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COMING EVENTS

- 8 July - Herzog Island, Md.
- 15 July - Great Falls, Va. Leader: Erich Heinemann (OT-4-7678)
- 22 July - Cupid's Bower Island, Md.

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RETURN TO THE MOUNTAINS

With Washington entering another stifling hot and humid summer the exodus to the mountains has begun. Andy Kaufmann and Arnold Wexler are already in Peru. Sterling Hendricks, Don Hubbard and Pete Peterson are planning a traverse of the northern Selkirks. Johnnie Reed, Jane Showacre, Peg Keister, Bill Welsh and Earl Mossburg are going to Alaska. Chuck Wettling is going to the Wind Rivers with Joel and Jeanne Gross and another New Yorker. The Worrells may do Mt. Whitney during a visit to the West Coast. Bob Schnauss is taking a Sierra Club boat trip and climbing in Estes Park. Alan Talbert and Mike Brady are meeting in Colorado to climb.

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SUMMARY OF CLIMBING IN 1955 IN NATIONAL PARK SERVICE AREAS

As would be expected from visitation and use trends in areas of the National Park System, record highs were again established during the year both as to numbers of visitors and numbers of persons undertaking mountain climbing. The areas reporting are Devils Tower National Monument, Glacier, Grand Teton, Lassen Volcanic, Mount Rainier, Olympic, Rocky Mountain, Sequoia-Kings Canyon and Yosemite National Parks, and Zion National Park and National Monument.

For the amount of cross-country hiking and bona fide mountain climbing, the number of accidents reported is small. There were four deaths, 13 reportable injuries, and three non-injury rescues. This good record is due to several reasons. Excellent cooperation was received from all climbing clubs and organizations, each of which is safety-conscious and exerts considerable voluntary control over its members. This assumption of responsibility and cooperation is mutually advantageous and is deeply appreciated by the National Park Service. Superintendents of mountain

climbing parks have themselves made material contributions toward public mountain safety and rescue by providing effective warning signs, well trained personnel for registration, advisory, inspection, and rescue teams, and by providing adequate equipment, strategically located for both training and rescue purposes.

As in past years' resumes, the conclusion is again reached that the majority of the accidents which did occur should never have happened. They were largely the direct results of poor judgment, inexperience, and improper equipment or faulty use thereof, improper clothing or footwear, or disregard of existing rules and warnings. Furthermore, many of them were associated with snowbanks and ice rather than with precarious climbing, per se,

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UPS AND DOWNS

27 May 1956 - Aquatic Interlude

Blondie Worrell
Ed Worrell

Dick Usen
Eileen Snider

Peg Keister
Johnnie Reed

As Peg and I drove by the Carderock parking area (barely distinguishable between sheets of rain) we heaved a sigh of relief at finding it deserted and made a few premature remarks about "climbers finally having developed sense enough to stay in out of the rain".

At the Great Falls parking area it developed that at least a few of them hadn't.

Just to save the day from being a complete blank on the books we hiked down to the falls and later took a canoe trip up the river to check on a pileated woodpecker nest we had previously located. Turned out the birds had more sense than we did, so after poking their heads out to give us a scornful look they retired indoors. We took a hint and retired to Toohey's for coffee.

J.R.

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27 May 1956 - Housebound **

Jackie Dupont
Erich Heinemann
Robb Heinemann

Betty Johnson
Andy Kauffman
Betty Kauffman

Earl Reed*
Frank Sauber*
Chuck Wettling (for coffee only)

Eddie Willmann*

*These laggards came in time for lunch.

These hardy souls convened at the Hot Shoppe despite the downpour. After much speculation as to whether it would clear, the group decided it wouldn't and so several sojourned at Arnold's for the day.

There was much talk of mountains, men and machines and it is hoped no category was insulted. Very fine music and a vertiable library of Sunday papers contributed to the entertainment of the intellectually inclined group. The day was climaxed by a culinary triumph consisting of elegant steaks.

**Housebroken too?

J.D.

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FOUND

Found at Carderock on 3 June by Chris Scoredos were:

2 carabiners
1 string of pitons
1 large blue shirt
 $\frac{1}{2}$ pkg cigarettes

Call Chris at WO-6-2843 if any of the above is yours.

