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COMING EVENTS

- 4 March - Carderock, Md. Belay practice with "Oscar". Leader: Joe Ryan
- 10-11 March - Breathing Cave, Bath County, Va. Leader: Ted Schad. See details below.
- 18 March - Rocks State Park, Maryland. Leader: Chuck Wettleing. Meet at Hot Shoppe as usual. Park is about 25 miles north of Baltimore, Md. so plan on leaving in PS about 6 am.

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COMING CAVE TRIP

(Map reference: USGS Williamsville Quadrangle - 1:62,500)

Meet at Breathing Cave at 10:30 a.m. Saturday. Those who wish may spend Friday night at the N. S. S. cabin, which is located on the Bullpasture River 1.5 miles northwest of Williamsville, Va.

To reach the cave drive west on U. S. 250 to McDowell, Va. Turn left on Va. Highway 678 (formerly 269) and drive about 10 miles south to junction marked on quad map as Elev. 1797. At this point turn right on secondary road, drive about 1/2 miles, and turn right through a gate on a narrow road (Elev. 2162 on map). Drive to top of first hill, about 3/4 mile, and park cars in the vicinity of side road which angles off to the left. Cave entrance is located in a sink hole several hundred feet off the road to the left and is reached by walking down a trail which leads off from the side road. Cave entrance at 38° 12' 28.8" N. Lat. and 79° 38' 18" W. Long. It is a big cave with lots of passageways including a new lower level just discovered.

Those unable to leave until Saturday afternoon can meet the group at the cabin for Saturday night. On Sunday a trip is planned to Crossroads Cave, or we may explore climbing possibilities in the vicinity of Bath Alum.

The cabin is equipped with cooking and eating utensils, but sleeping bags and air mattresses are needed. Fee for use of cabin and facilities is 50¢ per person per night. Contact Ted Schad (LU 1-0299) before Thursday night if you are going so that arrangements may be made for group commissary.

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