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SCHEDULE OF EVENING MEETINGS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Subject</u>
Nov. 18	Schad's	Arnold Vexler	Bugaboos
December	no meeting		
Jan. 20	Silsbee's	Moore-Scler-Morgan	Aqualunging in the Bahamas
Feb. 17	?	Johnny Meenehan	Caves

MINUTE MINUTES

Meeting of 21 October held at the Cardon's:

- (a) Film committee meeting to be scheduled for final decision on editing of film and preparation of script to go with it.
- (b) Future weekend trip planning will include the Hermitage shelter. VOLUNTEER LEADER WANTED.
- (c) 18 November meeting at Ted and Kay Schad's with Arnold Vexler's Bugaboo slides scheduled.
- (d) Secretary elected-----

Pim Karcher

A concise report if we ever heard one. Anyone for a short beer?

Your editor has accumulated a large number of extra copies of Up Rope over the last year which will soon have to be relegated to the trash (where they probably belonged in the first place). If by any chance anyone would like to have any of them, please let us know at once.

UPS AND DOWNS

September 26, 1954

Herzog Island

Moira Armstrong
Joe Arms
Tommie Berden
Mike Brady
Jeannette Fitzwilliams
Marion Harvey
Bob Hinshaw
Peg Keister
Bill Kemper
Martha Jennison

Johnnie Johnson
Alice Marshall
Tommy Marshall
Frank McLaughlin
Gerry Morgan
Blondie Neuhaus
Johnnie Reed
Frank Sauber
Kay Schad
Ted Schad

George Schelle
Chris Scoredos
Tom Sullivan
Jimmie Whitney
Chuck Wettling
Bill Welsh
Thea Welsh
Arnold Wexler
Ed Worrell

This warm sunny Sunday found the island swarming with climbers. The river was so low that we could wade across without going in over our knees. Most of the morning was spent instructing a group of Explorer Scouts on the Nubble Face. In the meantime, Chris took a group to the Fingertip Balance Climb, and it yielded to Chris, Chuck, Tommy Marshall, Bob and Marion.

At lunch time we found out how they do things in Colorado.

In the afternoon, Johnnie Reed led Gerry Morgan and Tommy Marshall across the face below, and up Jan's Semi-Chimney. They were later followed by Bob Hinshaw, leading Chuck and Blondie. Also, Arnold and Ed climbed the Upside Down Climb, and Ed, Chuck, Tommie and Bob mastered the Chairman's Chimney. A good many of us enjoyed the swimming, as the water was still quite warm.

The darkness caught some unawares, as this was the first Sunday back on standard time. Supper at Frank Sauber's was in honor of Joel Gross, who was leaving that week to take up residence in New York.

-T.S.-

October 3, 1954

Bull Run Mountain

Pim Karcher
Ken Karcher
Dave Kerns
George Magee
Kay Schad
Bob Spindler

Bob Stephens
Bill Welch
Victor Hasenoeuhl
Haynes Walker
Bruce Langmuir
Emily Russell

Wade Marshall
Louise Marshall
Alice Marshall
Tommy Marshall
Ted Schad

After a hot walk up to the rocks from the north, we got to the vicinity of Zeus' Throne to find a cool breeze blowing and ominous black clouds coming in from the west. Ted and Pim took Dave and George on some practice climbing on the rocks below the Throne, while Ken photographed.

A few showers caused us to take shelter while we ate lunch. After lunch, attempts were made on the Bull Run Overhang, which was climbed by Bob Spindler and Tommy Marshall, and on Charlie's Crack, which was climbed by Tommie.

Climbing and belaying lessons on the easier climbs in the vicinity of the Overhang completed the day's activities.

October 9 and 10, 1954

Old Rag Mountain

Tommie Marshall
Wade Marshall
John Meenehan
James Music

Dave Nicholson
Kay Schad
Ted Schad
Julie Slemp

Bill Shockley
Dick Spier
Dorothea Welch
Chuck Wettling
Arnold Wexler

Chuck, Dave and Dick found their way to Nethers about midnight Friday, and packed up the Weakley Hollow road in the morning. John, Tommie, Wade and Ted met them at the lean-to at about 10 A.M. Saturday. The others came down Sunday.

