



NEWS OF THE WASHINGTON ROCK CLIMBERS

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Schedule

June 17-18 Baker Rock, West Virginia. Leader uncertain.

Don Hubbard, originally scheduled to lead this trip, informs us he will be unable to make it. Chairman Herb Conn will advise you of developments if you plan on going (OLiver 4810). It's up near Seneca Rock, you know, in some of the most beautiful rock climbing country to be found in these parts.

May 25 Meeting

The Thursday meeting held at the Conn-Bien domicile included one of the largest turnouts of Club members and friends we've ever seen; fortunately the Bienes have an extra large living room! First our movie Up Rope was shown and vigorously applauded. A business meeting followed at which much was said but little accomplished. The initial item on the agenda was the election of new members, who were first carefully informed that there was some question as to what they were elected to: Charlie Gallant, Dick Goldman, Sterling King, Loraine Snyder, and Mary Sturgeon; and Duncan Burchard (Tsk, such low-grade alphabeting!). Finally the results of the recent ballot were read and discussed, and it was decided to appoint a committee to thrash the matter out further.

THE BALLOT

The Question: Shall the PATC members of the Rock Climbing Club become the Mountaineering Committee of the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club, and the remaining members become affiliates; or shall the Rock Climbing Club become entirely independent.

Answer:	For Trail Club Committee	For Indepen- dent Club
"Legal" voting members (Qualifying climbs Trail Club members or older than 1945)	10	6
All voting members (Qualifying climbs)	10	14
All members	20-1/4	20-3/4
All "Qualified Climbers" (Including members and non- members)	11	16
All opinions received (Including qualified and unqualified members and non-members)	22-1/2	22-3/4

An expression of opinion was asked from everyone as to whether or not PATC membership should be waived in considering the legality of the above vote.

Adhere to the PATC membership requirement	12
Waive the PATC membership requirement	30

Ups and Downs

The Club trip for Memorial Day week-end was held as scheduled at the Shawangunk Mountains, New York, although Paul Bradt was unable to lead it. Since complete lists of the cosmopolitan groups of climbers present are unavailable, we shall restrict our register here to members of the Washington Climbers. Not only New York City and Washington, D.C. were represented, but also Pittsfield, Mass., Schenectady, New York, Philadelphia and Chester, Pennsylvania, and Dahlgren, Virginia. The Washington Climbers were:

Arnold Wexler	Bill Kemper	Duncan Burchard
Ted Schad	Peg Keister	Tony Soler
Norman Goldstein	Chuck (Hm-m)	

The Washington group drove up early Saturday morning in two cars, arriving at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, in time to do several climbs. The Three Pines, Easy Overhang, and minor scrambles were undertaken. On Sunday morning Joe Walsh (Philadelphia), Arnold, and Norman climbed The Horseman. After lunch the group moved over to the Lake and made several climbs there--Easy Lead, Household Climb, and Intermediate. The next day rainy weather broke up activities and the area was abandoned.

The group expresses appreciation and thanks for the hospitality of their hosts, the New York climbers.



Herb Conn	Ray Moore	Paul Bradt	Chris Scoredos
Jan Conn	Betty Kauffman	Jo Bradt	Eric Scoredos
Ken Karcher	Andy Kauffman	Alan Bradt	Walter Downs
Pim Karcher	Johnny Reed	Peter Bradt	Mary Spurgeon
Jane Showacre	Charlie Gallant	Donald Hubbard	Art Lembeck
George Kamm	Lowell Bennett	Marion Harvey	George Stoertz
		Roger Foster	Eleanor Tatge

Sunday, May 28. The Eager Beavers of the Hot Shoppe Hot Shots turning up in amazing numbers and confusion, found themselves shortly on the Carderock Cliffs engaged in more projects than this reporter can count on her fingers and toes. The dust settled about noon as the fly-by-nights left the field to the die-hards, and it became finally possible to see who was doing what. Among the more interesting items--earnest climbers struggling and falling off a vertical climb embracing a slight but perverse overhang near the start of the horizontal Chris' Goat were amazed to find themselves consistently fouled up by a slender nylon cord with which a series of Goat climbers were being belayed by Don Hubbard. It was suggested that Don's apparatus be reported in UP STRING. Finally in mid-afternoon what was left of the climbers, Walter, George Stoertz, Mary, Marion, Charlie, Ray, Eleanor, and the Conns arrived at the Jam Box for a Jam session interlarded with several variations of Jan's Chimney and adjacent climbs. The dampness of some of the climbs some of the time was not inspirational.

