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COMING EVENTS

April 12 -- GREAT FALLS, VIRGINIA

April 19 -- BUZZARD ROCKS, VIRGINIA, Jake Haun, Leader

April 26 -- ROCKS, BALTIMORE, Ed Worrell, Leader

May 3 -- CARDEROCK, MARYLAND Belay practice with Oscar

April 28 -- Meeting Tuesday, 8 p.m. at the home of Louise and Wade Marshall, 4209 Everett Street, Kensington, Maryland, WH. 2-4066. The Ike Nicholson family has mapped 8 miles of a cave on their property in Virginia, and have some excellent slides to show-- so all you Cavers come out too.

Art Lembeck finally had a chance to show his pictures of Climbing in California at the last meeting, and if his purpose was to stimulate interest in climbing in that State, it was accomplished. Thank you Helen and Chris Scoredos for a fine evening.

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ROCK CLIMBING BOOKLET AVAILABLE!

By next week the outstanding booklet, Fundamentals of Rock Climbing will be available through Up Rope. This booklet is published by the M.I.T. Outing Club and contains a wealth of material valuable both to beginners and experienced rock climbers. The price is ONE BUCK and the revenues are greatly needed to boost UP ROPES cash position which is sick, sick after the lean winter months. See the Editor or Business Manager or simply send your dollar to Up Rope with some notation to distinguish it from subscription money.

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Sunday trips leave Howard Johnsons at Western and Wisconsin promptly at 8:30 a.m. Please plan to be there at 8 a.m. if you wish to eat breakfast with us. We especially want to leave on time for the trips to Rocks, Baltimore, and Buzzard Rocks, Virginia.

UPS AND DOWNS1 March - Carderock, Maryland

The Adams Family
 Kay & Hal Blinn
 Burnie Davis
 Rick Dill
 Jack Doolan
 John Eggenberger
 Carmen Torrey

Rod Glascock
 Peg Keister
 Betty Johnson
 Chris Mecca
 Pete Peterson
 John Reed

Jake Haun
 Anne Hetzel
 Jimmy Lane
 Dave Varmette
 Chuck Wettling
 Ed Worrell

The day was like any other "Oscar Day" except that the group was possibly a little more lethargic and hard to move out of Hojo's. Both at breakfast and at the parking spot everyone tried to convince everyone else that they really didn't want to lug Oscar down the towpath and set him up - but somehow he got there and many falls were caught. After lunch, John Reed with helpers performed several amputations on the Oscar tree. The afternoon was spent giving knot tying, rappel, overhead and dynamic belaying instructions to a group of the Potomac Cavers who were present. Tuoheys as usual.

8 March - Little Devils Stairs, Virginia

Don Hubbard

Dan Finger

Pete Peterson

Bob Mole

While the ice crusted cliffs frowned down from either side, the waters of Keyser Run rushed along throwing spray on rocks and branches to form icy decorations that sparkled brilliantly in the sunlight. Calmly ignoring this hostile atmosphere the delicate purple Hepatica blossoms and the tiny but sturdier Pipsissewa gave silent testimony to other forces at work.*

Deeply moved by these signs of Spring Don Hubbard recited poetry. Pete yielding to a primitive urge engendered by the advent of the season decided the time had come to remove his winter underwear. He did.

Bob Mole

*Obviously, Spring was too much for our "poor mad friend" and Don has kindly offered to give out additional information on this trip. ED.

8 March - Boucher and Eagle Rock, Virginia

The Adams Family
 Richard Bacon
 Karl Edler
 John Eggenberger
 Jake Haun
 Anne Hetzel

David Horowitz
 Betty Johnson
 Sam Lehman
 John Long
 Peter Marse
 Ike & Mike Nicholson

John Ohrenschall
 Jim Settle
 Carmen Torrey
 Chuck Wettling
 The Worrells
 Art Lembeck

It was cold and late and most of us had begun to wonder if we could find our way back from Boucher Rock by moonlight, when Ed finally made it up the flatiron. Thanks to him, we stayed an hour or two later while Jake struggled to the top. The real hero of the day was Mike, who, realizing the lateness of the hour, left this climb undone for another day in order that we could all reach Tuoheys at a reasonable hour.