The weather was fine both days, and quite a bit warmer than we had expected. As a result of the warm, dry autumn, there was very little color in the leaves. All springs were dry except the lower spring below the lean-to.

Activities included climbs of the Beginner's Climb, Hollywood Climb, the Layback, the Finesse Climb, and others in the vicinity of the latter.

-T.S.-

October 16 and 17, 1954

CarderockPeetsborge Peeble Pooshers

Cliff Alexander
Anne Converse
Rod Converse
Paul Michalko

Marilyn Nicoson
Sayre Rodman
Kay Thompson
Jean Winne

Washington Loafers

John Christian
Ellen Davis
Marion Harvey
Bob Hinshaw
Shirley Jackson
Peg Keister
Bruce Langmuir
Bates Littlehales
Tommy Marshall
Gerry Morgan

Ray Moore and a
little bit Moore
Earl Reed
Johnnie Reed
Frank Sauber
Ted Schad
Ruth Schmidt
Bill Shockley
Jane Showacre
Liz Thomas

Cup Cake Walker
Bill Welsh
Thea Welsh
Al Webb
Donna Willard
Jim Willard
John Williams
Eddie Willman
Allen Winslow

Coo - What a week-end this was! 'Azol blows into tywn and what do we find under all the mess? Peetsborgers! Cute little blighters they was too. Scamperin' oop and dywn the rocks at Carderock, 'avin' theirselves qwite a grand owld tyme. All d'y Saturday - oop the Nubble Fyce, Beginners' Crawck, Ronnie's Leep, Goiden Stairs, hetcetra. Blimey - you'd think they was regular monkies. Heven 'ad Jean Winne oop the Spiderwalk. Saturday hevenin' they went hover to Hellen Davis' for eats, movies, talk and general 'orsin' around.

Sunday bright and early - well, bright hany w'y, back they cyme to give ole Hoscarr wot for. Ray Moore gyve the newcomers a lesson in ropes, knots, rocks and stuff by the Beginners' Crawck. Meenehan's Staircyse was a bit busy with Jane Showacre, Kay Thompson, Anne Converse and J. Willard, with ole Earl givin' hit the owld college try. Sterling's Crawck 'ad the charmin' company of Marion Harvey and Bill Shockley. Jan's Fyce had a bit of business too with John Williams, John

Christian and Liz Thomas.

Around lunch tyme Hóscar's vicinity becyme a teeny bit wet because the Potomac was risin' due to 'urricane 'azel. Hóperations had to cease, and 'e 'ad to be put to bed. Afterwards a couple of parties was put on the ChrisWexDon, J. Reed leading Kay Thompson and Cliff Alexander, with Sayre takin' Hellen Davis and Jean Winne. Of course, both parties 'ad an hoverbead haudience givin' hout wi' various comments and 'elpful 'ints.

John Christian and Bob Hinshaw and several other people in the meantyme were puttin' a tension climb oop Sterling's Crawck.

By this time everybody was a bit poched and also the river was gettin' a mite too close for comfort, so we did a Dunkirk. Takin' the Peetsborgers back to Rockville so's they'd not get lost on their w'y back, we went over to Great Falls to look at the owld muddy Potomac. Hoo Boy she was really kickin' up a bit. It was only due to night fawl though, that the even Steven was not done. Just because it was under 30 feet of water wouldn't 'ave stopped us. Well, that just about does it. A foine week-end with the Peetsborgers, a 'ilarious dinner at the 'oward Johnson and lofely weather. -S.J.-

Please, does anyone have an address for Helen Baker? She left for Holland without giving us a forwarding address, and her Up Ropes are piling up.

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In going through the new publications in the Geological Survey Library we came across an interesting little book: "Cave Survey", By A.L. Butcher, published by the Cave Research Group of Great Britain, 34 Alexandra Road, Leamington Spa, Warwickshire..

Another possible item of interest to some of our underground friends with a scientific turn of mind is a recent paper in the September 1954 issue of the Journal of Geology, "The Deposition of Calcite and Aragonite in Caves" by John W. Murray of Virginia Polytechnic Institute.

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