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COMING EVENTS

31 Aug. - 3 Sept. (Labor Day) - Champe and Nelson Rocks, W. Va. Leader: Jane Showacre. Commissary by cars. Call Jane (UN-4-0535) for additional info. Camp at the schoolyard in Riverton, W. Va.

9 Sept. - Great Falls, Va.

16 Sept. - Little Stony Man, Va. Leader: John Christian - Details below

Sunday trips meet at 8:00 in the Howard Johnson's, Wisconsin at Western Avenues, N. W. Bring lunch and water,

DO NOT CALL THE HOWARD JOHNSON FOR INFORMATION !!!

A note is left every Sunday behind the drain pipe on the southeast corner of the building, giving location and/or directions.

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LITTLE STONY MAN TRIP

Little Stony Man is on the Skyline Drive south of Panorama (Route US 211) about 95 miles from Washington. Pick up map from Ranger at Toll Gate on Skyline Drive for exact location. This trip will be mainly to acquaint novices with team climbing. Those novices that have had some experience with belaying are welcome without reservation (you others needn't pout - there undoubtedly will be also a local trip from the H. Johnson). We will need rope leaders so let's all turn out to ease the load on our Girl Guide and her few compatriots. The Assistant leader will meet people at the Howard Johnson's. be ready to leave by 8:30. Call John at SO-5-7700, Ext. 23200, between 7:30 AM and 4:00 PM for additional info.

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EVERYONE'S LEAVING !

This is a bad month. We just lost Earl Reed to a new job up in New England. Andy Kauffman goes to Paris in the Foreign Service. Betty will join him later. The Heinemanns will be leaving for New York City so Erich can continue schooling at Columbia. Our best wishes to them all and good climbing!

UPS AND DOWNSJune 10, 1956

PATC Chowder and Marching Society
(a sub-subsidiary of the Mountaineering Committee)

Pete Peterson

Peg Keister

Johnnie Reed

Leaving a few die-hards who insisted on observing the schedule and going to Thurmont, we three has-beens (or should I say never was's) set out on a cross country hike along the river from Great Falls, Va. to Chain Bridge. The excursion was designed as a "conditioner" for forthcoming summer trips - I guess it accomplished its objective. Any onlooker who observed us emerging from the poison ivy at Chain Bridge will certainly testify that we were in a condition.

J.R.

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June 24, 1956 - Cupids Bower

Bob Adams	Tom Holden	Earl Reed	Scoredoses (in large
John Bragdon	Don Hubbard	Johnnie Reed	doses)
Jim Bullard	Betty Johnson	Rosemary Robbins	Tommy Tucker.
Jackie Dupont	Don Julie	Frank Sauber	Chuck Wettling
Don Feder	Jim Koontz	Paul Schuck	Jim Willard
Joan Hamme	Marv Millgate	Jim Shipley	Eddie Willmann
			Ed Worrell.

Picking up the July 15 issue of UP ROPE upon my return from Alaska the other day, I noted nobody had written up the trip of June 24th. Muttering some uncomplimentary remarks about irresponsible trip reporters, I promptly forgot about it until I found the above list of names on a Howard Johnson's doily and a paper napkin in the top drawer of my desk.

At any rate, I apologize to anyone who waited breathlessly for a report as he must be quite out of breath by now.

Suffice it to say that we visited Cupids Bower via canoe, peanut shell, and wet feet, and by the end of the day had awarded numerous ABs, 5 MAs, 6 Ph.Ds, and an undetermined number of cases of chiggers and poison ivy. The only other event worthy of note was a demonstration directed by Jackie Dupont of six ways not to get the water out of a capsized aluminum canoe.

J.R.

15 July 1956 - Great Falls Va.

Bob Adams	Bill Hooker	Pat Libbey	Mary Sargent
John Christian	Betty Johnson	Jimmie Ostergard	Tommy Tucker
Gert Christie	Bernie Jones	Earl Reed	Donna Willard
Chuck Davis	Maaret Koivula	Rosemary Robbins	Eddie Willmann

After meeting at the Howard Johnson's we hurried toward Great Falls where the first ascent was made by John, Betty, Chuck, Jimmie, and others who wanted to find out how John made the Ringbolt climb by using his hand on the bolt instead of his foot. We then visited Juliet's Balcony where Bob, Bill, Maaret, and Mary made it while Tommy, Chuck and others made the ascent of Romeo's ladder with Earl giving helpful (?) advice and providing a belay. After lunch some people decided to go swimming while some went hiking and others left.

While nearly all were so engaged two others remained and started a lead climb.

Bernie Jones, the leader, fell while attempting to climb back down and suffered a scalp wound and lacerations on the arm. He was taken to the Arlington Hospital by the Great Falls (Va.) Rescue Squad. Details of the accident will appear in a later UP ROPE.

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T.T.

