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COMING EVENTS

September 4 - 7 ROCK ENON, Virginia. Jake Haun, Leader

1. The Labor Day Weekend Mountaineering Committee trip will be to Camp Rock Enon, near Gore, Virginia. The camp, which is owned by the Shenandoah Area Council, Boy Scouts of America, is one of the best developed Scout Camps in the country. Scouts have gone -- and barring late requests, the rock climbers will be the only occupants of the 1500 acre reservation.

2. We have the use of two camp sites, each containing 4 lean-tos with four bunks each. Food will be arranged by car.

3. Sleepy Hollow and Big Oaks camp sites are ours to use although Sleepy Hollow should be filled up first except for those who elect the seclusion of Big Oaks because of small children or bad habits (early retiring -- early yodeling, etc.)

4. Cooking utensils, water carrying containers and swimming suits will be needed.

5. No closing date on trip - come one, come all however late you decide to come!

J.H.

September 13 - - CARDEROCK, Maryland

Beginning in October, the first Sunday of every month will be reserved for Carderock and belay practice with Oscar. This Sunday Mary Vincett from the Mountain Club of Maryland is bringing interested members of that club to Carderock -- so everyone out and we'll show them the climbs!

September 20 CUPIDS BOWER, Maryland

September 27 SPITZBERGEN

ROCK CLIMBING MEETING

September 29

The first meeting of the fall will be on Tuesday, September 29 at the Cabin John Field House, Maryland, 8 O'clock sharp. Go out MacArthur Boulevard, cross the Cabin John Bridge and it is on the right, set back a little from the street.

Jake Haun, Alan Talbert, and Pete Peterson will show slides from this years Canadian Alpine Club Camp.

October 4 CARDEROCK, Maryland -- Belay practice with Oscar

October 10-11 THE HERMITAGE, Pennsylvania

Blondie and Ed Worrell are leading this trip. Please let them know by Sunday, October 4. If you don't see them on Sunday, send a post card to Blondie at 1912 Tadcaster Road, Baltimore 28, Maryland. No need to even walk to the rocks - they're right outside the cabin door.

October 7 ANNUAL DINNER. St. Stephen and The Incarnation Church, 16th and Newton Streets, N.W. Further details will be sent with reservation blanks. Inquire at Headquarters, 1916 Sunderland Place N.W. for more information.

UPS AND DOWNS

August 2 CARDEROCK, Maryland

John Ackermann	Ellen Fitzpatrick	Jim Maxwell
Art Andraitis	Sam Goldin	Eric Mendelsohn
Laura Bingham	Betty Johnson	Bob Mole
Al De Mott	Art Lembeck	Arnold Wexler

Who was supposed to write this one up?

August 9 POTHOLES, Virginia

John Ackermann	Ellen Fitzpatrick	Pete Peterson
Laura Bingham	Jake Haun	Jane Showacre
Al De Mott	Betty Johnson	Phil Sidel
Hal & Kay Blinn	Bob Mole	Hal Swift

The rocks were wonderfully soft and curved to fit various figures, and when we felt like it we could occasionally open an eye and watch Jake and Hal Swift climbing and climbing! To be entirely fair - Jane and Hal Blinn, later on in the day did The Donalds' Ducks Traverse, and I believe one or two others were seen at various times on the rocks.

August 16 ECHO CLIFFS, Virginia

John Ackermann	Al De Mott	Ruth Johnson
Art Andraitis	Jake Haun	Jane Showacre
Hal & Kay Blinn	Betty Johnson	Alan Talbert
George Yntema		Sam Goldin

On the 16th of August a wee group of climbers hied aff to Echo Cliffs on the Potomac, bent on a muckle bit o' rope work. First, ane o' the laudie's a man o' sma' bulk, had a go at that awful thing, the ten fi't de'il, but to nae avail, despite mony a tremendous onslaught. Naebody else succeeded until a braw strappin' man came o'er the brae that afternoon and right smartly overcame the de'il.

Ane o' the lassie's got a feather in her bunnet, bein' the first to climb up without slippin' a terrible incling ledge whose smoothness fair scunnered one.

A thing called the waterline traverse, strange to relate, somehow went underwater noo and again for nae apparent reason. A fine grandstand view o' this

was to be had from the water and some of the group availed themselves o' the river for maist o' the day.

The afternoon ended wi' a dip in the Black Holle and a thunderin' shower and a lang treck back through a drippin' slippery glen.

August 22 - 23 WOLF GAP, Virginia S. G.

