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### UPS AND DOWNS

April 23-24, 1965 - OLD RAG MOUNTAIN, VIRGINIA

Alice Marshall

Jim Hawkins

Joe Ryan

Louise Marshall

Rowland Tabor

Art Lembeck

Paul Bradt

Charles Hanna

Win Lembeck

Betty Johnson

Saturday afternoon Chas. 1 Alice, Louise and Paul set up camp in the Reflecting Oven Shelter. 1 Louise and Charles padded the rock slab bunks with leaves while the other two went scrambling. Shortly after the scramblers came down and in for dinner, Jim and Rowland arrived and began calling to locate the shelter. Unfortunately the 20 ft. granite ceiling was too thick for their feeble voices to penetrate. Accordingly they set up a shelter with a 1/100 inch ceiling through which they could hear raindrops.

Next morning we got together for some scrambling on the Hollywood rocks. However showers drove us to an early lunch in the Cave. 2 Here we were joined by Betty and Joe. After lunch Rowland led Jim and Alice up the Beginner's Climb. It was here that Win and Art found us. Art had just flown home from Korea and was shortly to take his family to California. They had driven thru rainy weather from Baltimore and climbed the mountain to pay their respects and send their regards to those not there. What an honor!

1 This shelter may be reached from the mountaintop spring by drilling 200 ft. straight down, and then tunneling 500 ft. due east. Those coming up the Ridge trail may prefer a different approach. At the head of the rocky ridge that gives that trail its name, the trail turns right among aspens and enters an oak grove. Instead of turning here, proceed due south for 300 ft. and straight down for 150 ft. The shelter will be recognized as the space under the largest rock in the cirque.

2 See sign near top of the Saddle trail.

To finish off the day Joe and Paul took Betty scrambling over various problem climbs. Betty's names for these climbs should not go down in history.

P. B.

April 24, 1955 - CARDEROCK, MARYLAND

Mike Brady	Ernie Huber	Chris Scoredos	Bob Sprindler &
John Christian	June Weienthal	Erich Scoredos	friend
Audrey Fugitt	Millard Weienthal	Helen Scoredos	Rommy Vildzius
Erich Heinemann	Tommy Marshall	Jane Scoredos	Chuck Wettling
Robb Heinemann	Gay Michon	John Scoredos	Adele (?)

Our novices, Audrey, Gay and Adele had a surplus of instructors to show them the ropes and rocks. They did very nicely: Audrey and Gay scrambled up the Beginner's Climb and rappelled down while Gay also did Ronnie's leap and Jan's Face. The rest of us did the usual climbs, more or less.

J. C.

April 30, 1955 - CARDEROCK, MARYLAND AND HERTZOG ISLAND

A "lost" Saturday. The Pittsburghers were kept company by a dozen or more rock climbers at Hertzog Island and Carderock. The dancing element took the Pittsburghers square dancing in the evening in an attempt to wear them down but judging by the next day's activity they didn't succeed.

J. C.

May 1, 1955 - CARDEROCK, MARYLAND

Ed Worrell	Allan Minor	Robb Heinemann	Cornelia Abrams
Blondie Worrell	The 3 Mals	Erich Heinemann	John Christian
. Haynes Walker	Jim Hawkins	The 3 Webers	A. M. Webb
The Scoredos Family	Moirra Armstrong	Bernie Jones	
Rommy G. Vildzius	Charlene Smith	Mike Brady	
Tom Marshall	Frank Sauber	Gay Michon	
Audrey Fugitt	The Nicholson Family	Tom Ford	
Arnold Wexler	Gail Stewart	Ernie Huber	
Jean Winne	Ed Riggan	Sayre Rodman	
The Lembeck Family	Cliff Alexander	Kay Thompson	
Bill Welsh	Betty Johnson	Thea Welsh	
Chuck Wettling	Eddie Willmann	Suzanne Green	
John Reed	Francis M. Ashly	J. Fitzwilliams	
Alice Marshall	Jane Showacre	Micky Johnson	
Gail Stewart	Earl Reed	Shirley Jackson	

In spite of the early morning showers, there was an excellent turnout at Carderock. Since belay practice with Oscar had been planned upon, a number of climbers took turns and acquitted themselves admirably. J. Christian and his assistants removed a large log which had fallen across the path. B. Johnson and H. Scoredos worked with the clippers on some of the lush growth of poison ivy and more work of this type could be done on future trips.

