



Trail Tree Newsletter

March 2017

This is Volume 36 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

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We keep thinking the Trail Tree submittals will be slowing down but with numerous articles being published around the county about the trees and increases in people who have attended one of our lectures, looking for trees the numbers are on the upswing. We have also added several new researchers to our team and they are busily out searching and collecting data on the trees so progress is being made.

Trees of Interest

I've included trees from all over the United States in this issue to show how widespread the trees are. We have not begun to learn the full extent of the Marker trees and each day brings new information about this remarkable aspect of Indian culture.

TN Trees

We were alerted to several Marker Trees being found in and around Cummins Fall State Park north of Cookeville TN. Dan and his wife sent in one and Marie sent in another. We traveled to Cummins Fall State Park on one of our trips in researching TN. Dan's tree is 26.7 inches in diameter. Marie's tree is rather unique in that it is one of the specially bent hemlock trees that are being used to mark a grave. This tree is located in the park.



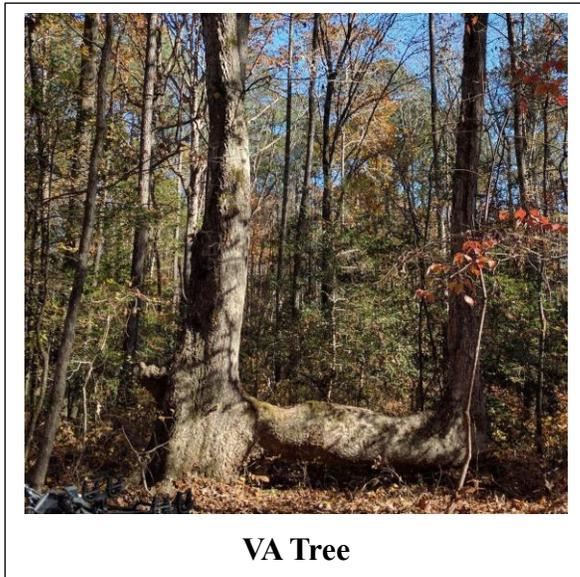
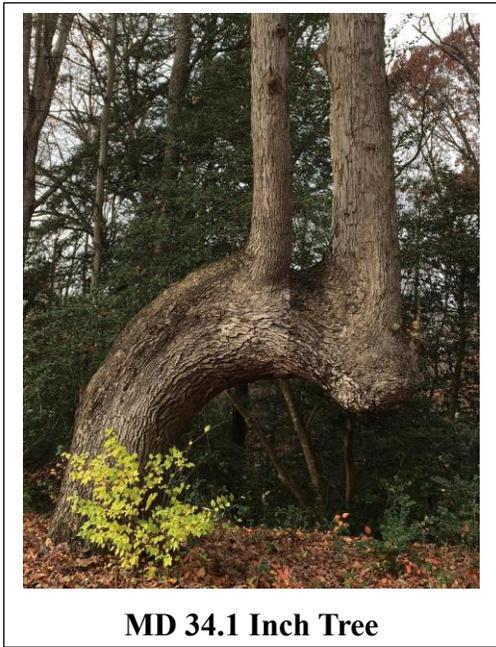
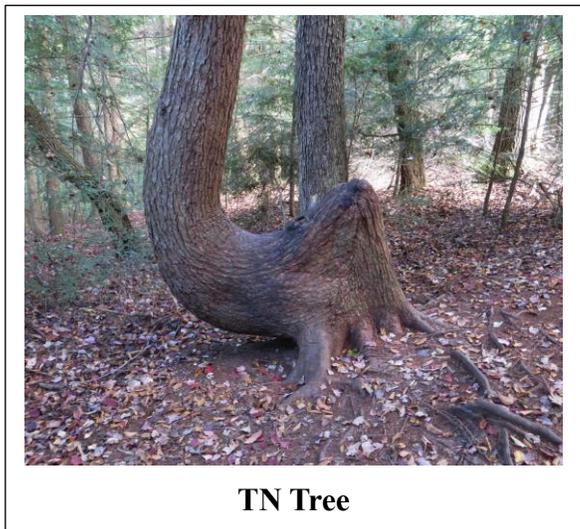
TN Tree 26.7 Inches in Diameter

VA Tree

Some of the larger trees being submitted are coming from VA. Brandon from Brunswick County, VA sent in a large tree that we now believe is a grave pointer for one grave based on some new studies of tree configuration.

