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### ANNUAL MEETING

Time: 8:00 PM, Friday, 23 January 1953

Place: Johnnie Reed's

6637 Barnaby Street, N.W.

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#### Agenda:

1. Election of new officers.
2. Consideration of what to do with surplus funds (if any) in the treasury.
3. Schedule of local and overnight trips for the next few months. Volunteers to lead trips will be selected from those not attending.
4. Election of new members (in order to replenish treasury which was just spent under Item 2 above).
5. Everyone is invited to bring four or five of his best kodachromes of local climbs during the last year. We'll have a short program if time permits.

J.R.

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7 Dec. 1952, Carderock, Md.

Jean Burnstad

Jim Bullard

John Brehm

Marion Harvey

Arthur Hilderth

Andy Kauffman

Betty Kauffman

Alice Marshall

Tommy Marshall

Louise Marshall

Dr. Sven Nissen-Meyer

Chris Scoredos

Eric Scoredos

Johnny Scoredos

Bob Stevens

Betty and Andy had breakfast with us at the Hot Shoppe and planned to climb with us later but someone must have cut their rope.

Jim had an ulterior motive in bringing his friend Arthur along. Supposedly Arthur is to become so interested in climbing that he'll call for Jim every Sunday morning. I don't know how interested Arthur was but he certainly climbed the Beginners' Climb neatly, and from then on he was attempting climbs such as Sterling's Crack and the Jack Knife, with not even a quiver.

The Spiderwalk was conquered by Chris and John; Sterling's Crack by Chris, John, and Tommy; the Swayback Layback by John; Elsie's Edgeface by John, Marion and Dr. Nissen-Meyer.

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After lunch, we proceeded with renewed energy to the Jack Knife, which was climbed from the rock landing (sure do like that little old rock) by Chris, the JB's, Marion, Dr. Nissen-Meyer, and Tommy. It was here that Eric ably demonstrated his theory that if squirrels can descend head downwards, why shouldn't we? Chris tried it but not nearly so gracefully as did Eric and Johnny. I'm afraid Chris still isn't convinced but Eric and Johnny definitely are. -- Chris could hardly convince them that the time had come to go home. Jim, Arthur and the Marshalls left before they could be inaugurated into this new Squirrel Technique.

And now there were five. We ambled round the corner and all of us made what Marion called a "C" climb but which she has now made into an "A-Plus" -- and after giving me such able instructions. (I would never have done it that way, Marion). Then she really put the bait on the cake by climbing the Lembeck Crossover with real finesse. John was the only one all out for JB Day and finished up neatly with the Lembeck Crossover as his fourth A of the day. At this point I was very tired of falling off rocks so we went home.

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Jean B.

14 Dec. 1952, Great Falls, Va.

John Brehm  
Jim Broome  
Alex Colvin  
Don Hubbard  
Shirley Jackson

Peg. Keister  
Alice Marshall  
Louise Marshall  
Tommy Marshall  
Gerry Morgan

Johnnie Reed  
Hans Schaltoma  
Chris Scoredos  
Bob Stevens  
Arnold Wexler  
Jim Willard

John Brehm, Don, Chris and Bob deserted the group at the Hot Shoppe, and the rest of us left for the quarry. Starting, as usual, at the Corkscrew, enabled practically everyone to get in a warm-up climb, and afterward Jim Willard wandered around the corner to Romeo's Ladder, which he did with ease, although not quite as elegantly as Arnold who followed him up. The group then ambled upstream to the Inclined Plane, which Jim Willard, Johnnie Reed, Arnold, Gerry, and Tommy mastered. Others gave it a try, but found that it wasn't quite the cinch that it looks. The last climb on the agenda before lunch was Laurence's Last, which was tackled successfully by Johnnie, Arnold, Gerry, Tommy, Alice and Jim Willard, while Jim Broome got in some belay practice at the top.

Your author left at this point, but was later informed that after lunch, the A Cheval was conquered by Jim Willard, Jim Broome, Tommy, Alice and Bob Stevens, who rejoined the group at this point. The group then left for Arnold's and a dinner of home made Pizza.

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27-28 December 1952, Schoolhouse Cave - Guided Tour

Paul Bract  
Flossie Moore  
Jim Moore  
Earl Mesburg

Johnnie Reed  
Chris Scoredos  
Bill Weiss

The gang rendezvoused at Mouth of Seneca shortly after noon on Saturday in a light flurry of snow. After a short stop for lunch and a longing look at Seneca Rocks, on to Schoolhouse. Packs and sleeping gear were cached in the entrance room before continuing into the cave. At the jumping off place Flossie was given a hurried rappel lesson and quickly followed Chris down to the Nick of Time. This was her first introduction to both saving and climbing, and she behaved like a veteran.