Charlie Gallant
Duncan Burchard
Jan Conn

Marion Harvey
Norm Goldstein
Herb Conn

Tuesday, May 30. On the Virginia shore of the gorge muscles were tested on some of the severest climbs between the quarry and Juliet's Balcony. Following several ascents of the Cornice Climb a new Ten-Foot-Terror was discovered and almost climbed by Duncan. Charlie and Jan finished the climb, then waited gleefully for Herb, who arrived at noon. Their glee mounted as Herb struggled and fell from it twice. But Herb later redeemed himself by mastering the heretofore unclimbed Overhanging Inside Corner immediately downstream from the Bird's Nest. The Bird's Nest was climbed by Duncan, and Romeo's Ladder, the crack facing Juliet's Balcony, by Duncan and Herb. After half of the group had gone home the other half perched themselves upon Juliet's Balcony, staring moodily into the River and brooding upon thoughts too profound (we suppose) to be repeated in any less airy and isolated spot.

Arnold Wexler
Jane Showacre
George Kamm
Pim Karcher
Ken Karcher
John Reed
Aaron Katz

Lowell Bennett
Tom Culverwell
Estelle "
Norman Goldstein
Betty Kauffman
Andy Kauffman
Duncan Burchard

Paul Bradt
Jo Bradt
Peter Bradt
Alan Bradt
Sterling King
Peg Keister
Sam King

Ray Moore
Suzie Moore
Evelyn Barksdale
Evelyn Parkam
Bill Schulz
Joe Schneider
Tony Soler

June 3-4. The Devils' Gardens-Wolfe Gap trip proved to be a combination climbing and shelter party "à la King." A group arriving at the King cabin Friday night set up a series of appropriate signs to indicate to those to follow how to get to the cabin, which was a deluxe affair with all modern conveniences including plumbing, cots, etc.

More people turned up Saturday morning, and a circuitous route was selected for a hike out to Devils Gardens. There was rock climbing in spite of rain in the caves, crack, and crannies of the Garden. The Karcher and Kauffman parties, who had been climbing on Seneca Rock, arrived at the shelter in time for the gala dinner festivities in the evening with square dancing, music, recitation of Service poetry by Johnny Reed, and a rendition of Don's article on the Caribocs. That night some of the new English tents were tried out--Everest tent and Tinker tent--with varying degrees of success, some not quite rain-proof.

Sunday the rocks above Trout Run were explored, on the road to Wolf Gap and Devils Gardens, and the Rocking Chair Pinnacle was ascended by three parties. Two routes were established from the base to the summit. These were apparently first ascents. The descents were achieved by a specially contrived rappel too involved to explain here. The Pinnacle is named from a slab braced against it which can be rocked by the climber. The crossing of Trout Run was effected by wading, swimming, aerial traverse, and submarine action.

The party broke up with some heading for home, others for Elizabeth Furnace. From the Picnic Grounds the latter hiked up to the ridge and over to Buzzard Rock where they climbed on several of the faces, then returned to their cars, dinner at Strasbourg, and home after midnite.

The group extends thanks and appreciation to Sterling King for the wonderful hospitality at his cabin.

Eleanor Tatge
Don Hubbard

Herb Conn
Jan Conn

Sunday, June 6. Evidently the only rock climbers left in Washington over the week end, the above four pondered most of the morning before setting out for Thurmont in the pouring rain.

Skies cleared and a bright sun dried out Wolf Rock for the climbers, who arrived just in time for lunch. A few short but interesting climbs were made, including a flaring chimney pioneered by Johnny Meenehan on a previous trip, a photogenic spraddle ascent climbed by as many techniques as climbers, and finally a wicked inside out-upside down overhanging handholdless corner--or was it a face?

After this endeavor the group set out on a long search for Hog Rock over well-marked, unmarked, and incorrectly marked trails. Becoming thoroughly confused we were comforted to know that there were search parties in the vicinity. Although we reached civilization without help, the location and character of Hog Rock is more of a mystery to us than when we first saw the innocent sign pointing:

THAT-A-WAY

STATISTICAL NOTES

We have been lately informed that the prestige of certain climbers is being sabotaged and the confusion of the statisticians heightened by the omission of names from climbing lists from time to time. Walter Downs, Jane Showacre, and Eleanor Tatge are to be credited with a trip apiece where they missed the column. On the other hand we hear that Art Lembeck made one list twice; was it his Jekyll and Hyde personality, or just that his better self is twice as big as anyone elses?

A little reflection has persuaded us that Something Ought To Be Done for the statisticians. Apparently some of the people on the lists don't climb at all, and some hardly arrive at the climbing area before leaving it. How about a portable time clock for checking in and out, and a small footage stomach wheel to be rolled along the face of the cliff as the climber ascends and descends to measure his footage for the day?

One more UPS AND DOWNS item: One of our reporters informs us that Marion Jackson and Leo Scott and their families did some climbing at the Hermitage in Pennsylvania this past week end.

Inside Corner

Steven Arthur, 7 lbs. 3 oz., greeted the Lembecks early Monday morning (4:30), May 29. Win thinks that if big feet are any sign he should take to rock climbing. "He's wonderful," she reports.

Sally Lindsley is now Mrs. Dick Goldman according to our announcement. The knot was tied May 27, as per schedule.

Sam Moore and Jan Conn were mutually surprised to discover each other among the performers in the Folk Festival at the Watergate Sunday, May 28.