MD Tree

Kate sent in a large 34.1 inch diameter tree from southern MD. This tree has managed to survive in an old part of MD where there has been significant urban renewal. It is a unique pointer tree with probably some special meaning.



GA Trees

Our GA research teams of Ed & Joyce and Ken & Judy have been finding new trees scattered around north GA. Ed and Joyce's 29 inch diameter tree was found in Cherokee County. Ken & Judy's tree was located in Habersham County. Ken and Judy's tree is very unique in configuration. It is 21 inch in diameter. Both of these trees dowsed as Marker Trees.



One other tree was sent in from the North GA area near Lawrenceville by Stacy.

Lynda & James have joined in searching for trees in Middle GA. Their tree discovered in Pike County is a grave marker tree that marks four graves.



GA - 20 Inch Diameter Tree



Lawrenceville GA Tree



Pike County GA Tree

AR Trees

Our AR research team of Bob and his sidekick, Barnett has continued to find Marker Trees in AR. One of the latest ones found was determined to be pointing to water

NY Tree

More trees are being found in NY being sent in by folks who have read about the Marker Trees. This one was sent in by Gene and Meg near Springwater, NY



AR Tree

KY Tree

Joe sent in a tree from KY that unfortunately is on its last years of life. This tree has the characteristic shape that we have recently discovered is a marker tree for possibly two graves. On one of our research trips, we will have to travel to KY to verify if it is indeed a grave pointer tree.

Indian Heritage Sites Mapping Program

In the last newsletter, we reported on our improved abilities to locate and map Indian Trails. We have now advanced those skills to map Indian village sites and have made progress on identifying the Marker Tree's purpose. All of these investigations are being done with dowsing rods.

One study we are currently doing is mapping the route used by Col. Marinus Willett in 1790 through North GA. Willett was George Washington's secret agent to the Creek Nation. Washington bypassed the GA leaders because he did not trust them to resolve the ongoing war between the Creeks and GA. Willett wrote a journal of his daily travels including the Indian villages he passed through. His journal was published by his son after his death. We are using his journal to track his travel route through GA. Using his journal account, we have tracked over 90 miles of the Indian Trail that existed in 1790. We also located three of the Indian villages

he visited. We have found numerous remnants of the old Indian Trail in our travels. Willett had a Cherokee guide for the GA part of his trip and then switched to a Creek guide to take him into AL where he met with Alexander McGillivray who was the principal chief of the Creek Nation. Willett and 27 Creek chiefs eventually traveled back to New York to sign the 1790 Treaty of New York. The Creeks agreed to stop the war and cede the disputed section of property in GA that had caused of the war.

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

We have been on the road a lot already in 2017 doing lectures and have more lined up. Just returned from Maryville, TN where we spoke to over 100 people on one of the worst stormy nights we have seen in a long while. We were amazed to see so many folks out in such bad weather. We head to AL in



NY Tree



KY Tree

April for our next talks which will be followed by several talks in GA. Our first presentation of the work we are doing with dowsing to document Indian Heritage sites will be presented at the Wilderness Wildlife Week in Pigeon Forge on 9-13 May. If you want to schedule a presentation for 2017, contact us at our email address mountainman93@gmail.com to schedule a time. If you would like a list of the presentations, contact me at the same email address. The presentations are offered for free but traveling to overnight venues is not feasible unless a large audience of at least 60 people can be guaranteed.

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