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COMING EVENTS

- June 8 - Carderock, Maryland. Practice with Oscar.
- June 13 - BUSH HACKERS - CREMORA LAKE. Bring your schnorkel and air mattress. If it is too hot to hike we'll explore the marine life. Base camp near lake. Call Jeanette Fitzwilliams at St. 3-9200 (Code 112) x 2662 or HO 2-5491 (a good time is 10-11 P.M.) before 5 P.M. Wednesday, June 11 and she will call you that night to tell you where to meet and what to bring.
- June 15 - Thurmont, Maryland
- June 22 - Great Falls, Maryland
- June 24 - MONTHLY MEETING, Tuesday evening, 8.00 P.M. at PATC Headquarters, second floor lounge. Don Mokski will show his special 3 dimensional slides of Alaska.
- July 4 - Open

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Trips officialy leave Howard Johnson's at Western and Wisconsin Ave. at 8:30 sharp. We are now working on the problem of leaving at eight A.M. during the good weather months, so come out early next Sunday and cast your vote.

The May 20th meeting was held at the clubhouse. Bob Adams showed pictures of last summers Wind River Trip, as well as some local climbing slides. The lounge is a pleasant place to meet. Did you know that PATC members may use these rooms for meetings. Inquire at the desk for information and to reserve the room.

Patricio Ruedas, who is with the Spanish Embassy here in Washington, joined some of us at Seneca, over the Memorial day weekend. He is a member of the Spanish Alpine Club. We hope that he will climb with us again soon.

Robb and Erich Heinemann were at Seneca too, along with the Pittsburgh Social Climbers, some of the New York group, and a few from Philadelphia. A remarkable feature of the weekend was a day nursery organized by Blondie to benefit Climbing Mothers.

Our Chairman, Chuck Vettling is back in town again. He surprised us in more ways than one by showing up at Seneca. The editor has to watch her step now that our Leader is back and at the moment will make no further comment, except that it was an unexpected pleasure to see his face among the crowd at Armentrauts.

UPS AND DOWNSMay 4, 1958. Carderock, Maryland.

Bob Adams and family
 Kay Blinn
 Hal Blinn
 John Brehm
 Karl Edler
 Doug Haigh

Don Hubbard
 Betty Johnson
 Bill Keasbey
 Bob Mole
 Ray Moore
 Dick Osgood

Chris Scoredos
 Jim Shipley
 Bob Spindler
 Alan Talbert
 Kurt Muhlberg & family
 Arnold Wexler

With the visiting Pittsburgh Social Climbers and the Penn State Mountaineering Club there were about 60 people at Carderock. Ropes were everywhere! Kay Thomson and Jean Rodman made the Spider Walk look like a stroll, proving that girls from Pittsburgh can really climb.

Everyone was busy but the two busiest were Alan and Oscar, the dynamic belay instructors. They didn't have a minute's rest until the usual rain halted the unending line of belay pupils. The rain refused to quit so a large number gathered at Touhey's for climbing talk.

It was certainly pleasant meeting new climbers and renewing friendships with others. We hope to see the Pittsburgh Climbers at Seneca over Memorial Day.

While we were climbing Earl Mosburg was winning the White Water Canoe Race on the Potomac. Congratulations, Earl! (Now that we know what you can do Earl, how about climbing again before the ski season starts? -Ed.)

D.H.

May 3-4, 1958. Carderock, Maryland

Cliff Alexander
 Russ Clement

Bob Dufty
 Bob Gebhardt

Sayre, Jean & Ann Rodman
 Kay Thomson

Really, it was only Sunday, at Carderock, because Saturday the rain dampened our climbing abilities and enthusiasms. Most of our group wandered over to Barry and Liala Bishop's, where they spent the day eating and talking and looking at slides. They then met at Ray and Susie Moore's where over twenty gorged themselves on Wegstein "Reaucou." More slides were the order of the evening - skiing, caving, white water rubber boating to cherry blossoms, but no climbing.

Sunday was bright and sunshiny, so we hurried off to Carderock to do not much of anything. There were lots of people there, including some from Penn State, so Oscar got and gave a vigorous workout. We got exhausted muscles, lots of pictures and sociability, and finally, about 3:30, rain, so we dashed off to Touhey's. Then we had to head for home, muttering dire threats of "Just wait 'till next time," which is all we can do.

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May 18, 1958. Sugar Loaf Mountain, Maryland

Bob Adams and family
 Mary & David Berg
 Ina Dolnicar
 Karl and Fritz Edler
 Bob Ginsberg
 Rod Glascock

Doug Haigh
 Betty Johnson
 Bill Keasbey
 Alex Lukshin
 Toby Lynch
 Bob & Alan Mole

Charley Moore
 Donn Nottage
 Dick Osgood
 Chris & Mike Scoredos
 Alan Talbert
 Carmen Torrey
 Arnold Wexler
 The Worrells

A mixture of new faces and regulars gathered near the Butterfinger Climb and attacked Sugarloaf, but there were just not enough ropes and climbs to go around. About three hours later, however, the humidity and a shower had changed that and

there were not enough climbers with energy left to go around. The mountain was thoroughly conquered by then with at least six people making the Butterfinger. Betty, Carmen, Ina, Alan, Arnold, Dick, and Doug went swimming in Dickerson quarry and, except Ina, returned for Chinese food at the Seven Seas.