3 June 1956 - Carderock, Md.

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| Bob Adams | Susan & Feder (collies) | Tommy Marshall | Bob Schnauss |
| Kate Adams | Bob Garland | Alice Marshall | Chris Scoredos |
| John Adams | Adalyn Glaser | David McWilliams | Jane Scoredos |
| Dan Alex | Erick Heinemann | Ellie Nauta | John Scoredos |
| Mike Brady | Robb Heinemann | Tjalda Nauta | Eric Scoredos |
| Duncan Burchard | Diane Hunter | Jannike Nauta | Jim Shipley |
| Phil Cardon | Chuck Izard | Hank Nauta | Jane Showacre |
| John Christian | Shirley Jackson | Pete Peterson | Bob Spindler |
| Mary Lou Conant | Betty Johnson | Andy Platou | Alan Talbert |
| Liz Denegar | Dolly Judson | Louis Post | Tommy Tucker |
| Walter Downs | Andy Kauffman | Mark Post | Dick Usen |
| Emma Downs | Betty Kauffman | Earl Reed | Chuck Wettling |
| Ernest Downs | Peg Keister | Johnnie Reed | Eddie Willman |
| Suzanne Downs | Leo Lemay | John Rowland | Manny Wasserman |
| Lee Egerton | Norman Malakoff | Moir Rowland | Blondie Worrell |
| Donald Feder | Mike Malakoff | Jean Rosenberg | Ed Worrell |

(I resign!! - Typist)

As usual good weather brought forth a large attendance at Carderock. Erich had Oscar going early and a good many people got in valuable belay practice. Some found this a good deal harder than it looks. Duncan Burchard made the Upside-Down climb. As usual some people tried the Jam Box - with the usual results! Jim and Ed worked on a horrible nameless (apparently) overhang to the right of the Spider Walk. The most unusual feature was a talk by Dr. Phil Cardon on the philosophy of First Aid. This is the first in a series of two or three talks to be given at Carderock. Later on there will be some practical instruction in rescue techniques.

D.F.

17 June 1956 - Carderock, Md.

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| Jim Bullard | Roy Gorin | Tommy Tucker |
| John Christian | Tom Holden | Jane Showacre |
| Don Feder | Jim Koontz | Jean Swift |
| | | Eddie Willmann |

Group met at Howard Johnson's - Roy Gorin of Los Angeles, former president of the Los Angeles Chapter of the Sierra Club, introduced himself.

After breakfast for the late risers, group proceeded to Carderock and began to climb. Although some of the ascents appeared to me to be quite frightful, the two young ladies who accompanied the group, Jane Showacre and Jean Swift, climbed with apparent ease and considerably more grace than some of the men. I found this somewhat discomfoting when I was unable to ascend anything but the "Beginners Crack".

Moved then to "Jan's Face" and after abrading away several fingernails in abortive attempts to emulate the distaff members of the company, decided to watch instead. Saw some remarkable demonstrations of skill and agility as well as some surprising evidences of muscular strength by some rather fragile looking men. Noted then that the heavier climbers seemed to have more difficulty in spite of their more muscular appearance. Rationalized my own difficulties by deciding that I had neglected my diet. Jim Koontz appeared to be having some trouble too. Rationalized his difficulties by deciding he'd been to too many parties.

After lunch to rock face near river bank where Don Feder gave a remarkable demonstration of perseverance and stamina. Continued to be amazed at the climbing

ability of some of the lighter members of the group. Tommy Tucker climbed like a spider.

Took leave of group for trip home, reflecting on the affability and pleasantness of its members and hoping to join it on other occasions.

T.H.

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Koontz, James W., Garrison Rd., Owings Mills, Md.

Changes:

Ingalls, Huntley, Box 360, Grand Junction, Colorado

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APOLOGY

We unintentionally took away some of the glory of Jimmie Moore's ascent of the South Peak of Seneca Rocks (p. 3, Vol. XII, No. 15) when he was reported as being 8 years old. He's only 5! Now, who have I heard say this Old Ladies route was too tough for them?

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INCIDENTAL INFORMATION

The Pittsburgh Social Climbers have compiled a very complete, if not COMPLETE, list of "clubs in the United States which are believed to have an interest in rock climbing, mountaineering or related activities". Their main purpose in compiling the list was to help people who are going to a new area and wish to locate the climbers there, if any. A limited number of additional copies of this list are available at 10 cents each (no stamps or confederate money). They would like to see the lists widely circulated and encourage duplication (other clubs: take note). Their address is c/o Sayre Rodman, 32 Crystal Dr., Oakmont, Pa.

H&H War Surplus Center, 1058 W. Baltimore St., Baltimore, has a limited number of Army mountain bags (sleeping, that is) at \$12.95 used. They also have the new Bemis Draw-Tite tents. The Delux Alpine model is 57" x 96" x 44" front height and 31" rear height and weighs 11 pounds.

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