

UP ROPE!

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October 3, 1948

Carderock, Maryland

Chris Scoredos	Arnold Wexler	John Meenehan
Helen Scoredos	Donald Hubbard	Jack Wilson
Eric Scoredos	Dolores Alley	Laurie Wilson
Eleanor Tatge	Betty Alley	Harold Drewes

While Don and John collected mushrooms, John's oldest ceramic (clay-soaked) rope was rigged for practice belaying with Oscar. It worked fine, until it parted while lifting Oscar. The balance of the day was spent climbing. Jack and Dolores completed Wexler's Worst, while Harold made a climb on Arnold's Arduous Ascent. An unsuccessful attempt was made on the Seven Steps.

October 10, 1948

Carderock, Maryland

Donald Hubbard	Chris Scoredos	Andy Kaufmann
Arnold Wexler	Helen Scoredos	Betty Kaufmann
John Peed	Eric Scoredos	Ted Schad
Jane Showacre	Harold Drewes	

This beautiful autumn Sunday found the group again at Carderock for belay practice with Oscar. While a new three-eighth's inch manila rope was being rigged through blocks so that Oscar could be lifted with a mechanical advantage of four, members of the group, under the leadership of Don, gathered mushrooms, persimmons, and (unsuccessfully) paw-paws. Oscar was soon ready, and a series of drops was made with varying amounts of slack, with Don belaying. After lunch, at which Don proved how delectable was mushroom soup when made with milk, bacon, and cheese, another series of drops was made with Andy as belayer. Our tests were brought to a close abruptly when the piton holding the belay rope was pulled from the tree. At intervals during the day, climbs of Meenehan's Staircase and the Beginner's Climb were made.