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COMING EVENTS

May 4, 1958. Carderock, Maryland.

May 10-11, 1958. Shawangunks, N.Y. NO BEGINNERS!! Leader: Jane Showacre, phone Union 4-0535. Register with her, please.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: Standard N.Y. route to Exit 10 on New Jersey Turnpike; Garden State Parkway to end; N.J. US 17 North to Harriman interchange; off Thruway and left (west) on N.Y. 299; continue to end of road and US 44; turn right on US 44 past switchback and over pass in mountain; continue approximately two miles past the pass to white painted concrete culvert to camp-ground immediately off road. (This is first large culvert you pass.)

May 9-11, 1958. If you don't qualify for the Gunks, sign up now for the BUSH-WHACKERS Massanutten Trip. A weekend back-packing trip. Call Jeannette Fitzwilliams (HO 2-5491 or ST 3-9200 (Code 112) X2662) by 5 P.M. Wednesday, May 7th. She will notify you where to meet Friday night and what to bring.

May 18, 1958. Sugarloaf Mtn., Maryland.

May 20, 1958. MONTHLY MEETING, Tuesday evening, 8:00 P.M. At PATC Headquarters, Second floor lounge. Bob Adams will show pictures of his Wind River trip.

May 25, 1958. Little Stony Man, Shenandoah National Park, Virginia.

May 27, 1958. ANNUAL PATC COLOR SLIDE SHOW. 8:00 P.M., Board Room, 5th floor, District Building

May 30-June 1, 1958. Seneca Rock Trip cancelled.

Trips leave Howard Johnson's at Western & Wisconsin Ave. at 8:30 AM SHARP. If you intend to eat breakfast there, try to make it by 8:00. Those interested in joining the Seven Thirty Club under the leadership of Don Hubbard are most welcome to meet with us at that time. You'd be surprised at the problems discussed and solved so brilliantly at that time in the morning. (Maybe they could work on the problem of how to get the folk dancers up at that time after a dance? Typ.)

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The April 24th meeting was held at the home of Joan and Phil Cardon. Barry Bishop showed his slides of the Argentine Antarctic Expedition to the Palmer Peninsula. We saw wonderful pictures of the animal life in this area, too, including lots and lots of penguins. A very interesting evening thanks to Barry and the Cardons.

UPS AND DOWNSApril 6, 1958. Carderock, Maryland.

Rod Glascock	Betty Johnson	Don Mokski	Alan Talbert
Doug Haigh	Art Lembeck	Dick Osgood	Carmen Torrey
Don Hubbard	Bob Mole	Jane Showacre	Chuck Wettling

Bad weather, they say, is good for strengthening the character; but the characters who assembled at Carderock on a rainy Easter Sunday were so weakened by 1:00 P.M. that they were ready to quit. Newcomer Carmen bore with remarkable cheerfulness what must have been a disappointing introduction to our activities. (She climbs well, too!) The day's climbing honors went to Chuck for his "stocking-footed" climb of Jan's Face.

About noon, even the most optimistic weather prophet, Bob Mole, had to agree that the rain, which had been falling without interruption, had won the day so we sloshed our way back to the cars. We ate lunch in the Club Room at Headquarters. When we left the Club in the middle of the afternoon -- you guessed it -- the sun was out.

D.H.

April 13, 1958. Great Falls, Virginia.

Bob Adams & family	Rod Glascock	Jeanne Maganani	Carmen Torrey
Hal Blinn	Don Hubbard	Don Mokski	Chuck Wettling
Kay Blinn	Betty Johnson	Pete Peterson (breakfast)	Arnold Wexler
Ina Dolnicar	Bill Keasbey	Alan Talbert	Ed Worrell & family

The nicest day in four months brought out the most activity in the same period. At one time there were no less than six ropes in action simultaneously; this to the delight of a least 50 spectators who wandered by. Don lead a rope over Juliet's Balcony, The Adams family did the Vertical Crack facing Juliet's Balcony, Kay and Hal Blinn worked on the long corner climb 100 yards below the Fish Ladder. Chuck and Doug did Lawrence's Last as a lead (the old pitch is still sound -- this team makes it a rule never to trust a rusty pitch that can be moved by breathing on it). These are but a small portion of the climbs that were done. A small group ended the day with dinner at the New Bagdad Restaurant.

