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### COMING EVENTS

- 27 November - Great Falls, Md. (Peg's Progress area)  
29 November - MEETING at the Marshall's, 4209 Everett St., Kensington, Md., at 8 PM. The Worrells will show slides of their Wind Rivers trip, and Jim Hawkins will show slides of his summer in Greenland above Thule. Directions: Drive out Wisconsin Avenue, turn right at first traffic light past Naval Hospital, 1 mi., right on Everett St., OR, drive out Connecticut Ave., and turn left on Everett St. (about 2 miles north of East-West Highway).  
4 December - Carderock, Md. Belay practice with Oscar. Novices should be sure to come out - there will be a lot of fun.  
11 December - Camp Lewis, Md.

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### WHEN IN ROME .....

Everyone has heard the saying, "When in Rome do as Romans do." The same thought also applies on a climbing club outing. Local experience - whether it be the "hard knocks method" or through controlled tests - and local conditions, i.e., the nature of the climbing areas, the type of people (intellectual officeworkers or muscular blacksmiths), have all determined certain climbing rules for a club. It is for the safety of all that these climbing rules be followed regardless of how unnecessary or foolish, or even how unsafe, they may seem to any one climber.

Our "one climber" may be a "giant" - capable of holding three men on a three-hundred foot fall with a standing static belay in the Slobovia Mountains (rather unusual person and rope, I must admit). But in another club's climbing area he is an undeterminable quantity. He may still appear to be a giant - but one who is standing on a wobbly chockstone!

It is for these reasons that our "giant" should adhere to the climbing rules on a club outing, and should he desire to instruct any cute little novices it should be in the techniques of the Romans and not in his own gigantic techniques.

The value of, or the logic behind certain rules can always be questioned, but the questions should be brought to the club officers. In return, the club officers have not discharged their responsibility until they have conclusively proven to our "giant" the correctness of the rules they climb by.

In case you don't know who this editorial is for, it is for:

1. The "giants" - in any guise.
2. The novices - who should follow the club techniques, and
3. The club officers - who should critically evaluate new techniques and periodically re-evaluate old techniques,  
--- in whatever club they may be.

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### IOCA SONGFEST BOOKS

The new edition of the IOCA Songfest Book is available at a discount price of \$1.25, including postage (retail price is \$1.75), for group orders. Blondie Worrell will take orders. Send money to her at 4760 Belwood Green, Baltimore 27, Md. Those orders received by November 30 will receive the songbook by December 15. Large group orders may receive an additional discount.

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### GUS

Gus Gambs, the father of rock climbing in this area, has been ailing a bit and has been in the hospital for the past month. We would all like to wish Gus a very speedy recovery.



### UPS AND DOWNS

September 25, 1955 - THURMONT, MARYLAND.

Somebody whom our Chairman Jane appointed has evidently forgotten his writings - and we've forgotten who!

October 2, 1955 - CARDEROCK, MARYLAND.

Phil Cardon	Andy Kaufmann	Mike Nicholson	Bob Spindler
Fred Feder	Betty Kaufmann	Wallace Orgell	Dick Taylor
Don Feder	Pete Kaufmann	Lee Ostenburger	Sally Taylor
Eric Feder	Peg Keister	Joe Ryan	Chuck Wettling
Jeanette Fitzwilliams	Wolfgang Lieb	Earl P. Reed	Bill Welsh
Robb Heinemann	George Magee	Frank Sauber	Thea Welsh
Erich Heinemann	Tom Marshall	Bob Schnauss	Arnold Wexler
Ernie Huber	Alice Marshall	The Scoredoses	Eddie Willmann
Betty Johnson	Gay Michon	Jane Showacre	Ed Worrell
Anne Johnson	Ike Nicholson	John Sopka	Blondie Worrell

Eight expansion bolts, 25 pounds of engine and 40 pounds of capstan have invaded the status quo of Carderock. Above the shouts of "up rope", the clamors for "slack" and the usual pleasantries of a sunny Sunday, came a persistent 1-3/4 horsepower putter. Oscar, freed by the invaders from the lethargy of manpower, sailed more than 100 times with superlative ease through Operation Uplift. Fourteen climbers took up and fed slack rope and caught free falls ranging from a few to 20 feet. Each made six or more catches. Alternate crews of three managed the belay practice. One crewman attached Oscar to the hoist rope, another eyed the belayer and tripped the trigger and occasionally the belayer. And nearly everyone

had the pleasure of wrapping the hoist rope around the capstan drum and effortlessly making Oscar ascend Mt. Sycamore.

For those of you who weren't around, the hoisting mechanism is in two units - the bright red gasoline engine and the capstan - both easily carried on packboards. Each unit is mounted on a separate  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch aluminum base and for Operation Uplift are held in position on a large flat rock with expansion bolts. The engine is similar to that used in power lawnmowers and has one spark plug. Three speeds are available by adjusting the belt on the triple cone pulley system connecting the engine with the capstan.

The lifting is accomplished by wrapping the hoist rope  $2\frac{1}{2}$  times around the capstan drum and manually taking up slack. Oscar is held in midair by letting the rope slide around the drum.