The Pittsburgh group had a fine time tackling the Spider Walk, Leonard's Lunacy and other climbs. Lines formed at Ronnie's Leap and the Beginner's Climb as various persons climbed, displaying much variation of technique. Climbs were made the full length of Carderock, making for a good deal of activity. We were all glad to see the Lembecks, and the many others who put in their appearance, making the day at Carderock one of the best attended in many months.

C. &amp; H. S.

May 7-8, 1955 - SENECA ROCKS, WEST VIRGINIA

John Christian

Andy and Betty Kauffman

Tommy Marshall

Weather was good except for a stormy Sunday morning. The Kauffmans did the south portion of the Skyline Traverse while Tommy and I did the Conn's West Face route. The first pitch above the Old Men's route was interesting, while the remainder was very pleasant. Andy took Tommy and I over the Breakneck route on the west face of the Cockscomb; the fourth time he has led this little-traveled route. It is relatively short but exposed and requires a good leader.

We then turned to the narrow south wall of the South Peak mass, that vertical yellow and gray wall north and west of the Cockscomb. Andy climbed on tension, starting from the inside corner between the wall and the west wall of the Cockscomb following a crack upwards to the left, until he was about 30 feet up and 1/3 of the way across the face. A crack going up from here didn't appear too good so Tommy made a short delicate traverse across the second third of the face to a small ledge from which another prominent crack extended upwards, almost unbroken, to the top. Tommy went up another 30 feet until stymied by an overhang. We returned the next morning and he passed the overhang with the aid of a ladder and went into a wide crack. After chimneying 10 feet in this, Tommy went up and across another 30 feet to a very much exposed belay position on the outside corner (this was the same one used on the Horrendous Traverse.) I followed up to this position and belayed Tommy as he resumed the lead. The next pitch was about 50 feet in length and passed through a wide crack immediately to the right of the two large overhanging ribs at the top of the wall. We "topped out" at a dead tree. A scramble to the north brought us into the notch where the Old Men's route comes out on the ridge.

No pitons were found above the first 40 feet, although some 43 pitons were counted below, which leads us to believe this is a new climb. The first 30 feet was on tension, followed by good 5th class for the remaining 120 feet. Marshall's Madness is a good name for the climb.

J. C.

May 7-8, 1955 - DEVIL'S GARDEN AND WOLF GAP CABIN

Moir Armstrong

Ralph Espach

Jim Hawkins

Erich Heinemann

Robb Heinemann

Alice, Louise, Wade Marshall

Jane Showscre

Charlene Smith

Rowland Tabor

Thea Welsh

Chuck Wettling

Blondie, Ed Worrell

Don Hubbard

Pete Peterson

Let's go to Devil's Garden and see the laurel, cajoled Blondie and Ed. So we went and did we see laurel? No. Instead we were obliged to reach the rocks through a thorny obstacle course and not a flower in sight. Finding the rocks was much harder than the actual rock climbs, but we persevered. Under Don's direction the group rigged and grunted across an aerial traverse; some of us cagily arrived too late for that kind of exertion, however. Sat. night Rowland and Ralph harmonized on Conn songs and others and charmed Don and Pete to such a degree that they didn't retire until after midnight. They weren't with us next day-- must have overslept.

