**Communications Director –  
Donna Hogan incumbent  
Sue Crane - candidate**

♣ Responsible for all internal and external communications of the Club

♣ Chairs the Communications Committee

♣ Sub-committees may include

- ♣ Webmaster
- ♣ Publishing
- ♣ Newsletter

**Outreach Director – Leah Urben  
incumbent  
Richard Angeli - candidate**

♣ Responsible for Trail Ambassador Program

♣ Community Relations including other groups and organizations

♣ Coordinates Environmental Education (i.e. Leave No Trace program implementation)

♣ Youth Programs such as Boy and Girl Scout Service Projects

♣ Works with other Church and youth oriented organizations

**Membership Director – Open  
Lea Urben - candidate**

♣ Recruits new members to the Club

♣ Manages retention of members

♣ Keeps the membership roster

♣ Welcomes and Assists prospective members

♣ Coordinates tracking of volunteer participation hours with the Finance director.

**Contact List**

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Work Day - June 9, 2007



Bridge Work Crew  
- some of the folks who worked to put the bridge in place.

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