April 11-13, 1958. Old Rag Mountain, Virginia. (BUSHWHACKER'S TRIP)

Paul Bradt	Suzanne Green	Bob Shultz
Elna Field	Peg Keister	Bob Spindler
Jeannette Fitzwilliams	Art & Win Lembeck	Harold Woolley

With Paul Bradt, who years ago was elected Mayor of Old Rag, as our leader, even the weather had to cooperate on the Bushwhacker's weekend trip. Ten of us left Washington in the rain Friday evening but the stars were beginning to shine through broken clouds by the time we bedded down at the Old Rag Lean-to.

On Saturday at least some shoulders unaccustomed to the task managed the several miles to the Reflector Oven area. Finding ten sleeping spots under the huge Boulder Paul called THE Cave necessitated sherpa-like stone masonry but we managed - with the exception of leader Paul. He slept on a huge sloping slab that rocked when stepped upon. Being right at the entrance, it got stepped on, frequently, but he didn't seem to mind.

Most of the party spent the afternoon, amid snow flurries, exploring the

several ridges to the north, culminating in the 30' primitive laurel "trees" located in a most delightful isolated maze of heaped boulders; laurel which possibly began to grow in the days of Columbus.

Sunday we packed on down to near Pulpit Rock and, without packs, crossed to the northerly outlier which still supported a sizeable snow patch. The sun was bright above us and spring was really in the air.

Dinner at the Coffee Shop in Warrenton topped off another successful Fitzwilliams jaunt, one which located several new climbing spots which are well worth scheduling in the near future. ACL

April 20, 1958. Pot Holes, Virginia.

Hal Blim	Doug Haigh	Bill McPherson	Ellsworth Smith
Kay Blim	Don Hubbard	Eric Mendelsohn	Alan Talbert
Ina Dolnicar	Betty Johnson	Don Mokski	Carmen Torrey
Karl Edler	Peg Keister	Bob Mole	Arnold Wexler
Rod Glascock	Art Lembeck	Bob Murray	

Choosing between the almost frictionless water-smoothed rocks near the river and the rougher but Poison Ivy clad upper rocks our climbers worked off their surplus energy. A new lead climb was made by Dick and another by Alan. The latter lead was described by Jane as "interesting" -- need more be said? Deserting the ranks of bored on-lookers, Peg tied in and did a little climbing -- just enough to disqualify her as a retired climber.

In mid-afternoon a brief thunderstorm sent most of the group hurrying back to the cars and on to enjoy the hospitality of the Edlers. The few who remained on the rocks heard the echoing roll of thunder in the Potomac gorge, but they went on to climb again as the storm ended. B.Mole

April 27, 1958. Echo Cliffs, Virginia.

Rod Glascock	Bill McPherson	Late arrivals (fresh and energetic!)
Dough Haigh	Don Mokski	Karl Edler
Don Hubbard	Dick Osgood	Keith Schreiber
Betty Johnson	Jane Showacre	Chris Scoredos
		Alan Talbert
		The Worrells

At 7:30, the only patrons of H.J.'s were a few yawning rock climbers muttering threats on the inventor of Daylight Saving Time and watching a dark sky get darker. About 10:00, despite moderate rain and forecast of more, we arrived at Echo Cliffs. A few wet scrambles and rappelling practice occupied the morning. Meanwhile, the late-comers were climbing in the Fish Ladder area. After lunch, eaten under the overhang, Don and Bill drove a few practice pitons and we were about to leave when Chris and Karl arrived. Chris, Karl and Dough in turn attempted Socrates' Downfall by the Hubbard route and only succeeded in getting mud all over the lower 8' of it. Betty did a Spartan job of sitting in heavy rain catching the climbers (fallers?). Alan came and climbed with Chris while all the others gathered at the Edler's home for a fine dinner in front of a blazing fireplace which almost matched the warmth of the hospitality we enjoyed. DH

