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COMING EVENTS

- August 3-4 -- Hermitage Shelter, Penna. See last UP ROPE for details.
Register with Earl Mosburg or Bob Adams.
- August 11 -- Sugar Loaf, Maryland
- August 18 -- Great Falls, Virginia
- August 25 -- Thurmont, Maryland
- August 31 - Sept. 1-2 -- See Below

Earl Mosburg will lead a trip to Seneca Rocks over the Labor Day weekend for qualified climbers. The size of the trip will depend on the number of leaders available. Please send a post card to Earl at his home, 5511 Nevada Ave., N.W., Washington 15, D.C. with your plans, address and phone number (and name) no later than Friday, August 23rd. Earl's phone is EMerson 3-1746 but he prefers that personal touch -- please write.

UPS AND DOWNS

July 7, Great Falls, Maryland

Jim Agenbroad
David Arnold
Jane Bowyer
Clara Daniel
Bob Murray
Earl Mosburg

Betsy Niehl
Dick Osgood
Harold Swift

Late Arrivals: Fresh & Energetic

Jackie Dupont
Marian Kies

Joel Kies
Joseph Kies
Mike Nicholson
Jim Shipley
Madelyn Womack
The Worrells

Picking the first shady cliff we came to, work started in the region of the Great Falls Bulge. As the sun rose higher, making shade an increasingly scarce commodity, it looked for a while as if some of the more ardent photophobes might make the climb unroped seeking the last patches of shade.

By the time lunch was over, the sun was unescapable and motions in favor of swimming began to be muttered. Shortly thereafter we adjourned to the river where some amused themselves by running a small rapid on an air mattress. The clank of pitons informed us that a new group of fresh climbers had arrived and were working out on climbs adjacent to the Little Handhold That Isn't There. Dinner at the Old Europe concluded the day.

E.M.

July 4-7, Seneca Rocks, West Virginia

Bob Adams & Family
John Christian
Bevin Hewitt

Betty Johnson
Peg Keister
John Reed, Jr.

Bob Spindler
Chuck Wettling
Arnold Wexler

Thursday was much too hot to do anything but swim. After some discussion as to where we should camp, (John Reed favoring the other side of the river), the end of the road was settled on as usual, and we bedded down early, unusual, in order to be on the rocks early the next morning.

Before lunch we were on our way, Chuck, Betty and Bob Spindler to Champe Rocks and the rest to Seneca. However, time means nothing to the enthusiasts and much, much later, Chuck's team found a hopeful group of would-be rescuers at the end of the climb.

By Saturday, the Pittsburgh Social Climbers had arrived and the Old Ladies' Route at one point became quite a busy sewing circle. This was fun watching from the over-crowded top of the Old Men's Route where some one tried to hurry things along with fire-crackers.

Sunday, Bob S., Bob Adams and family, and Chuck worked on the Old Ladies' Route making the two boys happy with 120' rapels. A smart group, who knew how to keep cool, successfully hid their carbide lamps and helmets from the others until the critical moment, were guided through the Sinks of Gandy by Arnold.

B.J.

July 14, Carderock, Maryland

Bob Adams & family
Paul & Jo Bradt
Alan & Peter Bradt
Barry & Lila Bishop
John Crowder
Jackie DuPont
Rosemary English
Gregory Goncharov
Ruth Hadra

Betty Johnson
Hubert Jordan
Bill Keasbey
Doramay Keasbey
Peg Keister
Art & Win Lembeck
Steve & Don Lembeck
Bob Mole
Bob Murray

Dick Osgood
Betsy Niehl
Ted & Kay Schad &
family
Chris & Helen Scoredos
Eric, John, Jane Scoredos
Chuck Wettling

Vive la Republique! We celebrated the French national holiday by scaling the walls of Carderock in lieu of the Bastille. We started on the Beginners' Crack and Ronnie's Leap and then sent a contingent over to Jan's Face while the Beginners learned belaying from Betty. John R. amazed the spectators by climbing the Swayback Layback.

After lunch three ropes of intrepid climbers crowded onto the Chris-Wex-Don Traverse. In spite of traffic jams we managed to keep the ropes from becoming inextricably tangled. At the end of the climb, Art had to find a detour to avoid a nest of angry wasps.

In the meantime Bob M. engaged in chasing spiders on the Nubble Face and passing them down to Jim and Doramay for safekeeping. Those who had brought suits enjoyed a dip in the Potomac before we headed back to the city.

B.K.

July 21, Echo Cliffs and The Potholes, Virginia

Miriam Curtin

Clara Daniel

Bob Filmer

Inge Filmer

Betty Johnson

Dick Kenyon

Pog Koister

Howard Luckey

Dick Osgood

John Reed

Harold Swift

Chuck Wettling

Under the auspices of the PATC Mountaineering Committee, the Uptown Assoc. of Spectators, Swimmers, Loungers and Sun Soaker Uppers, spent an enjoyable day at Echo Cliffs on the Potomac. The heat of the day and the cool beckoning water soon persuaded most of the group to retreat to the depths. A few die hards were observed, however, fighting the few available handholds and footholds most of the day. Many of the group were treated to a thrill when a new species of that rare scientific wonder, the Comoffus rocksis, was discovered dangling on the end of its thin, nylon-like thread. This amazing phenomenon persisted throughout the day. Among the climbs successfully negotiated where the Four Year Old, the Slab, and Socrates Downfall, the latter by Chuck. The Ten Foot Devil was just that, and it was here that a couple of Comoffus rocksis were observed. After lunch the group moved downstream, some by water, some by trail, to another group of climbs, and spent the afternoon swimming.

R.E.K.

PERSONALSCongratulations!

Jeanne and Joel Gross announce the arrival of Wendy Jeanne, weighing 6 lbs., 9 ounces, on June 13, 1957.

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Eleanor Tatge will marry Ralph M. Ricketson, an economist with ARAMCO, in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia. The wedding will take place in September and will probably be in Beirut, Syria.

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WANTED: A VICTIM

Chuck Wettling has a new snake bite kit complete with anti-venom serum. It is only good until some date in 1961 so he is very anxious to use it. Contact Chuck for further details or if you get bitten.

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DON'T GO NEAR THE WATER

All those with a certain type of rock climbing shoe (the cheaper variety especially) are warned that the soles are attached to the uppers with a water soluble cement and will fall apart when wet. This has been, unfortunately, thoroughly demonstrated.

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