D.H.

May 9,10,11, 1958. Shawangunk Mountains, New York

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| Bob Adams and family | Betty Johnson | Eddie Reed |
| Doug Haigh | Bob Mole | Jim Shipley |
| Erich Heinemann | Dick Osgood | Jane Showacre |
| Robb Heinemann | Earl Reed | The Torrells |

The "Traps" climbing area of the Shawangunk Mountains has just one disadvantage - it is a long way from Washington. There is a fine camp ground, good water, and a limitless number of climbs ranging in difficulty from scrambles to direct aid class sixers. Our group made good use of all. On Saturday Jim and Bob Mole did the Horseman and Shockley's Ceiling, (The New York Group has an interesting color movie of a climb on the Ceiling, which a few of us were lucky to see - Ed.) The Adamses did the Three Pines, and Erich did an overhang by direct aid as part of a movie. On Sunday, Dick, Blondie and Ed worked on the Brat. We left about 3: P.M. Sunday afternoon just as the rains came. Alan Talber had to miss the trip because another motorist smashed into his car from the rear.*

D.H.

*Alan, Rod Glascock, and Don Hubbard went climbing at Great Falls, Virginia on Sunday. Where were the rest of you climbers? ED.

May 24, 1958. Little Stony Man Mountain, Virginia

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| Bob Adams and family | Eric Mendelsohn | Kurt Muhlberg and family |
| Rod Glascock | Bob Mole | (lost them somewhere) |
| Doug Haigh | Charley Moore | Dick Osgood |
| Betty Johnson | Norma Moore | Pete Peterson |
| | | Carmen Torrey |

We arrived at Stony Man Mountain about 10:30 and in 5 minutes three ropes were on their way up the chockstone chimneys. After lunch Pete started to hike to the Thornton Gap Ranger Station (8 miles!) and the rest of us returned to the climbs. at about 3:30 the regular Sunday rain joined us. Bob Mole and Bob Adams refused to quit and climbed for a other hour. Pete met us at the Ranger Station and Betty, Pete, Bob Mole and Doug had supper in Warrenton.

D.H.

Doug Haigh has been organizing U.S. AND D.O.N.S. for the last two or three months. Now that he's leaving for Japan, the editor has the job of asking for write ups again, and she feels that after such a long vacation all you people should be eagerly waiting to try your hand at some journalism.

CHANGES TO UP ROPE LISTNEW:

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F P O, San Francisco, California

FOR SALE

The following PATC Bulletins containing articles of special interest to local climbers are available at Headquarters, 1916 Sunderland Place, Wash. 6, D.C. The Club house is open from 7-10 P.M. Monday Through Friday.

PATC Bulletin:

January, 1941, Vol. X, No. 1 (15 cents)

"Mountaineering Under West Virginia" Tom Culverwell - This is an account of early explorations in Schoolhouse cave with sketches, by PATC Climbers.

October, 1943, Vol. XII, No. 4 (15 cents)

"On Underground Trails" by Tom Culverwell. SchoolHouse again.

October, 1944 "About As Far As We Can Go" Tom Culverwell

School House Cave with pictures.

January, 1945, Vol. XIV, No. 1 (15 cents)

"The Survey of School House Cave" by H.F. Stimson

"A Sketch Map Of School House Cave" by Tom Culverwell

October, 1945, Vol. XIV, No. 4 (15 cents)

"Guide To The Bull Run Mountains" by Sterling Hendricks

This article includes descriptions of the climbs and 4 pictures of Chris Scoredos Climbing Charlie's Crack.

July, 1944, XIII, No. 3 (15 cents)

"Carderock Climbs" by Herbert W. Conn and Arnold Vexler.

January, 1944, Vol. XIII (15 cents)

"Jam Crack Joe" Herbert W. Conn --complete with music

April-June, 1955, Vol. XXIV, No. 2 (25 cents)

"Rock Climbing on Seneca" by John Reed, Jr. illus. John Christian

OTHER CLUBS

The Journal of the Dartmouth Outing Club, May, 1958, has an enthusiastic article by Bob French on "Climbing Around Washington." He says in part, "The PATC has developed a skilled group of climbers who have put to good use in the mountain ranges of the world what they have learned on the cliffs around Washington D.C." -and of the climbing - "It may not be the Tetons or the Alps, but it's the best in the East."

The May issue of the Chicago Mountaineering Club Newsletter has an interesting article by Allan Cunningham on the 1954 and 1957 expeditions to the Northernmost Andes, The Sierra Nevada De Santa Marta. A map of this area is on the cover of the newsletter.

