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COMING EVENTS

- 7 Oct. - Herzog Island, Md. - Leader: Don Hubbard - The Pittsburgh Social Climbers will be down this week-end at Carderock. They will arrive on Saturday.
- 14 Oct. - Carderock, Md. - Belay practice - Leader: Bob Schnauss
- 21 Oct. - Sugar Loaf Mt., Md. - Leader: Ted Schad

Local trips meet at 8:00 AM at the Howard Johnson's, Wisconsin at Western Avenues, N.W. Bring lunch and drink. Do not call the Howard Johnson's for information. A note is left every Sunday behind the drain pipe on the southeast corner of the building, giving location and/or directions for you Saturday night gadabouts.

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GRUNTS AND GROANS

12 August 1956 - } - Leaders, where were we?
19 August 1956 - }

26 August 1956 - Cupid's Bower Island, Md.

Roberta Ashburner
Fred Barker
Duncan Burchard
Bill Calary
John Christian
Joan Crosby
Oscar Gottscho
Stan Gross
Claire Dupont
Jackie Dupont

Bill Hooker
Don Hubbard
Shirley Jackson
Betty Johnson
Andy Kauffman
Betty Kauffman
Peg Keister
Bob Murray
Coy O'Connor
Pete Peterson

Jill Reed
Johnnie Reed
Randy Sheets
Jean Swift
Alan Talbert
Allen Treadway
Stanley Watkins
Arnold Wexler
Eddie Willmann

The day was beautiful: neither too warm nor too muggy. Johnnie led the group from Angler's Inn parking area "the long way around" so it wouldn't get its feet wet. Returning however, it dared the slippery stones and waded. Activity centered on the three college climbs and one around the corner to the left of the Ph.D. Johnnie, John, and Alan made the Ph.D., while Jackie, Fred, Roberta, Jean, Bill C.,

Betty, and Bill H. got part way up. The Master's was climbed by Jean, Johnnie, John, Duncan, Joan, Stan, Alan, and Jackie. Nearly everyone did the Bachelor's. Later a number of people prussiked up and down a climbing rope dropped over the Ph.D. overhang. Progress for some was made more difficult due to the rope's spinning and its extraordinary stretch.

B.H.

31 August - 3 Sept. 1956 - Champe and Nelson Rocks, W. Va.

Shore Family

Moore Family

What a misguided weekend this one was! None of the regular climbers showed up at the Riverton camp ground so the Shores trotted down to Seneca Rocks where they found a few others.

31 August - 3 Sept. 1956 - Seneca Rocks, W. Va.

John Christian

Roland Tabor

Arnold Wexler

Bob Maki

Alan Talbert

Ed. Worrell

Jimmy Shipley

Chuck Wettling

Blondie Worrell

plus hordes of Pittsburgher Social Climbers

This unscheduled trip had a bigger turnout than the one to Champe and Nelson. Chuck and Arnold did however go over to Nelson Rock one day.

Bob Maki, a visitor from the Seattle Mountaineers and Rowland did the Thais route one morning and a variation on the Simple J. Malarky in the afternoon. They reported the climbs were very interesting with the S.J.M. much more difficult than the Thais. This, incidently, was Rowland's swan song as he has left for graduate work at the University of Washington.

With Jimmy leading, John seconding and Alan third, a new route was made up the West face of Seneca halfway between the Gunsight Notch and the Thais route. It is a shallow inside corner, partially climbed as a Mummery crack and involves only 2 difficult pitches, one of which has a small overhang. The third and last pitch required some gentle treading over loose chockstones and rotten rock to join up with the last few feet of the Thais route and emerge on top about 10 feet north of the cairn. The climb is about as difficult as the Conn's West Face route.

After leading his family all over the Old Man, Marsh Shore and his son Marshall went with John up to the top of South Peak.

J.C.

2 Sept. 1956 - Sugarloaf Mt., Md.

Fred Barker

Coy O'Connor

Marvin Millgate

Tim Bond

Peg Keister

Don Julie

Bob Murray

Jill Reed

Johnnie Reed

Bidding adieu to a few heretics who were bound for the beach, the die-hards who insisted on going climbing adjorned to Sugarloaf. The cool, cloudy weather was apparently conducive to climbing - virtually everything in sight got its share of attention, including the Butterfinger, which was climbed by Tim Bond, Marv. Millgate, and a pair of shoes belonging to your reporter. Tim, incidentally, is a member of the Cornell Outing Club. We certainly hope to see him again before long.

J.R.

9 Sept. 1956 - Again, where were we?

16 Sept. 1956 - Little Stony Man, Va.

John Christian	Jim Hall	Betty Johnson	Alan Talbert
Jackie DuPont	Erich Heinemann	Bob Schnauss	Chuck Wettling
Claire DuPont	Robb Heinemann	Shore Family	Eddie Willmann
Don Feder	Shirley Jackson	Millie Sommer	

All the efforts of the leader, John, to forstall and forsake the trip on account of bad weather were to no avail. It never did rain but was extremely windy, which hampered communications between climbers.

Millie and Jim certainly were a credit for their first day of climbing. We hope to see them out again.

Don Feder gave a good account as a novice leader on the Chimney Climb.

The group left Chuck, Don and Alan and Jackie on the rocks with something "interesting" and had supper in the backroom of the Warrington Coffee Shoppe where we're always welcome.

J.C.

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INCIDENTAL INFORMATION

PROPER FIT. - To get the proper fit for that additional shirt or sweater, the Army Quartermaster Corps suggests that 3-1/8" be added to the chest circumference and then rounded off to the next highest number. For example, if you wear a size 40, add 3-1/8" to 40 which is 43-1/8" and rounding off to the next highest number it becomes 44. This would be the correct size of the second layer of clothes. This assumes that the garments are 1/4" thick and have an air space of 1/4".

MOUNTAIN MYSTERY - The "abominable snowman", whose mysterious tracks have puzzled successive Himalayan expeditions, was reported on July 21 to be haunting the Andes Cordillera. The local newspaper EL TRIBUNO at Selta, 1,100 miles northwest of Buenos Aires, quoted uranium prospector Audio LevelPitch as saying they had found footprints 16 inches long in the snow of 18,000 - foot Mount Hacon on the Argentine side of the Andes. The prints were similar to those of the human foot. The prospector said that the prints might have been left by an animal or by a man of extraordinary size, similar to the legendary "yeti" of the Himalaya. (Paris, AFP, July 21, 1956, 2324 GMT -- E)

ANOTHER BOWLINE - Gert Christie, PC and honorary PATC-MC and Felix Gazdik were married 3 Sept. at 9 AM at St. Mary of the Mount Church, Pittsburgh. Our best wishes to Gert and Felix.

EARL REED sends a hello to all the gang from Waltham, Mass. He has an apartment without furniture but with lots of floor space. Freeloaders: take note.. You may have to supply your own sleeping bag.

GOODBYE - Big party was held for Erich and Robb Heinemann Friday, 21 Sept. 1956, at the home of Moira and John Rowland in Georgetown. They are going to New York City where Erich will begin his graduate studies at Columbia University. We all are sorry to see them go as they have done a terrific job as Business Managers for UP ROPE and have always been willing to lend a hand where work was to be done.

NEW PRINT JOB

Some of the copies of this issue of UP ROPE will have a commercially printed masthead. The workload became too great for the Bennetts as the number of UP ROPE subscribers increased and as it was coming out every two weeks (or at least until this past month). The Bennetts certainly have our appreciation as they have, at no expense to UP ROPE, been printing the mastheads for quite a number of years on a little job press in their basement. So --- thanks again to all the Bennetts for the wonderful job.

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