28 - 29 July - Wolstenholme Fjord, Greenland*

Jim Hawkins - Thule Branch of AMC and PATC-MC
Kent Miller - Thule Branch of AMC

The group assembled at the Camp Tuto Hot Shoppe and after a hearty supper "set forth" by jeep to the walls of the Wolstenholme Fjord. When the road finally disappeared we took off on foot across the boulder fields. At the point where we started our 1000 foot descent to the shore, 3 large glaciers entered below us and the fjord was filled with large bergs. The descent involved crossing several melt streams and cutting steps across a couple of ice covered slopes. The shore was littered with stranded cakes of ice and at times the route led over those. After a few miles of hiking we came to an abandoned Eskimo cache. There were a dozen or so little caches made of shale slabs and chinked with moss. The piles of seal and bird bones evidenced a hearty repast for a small army at one time.

Finally we reached the Molthe glacier, the largest of the group, but a melt stream, between it and the moraine we were on, ended the trail. The roaring stream and the rumbling and cracking of the glacier made it a pretty noisy place, so after taking pictures we started up the steep talus slope of the fjord. When midnight arrived we were still climbing up but we stopped to cook a bite to eat. Down below us a seal floated around on a cake of ice sunning himself under the midnight sun. The remainder of the trip back to the jeep took us across some more snow and ice slopes and around a cirque which was just starting to develop. There were several interesting looking climbing areas but it was nearing 2:00 AM and we kept on going. The jeep was a welcome sight after our 10 mile jaunt, even more welcome was camp and a good sleep.

J.H.

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29 July 1956 - Harper's Ferry, West Va.

Bob Adams & Family	Dave Oliver	Alan Talbert
Eleanor Clephane	Jimmie Ostergard	Arnold Wexler
Betty Johnson	Earl Reed	Eddie Willmann
Andy Kauffman	Rosemary Robbins	Chuck Wettling
Betty Kauffman	Marshall Shore & Family	David (Undecipherable)
Alice Marshall		

It was too nice a day to waste at Great Falls, and promptly at 9:00 our four-car caravan set out for the wilds of West Virginia. At Harper's Ferry there is no long, tiring hike to reach the climbing area. Open the car door, and there you are! Leaving Earl, Chuck, and Alan on the Old Man's Folly, we scrambled up a steel trail to a comfortable ledge and set up three climbs, the names of which no one knew. Owing to a severe shortage of belayers, Betty and Bob were fixtures on the skyline most of the day. Arnold gave first instructions to an enthusiastic group of new climbers, including five members of the Shore family. Chuck provided a fitting climax by negotiating the long overhang "just around the corner". Supper was at Chuck's home in Riverdale.

B.A.

*Even I, as the modest Editor, must admit that we really do get around.

5 Aug. 1956 - Carderock, Md.

John Christian
Erich Heinemann
Robb Heinemann
Bevin Howitt

Alice & Wade Marshall
Jimmie Ostergard
Marie Schaap
Bob Schnauss

Chris Scoredos
Shore family
Alan Talbert
Chuck Wettling

Most of the morning was spent instructing beginners. A few more interesting climbs were attempted after lunch when the rocks dried off. The day was topped off by a superb spaghetti dinner at the Shores with a fine slide show of the Shores' ski trips in the Alps.

B.S.

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SUBSCRIBER'S LIST ADDITIONS AND CHANGES

New:

Shore, Col. H.B., 2709 Branch Ave., S.E., City (20)
Usen, Richard, 9710 TU Det. 2, Army Chemical Center, Md.
Schaap, Marie, 5416 4th St., So., Arlington, Va.
Petrukhin, Victor, 1859 Newton St., N.W., City (2)
Ostergard, Jimmie, 4601 N. 35th St., Arlington, Va.
Cate, Bill, 122 Collins St., San Francisco, Calif.
de Saussure, Ray, 2756 34th Avenue, San Francisco 16, Calif.

Change:

Smith, Philip M., 316 West Parkwood Ave., Springfield, Ohio
Culverwell, Tom, Southwest Harbor, Maine
Appel, Mr. and Mrs. William D., 9419 Jones Mill Road, Chevy Chase 15, Md.

We welcome this well mixed group of subscribers. Col. Shore and his family have done extensive skiing in Europe. Ray de Saussure, a Sierra Club member, has been sparking some climbing equipment seminars in the San Francisco Bay area. Victor is a skier from Russia. It looks like we have a setup for an evening of international skiing.

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NEW BUSINESS MANAGER

Alan Talbert succeeds the Heinemanns as Business Manager for UP ROPE. Send all new subscriptions, dollars, changes of address, contributions (financial, that is) and gripes to Alan at 4201 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Washington, D. C. Since Alan is only one male and the Heinemanns were one male and one female, he has a legitimate reason for asking for some assistants to help him in keeping the records, addressographing the envelopes and mailing UP ROPE. He would like to have one or two people help about 2 hours for one night every other week. Call him at this number - EM-3-3205.

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