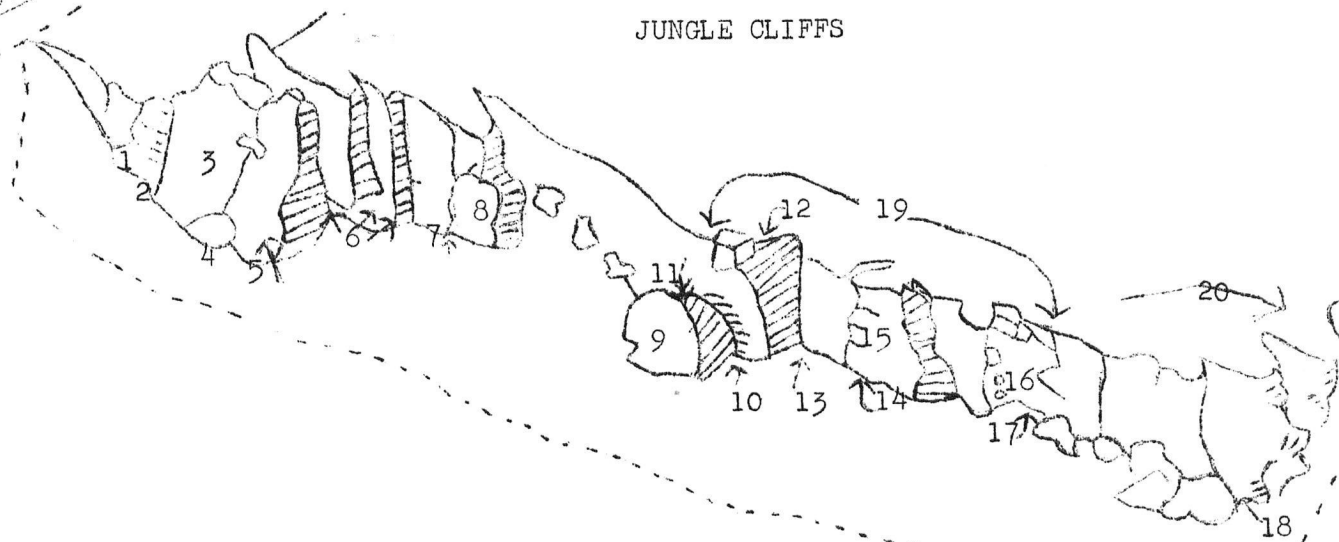
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The editor will bring the above publications to Howard Johnsons on the next few Sundays.

The map of Carderock included in this issue of UP ROPE, was drawn by Alice Marshal after a map by Herb Conn. (See PATC Bul., July, 1944). This first section of rocks is known as the Jungle Cliffs. The other climbs will be shown at another time.

CARDEROCK - MARYLAND

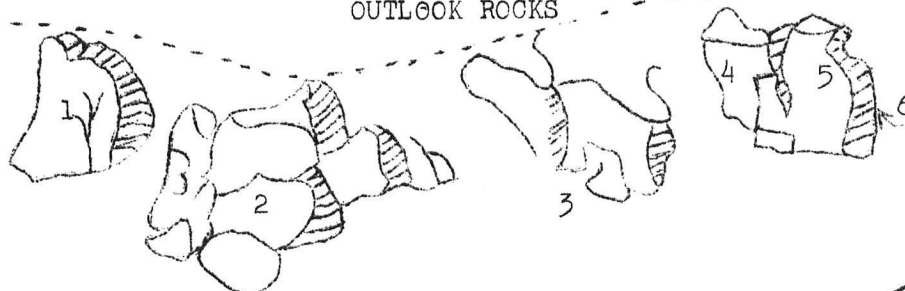
JUNGLE CLIFFS



1. HERBIE'S HORROR
2. CHOCKSTONE FACE
3. JAN'S FACE
4. MARGIE'S CHIMNEY
5. STOLEN HANDHOLD
6. THREE CHIMNEY CLIMB
7. STERLINGS CRACK
8. ELSIE'S EDGEFACE
9. BARNACLE FACE
10. MARION'S CHIMNEY (BUCKETS OF BLOOD)

11. RETABLE CLIMB
12. SWAYBACK LAYBACK
13. RONNIE'S LEAP
14. BEGINNERS CRACK
15. STERLINGS TEST
16. STRETCH & UNSTRETCH
17. MEENEHAN'S STAIRCASE
18. KINDERGARTEN CORNER
19. WEXLER'S WORST & STRETCH
20. SKOOKUMCHUCK EXTENSION

OUTLOOK ROCKS



1. NAMELESS
2. LEMBECKS CROSSOVER
3. LAZY DAISY

4. LADDER CLIMB (UPSIDE DOWN)
5. JACK KNIFE
6. OPEN CHIMNEY

POTOMAC RIVER