



Trail Tree Newsletter

July 2016

This is Volume 33 of the Quarterly Trail Tree Project Newsletter. We hope the topics in this newsletter will be of interest to you. If you want us to report on other things, just let us know and we will be happy to do that. Below is all the latest news.

Trail Tree (TT) Database

Trail Tree Database

The summer months are a time when we normally see fewer trees coming in for consideration to be added to the database. However, the numbers seem to be holding with a slight up-tick in the submittals. We currently have 2,230 trees in the database. There are still trees in the database that need to be reconsidered and based on what we know now possibly deleted.

Trees of Interest

AR Trees

Dana found her tree to the right when loggers cleared an area near a highway and the tree which had been hidden for years became visible. It is located about 600 feet from the highway. Thank goodness, the loggers saved this remarkable Marker Tree which is 30 inches in diameter.

David found his Marker Tree near Hot Springs, AR. His tree is around 20 inches in diameter.

NC Tree

Rob discovered his tree near Waxhaw, NC. The



AR Tree – 30 Inch Diameter

tree is almost 41 inches in diameter. This tree may be related to the Waxhaw (Waxhau) or Catawba Indians who occupied this part of NC before the removal. The Catawba's still have a reservation in this area.



AR Tree – 20 Inches in Diameter



NC Tree – 41 Inch in Diameter

GA Tree

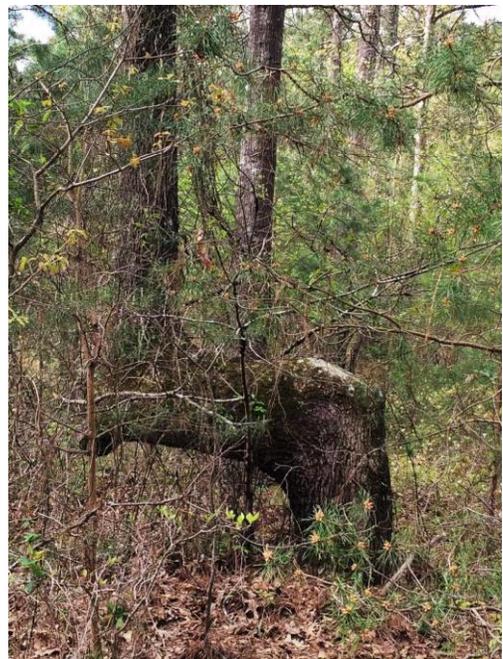
Roger located the tree in GA near Lake Oconee. Before the lake was built in the mid 1900's, this was the Oconee River and the tree pointed toward it. Also located in the vicinity of the tree is a spring which the tree points to also.

KY Tree

Brenda's tree is located in Crittenden County, KY and is almost 23 inches in diameter.

MI Tree

The Michigan tree is one of the more interesting trees we have received recently. It was sent in by Jeremyn in upstate MI. This tree is located on Presque Isle on Lake Superior which is also known as "The Black Rocks." The tree points south to where the grave of the last Ojibway (Chippewa) Chief (Charlie Kawbawgam) is located. He died in 1902 and he was believed to be over 100 years old at his death.



GA Tree



KY Tree -23 Inch Diameter



MI Tree

MY Tree

Carl and his wife found the MY tree near the Friends Wilderness Center in the Shenandoah Mountains in southern MY recently. This tree is 34 inches in diameter and points toward water.

NY Trees

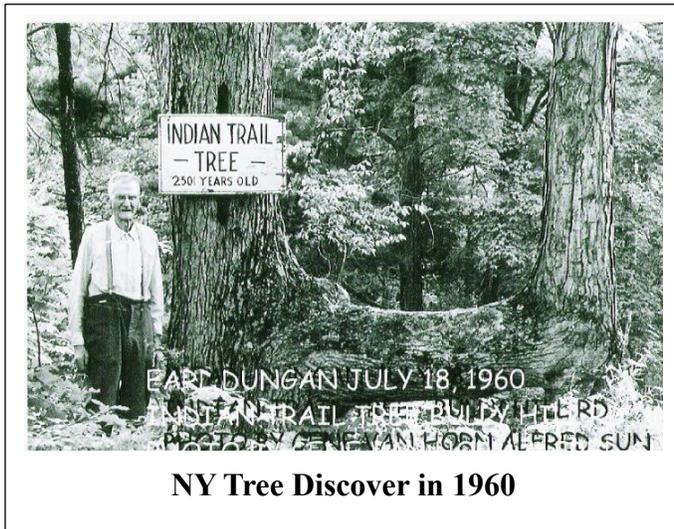
Carl and his colleague Kevin have been scouting the North Central part of NY State for Marker Trees for several years. Carl, in fact, did research on the Marker Trees as part of his bachelor degree program. Carl has shared his database of trees with us and I will include a few for your information.



