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COMING EVENTS

- November 6 Carderock, Md. Belay practice with "Oscar". Pittsburgh Social Climbers will be here for the weekend.
- November 11-13 Hawksbill Gap Jean-to, Va. Park 13.7m S of Thornton
- November 20 Great Falls, Md. (Peg's Progress Area) ⚡ Gap on Skyline Drive
- November 27 Cupid's Bower Island, Md. ⚡ Leader: J. Showacre
- November 29 MEETING at the Marshall's home, 4209 Everett St., Kensington, Md. at 8 P.M. Program: The Worrell's trip to Wind River. Directions: Drive out Wisconsin Avenue, turn right at first traffic light past Naval Hospital, turn right on Everett St., go 1½ miles. OR, drive out Connecticut Ave., and turn left on Everett St. (about 2 miles north of East-West Highway).

INCIDENTAL INFORMATION

Our new movie on dynamic belaying, complete with sound track, will be premiered at the January, 1956 meeting (this announcement is supposed to do two things - whet everyone's appetite and prod the producers).

MEETING DAY CHANGED

The Mountaineering Committee's monthly meetings hereafter will be held on the LAST TUESDAY of the month instead of the third Thursday. The change was approved at the September meeting.

NEW CLIMBER

Cindy Cardon weighed in at 6 pounds 7 ounces, to Joan and Phil on September 12. She is "active, energetic and strong" and will be out to see us some Sunday soon.

UPS AND DOWNSJuly 10, 1955 - GREAT FALLS, MARYLAND

Roy Bailey	Robb and Erich Heinemann	Jane Showacre
John Brehm	Betty Johnson	Thea Welsh
Libby and Mac Brown	Earl Reed	Jim and Donna
Dutch Watkins and babies	Joe Ryan	Willard
		Eddie Willman

This outing consisted of doings before rain, during rain and after rain. In the morning, people climbed various faces, including the horrendous Red Overhang. Ed, Earl, Roy and John made that one and Blondie almost reached the handhold which would have put her up. Later the swimmers and the gallery watched expectantly as Ed and Earl paddled down river in a canoe. Unfortunately they waited until they bounced through the rapids and out of sight before dumping. They claim to have salvaged an object resembling an unassembled canoe. Then the rains came in the afternoon and man, tired of huddling close to the rocks, departed for Earl's apartment where it was supposed to be drier. The optimistic ones who stayed were rewarded with sunshine and, led by Jane, Betty, Thea and Roy, climbed Peg's Progress.

TW

July 17, 1955 - CUPID'S BOWER (reported in a previous issue)July 24, 1955 - SUGARLOAF MOUNTAIN, MARYLAND

Roy Bailey	Edith Goodhue	June Maienthal	Chris Scoredos
Don Feder	Erich Heinemann	Milliard Maienthal	Helen Scoredos
Walter Goodhue	Robb Heinemann	Louis Post	Eric Scoredos
Jean Goodhue	Bill Hooker	Earl Reed	Johnny Scoredos
Patricia Goodhue	Betty Johnson	Marsh Romer	Eddie Willmann
John Goodhue	David Kopf	Joe Ryan	

Thinking enviously of those fortunate enough to be out in the "Big Mountains", we took advantage of a rare cool day and made for the highest point in the near vicinity - Sugarloaf Mountain. Here Earl performed on the Butterfinger climb - not once but THREE times (large female audience). Climbing was temporarily interrupted by an unsuccessful non-rabid fox hunt. The day's activities were concluded by a swim in the Dickerson quarry, where we watched a spectacular high dive by Dave Kopf.

RH

July 31, 1955 - CARDEROCK, MARYLAND

Roy Bailey	Don Feder	June Maienthal	Bob Rothe
John Brehm	Eric Feder	Milliard Maienthal	Joe Ryan
Joan Cardon	Jeannette Fitzwilliams	Tom Marshall	Chris Scoredos
Phil Cardon	Bill Hooker	Louis Post	Jane Scoredos
John Christian	Betty Johnson	Earl Reed	Eddie Willmann

Considering the heat and other factors, namely vacations, this day had a right good turnout. The surprise for the day was that Earl Reed, the leader, was ready to depart from the Hot Shoppe at 8:30.

