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COMING EVENTS

- 28 Oct. - Thurmont, Md.
30 Oct. - MEETING. Col. Shore on Norway (better than Nat'l. Geographic) at Wade and Louise Marshall's home, 4209 Everett St., Kensington, Md. (OL-9-9066), at 8:00 PM. Directions: Out Connecticut Ave. past East-West Highway and past Rock Creek to Everett St. (3 blocks past Saul Road). Left on Everett St.

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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 latecomers.

*This just shows how idealistic we are. We all know we never leave before 9:00.

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ARE WE OUR BROTHER'S KEEPER?

Climbers are an independent bunch of people as people go. They generally don't give a darned needle what other climbers do especially if they are from another group or more so from another area.

But when climbers from two different locals climb in a common area, then the affects of one group will be reflected on the other. In other parts of the country climbers frequently have been stopped, or at best restricted, from climbing where an accident occurs. We, our Pittsburgh friends, and others have been very fortunate at Seneca Rocks, where we can climb without any restrictions on private land. What would be the effect on Messrs. Harper and Armentrout were a serious accident to occur on their property? What brings this to mind is a letter received from an UP ROPE subscriber away at college.

"... there are quite a few people here, cavers, etc., who are gung-ho to go on a climbing trip. None of them know anything, but they plan to go to Seneca Rock

first off and "climb". Recently, in fact, one of these persons led a group, consisting of another eager non-climber, and their wives, up the Old Ladies route. According to the account I heard, their wives were in the middle of the rope for "safety"! As it turned out, one of the women got hysterical, and they wound up tying themselves on a ledge and spending the night. They did get down OK the next day."

Are we our brother's keeper? Do we have an obligation to this gung-ho group, to Mssrs. Harper and Armentrout and ourselves?

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Better to be aware of possible consequences rather than a solution afterwards.

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OUT OF A TREE? We received a rather amusing letter from one of our caving friends the other day. It began:

"Gentlemen:

"Will you please reserve us your new color-motion picture which shows a person jumping out of a tree."

For a moment I thought of the barren tree on Monkey Island at the local zoo. What is referred to is a movie on belaying in which a man acts as a stand-in (or fall-down) for the usual dummy, "Oscar". (I hope Nancy won't mind this bit of ribbing about her letter for it is all in fun and God knows we don't have nearly enough of that! Ed.)

WHERE'S BLONDIE? The Cornell Outing Club's newsletter "Air'n Our Views" notes that Blondie Neuhaus was last heard from in Baltimore and asks if anyone has any recent news of her. Well, let's not keep them in suspense, Mrs. Worrell.

SUMMIT MAGAZINE, September issue, has an article by the Conns on the Devils Tower "Mountaineers Week" with a stirring aerial view of the Tower from the Durrance Route side. Ohh! wonderful rock!

The same issue has reprinted the list of hiking and climbing clubs compiled by the Pittsburgh Social Climbers. Many traveling climbers are going to thank the P.S.C and SUMMIT for this helpful list.

There are two other interesting articles. One entitled "Taking the Uphill Ascent in Stride" makes some good suggestions for getting into condition. The other article is "Know Your Trees" with some very good full size illustrations of pine cones. The article is concluded in the October issue.

The October issue has a good article by Herb and Jan Conn about climbing in the "Needles". The photo of Spire No. One is almost enough to make me leave now to climb it.

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UP ROPE NEEDS CONTRIBUTIONS: TRIP WRITE-UPS, CLIMBING TRIP ACCOUNTS, TECHNICAL ARTICLES, ETC.

