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CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

- February 6, Friday, 7:30 PM Training Film Committee meeting at the PATC Headquarters. Anyone that wants to lend a hand, particularly anyone with playwriting talent, is welcome (see report below on the annual meeting).
- February 7, Saturday, 8:00 PM Monthly Business Meeting at Susie Broome's, 511 Fern Place, N.W. (Taylor 9-9384). To be followed by some of the Karcher's slides of their trip last summer, and some of Jane Showacre's slides of the Devil's Tower climb she and Jan Conn did last summer.
- February 21, 22, 23 Schoolhouse Cave. Leaders: Paul Bradt and Chris Scoredos. For other details, see page 4.
- March 1, Great Falls, Va.
- March 21, 22 Wolf Gap Shelter; Leader: Peg Keister; climbing at Devil's Garden, and/or Big Schloss.
- April 5 Bull Run, Va.
- April 25, 26 Range View Shelter; Leader: Shirley Jackson
- May 3 Echo Cliffs, Va.
- May 9, 10 Old Rag; Leader: Paul Bradt
- June 6, 7 Seneca Rocks, W. Va.; Leader: Jane Showacre

January 23, Report on Annual Meeting

The faithful congregated at Johnnie's place (almost) as scheduled. A round of serious business led off the program, the highlights of which are as follows:

Four new members were voted into the Mountaineering Committee: John Brehm, Shirley Jackson, Earl Reed and Ann Remington.

A hard-hearted crew shanghied Johnnie Reed and Jane Showacre for the Mountaineering Committee Offices of Chairman and Vice-Chairman, respectively.

A considerable chewing of the fat resulted in the decision to recommence work on a training movie on climbing, and a committee was organized for the purpose. Members of the committee are - George Kamm, Bill Kemper; Gerry Morgan, Johnnie Reed and Arnold Wexler, with Jane Showacre as Chairman.

A schedule of forthcoming trips was agreed upon, and is tabulated above.

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Following the business, a round of refreshments supplied by Mrs. Reed put the climbers into the right mood for some very interesting movies shown by Bill Kemper, covering some of his climbing and skiing trips. These were followed by color slides of climbing furnished by Gerry Morgan, Arnold Wexler, Jane Showacre, George Kamm and Johnnie Reed.

Mountaineering Committee Activities During 1952

In any group there are always a few people interested in figures---of one kind or another. The following figures were taken from accounts of Mountaineering Committee trips which appeared in UP ROPE from 1 January, 1952 to 1 January, 1953.

During this period the group participated in a total of 67 climbing trips to local areas. These trips were distributed as follows:

1. Sunday trips

Carderock	14
Great Falls, Va.	7
Great Falls, Md.	4
Bull Run Mts.	3
Sugarloaf	3
Herzog Island	2
Echo Cliffs	2
Louden Cliffs	2
Others	10
	<u>48</u>

2. Overnight trips

Seneca Rocks	4
Schaffer Rocks	3
Old Rag	3
Little Stony Man	3
Schoolhouse Cave	2
Others	4
	<u>19</u>

The total number of people participating in these trips whose names were listed in the trip reports was:

Sunday trips 828

Overnight trips 278

1106

No serious accidents occurred on any of these trips.

The total number of ascents of climbs classified as A's in the latest list (UP ROPE, vol. VIII, No. 18, 11 Feb., 1952) was 68. This list is probably very much abbreviated because a large number of ascents of such climbs as the Spiderwalk, the Cross-Over, etc., are never reported. However, I'm pretty sure that all climbs of the Big Toe Traverse, Donald's Ducks, and Charlie's Crack were recorded. The breakdown of these ascents is as follows:

Spiderwalk	14 (8 different people)	<u>Leads</u>	
Sterling's Crack	12 (10 different people)	Gunsight Notch to	
Bull Run Overhang	10 (10 different people)	S. Peak of Seneca	
Lombek's Cross-over	7 (6 different people)	Rock	3
Leonard's Lunacy	5	Donald's Ducks	3
Butterfinger	4	Big Toe Traverse	1
Chairman's Chimney	3		
Little Handhold That			
Isn't There	2		
Herbie's Horror	2 (Jim Bullard both times)		
Charlie's Crack	1		
Socrates' Downfall	1		

It should be emphasized that this tabulation includes only those climbs listed in UP ROPE, so lay down that hatchet.

