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COMING EVENTS

October 21 - Meeting at Joan and Phil Cardon's, 1730 Crestwood Drive - 8:00 P.M.
 Speaker: Johnnie Reed - Subject: Alaska
 Directions: From 16th St., turn west on Shepherd. Pass 17th St., Turn left on Crestwood Drive. 1730 is last house on left.

October 24. Spitzbergen Area - Maryland side of Potomac opposite Echo Cliffs.

UPS AND DOWNS

Sept. 12 - Echo Cliffs

T. and K. Schad	John Christian	Al Neuman	Bob Spindler
Peg Keister	Corny Ford	Huntley Ingalls	Earl Reed
A. and B. Kauffman	Dolores Alley	A. and T. Marshall	Eddie Willmann
Johnnie Reed	Blondie Neuhaus	Frank Sauber	Arnold Wexler
H. and J. Conn	Haynes Walker	Ed Worrell	Thea Welsh

The day was cool, the water warm (I'm told) and climbers will be climbers. In the morning Tommie Marshall and Huntley got to the top of the Ten Foot Devil, while Alice and Ted did the Inclined Plane. The Four Year Old and the sloping slab next to it also saw considerable activity. It was rumored that Johns C. and R. and the Conns spent the morning tickling the Big Toe.

After lunch everyone gathered at the foot of Socrates' Downfall. A bit of diversion was afforded by the jam crack at the foot of Cow Hoof Rock. It was finally conquered by Bob Spindler, Tommie and John C. Cow Hoof was climbed by Ted, Blondie and Corny. Socrates' Downfall was done by Earl (with the aid of a nap on a convenient ledge), Huntley, John C. and Ed. John R. almost made it, but the loss of first a hat and then a shoe proved too much for him. (The Cow Hoof and Downfall climbers were accompanied by appropriately gory songs supplied by Jan and her Guitar.)

Frank Sauber turned out to be the hit of the day when he appeared sporting a very realistic mermaid on his chest.

-N.C.F.-

September 19 - Cupid's Bower

Moira Armstrong	Shirley Jackson	Tommy Marshall	Chuck Wettling
John Christian	Wanda Juniper	Earl Reed	Arnold Wexler
Barbara Cole	Ken Karcher	Johnnie Reed	John Williams
J. Fitzwilliams	Pim Karcher	Ted Schad	Eddie Willmann
Norman Ford	Peg Keister	Doc Welsh	Ed Worrell
Huntley Ingalls	John Meenehan	Thea Welsh	

(Over)

It was a wet and miserable morning, and several of the comfort-loving climbers sneaked off home. The rest started out for Carderock but were talked at the last moment into going to Cupid's Bower instead. Johnnie Reed contributed a canoe, and the party was ferried across dryfooted if otherwise pretty rainsodden.

John C. led the B.A. climb, closely followed by John R., John W., and, less confusingly, by Corny, Huntley and Chuck. Ed shuddered at so dangerous a lead and went off to lead the M.A. instead. Other Masters included Chuck, Corny and John C. Meanwhile, John R. instigated a hardware assault on an obviously impossible face to the right of the Ph. D. Apparently it was climbed after hours of hammering and drilling, but neither Johnnie nor any of his accomplices (John C., Huntley, Tom and Chuck) climbed all the way. (Someone neatly suggested it should be called Convocation.)

After lunch Ed took a party (of what Peg disparagingly, it wasn't meant that way - P. called "beginners, intermediates and folk-dancers") over to the Virginia bank to an outcrop admirably designed for scrambling and easy climbing. By this time the weather had completely changed, and everyone (even including the late-comers, who had had to follow a series of contradictory and illegible directions and so would have been justified in grumbling) said what a good idea it had been to come to Cupid's Bower. Canoeing, swimming, and just lying in the sun were all very popular, though the really academic types swotted successfully away at more Ph. D.'s. At dusk a large fire was prepared while a small expedition set out to forage for food and drink. Fortunately it took them only three or four hours to locate hot dogs, beer and cokes.

Before supper was over, some very hostile-looking clouds appeared, and after only two canoe-loads had left the island the rain started. The remaining castaways decided to escape through the forest and across the stepping-stones. Ed smugly produced the only flashlight, and with the help of this and some considerably bright though more intermittent lightning, the party succeeded in crossing the river (not in the right place, of course). It is not known whether the cataclysmic ending to the day changed anyone's opinion of what a good idea it had been to go to Cupid's Bower, but since climbers are crazy anyway, it probably didn't. M.E.A.

SAFETY MEMO

A small gasoline stove and an oversized pot of boiling water in the midst of a group of climbers camping overnight on Cupid's Bower on October 2 were the cause of serious burns to one of the party.

After some of the group had retired to their sleeping bags the stove was placed nearby for convenience. An accidental kick spilled the water over John Christian's toes. First aid was promptly administered and he was evacuated by canoe the following day.

It should be emphasized that cooking, even if it involves only heating water for tea should be done out of the way of traffic!

John Christian

While looking through the program of the Geological Society of America meetings which will be held in Los Angeles next month we noticed the following papers to be presented:

Sterling B. Hendricks "Polytypism and screw dislocations; an appreciation of the work on crystal growth of S. Amelinckx and W. Dekeyser" (Presidential address of the Mineralogical Society of America)

Harald Drewes "Structural geology of the southern Snake Range, Nevada"

With apologies to both authors, we are forced to say that we doubt if these papers will be reprinted in UP ROPE.

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