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COMING EVENTS

- October 18 -- Bull Run Mountains, Virginia.
October 27 -- Great Falls, Virginia.
November 1 -- Carderock, Maryland. Relay practice with Oscar, followed at 6:45 by Rock Climbers meeting at the Cabin John Field House. Rock Climbing movie will be shown.
November 15 -- Thurmont, Maryland

Sunday trips meet at Howard Johnson, (Western and Wisconsin Avenues) at 8 A.M. Allow yourselves plenty of time if you plan to have breakfast with us, as a new campaign is starting -- to leave on time.

We are sure the management would appreciate our receiving fewer phone calls at Howard Johnsons. If you need information please call the chairman, Bob Adams, or even the Editor (before 7:30 A. M.).

LOST AND FOUND

Found on 2nd pitch of Thais -- part of Retina II A Camera case. A Swiss made piton hammer was also found at Cupids Bower. For both these items, contact Blondie Worrell, or get in touch with the Editor.

Peg Smuck and Bob Bruton have the congratulations and best wishes of the climbers. They have just announced their engagement and plan to be married this fall.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Editor has been getting some mighty interesting mail lately. Some of it just news from old friends, some expressing regret at missing even a single copy of UP ROPE (such as the letter below). We do like to get mail and all suggestions are welcome.

* * * * *"I suppose it is too much to expect that I shall receive any UP ROPES as a result of this letter. However, if all the climbers somehow managed to fall off a cliff this summer (or what is more likely I suppose if they ended up in a disreputable place called T-----* and stayed so drunk that no one has sobered up enough to publish the aforesaid rag -- then I should like to know about it.

With much love to all you jerks
"a fan"

*It was thought safest to leave the name unprinted. Ed.

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Marsh Shore writes "John (age 14), Mignonne and I did Neg Perce, South and Middle Leton, and traversed Rockchuck and St. John during our week at Jenny Lake and John and I did Grays and Longs peaks". They also "made a 108 mile canoe trip down the Allegash in Northern Maine. ***

We are practicing on New Hampshire rock cliffs on odd weekends sometimes with the New Hampshire section of the AMC Mountaineering Committee and are waiting for the skiing season to come around."

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Dick Usen is now out of the Service and is living in California. "I am situated about 30 miles from an 11,500 foot mountain (which unfortunately is almost all dirt) and have rug space available for climbing, skiing or what have you any weekend. So if any Easterners are on TDY or something out here, and want company weekends they should look me up. * * * I was camping under a rock at Joshua Tree National Monument a few months ago and recognized a familiar accent next to me. It was a good friend of John Crowders, also from Scotland. Small world, eh what?"

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We also had a letter from John Crowder who has given up climbing for hill walking. (reason -- no cliffs where he is now living). He's planning on getting married soon. If it hasn't already taken place, let us know when, John.

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In response to the inquiry in last months UP ROPE, we now have the following information for those interested:

Shirley Jackson Pagay
919 E. Makahiki Way
Honolulu, Hawaii

September 6, CARDEROCK, MARYLAND

John Ackerman
The Adams Family
Roy Bailey
Rod Glascock

Hansen Family
Horwitz Family
Bob Mole
Phil Sidel

Mort Somer
Betsy Strout
Harold Swift

A few of us who have such bad habits we didn't even go to Rock Enon showed up at Howard Johnson's and were still enjoying a leisurely breakfast at 9:30. Sensing the need to familiarize ourselves with the climbs at Carderock in preparation for next week's MCM visitors, we started at STERLINGS CRACK and did everything in order down to the FRICTION LAYBACK. Three "first ascents" were recorded: Bob Mole on STERLINGS CRACK, Dave Horwitz on ELSIES EDGE FACE, John Ackerman on SPIDERWALK. Former member Roy Bailey wandered back into our midst and did a little climbing. We hope to see you often, Roy!

Just as we were beginning to discuss LEONARDS LUNACY the sun went down and (in accordance with union rules) operations were suspended.

RJA

September 13, CARDEROCK, MARYLAND

Laura Bingham
Bob Mole
Art Lembeck
Ted Staples
The Adams Family
Bob Schnauss (breakfast)
Bob Adams and Family
Betsy Strout
John Ackerman
Rebecca H. Shockley
Dave Nicholson
Mike Nicholson
Ted & 3 Schads

Barney Shock
Ben Beck
Marie, Benjie,
Peter, Marie,
and Geoffrey Beck
Mary Vincett
Win Lembeck
& children
Peg Keister
Ken Karcher
Bevin Hewitt
Chris Scoredos
A. P. Ford v