In the early part of the morning, climbing centered around the Beginner's crack, with John C., Tom Marshall, John Brehm and Earl doing a little pitch between the Beginner's crack and Ronnie's leap. Ronnie's leap was done by Eddie and tried by Betty. (Looks as if Betty has her work cut out for her on the next trip to Carderock.) The next center of attraction was Jan's Face, where John C. tried to kick footholds into the rock. (There must have been a great deal of snow climbing in Canada.)

The Chris-Wex-Don was done by Joe Ryan who was seconded by Bill Hooker, with Betty and Bob completing the rope.

ER

August 7, 1955 - GREAT FALLS, MARYLAND Alas, alack! No report.

August 14, 1955 - ECHO CLIFFS, VIRGINIA

The usual crew was out. The Washington Post-Times Herald photographer, Douglas Chevalier, came out this Sunday. His very good writeup can be read in the August 19th issue of the Post.

August 21, 1955 - SUGARLOAF MOUNTAIN, MARYLAND

Cornelia Abrams	Ken Karcher	Chuck Wettling
Roy Bailey	Pim Karcher	Arnold Wexler
John Brehm and friend	Peg Keister	Donna Willard
Erich Heinemann	Mike Nicholson	Jim Willard
Robb Heinemann	Joe Ryan	Blondie Worrell
Huntley Ingalls	Jim Shipley	Ed Worrell
Shirley Jackson	Jane Showacre	Richard Stacks, Photographer
Betty Johnson	Thea Welsh	William Stump, Reporter

Under the tutelage of that well-known public relations firm of Wexler and Welsh, we spent this day providing enlightenment regarding the gentle art of rock climbing for the Great Unwashed of Baltimore City. With sage comments from Arnold and Jane (paraphrased, to be sure), magnificent technical demonstrations by Mike and Thea, and a few other miscellaneous shots of members of the supporting cast, the results can only be described as ----- ~~memorable~~ ----- uh ----- enlightening. (Cf. Baltimore Sun Metrogravure - 9/18/55.) The only regret of the day was that we failed to fully convince our guests from the fourth estate that climbing really is fun. Other than this, very little of note happened. There were the successes and failures on the Butterfingers; the usual advice from Blondie (punctuated on this weekend by a few anguished screams from Photographer Stacks); and finally, of course, adjournment to the Dickerson Baths for cool refreshment.

HEH

August 27-28, 1955 - STATE LINE BEACH PARTY

John Christian	Pim Karcher	Earl Reed	Bill Welsh
"Corry" Ford	Jean McKee	Frank Sauber and	Thea Welsh
Barbara Ford	Meenehan Family	four friends	Arnold Wexler
Erich Heinemann	Ray Moore	Jane Showacre	Eddie Willman
Robb Heinemann	Pete Peterson	Tony Soler	Wilson Family
Bevin Hewitt			

The waves were rough. Those who went in were frequently chased or tossed back on the beach (I'm speaking from personal experience). The mountain rescue teams proved their salt in the launching and riding of two-man and six-man life rafts through the surf. Occasionally the rafts, complete with contents, were flipped over. (Great fun for the spectators on shore.)

In the evening, Meenehan's cabana, covering more acres than ever before with its new aluminum poles, was surrounded by a horde of two-man mountain tents. It was, naturally, the center of the great intellectual discussions which have always followed a very hot and drying day in the sun. Some parties, not to forget that after all we are mountaineers, went off and made a first ascent among the rugged dunes. The first team mistook a lower peak for the summit but were convinced by the second party that they were on the true summit. The first party joined them and promptly collapsed. They were quickly revived by the introduction of an old Austrian mountain-topping custom. The climbs were made unroped and without any protection.

JC

September 3-5, 1955 - SENECA ROCKS, WEST VIRGINIA

Paul Bradt	Ernie Huber	Pete Peterson	Bill Welsh
John Christian	Huntley Ingalls	Joe Ryan	Thea Welsh
Tom Ford	Betty Johnson	Jim Shipley	Chuck Wettling
Erich Heinemann	Gay Michon	Jane Showacre	Arnold Wexler
Robb Heinemann	Al Owyang	Rommy Vildzius	and lots of Pittsburghers

Saturday was overcast and misty with rain, so activities were confined to the subterranean levels. Huntley led John, Rommy and Erich over the Angel's Roost in Schoolhouse cave, while Jane took a group to another cave that had a forty-foot pit in it.

That evening a group went to the Dolly Sods campground to try the camping up there, as I heard something about loud neighbors down at Armentrouts'.

