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### COMING EVENTS

- March 2 -- Open
- March 9 -- Camp Lewis, Maryland
- March 16 -- Bull Run, Virginia
- March 14-16 BUSHWHACKERS: Austin Mountain-Rocky Mount. These are two of the most scenic hikes anywhere in this area. To avoid March's blustery winds and snow, we will stay at Doyle River Shelter. If you are coming, let Jeannette Fitzwilliams know by 5:00 PM Wednesday, March 12 at HO 2-5491 or ST 3-9200 Ext. 2662. She will notify you that evening as to meeting place and your share of the community equipment. The April BUSHWHACKER trip will be to Old Rag, Paul Bradt leading.
- March 23 -- Thurmont, Maryland
- March 25 -- Monthly Rock-climbers' Meeting: at Paul & Jo Bradt's, 6626 First St. NW Washington 12, D.C. - RA 3-3917 at 8:00 P.M. Art Lembeck will entertain us with "Mountaineering The Easy Way, Via Plane And Helicopter In Alaska".
- March 29-30 Week-end trip to the Hermitage in Pennsylvania. Call Chuck Wettling, JO 8-5785 for information.
- April 6 -- Carderock, Maryland. Belay practice with Oscar.

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The single day trips leave Howard Johnson's, Western & Wisconsin Aves., at 8:30 AM sharp. In case the trip scheduled has been changed, look behind the drain pipe at the south east corner of the building for a note telling where the group has gone. Bring lunch and sneakers for climbing.

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The February meeting was held at the home of Chris & Helen Scoredos and was attended by quite a large group. John Christian showed his slides of his trip last summer to the Canadian Rockies and was then surprised with a special cake baked in his honor.

Art Lembeck drew quite an audience later with a display of lightweight equipment from Gerry Mountaineering and a special tent from Holubar. We are looking forward to seeing the new PATC Equipment Bulletin!

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CORRECTION: The Editor and the Typist are not cooperating! The Membership List issued in January was counted as No. 19 of Volume XIII of UP ROPE. The regular typist, being on vacation for that month, has taken note of her error (after a dressing down by the Editor). February's issue was No. 20 of Volume XIII. Please note.

UPS AND DOWNSFebruary 2, 1958. Harpers Ferry, Virginia, West.

Bob Adams  
Doug Haigh

Betty Johnson  
Bob Mole

Bob Murray  
Alan Talbert

This time the climbers just gave up and went hiking on the Appalachian Trail instead. At the end of the day, Bob Adams insisted that one climb at least should be made so, hurried along by onlookers Betty and Alan, the fastest climb on record was made up a pinnacle at Loudon Cliffs by the remaining four.

February 9, 1958. Ice Climbing, Shenandoah National Park, Virginia.

Bob Adams  
Rod Glascock  
Doug Haigh

Don Hubbard  
Betty Johnson  
Art Lembeck (for breakfast)

Bob Mole  
Pete (Ski) Peter-  
Alan Talbert son

The ice climbers were at it again! Using Don's new  $\frac{1}{2}$ " nylon rope we practiced falling, with Doug becoming an expert at managing crampons and ice axe. The temperature finally rose to 7° and while Bob Adams and Alan set up a lead on an ice cliff, Don and Bob Mole went hiking up Stony Man. "Traitor" Pete went skiing but joined us for dinner. (And Art returned home, very dejected, because no one would go climbing locally with him!)

February 16, 1958. Great Falls, Maryland.

Rod Glascock  
Don Hubbard

Betty Johnson

Alan Talbert  
Chuck Wettling

The ice axe and crampon gang munched along the tow path to the river bank. We rappelled to the river bottom and worked our way along thoroughly unreliable ice over the rocks and shallow water. We scraped the deep snow off some rather sparse patches of ice. There was only enough to afford one short piton lead for Rod and some scrambling around on crampons.

AJT

(All this time, Bob Adams was digging his car out of our record snowfall and Doug Haigh was patiently waiting for him on a cold corner. Any way, they tried! ED.)

February 23, 1958. Great Falls, Virginia.

Bob Adams  
Betsy Edler  
Karl Edler

Rod Glascock  
Doug Haigh  
Betty Johnson

Bob Mole  
Dick Osgood  
Alan Talbert

Chuck Wettling  
The Worrells  
Jim Wilkerson

This warm sunny day brought an end to the series of ice climbing Sundays. It was good to get back on the rocks again. The climbs in the Fish Ladder area seemed a bit more difficult and some of us decided we just might (?) be out of shape.

For the first time, some members of the group used the Trail Club Headquarters as a place to cook and eat supper after climbing.

AJT

(The Club lounge at Headquarters is a fine place to go after climbing and everyone agreed that it should be used more often. Ed.)

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In response to numerous inquiries from our "newer" climbers, we are reprinting the list of qualifying climbs for voting membership in the Mountaineering Committee. The full voting regulations can be found in UP ROPE, Vol. X, No. 14, but one method of "qualifying" is by completing two Class A or one Class A and two Class B climbs.