Phil Sidel
The Worrells
Walter Kuckes
Jim Shipley
Mike Rosenheimer
Bob Mason
Ann Remington
Bob Bruton
Peggy Smuck
David Head
Jane Showacre
The Willards

September 20, CUPIDS BOWER, MARYLAND

Art Lembeck
The Worrells
Karl & Barbara Edler
Bob Adams & Family
Betty Johnson
Jim Shipley

Alan Talbert
Ann Remington
Al De Mott
John Reed
Peg Keister

Jane Showacre
Jake Haun
Sam Goldin
Carol Meyer
Chuck Kettingling

I was pleased when Betty asked me to write this trip up, because CUPIDS BOWER just happens to be a favorite spot of mine. This for several reasons, including the fact that I found the climbers there, quite by accident and was invited to come climbing and did. Aside from the sentimental attachments (having camped overnight there numerous times) the island is a lovely place to climb, swim or talk.

The latter is what there was an awful lot of Sunday. Yet plenty of climbing went on. The Ph. D. and POS Ph. D. were climbed repeatedly. Most of the falling was done from the Masters, except for Ann's ascent which was a display of sheer virtuosity on rock.

The next crack to the right of the POST Ph. D. has now been climbed - first by Jim Shipley. Is it a new route? The name LEMBECKS TALKOVER has been suggested for the overhang about 150 yards upstream near the water, since Art climbed it without interrupting a monologue about acclimitization. Unless the originator (whoever that may be) of the climb complains, why not?

The day ended with festivities at Tuhoeys where drinks were on Jake in celebration of his first climbing anniversary.

A. T.

(There could scarcely be a trip near the water without J. Reed and canoe, and this made it possible for some of us to go up the river and across to the Donald Ducks and Big Toe traverse. We were met by Shirley and Earl Mosburg, all set to climb, but no one really finished anything except Bob Adams because of the late start. Ed.)

September 4-7, 1959 Labor Day Weekend - ROCK ENON

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| Pete Peterson | Jake Haun | Ed. Worrell | Al De Mott |
| Ted Schadd | Jim Wilkerson | Jim Shipley | M. Ellen Fitz- |
| Chuck Wettling | Ruth Johnson | Walt Kuckes | patrick |
| Betty Johnson | Sam Goldin | Dick Long | |
| Alan Talbert | Bhondie W. | Art Andraitis | |

Because the place was new and the trip so well attended we publish several peoples contributions regarding the weekend and the site.

THE GREEK SPIRES. An area, probably the most extensive available to this club outside of Seneca, has been discovered approximately 100 yards north of the TALBERT-HORN. Located on the west side of the ridge this outcropping presents challenging climbs (both leads and static belays) for experts and beginners.

Messrs. Wettling and Schad pioneered the first and only lead climb of the South Spire which shall be known from this date as the WET*SCHAD ROUTE. While Wettling and Schad were slipping up this precipice, another climb further north was successfully repelling the repeated onslaughts of Sam and Betty - only to finally knuckle under later on to Chuck Wettling.

To locate the Spires area travel the ridge top North until you find a large oak tree of several hundred years vintage. When you have found this tree you have traveled too far. Turn around and go South for about 50 yards where you must turn a 90 degrees to the west for approximately 50 yards over the rocks and pine needles. You should then be within spitting distance of the spires which are three in number. The area extends north along the west side of the Ridge from here.

Art (The Greek) Andraitis

According to Chuck Wettling, he "led Diagonally 7 to 10 feet up the face to the right and placed a piton in the jam crack formed by the bases of two of the Grecian Spires. (SCYLLA and CHARYBDIS -- so named by Sam Goldin). The plan had been to zig zag upwards on the face but the scarcity of cracks wide enough to take wafer pitons plus the high angle of the rock persuaded Chuck to squirm inelegantly up the widening jam crack until he reached the saddle between the two spires. (Help me out someone. Isn't there an old proverb that goes "He climbs on Charybdis who fears Scylla"). Two more pitons were used, neither of which inspired confidence. After Ted came up they scrambled to the top of the higher spire and adjourned for a late lunch."

THE TALBERTHORN*. Somewhere between the first outcropping of rocks on the Rock Enon ridge and the more extensive area near the North end of the ridge, known as THE GREEK SPIRES lies a formidable looking outcropping on the west side. The rock is separate enough from the main body to be called a spire or horn. From below, a 5-6 foot overhanging ceiling is apparent about 35 feet up. An easy route was put up here by Alan Talbert Betty and Ruth Johnson, while exploring the ridge for climbing possibilities. In this immediate vicinity there are numerous possible climbs of any degree of severity. How to find the area is still a bit obscure. (See Art's description to find out just how obscure). From the top of the ridge it is easy to miss, while from below it is quite obvious.

Alan Talbert

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