T. W.



May 15, 1955 - CARDEROCK, MARYLAND

Tom Marshall	Stephen Jones	Barbara Hernian	John Meenehan
Charlene Smith	John Williams	Ed Worrell	Nicholson Family
Jim Hawkins	Shirley Jackson	Blondie Worrell	Jim Shipley
Rowland Tabor	Jean Rosenberg	Barbara Hendriason	Ted Schad
Thea Welsh	Phylles Rosenberg	Bill Welsh	Huntley Ingalls
Bob Spindler	Pat, Mike, Ray Moore	Betty Johnson	Penny Henshaw
Earl Reed	Micky Marcosano	Jane Showacre	Robb Heinemann
Eddie Willmann	Bill Shockley	Peg Keister	Erich Heinemann
Bernie Jones	John Christian	Joe Ryan	Chuck Wettling
			Don Feder & Famil;

Apparently there were no boats, so the leaders sent word to the marooned campers on Cupid's Bower that we would climb in the rain forest at Carderock. There, your reporter found such a profusion of climbers that he had difficulty getting all the news and names, but here are some of the events: **Meenehan's** Staircase was climbed by Meenehan, Ed Worrell, and Bill Shockley. Ted Schad, Dave Nicholson and Jim Shipley did Wexler's Worst. Bill Shockley climbed the Spider-walk and **Blondie** found a combination which should get her to the top next time. Dave Nicholson & Jim Shipley scampered up the Triple A. Tom Marshall did the Horror. Rowland Tabor made the Swayback-Layback, also the Ph.D. and the Master's at Cupid's Bower. The less difficult climbs were done many times during the day. Ray Moore arrived in the afternoon with the Cupid's Bower group in his motorized life raft. Chuck Wettling, Erich Heinemann, Mike and Dave Nicholson, and Huntley Ingalls contributed to the modern decadence of rock climbing by making timed ascents of the Beginner's Crack and Jan's Face. Best times: Beginner's Crack, 14 sec. by Chuck and Erick; Jan's Face, 1 min, 5 sec. by Huntley. Late in the afternoon a group gathered about an odd-looking snake. After much profound discussion your reporter concluded that it was a copperheadedwaterrattle snake. This seemed to alarm the creature, so it was allowed to escape.

H. I.

May 21-22, 1955 - SHAWANGUNK MTS., NEW YORK

Arnold Wexler	Ed Worrell	Rowland Tabor
Thea Welsh	Blondie Worrell	Joel Gross
Jane Showacre	Robb Heinemann	Jean Gross
Joan Crosby	Erich Heinemann	Earl Mossberg
Chuck Wettling	John Christian	

Several of us forsook the great outdoors and stayed at Schluter's Inn. This procedure has definite merit. Saturday and Sunday were warm clear days and a great deal of climbing was done by the PATC and about a hundred other people from the New York City area.

C. W.

May 29, 1955 - ECHO CLIFFS, VIRGINIA

Maira Armstrong	John Christian	Joe Ryan	Lester Van Atta
Mike Brady	Peg Yeister	Bill Shockley	Arnold Wexler

It was a most pleasant day. Everyone was quiet and relaxed. The inclined ledge provided some amusement while swimming provided a cool interlude.

J. C.

May 28-30, 1955 - SENECA ROCKS, WEST VIRGINIA

Damon Finney	Jean McDowell	Thea Welsh	Ed Worrell
Erich Heinemann	Earl Reed	Eddie Willman	and various
Robb Heinemann	Rowland Tabor	Blondie Worrell	Pittsburgers

This was an excellent outing spent in the mighty shadow of Seneca Rocks. The Worrells', Jean, and Damon put in a high camp on the east side of the peak on a tiny ledge hacked and dug out of the steep hillside. The rest of the party fraternized with the mosquitoes and flies at the river.

The Old Ladies' route, the Old Men's route and the Skyline Traverse were completed by various parties. Rowland, Thea and Erich ascended the Army-Conn East Face route with minor variations. (They followed the Army-Conn East Face route as far as the top of the first flake, after which they took the route pioneered by Ray Moore in August, 1951, on a reconnaissance of what was to become the Soler route: "... a traverse along a ledge and over a slight overhang to join the Conn route. ...": Ed.)

