The Sewanee Chapter

National Guard victory, muddles, and a new issue

Sewanee Mountain SOCM members began the year all geared up to fight the National Guard Training Center. Folks had a strategy planned, members knew their parts and the forward push was at full speed. Then, all of a sudden, victory! The chapter celebrated and enjoyed the release from 12 months of hard work.

Following the victory celebration, however, members full of energy, self-confidence and a desire to keep moving, came to a halt. What to work on? No one expected 1986 to bring anything other than a full fledged fight against the training center plans. For the next four-six months things were in a bit of a muddle in the Sewanee Mountain Chapter. After a few attempts to work on small betterment projects, the chapter hit on an issue — garbage. Dumpsters in the Sewanee area are almost always a mess, and the recycling center had stopped operating. Just before the end of the year, members decided to open and run the recycling center themselves and were planning ways to get more dumpsters in the area.

"Being at the leadership retreat gave me new insight and a revitalization of my enthusiasm for SOCM and our work — also, a new appreciation of how important our work is to society — to the next generation."

— MIKE HODGE —