John Ackermann, Al De Mott, Pete Peterson & friend
Art Adraitis, Betty Johnson, Alan Talbert
Kay & Hal Blinn, Jake Haun

The Wolf Gap weekend started Friday night when half the group met Jake in Woodstock for supper, before going on to the cabin. Saturday they climbed at Big Schloss, where they were joined in the middle of the afternoon by the rest of the group. The Blinns, with their usual canteen of ice, were particularly welcome. John and Art both worked out new climbs. The sun and humidity quickly dampened enthusiasm, however, and the crowd eventually struggled to Stony Creek, where the water revived them enough to experiment with drinking beer while swimming. We hope the beer sterilized the creek water enough to prevent typhoid.*

Sunday morning began with reveille on the recorder by Betty, instigated by Jake (she claims). It can be said that it was an unusual way to wake up. Climbing was at Trout Pond until rained out, then on to the pond itself for lunch and a swim between showers. The afternoon's climbing was to have been at Devil's Garden, but in spite of Pete Peterson's map the Garden couldn't be located. Instead there was "interesting" bushwhacking through the drizzle and huckleberry bushes (a compass would have helped), followed by some unexpected climbing when a slope of smooth rock (wet) required the use of ropes. There were still some berries left on the bushes, so the trip was considered a success.

A. De Mott

* Now Al, after you've been with us a while you'll never even think of such a thing.

* Art needs a left handed second. Ask him for further particulars if you think you may qualify.

September 1, GREAT FALLS, Maryland

John Ackerman	Arnold Wexler	Frank Maher
Al De Mott	Betty Johnson	Tom Wieting
Art Lembeck	Ruth Johnson	Ellen Fitzpatrick
The Worrells	Alan Talbert	Dick Long
The Willards	Chris Scoredos	Bob Murray
Bob Mole	Jane Showacre	

This was Art's day! His encounter with wasps and a fast descent (Arnold handling the rope) started the day off with plenty of action. After cooling off with close to ten stings Arnold persuaded Art to climb The Little Hand Hold That isn't There. He was followed by Arnold and Alan. Thumbing through old Up Ropes, the other day, we find that Art made the initial ascent in 1939.

After lunch the rain scattered the climbers but a lucky few managed to stay together and later on went to Arnold's where (you guessed it) we had a steak supper.

A NEW CLIMB AT SUGARLOAF

This route was originally put up by Alan Talbert and Jake Haun swinging leads on 8 February 1959. It begins on a 30 degree pock marked slope some 200 yards to the left of the trail up the mountain. From the slab the route goes up a 12-14 foot vertical wall on the left (with several bucket handholds) past an old piton left by Alan and Betty Johnson on a previous attempt. The wall is topped by a rather small, two level friction pitch with a good piton crack in its center. Standing on the upper level enables placing of a piton overhead for protection in around a corner and across a gap to the right. Across this gap is a wide shelf to which the second man may be brought up. Before leading up, a piton must be placed as high as possible for protection in ascending an overhang described by Alan as "Somewhere between very severe and hairy." The overhang is negotiated by pulling up to the limit of the arms - using scant footholds and then throwing the left leg over a projection. This enables upward movement of hands and progress upward to another sloping friction shelf. (Rocks on this side of the mountain all slant downwards.) From this point there are three routes to the top! 1) 45 degree diagonally to left. This involves retable to a shelf and a sort of crawl in a crack to the top. 2) Traverse 3 or 4 feet to the right and ascend vertically on a rather Soler-ish 20 foot pitch to the top. 3) Traverse 5 feet to the left and ascend vertically on knubble hand holds.

The climb was initially done following the number 1 route but on 28 June 59 Ruth Johnson, Jake Haun and Dan Doody tried the number 2 and found it quite interesting. Ruth called it the "Hate Jake" climb but did a fabulous job on it. Tourist spectators were numerous and the temperature excessive - but all three found the climb most enjoyable.

Jake Haun

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Sunday trips leave Howard Johnsons at Western and Wisconsin at 8:30 a.m. sharp so if you intend to eat breakfast with us please be there at 8 a.m. Don Hubbard holds forth as usual at 7:30 and if you have any questions about mountaineering or anything else for that matter, meet us there at that time.

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All those interested in becoming members of the P.A.T.C. please speak to the editor or someone else who is a member and we'll see if we can't get things started. The club is open every evening, Monday through Friday, 7 p.m. - 10 p.m. Drop in some evening for more information.

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