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COMING EVENTS

- August 6 CARDEROCK, Md., Oscar practice.
 13 GREAT FALLS, Md.
 20 CARDEROCK, Md., No Oscar practice.
 27 CUPID'S BOWER, MD.
- September 3 There will probably be a Labor Day Weekend trip. See next month's UP ROPE.

Note: All of these trips will be subject to change because so many of the climbers will be on vacation in August.

TRIP REPORTS

SENECA ROCKS, July 4th Weekend.

Since the editors, through bitter experience, know better than to solicit reports from me, this one--report, not editor--which I whopped up in an effort to relive part of a marvelous trip, had to be unsolicited. The official reporter for this weekend couldnot have known about much of this except by hearsay since the parties were separated much of the time.

Saturday Alice and I spent a rather profane day working intermittently on my Porsche as we haltingly made our way to Seneca. A new fuel pump diaphragm eventually got us under way but not before the spectacle of us working on the car in Front Royal earned us a free beer when we were taken for German tourists by a gregarious soldier with nostalgia for "das Vaterland.")

However, when we arrived at Seneca there was still time for a swim and a fairly early supper at the Pavillion. Dessert was homemade ice cream, thanks to Al Barbour and his team of crankers.

(SENECA)

Dinner music was provided by Jim Shipley and his stereo system. Some ~~might~~ (sic) consider such refinements a decadent trend, but Jim is surely the last to be accused of going soft. Those who truly hope to get away from it all would, of course, not be camping at the Pavillion.

That evening Al, Marty, Alice, and I took in one of the local dances. Whoever has not joined these people in their odd, vigorous folk dances is missing something really fun. The hoedown music is good, too. For directions on how to find one of these dances, ask at "Mary's Place."

Saturday Jim and Joe F. made four ascents, including the Simple J., Tony's Nightmare, and Extasy, while Bob A. took a team of five up Thais. Incredible!

Sunday Alice quite capably led Al, Marty, and me up the South Peak from Gunsight Notch and the Coxcomb Pine Tree route. This was Alice's third try at leading and the challenge was heightened because there were just enough people on the South Peak to cause traffic jams. The register, a miserable little notebook, was full. Why don't we get a book with a fancy Conn cover, like the one on Devil's Tower, for South Peak?

Rain, lasting all night and into the day, gave Monday a gloomy outlook. After much indecision a group consisting of Joe, Al, Marty, Alice, and me decided to follow Jim through Cave Hollow Cave. We were the lucky ones. A drive through beautiful wild country, a hike along a river and through the woods, and a moderate trip through a small cave to the other side of the mountain, followed by swimming and supper cooked on the river bank made this a perfect day.

On Tuesday, while Al led a team of five up the Coxcomb Overhang, Alice and I did the Breakneck. Incidentally, this climb need not end at the chimney. After surmounting the large flake in the middle of the face, proceed diagonally up to the left to a point near the Notch north of the Coxcomb, and from there diagonally up to the right to the Pine Tree. Loose and rotten rock make this traverse most interesting. Some of it may be the Jankowitz-Conn route.

So much for this version of a delightful weekend. Now for the job of persuading Alice to do a cartoon of our adventures.

A J T

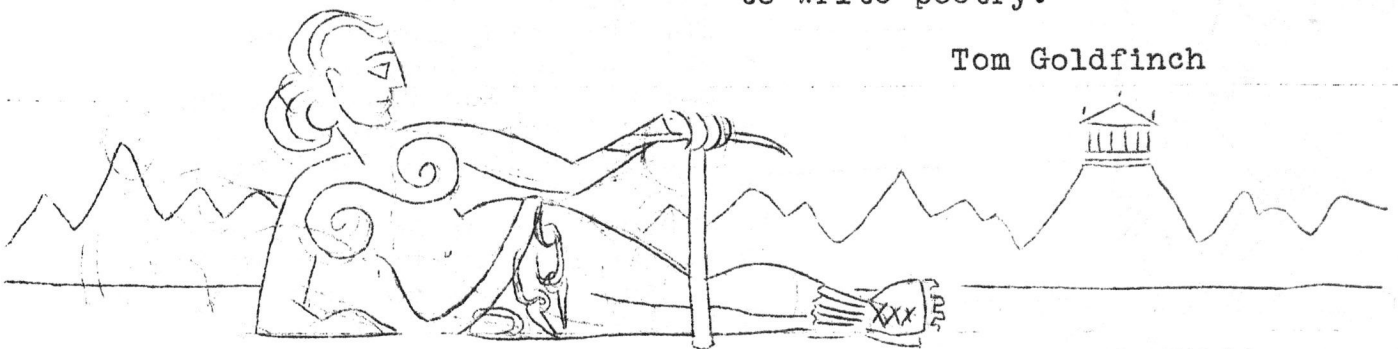


MOUNTAINS IN GREEK MYTHOLOGY

The following are famous mountains, rocks, or mountain ranges in Greek legend. Fill in the blanks with the proper letter in parenthesis. Answers are at the bottom of the page. No cheating!

1. Mount OETA ____ (a) The home of the eternal gods.
2. Mount Helicon ____ (b) Hercules built his own funeral pyre here.
3. Mount Olympus ____ (c) In Africa he bears the world on his shoulders.
4. Mount Pelion ____ (d) A Queen of Thebes, changed to a rock for daring to compare herself with the gods.
5. Atlas ____ (e) Here Paris made his fateful decision in favor of Venus which eventually led to the Trojan War.
6. Mount Latmos ____ (f) Part of the Parnassus range in Greece and home of the Muses.
7. Mount Ida ____ (g) Prometheus was chained here as a punishment for teaching mankind about civilization and the arts.
8. Mount Caucasus ____ (h) Endymion, watched over by Diana, the moon, sleeps here forever.
9. Mount Parnassus ____ (i) A peak in Thessaly placed upon Mt. Ossa by the giants to scale heaven... Hence, "Adding difficulty to difficulty."
10. Niobe (j) "To climb this mountain" means to write poetry.

Tom Goldfinch



Answers to the quiz:

1. (b) 2. (f) 3. (a) 4. (i) 5. (c) 6. (h) 7. (e) 8. (g)
 9. (j) 10. (d)

A.L.'s Mountain Lore

The first accredited belayer on record was a maiden named Rapunzel, and the climber who trusted her braided rope (theoretical breaking strength 550 lb.), Charlie.

The earliest climbing accident, also befel Charlie. According to the East Gaul Accident Report for 1057, he suffered a 50-ft. free fall when Miss Rapunzel's Papa cleaved (clove?) his rope with one swing of his battle-axe.

As a result of Charlie's mishap, the Climber's Guild (note that the group was not accorded the dignity of being called an Order, as climbing was not then recognized as a sport for Knights) warned against reliance on tension when belayed from above.

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