FALL SCHEDULE

4. Nov. - Carderock, Md. Belay practice with "Oscar". (Novices: don't miss this trip).
- 10-11-12 - Nov. Wolf Gap Shelter. Climb Saturday at Devils Garden, Sunday on Big Schloss and Monday explore Ice Mountain, West Virginia. Commissary by car. Bring tents. Leader: Jame Showacro.
- Directions to Wolf Gap Shelter: U.S. 211 to Gainesville, Virginia 55 to Strasburg, U.S. 11 to traffic light in Woodstock (zero point). Continue 1.1 miles further south and turn right on Virginia 42. At 2.9 miles take right fork. At 8.9 miles take left fork, at 9.6 miles take right fork. Wolf Gap is 13 miles from Woodstock. The shelter is the south side near the road. 108 miles fm D.C.
- Devils Garden: Take Trout Run Road from Wardensville south about 5 miles. Leave car at small stream crossing. Turn right downstream along small stream a short distance to Trout Run. Cross Trout Run and proceed upstream. Rocks are to right about Trout Run. Head for the rocks or go upstream a short distance to low place on ridge. (Wardensville Quadrangle).
- Big Schloss: Go north along trail across the road from the shelter approx. 2 miles to the rocks.
- Ice Mountain: From Wardensville take Va. 259 to U.S. 50. Turn left on U.S. 50 to Capon Bridge. Cross bridge and turn right (towards Slanesville) on macadam road, to Northriver Mills (approx. 8 miles from highway, store and post office). Cross concrete bridge and continue right to top of ridge. Turn right to Ice Mountain (signs on trees at this intersection). Park near deserted house. Follow trail to right along stream and up hill to cliffs.
- 18 Nov. - Prospect Rock, Va. - Also on 18 Nov. PATC hike - Old Rag Mountain by Ragged Run. Leader, Jeanette Fitzwilliams. For details see Forecast.
- 25 Nov. - Harper's Ferry, Md.
- 2 Dec. - Carderock, Md. Belay practice with "Oscar". (Special attention given to novices who aren't acquainted with "Oscar").
- 9 Dec. - Great Falls, Va. (Juliet's Balcony area).
- 16 Dec. - Bull Run Mt., Va.
- 23 Dec. - Great Falls, Md. (Purple Horse area).
- 29 Dec. - 1 Jan. - New Year's Eve Party - Details later.
- 6 Jan. - Camp Lewis, Md.
- 13 Jan. - Echo Cliffs, Va.
- 20 Jan. - Great Falls, Md. (Peg's Progress area).

NOW DON'T THROW THIS SCHEDULE AWAY UNTIL 20 JANUARY!

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Bailey, Roy A. - Brown, Mr. and Mrs. M. (moved away) - Forst, Lory (she's now Mrs. Alan Winslow) - Welsh, Thea (away in Colorado) - Williams, John I. (he's in Finland on a Fulbright)

UPS AND DOWNS

In answer to John's query, "where were we?", I will divulge the carefully guarded secret.

12 August 1956 - Echo Cliffs.

Arnold Wexler	Tom Smyth	Oscar Gottsche
Ed Worrell	Marie Schoop	Warren Groome
Blondie Worrell	Erich Heinemann	Marvin Millgate
Earl Reed	Robb Heinemann	Chuck Wettling
Johnnie Reed	Tommie Tucker	Jackie Dupont
Eddie Willmann	Mignonne Shore	Chris Scoredos
Shirley Jackson	Marshall Shore	Jame Scoredos
Betty Johnson	John Shore	Don Julie
Alice Marshall	Larry Shore	Rosemary Robbins
Dick Usen	Geri Shore	

After the exertion of getting to the cliffs we all took a rest and then climbed many climbs. Among those clumb were - 10 ft. Devil by Tom Smyth (visitor from somewhere); Donald Ducks by Chuck, Erich, Earl, Ed, Johnnie, Alice. There was a rumor drifting up-stream that someone got a trifle wet. Sometime after lunch we decided to journey to Dickerson quarry and so, by way of White's Ferry we did. A good many souls took a cooling dip in the not quite as poluted depths of the quarry. Some of the group adjourned to Alice Marshall's home for supper.

J.D.

9 Sept. 1956 - Great Falls, Va.

Bill Shefter	Shirley Jackson	Marshall Shore	Pete Peterson
Fred Barker	Peg Keister	Don Julie	Chuck Wettling
Joe Ryan	Bob Murray	Marv Willgate	Eddie Willman
Arnold Wexler	Allen Treadway	Pete Peterson	Connie, Ike, Dave,
Jim Shipley	Jackie Dupont	Claire Dupont	Kim & Laddie
Marc Dupont			Nickolson

By some fateful coincidence, I was left holding the notebook for this trip. The owner may claim it, battered though it is. Due to the fact that the Duponts arrived late and left early, there is not much information available. The scene of many climbs was the area of the inside corner near the picnic area. Later there was action on climbs downstream.

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