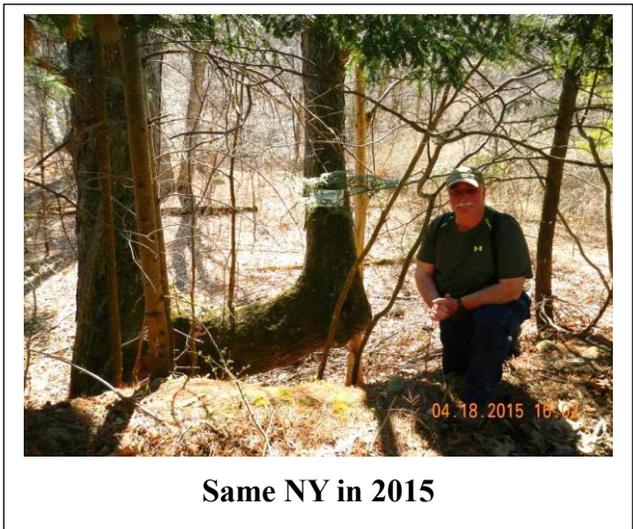
MY Tree – 34 Inch Diameter



NY Tree – 25 Inch in Diameter



NY Tree Discover in 1960



Same NY in 2015

Indian Heritage Sites Mapping Program

Since our last newsletter in April, we have continued to research Indian Cultural sites in the southeast. We discussed in the last newsletter that almost all, if not all, Indian sacred sites have underground streams directly related to the surface artifact site. For the Big Canoe rock cairn site, we located five underground streams below the rock cairns. At a probable solstice site in Upson County, GA, we found water directly under six rock formations aligned in an east-west orientation. The Effigy Mounds in Putnam County GA have water under them as does the Track Rock sacred site in Union County, GA. In TN, under the Old Stone Fort site that dates to around 80 to 500 AD, there is an underground stream under the fort site as well as more streams crisscrossing the ancient rock wall.

This August, we will be traveling out west to CO and other places to assist some of our colleagues in researching Indian sites to determine if water is located directly under and related to the artifacts. As this research continues, we are learning more about the cultural knowledge of the Indians throughout the US.

Beginning this summer, we have started offering workshops in dowsing to teach our research associates how to use dowsing to document the artifact sites including the Marker Trees. We have produced a manual for the workshop which we provide to the attendees. The first two workshops will be held in Colorado Springs, CO and Hobbs State Park, AR.

Mystery of the Trees Documentary

We screened the documentary at the 2016 Wilderness Wildlife Week in Pigeon Forge, TN in May. Although the event was not well attended (held on the first day of the conference which had low attendance; better crowd on second day), those that did attend were enthusiastic about the movie. Over 500 copies of the movie have been sold to date.

***Mystery of the Trees* Presentations and Book Signings**

We reprinted the book *Mystery of the Trees* in November 2015 and the 3rd edition is again selling well. With the book back in print, we have expanded our lecture series for 2016 to six lectures. In the past, we were doing about 30-35 lectures each year. We have slowed down somewhat and are doing about 20 this year. If you want to schedule a presentation for 2016, contact us at our email address mountainman93@gmail.com to schedule a time. The presentations are offered for free but traveling to overnight venues is not feasible unless a large audience of at least 75 people can be guaranteed.

Each presentation usually includes a short introduction of the speaker plus time for questions and answers following the presentation. Thus, it is best to add 15-20 minutes to the presentation time to allow for the entire event.

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