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March 20, 1955

COMING EVENTS

- 27 March - Sugarloaf Mountain
- 3 April - Little Stony Man, Blue Ridge Mountains, details below.
- 7 April - Meeting. Subject: Snow and Ice Technique by Andy Kauffman. At "Pete" Peterson's home, 3345 Tennyson Street N.W. Directions: North on Connecticut Avenue to Chevy Chase Circle. Turn right on Western Avenue, $\frac{1}{2}$ miles to Tennyson Street, turn right on Tennyson Street for $\frac{1}{2}$ block.
- 10 April - Spitsbergen area
- 17 April - Thurmont, Maryland

DETAILS ON LITTLE STONY MAN TRIP

Leader is Chris Scoredos. Travel will be by individual cars to Little Stony Man. Contact Chris at WO 6-2843 for car pooling. Directions: Turn left on the Skyline Drive at Panorama to the Little Stony Man parking area (approximately ten miles).

WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT

All rock climbers are invited to the wedding of Blondie Neuhaus and Ed Worrell on Saturday, April 2nd, at 4:00 PM at Saint Matthew's Church, Mayfield and Norman Avenues, Baltimore, Maryland. There will be a reception immediately following the ceremony in the Church Social Hall. Please notify Blondie if you are coming.

PITTSBURGH SOCIAL CLIMBERS

The Pittsburghers suggested that we (meaning they and us "Southern Confederates") make the little New Year's Eve party in the mountains an annual affair. Now, that won't be hard to do!

They have two trips scheduled to Seneca Rocks for the weekends of March 26-27 and April 16-17. Sayre Rodman is leading the March trip and Cliff Alexander the April trip.

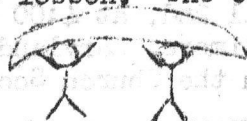
February 13, 1955 Difficult RunDon Hubbard
Huntley Ingalls (afternoon)John Meenehan
Chris ScoredosBill Welsh
Chuck Wettling

This was a bright, clear day after the heavy snow; the snow was crisp and powdery, melting toward the late afternoon. The walk down the Run and the climbing near the falls, hung with icicles gave photographic opportunities to Johnny and Bill. The morning was spent climbing near the falls and practicing dynamic belaying under Don's direction after he had set up (and discarded) the finest toothbreaker of his career. In the afternoon, Don led the walk up the water line from the mouth of the Run; the water was high, the snow deep, and the going rough. We hope this marks the end of Don's claim to be old and crippled and the resumption of his active climbing. The freshly broken ice, caught in the whirlpool in the knee of the river, was awe inspiring.

W.W.

February 20, 1955 Cupid's BowerChuck Beard
Joan Cardon
Phil Cardon
John Christian
Joan Crosby
Huntley Ingalls
Ken Karcher
Pim Karcher
Andy KauffmanBetty Kauffman
Peg Keister
Alice Marshall
Blondie Neuhaus
Dave Nicholson
Ike Nicholson
Mike Nicholson
Johnny Reed
Ed RiffinFrank Sauber
Gail Stewart
Bill Welsh
Ed Worrell
For Breakfast
Don Hubbard
Alvin E. Peterson

With glistening eyes, Johnny Reed suggested we go to Cupid's Bower via canoe. Johnny and Peg dispatched themselves to Johnny's source of supply and returned with two canoes. These were carried to the water's edge. As most of those present were neophytes to this latest addition to climbing the rocks (Bill Welsh excluded, of course), Johnny assumed the leadership and demonstrated the way to handle a canoe. Lesson No. 1 involved the manner in which you get a canoe off from one's head into the water. The bank was very slippery which presented a challenge. Splash and Splash....one for the canoe, one for Johnny. Oh well, at least we learned how not to do it. Once over at Cupid's Bower a fire got going, however, with borrowed dungarees, shirt and jacket, Johnny was no worse for the water. Activities included climbs on the BA, the MA, and the PhD climbs and a few other climbs nearby (names, if any, unknown to reporter), canoe trips up and down the river, and hikes around the island. Lesson No. 2 was conducted by Johnny. It involved the proper method of transporting a canoe over land. Ken joined Johnny as victim for the lesson. The canoe is turned upside down and carried over one's head, thus:



However, Johnny is taller than Ken and the canoe got heavier and heavier, so they rested the bottom of the canoe on their heads, thus:



Now this works in theory but presents one difficulty. You can't see where you are going. When they walked smack into a tree, no one was surprised. The tree was slightly dented, the canoe wasn't damaged, nor were the heads of the carriers....which proves inconclusively that some people are, after all, pretty thick headed.

