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COMING EVENTS

September 8 -- Carderock, Md.
September 15 - Great Falls, Virginia
September 13-15 -- Backpacking trip, Trayfoot Area, So. Shen. Nat. Pk. SEE BELOW.
September 22 - Bull Run, Virginia
September 29 - Great Falls, Md.

ADVENTURERS ALL

(or do we mean just the feeble minded)

The Excursions Committee of the PATC is starting a new type of trip that will leave Washington after work (eating on the way) the second Friday of every month. The group will travel by private car (drivers reimbursable at fixed rate per mile), carry its shelter on its back; and feeding will be an individual responsibility.

The purpose of this type of trip is-1) to provide greater mobility so we can make otherwise impossible trips and explore inaccessible country and-2) to provide an opportunity to test equipment, skills and stamina in preparation for more extended trips. Where feasible, packs will be left in camp during the day's hike and in all cases, by doubling up we will travel as light as possible. Enjoyment, not pound-miles hiked, will be the watchword. For you rock climbers, here is a chance to prospect new climbing areas.

There will be a trip every month of the year except December. In winter we may stay at Sugar Knob or Sexton. In summer we will head for pools such as Rip-Rap, Cremora Lake or the Cacapon. (When the trees are bare and the underbrush least, we may go across country or follow old abandoned roads while at other seasons and in other localities we may stick to maintained trails.)

Jeannette Fitzwilliams is organizing the group. Her home telephone is HO 2-5491 and the best time to call is 10-11 PM. (If necessary, she may be reached at ST 3-9200 X2661.) If you are interested call Jeannette, even if you cannot come on the first trip, as she would like to know how many want this type of trip, what kind of equipment you have and to hear about those spots you have always wanted to explore if you ever had the opportunity.

The first trip, drought permitting, will be September 13-15 in the Trayfoot area. Call Jeannette by Wednesday, September 11. Early advice will be much appreciated as she will have to coordinate transportation and equipment.

J.F.

UPS AND DOWNSJuly 28, 1957. (Cupid's Bower) Carderock, Maryland.

James Agembroad
John Baker
Stuart Bowyer
Lee Coleman
John Crowder

Clara Daniel
Frank Joce
Bill Keasbey
Doramay Keasbey
Edward Kung

Bob Molo
Betsy Niehl
Dick Osgood
Charles Wiseman

Since half the group had gone to the beach, nobody at Howard Johnson's knew how to get to Cupid's Bower, and we had only two ropes, after some frantic but fruitless phoning for ropes and guides, we decided to go to Carderock. No climbing of great significance was done, though some of the newcomers were able to show the old hands a thing or two on Nubble Face and Jan's Face. We made the significant discovery, probably not news to many, that the water 100 yards downstream is much deeper, and offers better swimming than the channel opposite the rocks. After refreshments at Tudey's, some of us, under Eddie Kung's guidance, tried our skill with chopsticks on a variety of exotic dishes at the Peking restaurant.

J.C.

August 3-4, 1957. The Hermitage, Pennsylvania, Work Trip.

Bob Adams and family
Bob Feely
Ruth & Jim Harris
Betty Johnson

Bill & Doramay Keasbey
Dick Kenyon
Earl Mosburg
Naowaki Owaki

Jane Showacre
The Worrells

Bob Adams had the tree cutting well in hand when we arrived Saturday AM. No wonder! You should have seen his family working. However, modern invention is a wonderful thing, and the chips really flew after "Samson" Mosburg arrived with the chain saw. It was impressive! After work on Saturday we found a nice place to swim nearby and were quite refreshed by supper time.

Sunday, the spotlight was again on Earl, who, along with the saw was on a belay from above. This time he was working high among the topmost limbs of a tree leaning against the cliff.

In case anyone gets the idea that the rest of the group were just spectators, let me add that Bob had the crowd well organized. I've never seen such workers. Thank you, everyone!

B.J.

August 11, 1957. Sugar Loaf, Maryland.