The gear cost \$91.91. This was covered by our rock climbing reserve fund from 'way back, and from the annual Mountaineering Committee allotment from the PATC.

Our thanks to Earl Reed and Eddie Willmann and those others who helped for a grand job of planning, assembling and putting into operation Oscar's long dreamed-of better half.

J.S.

#### October 8-9, 1955 - OLD RAG MOUNTAIN.

Walt Freigang	Tommy Marshall	Earl Reed	Murray Smith
Peg Keister	Alice Marshall	Joe Ryan	Bill Welsh
Dagmar Krahforst	Mort Matthew	Bob Schnauss	Eddie Willmann
Louise Marshall	Todd Miles	Howard Shapiro	Blondie Worrell
Wade Marshall	Pete Peterson	Jane Showacre,	Ed Worrell

and an entire girls' Sunday School class, led complete with teachers.

During the drizzle on Saturday, Jane, Peg, Bill and Joe enjoyed a leisurely walk over Robertson Mountain, feeling sorry for the Marshalls, who were due down to clear the trail. During Saturday the rest of the party arrived at the shelter, and the girls' Sunday School class became integrated to the point of washing our dishes. Howard, Murray and Todd, previously unknown to us, joined us that night, stuck around to watch the Hollywood climb, commented on our limited membership, and subscribed to UP ROPE. Pete spent Saturday night alone at the summit and walked down to Nethers next day.

Sunday was clear and dry, the rocks were cool. Jane led Bill and Peg on the Hollywood. Joe, Ed and Blondie did the Beginners with Joe and Ed taking turns leading. The Marshalls, Walt, Earl and Eddie worked on the Pinnacles with success. Jane taught the visitors to climb and rappel; Bob and party arrived during the afternoon to watch. Alice, Ed and Bill did the Finesse and I still feel smug about it.

W.W.

#### October 16, 1955 - BULL RUN, VIRGINIA.

Bill America	Pim Karcher	David Nicholson	Laura Watkins
Moir Armstrong	Ken Karcher	Mike Nicholson	Linda Watkins
Miriam Curtain	Andy Kauffman	Joe Ryan	Jean Watkins
Ruth E. Devlin	Betty Kauffman	John Sater	Charles Weir
Jeannette Fitzwilliams	Martha Kayhoe	Ted Schad	Aire Weir
Marion Harvey	Nona Koerfer	Bob Schnauss	Bill Welsh
Erich Heinemann	John Meenehan	Chris Scoredos	Chuck Wettling
Robb Heinemann	Marcia Michels	Rolland Tabor	Arnold Wexler
Ernie Huber	Bobbie Mitchell	Clara Watkins	Jim Whitney
Betty Johnson	Ike Nicholson	Howard Watkins	Blondie Worrell
			Ed Worrell

Welcome newcomers! It was cloudy and windy today but ropes were in use all over the place. Such activity! Charlie's Crack, The Overhang, Little Quartz Slab, etc., etc., had their successes and failures.

Ted and Ken were oozing with enthusiasm when they coaxed John Meenehan into a climb which they had secretly named "Meenehan's Cul-de-sac" or "The John Stopper". This "climb" is actually a crawl, and the circumference of the crawl space is less than 32 inches, and the fact that it did not stop John accounts for it being renamed "John's Bump and Grind".

Some wandered home ahead of the Skyline Drive exodus, others left in time to become involved with it, while still others headed for Warrenton and dinner and watched the Fords go by.

P.K.

### October 23, 1955 - GREAT FALLS, VIRGINIA.

John Brehm	Ray Moore	Ted Schad	Jerry Sims
Linda Cook	Mike Moore	Chris Scoredos	Gale Stewart
Jim Hawkins	Diana Mowrey	Helen Scoredos	Sally Taylor
Erich Heinemann	Connie Nicholson	Eric Scoredos	Dick Taylor
Robb Heinemann	Ike Nicholson	Johnny Scoredos	Tad Wimbush
Don Hubbard	Mike Nicholson	Jane Scoredos	Judie Wimbush
Dunn Idle	David Nicholson	Jim Shipley	Chuck Wettling
Betty Johnson	Louis Post	Annette Sims	Charles Wrie
Pim Karcher	Mark Post		

For the benefit of kiddies all over the country, our own teen-agers staged quite a show for Walt Disney Studio photographer Jerry Sims. Activity took place opposite the Fish Ladder and then downstream in the Juliet's Balcony area. Jerry shot 500' of 35mm. black and white film destined for the newsreel section of the TV program, Mickey Mouse Club. Expected date of showing will be announced as soon as known.

Your reporter stayed with the "actors" so cannot report climbing activities of those who wandered further downstream in the area of the Bird's Nest, etc.

P.K.

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### INCIDENTAL INFO

(gleaned from the Mugelnoos, No. 274, October 13, 1955 issue)

Mt. Robeson was climbed by a new route - the SW or Wishbone Arete, sometimes called the Schaufelberger Route (Pottersmen: Take note). Mike Sherrick of the Sierra Club and Harvey Firestone and Don Claunch of the Bruin Mountaineers made the climb in four days and used 20 ice and rock pitons.

There is a GOOD mining road into the Bugaboos now. Driving time from Spillimacheen to the Forks is about three hours.

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