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CHANGES AND ADDITIONS TO THE UP ROPE LIST:NEW

Kay & Hal Blinn	5513 McKinley St., Bethesda, 14, Maryland	OLiver 6-8652
Don Mokski	1730 New Hampshire Ave., N.W., Wash., D.C.	Hobart 2-7052
Carmen Torrey	1815 - 17th St., N.W., Wash., D.C.	Columbia 5-2113
Ellsworth Smith	1621 Fort Davis Pl., S.E., Wash. 20, D.C.	Ludlow 2-4915

CHANGES

Clara Daniel 318 E. 76th St., Seattle, Washington

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There are a few copies of the American Alpine Club's ACCIDENTS IN AMERICAN MOUNTAINEERING (1958) available. If you would like a copy, call the editor at OLiver 2-4717.

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The Pittsburgh Social Climbers will be climbing with us at the Shawangunks on the weekend of May 10-11 and they also expect to be at Seneca on the Memorial Day weekend.

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There is now a full assortment of pitons and carabiners for sale at PATC Headquarters. Also, some expansion bolts, hangers, drills, holders, New Phillips self-drilling shields and fittings. And for those very hot summer days, a fresh supply of salt tablets. Also, dehydrated foods for the hungry.

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Jane Showacre and Pat Reid are responsible for this map of the climbing areas along the Potomac. It is intended as a general guide only. Maps of each area with the climbs listed will be published in future UP ROPES.

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THE CLIMBING AREAS ALONG THE POTOMAC

CARDEROCK and HERZOG ISLAND: Maryland

Park on the canal side of McArthur Blvd., beyond the Model Basin and Brick Yard Road. Walk downstream on towpath to trail which turns off on flat area. Herzog Island may be reached by wading across at low water.

CAMP LEWIS: Maryland

Drive one mile past Cabin John Bridge and turn left on Wilson Ave. Park next to the canal and walk up the tow path.

CUPIDS BOWER: Maryland

Park on canal side of McArthur Blvd. at Anglers Inn. Walk up stream, where you can cross when the water is low.

SPITZBERGEN: Maryland

Park as for Cupids Bower and walk up stream past Wide Water and turn left after crossing bridge. The PURPLE HORSE, not listed, is just below Spitzbergen.

PEG'S PROGRESS AND CLEFT ISLAND: Maryland

Park at the Great Falls parking lot. Walk down stream.

EAGLE AND BOUCHER ROCK: Virginia

Cross Chain Bridge and turn right (1st turn) on Leesburg road. Park at Swinks Mill.