Monday afternoon Huntley Ingalls and assorted cavers visited base camp soon followed by Ray Moore, Tony Soler, and friend. Their arrival and departure were accompanied by loud explosions from across the valley. Probably coincidental. (Ed: Rowland is from the Stanford Alpine Club and isn't acquainted with the idiosyncracies of all our people).

R. T.

June 4-5, 1955 - SENECA ROCKS, WEST VIRGINIA

John Christian	Carole Murphy	Jim Shipley	Ed Sutton
Cliff Forman	Ed Riffin	Jane Showacre	Chuck Wettling
Huntley Ingalls	Joe Ryan	Phil Smith	John Williams
Shirley Jackson	Frank Sauber		

Seneca Rocks' fame is growing. Cliff journeyed all the way from Fort Bragg, North Carolina, via Washington; Phil came from Fort Eustis, Virginia; and Ed Sutton came down from a camp in Pennsylvania to climb with us. They were introduced to a number of routes, some of which have been rarely done.

Included were the Skyline Traverse, Worrell's Thicket climb up the east wall to the Old Man, Old Ladies' route, Old Men's route, Gendarme, Yauffman's Rib (South edge of the No Dally Alley flake) and the One Stop Chimney climb in No Dally Alley. A variation on the last pitch of the Old Men's route was also done. The inside corner 50 feet to the north of the regular inside corner, was led to the top, followed by a traverse to the north and a descent of a broad chimney which led to the top of the first pitch of the Army-Conn West Face route. The most notable climb was Huntley's lead up Kauffman's Rib, seconded by Ed Sutton.

One of the parties using a new all purpose breakfast food called ZING! (Whole Wheat Germ) was able to get out of camp on the rocks by 7:30 am, far in advance of those who ate eggs, bacon, sausage, hash and beans. We now know why Huntley is such an exotic person--he eats little pink shrimp for breakfast.

J. C.

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### SUMMER TRIPS

The summer exodus to the mountains has begun!

Sterling Hendricks, Don Hubbard, Arnold Wexler and two MIT boys have left for the Logan Mountains in the Northwest territory.

Frank Sauber, Chuck Wettling, Shirley Jackson and Moira Armstrong are going to the Alpine Club of Canada's camp at Berg Lake near Mount Robson.

The Worrells, Thea Welsh, Tom Ford, Damon Finney and Jean McDowell will head for the Wind River Mountains, Wyoming.

Ken and Pim Farcher and John Christian have left for the Canadian Rockies.

Hals und beinbruck!

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### COMING EVENTS

July 10 - Harper's Ferry and Halltown quarry. Leader: Thea Welsh

July 17 - Cupid's Bower. Leader: Ike Nicholson

July 24 - My favorite climbing area. Leader: Erich Heinemann

July 31 - Another Surprise! Leader: Earl Reed

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### ATTENTION: LEADERS

In the absence of the Editor, during July, to cajole, persuade, prevail, upon, enlist, engage, press, exhort, solicit, induce, entice, wheedle, coax, lure, inveigle or goad potential UPS AND DOWNS writers, it will be the responsibility of the leaders of each trip to get a roster of the climbers on his trip and some sort of a write-up to: Editor, "UP ROPE," c/o PATC.

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Lt. Johnny Reed is apparently having a good time in Alaska with the U. S. Army. His address is 2nd Lt. John C. Reed, O-4000752, Engineer Section, H Q USARAL, APO 949, c/o Postmaster, Seattle, Washington.

Lt. Jim Hawkins and PFC Rowland Tabor recently left for Greenland. They are assigned to the 1st Engineer Arctic Task Force. We'll certainly be happy to see them back again.

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

Robb Heinemann announces that she is offering for sale to the highest bidder the key to Earl Reed's apartment. Bidding open to properly qualified females.

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