Sunday, despite its misty beginning, turned out to be a good day for climbing. John and Rommy led teams over the Old Men's route and Jane led a party over the Old Ladies' route to meet Chuck's party which was doing the Cockscomb. The two latter parties rigged an aerial traverse from the Cockscomb to the South Peak. I was on the rocks and didn't see it from below, but I understand it looked quite airy. Huntley showed himself briefly on Sunday, just to say that he had been "shanghaied" into going into Schoolhouse for a second day.

Monday was bright and sunny again. Arnold led a group on Seneca, while Jane's party went over to climb on Baker Rocks. This proved to be a very good way to end a weekend.

Although I had never heard of equipment being stolen from campers in West Virginia, it did happen on this trip. Chuck's tent and sleeping bag were stolen from the Dolly Sods campground. Everyone might benefit from this misfortune and not leave things lying around.

Jim S.

(Ed.: We welcome Jim to UP ROPE. This is his first contribution.)

September 11, 1955 - GREAT FALLS, MARYLAND

Joan Cardon	Betty Johnson	Alice Marshall	Angie Scandalos
Phil Cardon	Andy Kauffman	Louise Marshall	Jane Showacre
John Christian	Betty Kauffman	Tom Marshall	Arie Wier
Ellen Davis	Peg Keister	Dave Nicholson	Charles Wier
Robb Heinemann	J. B. King	Mike Nicholson	Chuck Wettling
Erich Heinemann	Maxine King	Earl Reed	Eddie Willman
Pamela Joffre	Adeline Lizzi	Joe Ryan	Ed Worrell
			Blondie Worrell

The most strenuous accomplishment of the day was a Bilgari Rescue set up by Jane and Peg. Those rescued were Betty, John and Joe. It was pretty well agreed that by the time this member had been hauled up, rescuers and rescuee had frozen. It was hard work for everyone concerned.

Meanwhile, an aerial traverse had been rigged up by Earl, John and Tom. Among those who crossed, Alice had the most interesting method, while Eddie swung through the air with grace. This was all accomplished with much advice and shouts of encouragement from the onlookers.

After lunch, some went up the river to climb, while another party finished off Peg's Progress. Still others, including Blondie, who had climbed her three climbs for the day, caught up on back news. The conversation looked interesting. We adjourned to "Luigi's" for dinner.

BJ

September 18, 1955 - CUPID'S BOWER ISLAND, MARYLAND

John Brehm and friends	Frank Sauber	Bill Welsh
Jean Fitzpatrick	Chris Scoredos	Chuck Wettling
Robb and Erich Heinemann	Eric Scoredos	Arnold Wexler
Peg Keister	Jane Showacre	Eddie Willman
Earl Reed	Thea Welsh	Ed and Blondie
		Worrell

Although some ambitious people climbed, the sultry weather sent most of us into the river, particularly to the rapids just north of the island. Earl's walnut shell, which also functions as a water craft, tipped and tilted as it carried Blondie, Ed, Chuck, Frank and Thea over the rapids innumerable times. Air mattresses were also gleefully used by Chuck, Blondie and Thea for floating over the same route. But Jane, Erich and Doc, who tried to paddle a canoe through the white water, were impeded by some rude rocks and will probably postpone their trip until they find a more suitable conveyance, a tin tub, for instance. (Ed.: This is a classic understatement. "Impeded" means the canoe was completely smashed.)

TW

GET IN CONDITION NOW!

"The chief danger faced by the mountaineer at great altitudes is bedsores." Tilman, on Everest, quoted by Houston in "K2-The Savage Mountain."

FOR PHOTOGRAPHERS - A "LEICA" LECTURE

Walter Benser, "Europe's most famous 'professional amateur'", will apeak on 35mm. photography in Washington on December 5th and 6th. His talks are said to be especially fine for amateurs. Tickets are free from your Leica dealer.

EXPLORER'S CLUB OF PITTSBURGH

There is a very interesting account of the "Explorers' " Wind River Range Expedition in one of the recent issues of the ECP's newsletter, which can be obtained from the PATC Library. The Army was apparently of great help as they gave the boys a bottle of insect repellent and allowed them to salvage C-Rations damaged in parachute drops.

The ECP is planning a Yucatan Expedition for 1956. "Groups participating will be: Archeology, biology, mountaineering, and caving." The Yucatan Peninsula was decided on in preference to a Cordillera Blanca, Peru expedition or some first ascents in the Selkirks.

CORRECTION

The repair of the Cupid's Bower shelter is not a PATC project but a private project. It will extend over a long period of time.

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