QUALIFYING CLIMBS of the PATC MOUNTAINEERING COMMITTEE

(reprinted from the Jan. 7, 1954 issue of UP ROPE, Vol. X, No. 14)

"A" CLIMBS

Bull Run Overhang  
 Sterling's Corner, Bull Run  
 Charlie's Crack, Bull Run  
 Butterfinger Climb, Sugarloaf  
 Little Handhold That Isn't There  
 Cleft Island  
 Donald's Ducks Traverse, Echo Cliffs  
 (as a lead)  
 Socrates' Downfall, Echo Cliffs from  
 the bottom  
 Bird's Nest Climb, Potomac Gorge, Va.  
 (as a lead)  
 Coffin (Ph D), Cupid's Bower

Fingertip Balance Climb, Herzog  
 Face Traverse and Jan's Semi-Chimney,  
 Herzog, as a lead  
 Arthur's Traverse, Carderock  
 Sterling's Crack, Carderock  
 Spider Walk, Carderock  
 Leonard's Lunacy, Carderock  
 Herbie's Horror, Carderock  
 Angels' Roost Climb, Schoolhouse Cave  
 South Peak, Seneca Rock, by crack from  
 Gunsight Notch  
 East Face, Camp Lewis  
 Chairman's Chimney, Herzog

"B" CLIMBS

Little Quartz Slab, Bull Run  
 Traverse SE Corner and ascent S face  
 of Peak Gambs, Bull Run  
 Beginner's Climb, Old Rag  
 Socrates' Downfall, from top  
 Climb to the Woods, Echo Cliffs  
 Bird's Nest Climb, not as a lead  
 Chris' Crack and Stocking Climb,  
 Great Falls, Va.  
 Dancing Climb, Boucher Rock  
 Face Traverse and Jan's Semi-Chimney,  
 Herzog, not as a lead  
 Elsie's Edgeface, Carderock  
 Friction Layback, Carderock  
 Chris-Wex-Don Traverse, Carderock  
 (as lead)

Two Inches More, Bull Run  
 Chimney Climb, Stony Man  
 Charlie's Lead, Md. Heights, Harper's  
 Ferry  
 Cockscomb Overhang, Seneca Rock  
 Big Toe Traverse, Echo Cliffs  
 Vertical Crack facing Juliet's Balcony,  
 Potomac Gorge, Va.  
 Inside Corner, Flatiron Rock  
 Great Falls, Va.  
 Jan's Face, Carderock, from bottom center  
 Wexler's Worst and Stretch, Carderock  
 Arnold's Arduous Ascent, Carderock  
 Either of Sterling's Twin Cracks,  
 Carderock

"C" CLIMBS

(Except when classified higher, climbs which are "A's" or "B's" for the leader are "C's" for others on the rope.)

Ronnie's Leap, Carderock  
 Golden Stairs, Carderock  
 Face to right of Butterfinger and around  
 corner from cave, Sugarloaf  
 Long Chimney (Squeeze Box), Bull Run  
 Sam's Pinnacle, Loudon Cliffs  
 Chockstone Climb, Loudon Cliffs  
 Nubble face opposite Betty's Face,  
 Chimney Rock, Thurmont  
 Ascent of Champe Rock Ridge except by  
 trail at back

Three Chimneys, Carderock  
 Face on Cleft Island 25 ft. upstream  
 from Little Handhold That Isn't There  
 Zeus' Throne, Bull Run  
 Vertical Crack facing south toward Zeus'  
 Throne on Overhang massif, Bull Run  
 The easy lead around corner from Hover-  
 hang, Shaffer Rocks, Pa.  
 Any ascent to South Peak of Seneca not  
 otherwise described  
 Face Climb at Flatiron Rock, Gr. Falls, Va.

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UP ROPE now has an Alaskan correspondent. Earl Mosburg left Monday, Feb. 23 for Alaska and the McCall Glacier. This project is under the IGY program and he will be in charge of instrumentation.

Bob French hurt his back and spent some time in the hospital, so his trip to Germany was delayed. We hope that he is fully recovered by this time. Bob says that while he was in the hospital he spent the time writing about rock climbing with the PATC Mountaineering Committee for the Dartmouth Outing Club Journal. This we have to see!

Betsy Edler has some lightweight mountain boots she would like to sell. They are too big for her and are relatively unused. Size 6½. If interested, call her at DA 5-8863.

Don Hubbard has just bought a new ½ inch nylon rope and will be happy to let anyone, regardless of weight, take a few free falls on it. Everybody out! Let's not disappoint him!

We met Sam Moore (who helped pioneer so many of the Routes on Seneca) and his wife Audrey, folk dancing the other night and had a pleasant time talking about climbing. All you non-folk dancers had better get in line and join up. Ask almost anyone on our Sunday trips for information and then maybe you will meet some former mountaineers too.

(Or maybe all you folk-dancers had better start coming out Sundays and meet some mountaineers instead? Typ.)

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