In all there were 23 different people that made ascents of A climbs. There were two climbs on the list that were not made during the year: the Angel's Roost route in Schoolhouse Cave, and the East Face at Camp Lewis.

Ed. note: How about a discussion on reclassifying the climbs at one of the business meetings soon, Johnnie?

J.R.

GRUNTS AND GROANS

Carderock, Md., 28 Dec. 1952

George Beadle
John Brehm
Jean Burnstad

Miss Estes
Ann Remington

Only four hardy climbers showed up at the Hot Shoppe this nice cold morning. Although it was too cold for climbing on our arrival, after an hour or so, with the aid of Old Sol, conditions were suitable for a workout. In the meantime we had a roaring log fire which seemed to have a magnetic attraction for Estes and Jean. Dr. Beadle and John made the Butterfly Climb after several attempts, after which we tackled the Spiderwalk. About this time Ann joined us and shortly afterwards we also had the Capitol Hiking Club as spectator. Dr. Beadle and Ann made the Spiderwalk without difficulty, and Ann also made the Layback-Swayback very beautifully. After a few more minor climbs and some rappels, we felt we had fulfilled our duty and left early.

John B.

Carderock, 25 Jan. 1953 - BEGINNER CLIMBS SPIDERWALK!

Regulars:

John Brehm
Marion Harvey
Wallace Haynes
Don Hubbard
Shirley Jackson
George Kamm

Andy Kauffman
Betty Kauffman
Peg Koister
Ray Moore
Gerry Morgan
Mary Neilan

Johnnie Reed
Chris Scoredos
Ted Shad
Arnold Woxler
Jim Willard

Visiting Explorer Scouts headed by John Slaughter and Harry Wirin:

Jim Altenhofen
Peter Arntson
John Brentlinger

Kenneth Colton
Donald Dickson
John Fish

Bob Hamilton
Barnett Wirin

Attracted by the first clear skies for days, a good sized crowd appeared at the Hot Shoppe, and it was decided to visit Carderock because of the visiting Scouts. Shortly after arriving, the Beginner's Crack was besieged by one group of Scouts under the instruction of Peg and Johnnie, while the knobby face at the beginning of the Golden Stairs was attacked by another group under Chris' tutelage. Climbing practice was followed by lessons in rappelling, and then some of the more enthusiastic Scouts decided that that sort of thing was child's play and, after inquiries, headed for the nearest "A" climb - the Spiderwalk. Shortly afterwards, the old-timers' jaws dropped when Peter Arntson (with a slight assistance from the rope) breezed up the crack - no mean feat, even with the rope.

After a very chilly lunch, Peg and Johnnie led a small group up the Golden Stairs, and George Kamm followed leading a second rope. Johnnie and Arnold then took on the Spiderwalk successfully, after a few false starts. Most of the group succumbed to the cold at this point, but Johnnie, Chris and George stayed behind with some Scouts for a little more instruction.

Later in the afternoon, the climbers regrouped at the Shad's place, and were joined by some seldom seen faces - the Karchers and the Meenahans, for a sumptuous repast, followed by a mite of furniture moving to work it off. Ted had built a beautiful cabinet for his custom audio equipment in his basement workshop, and in spite of a slight miscalculation which necessitated tearing down the door frame to get it through, the climbers managed to bring it up where it could be admired. Many thanks for the dinner, Ted.

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Your Editor hears that Tommy Marshall is down with virus pneumonia, although not especially seriously. We hope he has a speedy recovery.

Tentative Plans for Schoolhouse Trip

Paul requests that only people who are pretty well checked out on rappelling, belaying, knots and so forth be invited on this trip. This doesn't mean that you can't come unless you're an all around expert, but this is not the place for complete beginners.

Errata

Dec. 28 - We think there was a case of mistaken identity here. So far as we know George Beadle was in California at this time. Must have been two other people.

Jan. 25 - We didn't mean to get familiar. Just for the record, it was Wallace Haynes Walker who appears third on the list.