22 March - Great Falls, Maryland

The Adams Family
 Gregory Goncharov
 Jake Haun
 John Hauser
 Betty Johnson

Ruth Johnson
 Bob Mole
 Mike Nicholson
 Pete Peterson
 Peggy Pevear

Alan Talbert
 Jim Shipley
 The Worrells
 John Ohrenschall

A fine day was had by all at a site we hadn't been to for several months. John performed spectacularly on The Little Handhold that Isn't There, while almost everybody worked out on the Red Overhang and the Bulge. Several teams did Pegs Progress. The Karcherhorn was climbed in the afternoon as well as several other nameless climbs. The crowd dwindled down to a few die hards on the Bulge as the wind rose, and by 5 even they gave up.

14-15 March - Harpers Ferry

The Adams Family
 The Blinns
 Jack Doolan
 Jake Haun
 Don Hubbard
 Betty Johnson
 John Ohrenschall

Ruth Johnson
 Art Lembeck
 Larry Matarrese
 Bob Mole
 Jane Showacre
 Alan Talbert

Carmen Torrey
 Chuck Wettling
 The Worrells
 Dave Varmette
 Mary Vincent
 Nick Yankapoulus

Orville Crowder's Week-end at Harper's Ferry was a tremendous success, with 303 hiking enthusiasts from Washington, Baltimore and Wilmington in attendance. On Saturday Art Lembeck and Bob Adams made a quick survey of climbing possibilities and concluded that the Chimney Rock area was most suitable for instructing beginners in spite of its considerable distance from Hilltop House. Other climbers spent the day touring the Old Town or exploring John Browns Cave with the incomparable Woody Kennedy.

The Saturday night program was most enjoyable. Highlights included the singing of the Blue Tailed Fly, Bob Harrigan's exciting movies of white-water canoeing, Marion Trikoska's absorbing account of John Brown's raid, and Art Lembeck's magnificent slides of an expedition to the Mt. Waddington area of British Columbia.

On Sunday morning the Howard Johnson's crew took up strategic positions at Chimney rock to await the arrival of our first customers. The "Red Beauty" made 3 trips during the day, and with the arrival of each new contingent we went into action, demonstrating and teaching climbing techniques on an assembly-line basis. Don and Jack instructed in rappeling, Jake in prusiking, Art, Betty, and Bob Mole kept a steady stream moving up and down Chimney Rock, Carmen and Kate belayed short climbs at the base, and Ed and Chuck took charge of the face climbs above. Thanks to the enthusiastic cooperation of all hands, we were able to introduce a large number of outdoor people to rock climbing. Most of them appreciated our efforts, and there may be a few recruits. One new enthusiast, Mary Vincent, outdid "Barefoot Dave" Nicholson by climbing all day in her stocking feet.

Orville Crowder has asked me to express his thanks to the Mountaineering Committee for their contribution to the success of the outing

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29 March - Bull Run Mountains, Virginia

The Adams Family
 Jean Benedict
 Jack Doolan
 Don Hubbard
 Betty Johnson

Ruth Johnson
 Tom Marshall
 Bob Mole
 Allen Mole
 John Ohrenschall

Pete Peterson
 Alan Talbert
 Art Lembeck
 Arnold Wexler

Contrary to our previous custom, we parked near the old mill and took the 3 mile hike to the rocks. All were disappointed to find the trail in very poor condition. The day was clear and cool and the view of the valley was wonderful from the rocks. The Overhang, Charlies Crack and the Snickersnee kept the party busy in the morning and after lunch Art Lembeck and Arnold Wexler arrived with a bag full of tricks. The ancient ones agreed to show us several of the "real climbs" at Bull Run. They led the way to "Two Inches More" where they relaxed for lunch while the rock took its toll of climber effort. Bob Adams and John Ohrenschall performed with elegance but Alan and Jake were taxed to the point of uttering harsh words to the rock. Arnold and Art, grinning with glee, then led the way to another more ghastly climb. It was a nameless overhang in the area of Sterlings Quartz Slab. A rope was thrown down and a survey made at a respectful distance -- and then the rope was coiled up. Well, hell, it was the end of the day!

The climbing day was completed by a delightful dinner at Hal and Kay Blinns' house.

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Alan Talbert has lost a Holubar piton hammer along with the wire keeper at Harpers Ferry, March 14 - 15. If you have found one, please call him at Empire 5-2238.

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J.H.

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If you have not already read Bob French's article published in the Dartmouth Mountaineering Journal some months ago, now is your chance to see what other climbers think of the Washington Rocks in the March issue of Summit.

In the same publication there is an article by Herb and Jan Conn on How to Set Up a Practice Belay.

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