



NEWS OF THE P.A.T.C. MOUNTAINEERING COMMITTEE

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COMING EVENTS

The Annual Meeting of the Mountaineering Committee will be held at the home of Nimrod Glascock, 1406 N. Illinois Street, Arlington, Virginia at 8 p.m. Take N. Glebe Road from Chain Bridge on Route 211 to Washington Boulevard. (First traffic light after Route 211). Turn right and go 0.6 miles to Illinois Street and turn right. Go two blocks to Rod's house on the left.

At this meeting, new officers will be elected for next year and Pete Peterson will show Canadian Mountain slides.

The Nominating Committee submits the following nominees to be voted on at the Annual Meeting January 20.

Chairman: Bob Adams

Vice - Chairman: Bob Mole, Alan Talbert, Ed Worrell

It should be noted that other nominations may be made from the floor at the time of the election. *

Jane Showacre
Pete Peterson

There will be no trips scheduled for January, but the Mountaineering Committee will meet as usual at Howard Johnsons, Western and Wisconsin Avenues. If you plan to eat breakfast with us please be at the restaurant by at least 8 a.m. Those who would like to leave directly from home for the climbing are, call Karl Edler at Appleton 7-8851 between 8 a.m. and 9 a.m., and he will have the necessary information. A note will also be left behind the south-east corner drain pipe at H. J's.

* See rules for voting

ROPES WANTED

A local group is making a small-scale study of the effect of ageing on the strength of nylon rope. I would like to secure 25 to 50 ropes meeting the following qualifications:

- a) The rope must be at least 5 years old and must be nylon.
- b) A history of the rope is necessary. This should include, as nearly as one can specify, - the age, where and how used, and for how long a time, any unusual conditions of use, whether it was ever left out for long periods of time in the open, storage conditions, and other factors which might account for change in character of nylon.

Any ropes that are acceptable will be replaced by new ropes.

If you have any old nylon ropes you think will qualify, please inform the undersigned. Do not send ropes until told to do so.

Alvin E. Peterson
3345 Tennyson Street, N.W.
Washington 15, D.C.

UPS AND DOWNSDecember 6 - 7 The Hermitage, Pennsylvania

Jack Doolan
Ermgard Emmel

Sam Howard*
Betty Johnson

Chuck Wettling

A quiet weekend was spent mostly stoking the stove and fire place with soggy wood as fast as it could be brought in. Saturday we braved the woods, which were crawling with hunters, to do some hiking. Only on Sunday did anyone get up courage to climb rocks in the bitter cold. By contributing a piton at a time and changing off between each one, Chuck and Sam Howard * climbed the Swiss Guide and the Welkin, nearly doing the latter without aid. To date, no one has done this. A pleasant weekend ended with an uneventful trip home.

S.H.

December 14 - Carderock, Maryland

Rick Dill
John Eggenberger
John Hartsock
Jake Haun

Anne Hetzel
Ron Hill
Don Hubbard
Betty Johnson

Alan Talbert
Chuck Wettling

It was agreed that it was much too cold for Oscar and as the snow started to fall everyone began making other plans for the afternoon. However, Chairman Chuck, after a long absence and full of enthusiasm insisted on work, so what could we do but obey. Oscar was brought out and kept busy most of the day. The ice-skaters alternated between the canal and Carderock, but when late-comer Jake arrive from West Virginia, the skaters had won.

December 21, Carderock, Maryland

Bob Adams and Family
Art Andraitis
Rod Glascock

Jake Haun
Betty Johnson
Bob Mole

Alan Talbert
Carmen Torrey
Chuck Wettling

This day was scheduled for Prospect Rock, Virginia but plans were changed

* You can't fool us, we know who you are! Ed.

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at Howard Johnsons. Pete left in pursuit of a Christmas Tree - saying that he would see us later - Rod Glascock declined to climb and the remainder made a lethargic move to Old Faithful Carderock. The temperature was very low and no one seemed to really want to climb. Shortly after lunch Betty J. left to star in a TV folk dance program and Carmen invited the group to her apartment to watch. After refreshing ourselves and seeing Betty's pantaloons on TV the group finished the day at Touheys.

J.H.

December 28, Great Falls, Maryland

Bob Adams & Family
Jack Doolan
Peg Keister
The Blinns

Betty Johnson
Art Lembeck
Bob Mole

Chris Scoredos
John Reed
Alan Talbert

There is always action when John R. is in town and today was no exception as we took advantage of the ice on the Potomac to cross over and investigate the climbing possibilities on Hermit, Perry, and Offut Islands. Arriving at Great Falls at noon, we quickly filled the front row seats to watch two teams on Pegs Progress led by Bob Adams and Alan. The rest of the entertainment was provided by the Adams boys - wondering whether they would break through the ice. An unexpected surprise was the supper at Bob Adams' home.

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MAPS FOR SALE

USGS quads for the Wolf Gap - Sugar Knob area are available at PATC Headquarters at 30¢ each. According to Dave Varmette, Maps Chairman, the new Falls Church Quadrangle - Virginia-Maryland will also be sold from the Clubhouse. This map includes the Potomac and surrounding territory from Great Falls to High Island.

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Bob Mole has found a pair of wool socks on his pack. This happened December 28, so if they are yours, please let Bob know.

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Blondie and Ed Worrell announce the arrival of Eric Edsel, 8 pounds 3 ounces, born December 20, 1958. Congratulations!

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Dr. Jim Wilkerson, Box 79, University of Virginia Hospital, Charlottesville, Virginia, would like to find a climbing companion for June. He writes to Blondie and Ed, "If you know of anyone who would care to accompany a bumbling but enthusiastic beginner to New England (or elsewhere) for some tramping and perhaps climbing, please inform me."

VOTING QUALIFICATIONS

The following recommendations were incorporated in the by-laws of the Mountaineering Committee and went into effect in January, 1952.

In order to vote at business meetings of the Mountaineering Committee of the PATC each member must meet both the following requirements:

- 1) Each person who desires to cast a ballot must:
 - a) Be a member of the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club; OR
 - b) Must have been a member of the Mountaineering Committee (formerly and colloquially known as the Washington Rock Climbers) who met the climbing requirements for voting prior to June 1, 1950.

- 2) In addition, each person who desires to cast a ballot must have participated, during the preceding twelve months, in the climbing activities of the Mountaineering Committee, as outlined in paragraph a) below, or, alternatively and electively, in Paragraphs b,c,d,e, or f, and must be a dues-paying member in good standing:

- OR a) Completion of two Class A, or one Class A and two Class B climbs.
- b) Participation on ten trips and completion of ten climbs of a classified nature. Only three of these trips must be official Committee trips; the remaining seven need merely be reported.
- OR c) The ascent of a rock peak, requiring mountaineering techniques, which extends more than 2000 feet above timberline, and participation on three official trips of the Mountaineering Committee and completion of three classified climbs;
- OR d) The ascent of a glacier-hung peak, requiring mountaineering techniques, and participation in three official trips of the Mountaineering Committee and completion of three classified climbs;
- OR e) Participation in an expedition which requires back-packing into remote country for the purpose of mountaineering, and participation in three official trips of the Mountaineering Committee and completion of three classified climbs;
- OR f) Exploration of a cave requiring mountaineering techniques, and participation in five official trips of the Mountaineering Committee and completion of five classified climbs.

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