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Rope



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QUALIFYING CLIMBS

Listed below is the official list of qualifying climbs of the Washington Rockclimbers. In order to retain his voting privileges a member must climb one "A" or two "B" climbs in the course of a calendar year.

The climbs are classified by a committee and are reviewed at irregular intervals on order of the president.. A recent informal survey showed that the "A" climbs were holding their own, but that a few of the "B" climbs could stand a close scrutiny. In addition there are some little beauties that should be promoted to the "B" group or have a special classification to be known as "The Twelve Foot Devils." Specifically I refer to "The Seven Steps" at Carderock, "The Junior Horror" at Camp Lewis, and several others of the same type that have collected enough skin to retread a mummy.

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- A1 The Bull Run Overhang
- A2 Sterling's Corner, Bull Run
- A3 Charlie's Crack, Bull Run
- A4 The Butterfinger Climb, Sugar Loaf Mt.
- A5 Little Handhold That Isn't There, Cleft Island- Great Falls
- A6 Donald's Ducks Traverse, Echo Cliffs As a lead.
- A7 Socrates Downfall, Echo Cliffs, From the bottom.
- A8 Bird's Nest Climb, Great Falls, Va. As a lead.
- A9 Triangle and Coffin Climb, Cupid's Bower
- A10 The East Face, Camp Lewis
- A11 Chairman's Chimney, Herzog Island
- A12 Finger Tip Balance Climb, Herzog Island

- A 13 The Face Traverse, Herzog Island, followed by the ascent of Jan's Semi- Chimney, all as a lead.
- A14 Arthur's Crossover, Carderock
- A15 Sterling's Crack, Carderock
- A16 Spider Walk, Carderock
- A17 Leonard's Lunacy, Carderock
- A18 Herbie's Horror, Carderock
- A19 The Gargoyle Bridge and Angel Roost Climb, Schoolhouse cave
- A20 Climb from Gunsight Notch to South peak, Seneca Rocks

GROUP "B"

- B1 Sterling's Quartz Slab, Bull Run
- B2 Two Inches More, Bull Run
- B3 Traverse of southeast corner and ascent of South Face, Peak Gambs, Bull Run.
- B4 The Chimney Climb, Stony Man Mountain
- B5 The Beginner's Climb, Old Rag
- B6 Charlie's Lead, Md. Hgts, Harpers Ferry
- B7 Cockscomb Overhang, Seneca Rocks
- B8 Socrates Downfall, Echo Cliffs, Starting from top.
- B9 Climb to the woods, Echo Cliffs
- B10 Big Toe Traverse, Echo Cliffs
- B11 Bird's Nest Climb, Echo Cliff, Not as a lead.
- B12 Vertical crack facing Juliet's Balcony, Great Falls, Va.
- B13 Chris' Crack & Stocking Climb, Great Falls, Va.
- B14 Inside Corner of Flatiron Rock, Great Falls, Va.
- B15 The Dancing Climb, Boucher Rock, Va.
- B16 Face Traverse, Herzog Island, followed by the ascent of Jan's Semi- Chimney. Not as a lead.
- B17 Jan's Face, Carderock. The climb must be started from the ground at the center of the face.

B 18 Elsie's Edgeface -- downstream edge of face containing Sterling's Crack, Carderock

B19 Wexler's Worst & Stretch, Carderock

B20 Friction Layback, Carderock

B21 Chris-Wex*Don Traverse , Carderock As a lead

B22 Ascent of cliff downstream from layback crack shortly after the start of the Chris- Wex- Don Traverse. The climb starts as a layback in a tiny crack on a mossy face, and continues over a small overhang onto the face above. (Arnold's Ardous Ascent)

B23 & B24 Sterling's Twin Cracks, two vertical cracks intersecting the Chris-Wex-Don Traverse downstream from the cedar tree ledge , Carderock

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Arrival & Departure Dept.

Ted Schad left August 1st to join the Iowa Mountaineers on their Wind River trip. We'll get a report on this later.

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Eleanor Tatge flew down to Rio and way points to brush up on her air travel. With all this overwater travel it's no wonder she took that training cruise in the Sink Stopper.

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Joan and Doug Price have come to rest in the Tennessee Mountains. Now Johnny Reed will be happy for the first time since he left Washington.

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From Our Correspondence

Steve Yurenka is at Graduate House, 324c M.I.T. Cambridge 39, Mass. He would like some climbing pictures of the group.

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Bill Kemper was at Inyokern for two weeks during June where he used his spare time in skiing on Mammoth Mt. He is now back at Dahlgren, Va. Come on up and join us, Bill.

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The Karcher-Showacre Party climbed in the Columbia Icefields area for ten days and stirred up a bit of newspaper talk. All the garbled reports of being lost are

utterly without foundation. This is a well equipped party and although it is small in numbers the climbers are steady and take their climbing responsibilities seriously. We felt no worries, even after reading the "Herald".

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The Hendricks party is back from the Selkirks with a number of first ascents to tell us about. The outstanding feature was the high altitude rockclimbing in surmounting Mt. Turret.

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Ups & Downs

John Meenehan

August 1.

One of the rare Sundays when there was no climbing at all. This was possibly due to the four inches of rain that fell over the week end.

Dolores Alley
Betty Alley

Tom Melville
John Meenehan

Aug 8

The climbing was at Camp Lewis where the mosquitoes have used our long absence to interbreed with sharks. The Willy-Nilly Traverse and one of the little 12 foot devils occupied the morning. After lunch the climbing continued downstream. We were too weak from loss of blood to climb the East Face.