P.K.

February 17-23 Mt. Washington

John Hart
 Betty Hart
 Erich Heinemann
 Robb Heinemann

Bill Hooker
 Jane (Speedy) Showacre
 Chuck Wettling

Lured by promises of wonderful goofer-free skiing in the "high" mountains, this small band straggled into the Harvard Cabin late Friday afternoon with Chuck for one vastly relieved to find that Blondie's route is not the only one up the mountain. Thereafter, a period of exceptionally fine weather allowed us to accomplish all of our objectives: i.e., much enthusiastic schussbooming by Jane, just plain skiing for the rest of us, and a limited amount of ice-climbing. In the latter department, the practice pitch in Crawford Notch and Odell's Gully in Huntington Ravine were done by Erich, Chuck, and John. Odell's was especially full of ice and provided an interesting time for a total of eight climbers (including 5 HMC'ers), four of whom managed somehow at one time to get tied into the same ice piton.

E.H.

February 27, 1955 Great Falls, MarylandClimbers and Canoeists

Chick Beard	Tommy Marshall	Pete Peterson*	Ed Worrell
John Christian	June Maienthal	John Reed	* Pete walked with
Denny DenHartog	Millard Maienthal	Jane Showacre	the canoes and
Peg Keister	Blondie Neuhaus	Bill Welsh	broke the ice for
			them.

Climbers

Huntley Ingalls	Dave Nicholson	Nick Nicholson	Jim Shipley
John Meenshan	Ike Nicholson	Ed Regan	Gail Stewart

People we were glad to meet on the towpath: Justice Bill Douglas and friend.

People who finally arrived

Erich Heinemann	Earl Reed	Arnold Wexler
Robb Heinemann	Thea Welsh	Eddie Wilman

During a rather damp morning climbing at the Bulge, below Great Falls, with John Christian, directed by Jane, belayed by Denny and Huntley, doing a Bilgari rescue. Before noon the canoeists, Pete acting as an ice breaker, struggled up the canal and river to Swain's Lock, up the canal to Pennyfield's, and then, in the finest weather, down the fast river to the dam. Meantime the climbers climbed and even the late comers reported they had had a fine time looking for us on the Virginia side of the falls.

W.W.

March 6, 1955 Wexler's

Moir Armstrong	Peg Keister	Johnny Reed and 2 friends
John Christian	June Maienthal	Jane Showacre
Lorry Foster	Millard Maienthal	Thea Welsh
Pim Karcher	Pete Peterson	Arnold Wexler

We were rained out of Carderock so badly that we didn't even get as far as the bridge over the canal, and that isn't very far. But we did get to Arnold's for recorded music, Sunday comics, and a large pot of coffee brewed Seneca style.

J.C.

CHANGES OF ADDRESSES

James D. Sutherland's new address is Clintwood, Virginia.

The Scoredcses have moved into their new home at 6804 - 32nd Street N.W.

John Christian's new address is: Apt. 301, 707 Tennessee Avenue, Alexandria.

Helen Baker has another new address: O. Z. Achterburgwal 225, Amsterdam-C, Netherlands. She has taken up ice skating, "passing all the little children out on their wooden iëskates." She would like to know if anyone is interested in climbing in Switzerland this summer.

EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE

That's Chuck Wettling. Remember--he isn't Santa Claus.

Many thanks to this impressed UP ROPE crew and to Portia, our unseen stencil cutter.

Editor

MINUTES OF THE 17

FEBRUARY MEETING

In the absence of Chairman Showacre who was off skiing on Mt. Washington, Ken Yarcher presided. Joan Cardon announced that the movie script is in final form

FIRST AID COURSE

Andy Lauffman will offer a standard course in first aid beginning 4 April. It will be held at the American National Red Cross HC, 17th between D and E Streets, NW for 3 hours per nite, 2 nites per week, for a total of 18 hours of instruction. Call Andy at OL 2-3422 to sign up.

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LETTER FROM JOHN SOLVA

John is having a rough time finding any climbers who are interested in climbing on the local cliffs. The Sopkas have sleeping room for wandering rock climbers and would appreciate seeing some of the familiar faces.