Near the bottom of the Cascade Pit Jim discovered a pack containing several maps of the cave, carbide, food, Sterno - and one green pennant bearing the inscription "Explorers Club of Pittsburgh". Finding no mangled remains of Pittsburgh explorers in the vicinity we continued out to the Sand Room and Dance Room. Returning to the main part of the cave we enjoyed a snack of Explorer's Club of Pittsburgh beans heated on Pittsburgh Sterno and, filling our lights with Pittsburgh carbide,

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we continued on to the mud slope below the Judgement Seat. Here Johnnie, after taking one look at the ladder, relinquished the lead to Paul who had more faith in the tensile strength of telephone wire. By the time everyone had reached the top of the Judgement Seat there was some muttering in the rear ranks about dinner so we retreated, finally arriving back at the jumping off place at 1:30 AM. After a chilly dinner (the outside temperature had fallen to about 20°) we climbed into our sleeping bags and, undeterred by cold, mud, or anything else slept 'til almost noon Sunday. By the time "breakfast" was over it was decided to make a hasty retreat to Washington in order to avoid the holiday traffic.

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J.R.

21 December 1952, Angler's Inn and Carderock

Jim Bullard and friend	Hans Scholtema
Shirley Jackson	Chris Scoredos
George Kamm	Ted Shad
Johnnie Reed	Unidentified
	Jim Willard

The weather being somewhat on the drizzly side, only Jim Willard, Ted, Chris, Unidentified, and Jim Bullard and his friend went out to Angler's Inn, where a climb or two was made. Most of the remainder of the folks deserted at this point, but Chris, Jim Willard, and Unidentified went back up the road to Carderock for a few uninspired climbs, followed by a retreat to Washington.

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4 January 1953, Great Falls, Md.

John Brohm	Felix Peckham
Peg. Koister	Chris Scoredos

This last holiday weekend found the usual diminished group at the Hot Shoppe Sunday morning. After breakfast, the group went out to the Md. side of Great Falls, where they met Francis Bittenger and worked over the Red Overhang and adjacent wall. The cold, windy day discouraged further climbing, so the group took a hike down the Potomac Gorge before returning to Washington.

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31 Dec. 1952 - 4 Jan. 1953, Hermitage, Pa.

Joel Gross	Peg. Koister	Johnnie Reed
Phyllis Gross	Earl Mosburg	Jane Showacre
Shirley Jackson	June Mosburg	Frank Sauber
Betty Muello	June Muello	

Johnnie and I, after fighting our way through some "California Sunshine" arrived at the Hermitage Wednesday afternoon about 2:00 PM, having previously purchased food for the week-end. After sawing a huge amount of pine and lugging it to the cabin we soon had a roaring (?) fire in the fireplace. Dinner consisted of canned stew, corned beef hash and coffee. Then we waited for the others to arrive. We waited. We waited some more. We waited a great deal more. Finally, at about 5 minutes to 12 there came a cry of "Happy New Year" from one Peg Koister and we were very glad to see her, - June Muello, Joel and Phyllis Gross, Jane Showacre, Earl and June Mosburg come trotting in. Along about 2:00 AM after the usual New Year's festivities, people decided that it was a long day and so to bed - but not before we were given a fashion show on the latest thing to wear in a sleeping bag by Peggy, complete with RED NIGHTGOWN!

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Thursday dawned along about 10:00 AM. Groans could be heard that sounded suspiciously like "How can you climb in 3 inches of snow?". Breakfast was a long and lazy affair ending only when Jane, June Muello, Peggy and I decided to go for a walk in the nasty white stuff. We didn't get very far before we were battered from the rear with snowballs by Johnnie and Earl. The fight continued up the slope to the rocks, up the rocks, and on top of the rocks. By that time everyone was worn out and a rappel lesson was in store for June Muello and I. We had a little trouble inasmuch as the rope was wet and the rocks were all full of snow, but we mastered it by gum!! Dinner was a sumptuous meal of steak and fixins. Real good.

Joel, Johnnie and I stayed over through Friday and Saturday, doing nothing much except sawing wood, reading "John Brown's Body", and buying enough food for an army - for 3 people. An attempt was made on the Swiss Guide Climb but it petered out in about the first ten feet.

Saturday, Phyllis, Betty Muello and Frank Sauber appeared about 5:30 PM with the tale that Frank's car was stuck half way up the road. After retrieving the car from the brink of disaster, supper was served, interspersed with riotous army stories by Joel and Frank. Afterwards more reading of "John Brown's Body" and a chess game by Johnnie, Joel, and kibitzers.

Sunday we woke up to more of the white stuff and no one moved until about 10:30 AM. Breakfast was a wonderful affair seeing's as how there were 26 eggs for 6 people. As the snow prevented any climbing the chess lesson continued. Along about 4:00 PM we decided to leave the wilderness and return to civilization. Next year let's hope there is no snow and more climbing.

S.J.

(Note by Editor, who is a skier: Murray for our side!)

Our Chairman has announced that the Mountaineering Committee has been delinquent about holding the regular monthly business meetings. Accordingly, he would appreciate having the home owners in the group volunteer the use of their homes for meetings. Those who can do so please notify Johnnie (address on Page 1).