ECHO CLIFFS AND POTHOLE: Virginia

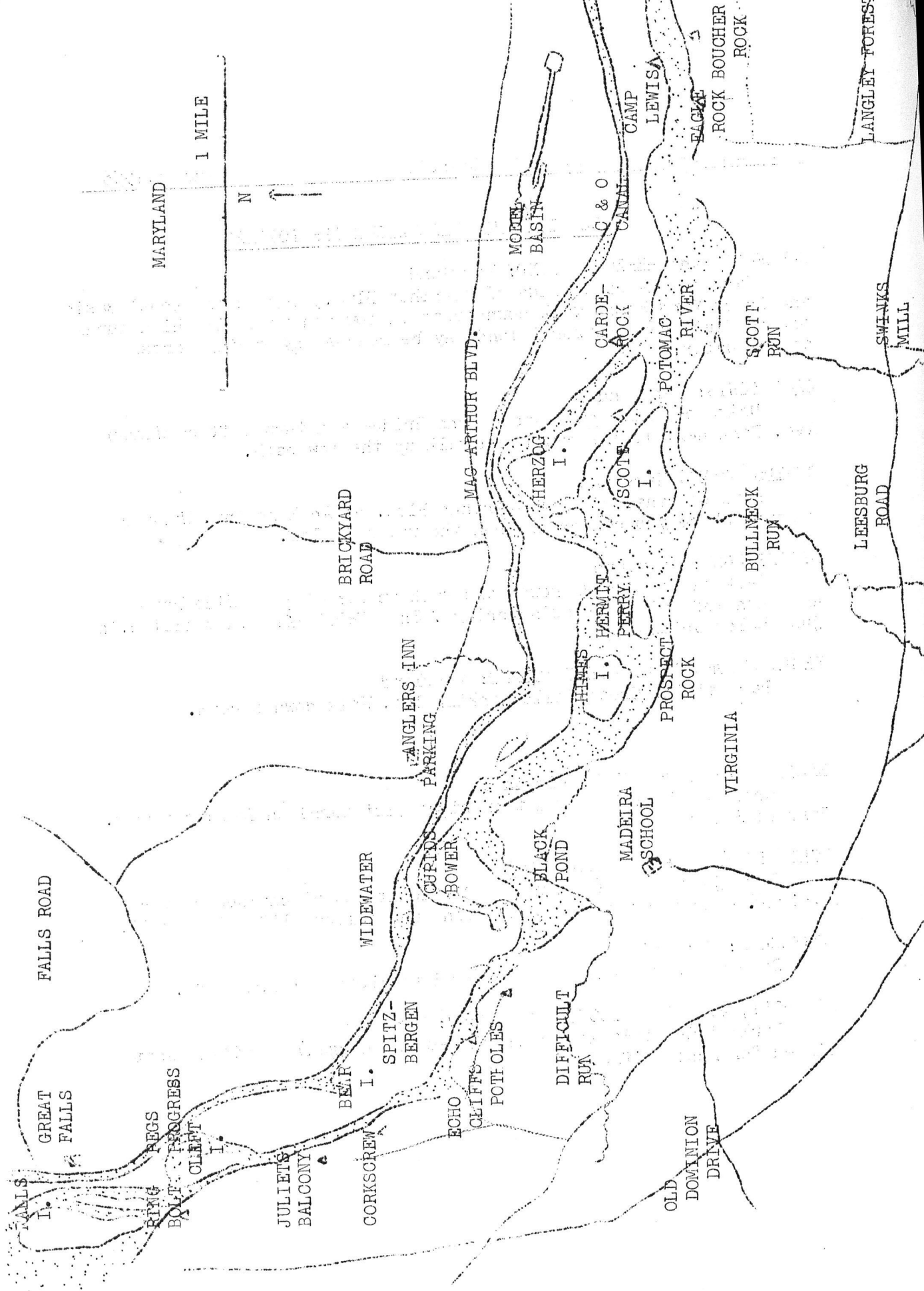
Park just above (up stream) Difficult Run at chained dirt road on right. Take first turn off to right and follow cliff side trail.

CORKSCREW: Virginia

Same as above, only walk on road to river and turn left.

RINGBOLT, JULIETS BALCONY, CORKSCREW: Virginia

Park at Great Falls (a small fee is charged) or at the spot listed for Echo Cliffs.



FALLS ROAD

GREAT FALLS

FALLS I.

RING REGS
BOLT PROGRESS
CLIFT I.

JULIETS
BALCONY

CORKSCREW

BEAR I.
SPITZ-BERGEN

ECHO
CLIFFS
POTHOLES

DIFFICULT
RUN

BLACK
POND

MADEIRA
SCHOOL

VIRGINIA

PROSPECT
ROCK

HERMIT
PERRY I.

HERZOG I.

CARDEROCK

CAMP
LEWIS

POTOMAC
RIVER

BULLNECK
RUN

SCOTT
RUN

LEESBURG
ROAD

SWINKS
MILL

LANGLEY FOREST

BLACK
ROCK
BOUCHER
ROCK

MAG ARTHUR BLVD.

BRICKYARD
ROAD

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PARKING

WIDEWATER

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