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COMING EVENTS

October 6 Carderock, Md.

13 Bull Run Mountain, Va.

20 Sugarloaf, Md.

26, 27 SHAWANGUNKS, N.Y.

This trip depends on permission being obtained to climb in this area. Contact Ed Worrell before going. Phone: RI 4-5114 (Baltimore). Plans are to camp out.

Sunday trips start from Howard Johnson's at Wisconsin and Western Avenues, N.W., at 8:30 a.m. (Come early if you want breakfast.) New climbers are welcome. Bring lunch and canteen. Sneakers are suitable for climbing. Late-comers look for note behind drainpipe at Western Avenue side of building.

UPS AND DOWNS

Seneca Rocks, West Virginia--Labor Day Weekend

The Mountaineering Committee used the Labor Day weekend to advantage and staged a three-day camping-climbing trip to Seneca Rocks. Many new members who had not climbed at Seneca before attended and for them the Rocks offered a new and exciting experience. Although those arriving on Friday were met with rain, the next three days offered perfect climbing weather. Each morning, after several hours of organizing, the group broke up into small parties and attempted most of the standard routes. Dave Warshawsky and Chris Buckingham both led for their first time on the rocks while Joe Faint and Joe Molte attempted several new routes to the summit. For those finishing their climbs early, there was time for a short swim in the creek. Several deviationists took advantage of this opportunity to practice water rescue techniques with Mary Turk. On Saturday evening a hungry group of climbers enjoyed a

delicious church supper at Riverton. A near accident on the Tony's Nightmare route occurred on Monday morning which emphasized the advantages of 7/16" rope. The third climber on a rope of four fell off and nearly two strands of his belay rope -- 3/8" rope -- were cut on a sharp projection of rock. During Monday afternoon there were reports of Bill Allnutt practicing rappelling and prusiking on the south end of Seneca Rocks, and as many were leaving, the chairman led a party up the Old Ladies' route to place a new register book at the summit.

--Dick Curtin

Carderock, Maryland--September 8, 1963

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Downds	George T. Livingston	Mary Vincett
Rene Brundy	Kathy McAdams	Arnold Wexler
Rachel Hecht	David Horowitz and	George Kotapish
Rod Glascock	kids	Harold Kramer
Brook Jennings	Rodney McComb	and sons
Bill Allnutt and family	Mr. and Mrs. Bob Culp	Barbara Lauster
Three Adamses and Penny	Joe Faint	Katherine Lauster
Ed and Blondie Worrell and family	Dave Warshawsky	Eter Schmitt
Marshall Klein and dog Ivan	Peter Grant	Pam Galerger
Anthony Harp and Velocipede	Wil Thrasher	Eileen Daly
Mike Nicholson	Peter Stotler	Dick Curtin
Larry Griffin and friends	Walt and Marlene	Jon Olson
Bob Mole	Snyder and family	Bob Stephens
Larry Fowler	Mary Kelliher	Ed Goodman
Al Klodahl	Mary Turk	Bill Faulhaber

It was a fine sunny Sunday and it appears that everyone and his cliff hanging friend were at Carderock. There was a rope just about everywhere--climbers scurried up and down like ants. To list all the climbs would produce a list too lengthy, so it is limited to some of the more spectacular, such as Elsie's Edgeface, Herbie's Horror, Swayback Layback, Spiderwalk, Sterling's Crack, and Tension Roof.

Tension Roof was traversed by Bill Faulhaber, Ed Goodman, and Bob Adams. While suspended in prusik slings and doing a drop ground recovery technic, Bill requested all women and children to get out of earshot so he could express how comfortable he was.

Dick Curtin also found out how comfortable it is to be suspended from prusik slings while setting up Oscar. Nearly ten checked out with Oscar in spite of operational difficulty. The motor for Oscar kept losing its air filter. The trigger cord became tangled in the mess of spaghetti known as rope work for Oscar just as P. S. was tying in to catch Oscar. Too bad, Pete--better luck next time.

Near the end of the day Ed Worrell was left with three diehards and his ever-loving wife to take down Oscar. Perhaps Ed can

tell us what it is like to disassemble Oscar after dark.

--Anthony Harp

NOTE: Lost at Carderock on Labor Day: 3 carabiners (Marked in blue with G.T.L.) and 25' rope--if found please return to George Livingston.

HERE AND THERE

Marty Maricle--gone to San Francisco, California.

Chrystl Scherer and Al Barbour--Congratulations! They were married last month in Germany.

Doug Haigh and Miss Anne Catherine Winter--Married August 24 at Long Beach, California. Doug climbed with us several years ago and has since been on duty in the Pacific, serving in the Navy. Our best wishes to both.

Alan Talbert was in Germany and reported going to Switzerland for Alpine climbing.

Harold Kramer rediscovered the balance climbing route up the Swayback Layback.

Ed Goodman and Harold have added their names to the short list of those who have climbed the Jambox since the pistol grip hold has been broken off. The initials of the person who broke that important hold are AL KLOVDAHL.

For sale: 15 carabiners: Bedayn, Army, Cassin. Half price. See Bill Faulhaber.

Summit, September issue, has a feature article on Spruce Knob and Seneca Rock.

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