Jean A'Hearn
Stuart & Jane Bowyer
Bob Feely
Betty Johnson

Shirley Krauthausen
Edward Kung
Bob Mole
Earl Mosburg
Dick Osgood

Naowaki Owaki
Jane Showacre
Dave Truitt
Jim & Dorna Willard
and family

A small group left Howard Johnson's at 8:45 AM with Earl as leader. With a minimum of delay, the well-kept environs of the Sugar Loaf area were soon underfoot. Augmented by some Baltimoreans and a few late arrivals, activity was initiated henceforth, and the several "goable" climbs were swiftly "gone". A frenzy of action dominated the morning hours. A lazy lunch was followed by a mass assault on a vertical crack topped with a tempting step-around traverse. Nearly everyone successfully surmounted this with the usual wealth of encouragement and

advice from the spectators. Notable among the many was Mrs. Jim Willard, who paused momentarily near the top of the climb to present the subsequent reporting of "The Lost Slacks Episode". It seems the rocks had loosened her belt. Soon afterward enthusiasm waned, only to rise again on the suggestion of a cool swim at a nearby quarry. Everyone enjoyed the refreshing swim. A leisurely meal in Rockville ended the day.

REK

August 11, 1957. Sugar Loaf, Maryland.

This will probably never happen again!

Atop Sugarloaf Mountain our small group spent Sunday morning defying Old Mother Nature, first by denying the lassitude she expected on such a day with a warm breeze blowing gently through the stunted pines and the pleasing sight of a large piece of our Maryland countryside spread below to catch the eye and start the mind wandering. The other defiance was against the law of gravity as we worked at the various climbs. After lunch we seemed to be losing the battle as only one rope was in use and all except the one climbing sought shady spots to sit and watch. At this point a climber who already had enough problems was advised by Jane to "put the other foot where the other foot was". After a final flurry of activity when the camera men scurried about searching for the best angles as Betty climbed, we conceded defeat and retreated to the quarry at Dickerson for a swim. This was followed by an exciting chase as we tried to follow Earl to a restaurant on Route #240.

BM

August 18, 1957. Great Falls, Virginia.

Clara Daniel	Bill Keasby	Earl Mosburg
Jackie Dupont	Doramay Keasby	Bob Murray
Bob Feely	Shirley Krauthausen	Dick Osgood
Gregory Goncharov	Edward Kung	Ted Schad
Betty Johnson	Bob Mole	Jane Showacre
Frank Kartusch		Alan Talbert

After a certain amount of fooling around on the rocks below the Ring Bolt Climb, events started marching in earnest with an attempted water-line traverse by Earl, without a rope, in tennis shoes and swimming trunks. He said it was a sure dunking, and sure enough it was, for him at least. The object was to investigate a nearby area, which turned out to be promising, so we adjourned there after lunch. However, we couldn't resist the water for long and soon the whole group was busy shooting the rapids and swimming. With everyone suitably waterlogged we went to the Old Europe for beer and supper.

AT

August 25, 1957. Thurmont, Maryland.

Clara Daniel	Bob Murray	Jane Showacre
Betty Johnson	Dick Osgood	Alan Talbert
Bob Mole	Jim Shipley	John Wegstein
Gerry Morgan		The Worrolls

In spite of the steady downpour we headed for Thurmont, choosing Wolf Rock as probably the least populous snake-den. The rocks were slick but this didn't stop some of the more persistent.

With Betty and Jane freezing and cussing * while they belayed him, Alan

* Now Alan, you know the proper word is "fuming". B.J.

rigged an aerial traverse to the Wolf's Head. After his crossing was followed by John Wegstein, we all slogged back to the cars and started home for dry clothes and warm fires.

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PERSONALS

Phil and Joan Cardon announce the arrival of Charles Philip "Chip", weight 7 lbs., on July 26, 1957.

NOTES FROM AFIELD

We hear that Marshal Shore and family are having a wonderful time ski-touring and climbing in California with the Sierra Club and on their own as well. On their way out in December, they skied at Berthoud Pass, Loveland, Arapahoe Basin, Aspen, Colorado and Alta, Utah.

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Some people have all the luck. For instance here's Jim Hawkins camping at the head of the Blue Glacier on Mt. Olympus, Washington. He tells us that he will be there all winter, studying the snow fall which is supposed to be the greatest in the world. Jim seems to have a special affinity for these cold places. He says hello to the rock climbers.

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Still some Bedayn carabiners and a good assortment of pitons at Club Headquarters. The supply of dehydrated foods is restocked and a few stainless steel PATC type cups are available. Even have one or two reconditioned surplus sleeping bags left. We hope to have more of these later. And if you don't like to be dependent on Chuck's special kit, there are some Cutter Snake Bite Kits for sale.

Go down some evening and look around. You just might find something you've been wanting.

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With our fortunate friends returning one by one and two by two from high places (and maybe some low ones) we hope to have some first-hand accounts to print in the near future. How about you? Write it up and send it in.

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