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NEWS OF THE P.A.T.C. MOUNTAINEERING COMMITTEE

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COMING EVENTS

- 18 - 19 Aug. - Beach Trip, Atlantic Coast: somewhere. Call Betty Johnson (OL-2-4717) for details.
- 19 Aug. - Local trip: somewhere
- 26 Aug. - Cupid's Bower Island, Md.
- 31 Aug. - 3 Sept. (Labor Day) - Champe and Nelson Rocks, W. Va. Details later or call Jane Showacre (UN-4-0535)

Local trips meet at 8:00 at the Howard Johnson's, Wisconsin at Western Avenues, NW. Bringen Sie Wasser und lunched.

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MOUNTAINEER'S WEEK AT DEVILS TOWER

It is something new in the annals of mountaineering when the National Park Service invites you to come and climb. Most of us who have sought permission to climb in the national parks are familiar with the ranger's grudging consent -- if indeed permission is granted at all.

But at Devils Tower last month all this was changed. Invitations were sent by way of the various climbing organizations requesting that as many qualified climbers as possible join in the activity at Devils Tower during Mountaineer's Week. Devils Tower is celebrating its 50th Anniversary as a National Monument this summer with a series of special events. Mountaineer's Week was a novel idea that appealed to both climbers and local Chambers of Commerce. The Wyoming Mountaineers, a nearby climbing group at Casper College, got behind the event and handled most of the correspondence and the scheduling of climbs.

Activity commenced on July 9th, a few days ahead of the official beginning of the week. A detachment from the Army's Mountain and Cold Weather Training Command at Fort Carson, Colorado, arrived, complete with helicopter and eleven rock climbing instructors. Officially the helicopter was for photographic purposes only, and it was not allowed to land on top of the Tower. This ruling came from Monument Superintendent McIntyre who says, "The rock climbers got here first. It's their rock and should be kept for them." However we heard no complaints from climbers when the helicopter hovered a few feet above the summit and lowered case after case of canned fruit juice -- enough to quench the thirst for all those climbing through the remainder of the week.