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### Mountaineering Section Schedule for March 1965

**March 7, Carderock, Md. (near David Taylor Model Basin)**

**Departure:** 8:00 a.m. from Howard Johnson's parking lot at Wisconsin and Western Avenues, N.W. Come earlier for breakfast. If late, be sure to check note behind southeast corner drainpipe for possible change in destination.

**Dynamic Belay with "Oscar":** Contact Chris Buckingham (736-0871) if interested.

**Leader:** Phil Eddy (942-4231)

**Business Meeting:** At 7:30 p.m. there will be a meeting at the Clubhouse to vote on proposed new constitution for the Mountaineering Section.

**March 14, Rocks State Park, Md. (near Bel Air, Md., which is northeast of Baltimore)**

**Departure:** See March 7 description

**Leader:** Joe Nolte (MA 2-0912 after 7:00 p.m.)

**March 21, Corkscrew and Juliet's Balcony Areas (near Great Falls, Virginia)**

**Departure:** See March 7 description

**Leader:** Chris Buckingham (736-0871)

**March 27,28 Harper's Ferry, W. Va. - Weekend trip. Make reservations.**

**Departure:** Straggle. If you need a ride, contact the Leader.

**Accommodations:** Arrangements are being made to stay at Youth Hostel in Sandy Hook, Md. Nominal fee.

**Leader:** George Livingstone (584-9126)

Phil Eddy has been informed by the Park Police that if Mountaineering Section members would put a note on their windshield stating their business at Carderock (climbing, etc.) they would not be ticketed. PATC decals might be in order.

## Buzzard Rocks, Virginia - January 24, 1965

Don Hubbard *	Tom Blevins	Art Wilder
Chuck Wettling	Mark Carpenter	Barry Bielsker
Dave Templeton	Bob Adams	Bret Blosser
Joan Templeton	Kate Adams	Bob Mole
Phil Eddy *	Bret Blosser	Al Klov Dahl
Bob Eddy	George Livingstone	Tony Harp
	Karl Edler	

## \* Breakfast

In spite of the discouraging weather we headed for the scheduled destination, Buzzard Rocks. Just before reaching the parking place, we were confronted by a stream which had overflowed its banks and was spilling across the road. Since VW sedans will float, I was afraid of being swept off the road and taking a voyage back to Front Royal. However, Dave and Bob did not share my fears and ferried us all across in their vehicles.

At the top of the ridge, the rocks were coated with ice and partially hidden in the fog. Bob immediately set up two overhanging climbs while Kate and Joan built a fire. Later in the day, Bob was seen using a blazing brand to melt the ice from a critical handhold at the top of one of the overhangs. (Does this constitute an artificial aid?)

I set up a long face climb and found that the ice coating did not extend far below the top of the rocks. However, it was unusual to see the rope disappearing up into the mist.

By late afternoon we were all thoroughly chilled and returned to the warmth of Tuohey's.

## NOTE: "Gorp" Contest:

Got a favorite recipe for "Gorp"? or An idea for a new one?

If so, make up a batch and bring it out to Carderock on Sunday, March 7. Prize for the best.

## Camp Lewis, Maryland - January 31, 1965

Chris Buckingham	Phil Eddy
Tom Blevins	Bob Adams
George Livingstone	Kate Adams
Don Hubbard (Ho Jo's)	Bobby Adams
Maggie Teel	Hal Kramer
Chuck Wettling	Dave & Joan Templeton
Larry Gifford	Mark Stone
Bob Eddy	Tal Bielefeldt

A large turnout, in spite of Saturday's snowfall and below-freezing temperatures, was on hand at HoJo's to learn the destination of the unscheduled trip. Our newly elected officers---George Livingstone, Chairman and Chris Buckingham, Vice Chairman---were present to give proper guidance to the group, the latter with an ice axe. This evil looking instrument, fortunately, turned out not to be a symbol of office, but a temporary cane for use during the last stages of healing of Chris' broken foot.

## Camp Lewis, Maryland cont'd.

After the usual delightful breakfast we transferred to the climbing area. While Chuck Wettling, Tom Blevins, Tal Bielefeldt and others set up the day's climbs, Bob Adams rapelled over the face with a whisk broom, removing the snow from the hand and footholds. This is a technique recommended to all Alpine climbers. Removal of ice from handholds still remains an unsolved problem. Burning brands have been used, but in view of the close proximity of the climber's rope, the method is not highly looked upon.

While climbs were being commenced, Bobby Adams, Joan Templeton, Kate Adams, Bob Eddy and several others contributed to our morale by the building of a sturdy bonfire. That this job was well done, the writer can testify, having inspected it thoroughly, and frequently, throughout the day.

Not knowing the names of all the climbs at Camp Lewis, the writer will relate them to the Pony Express. The names of those who did the climbs are inadequately remembered also. This is due in part to the fact that there was a large amount of activity on the climbs and, in part to the writer's fire inspection duties. The first climb of the day was done by Art Wilder. Up a series of ice-encrusted ledges downstream of the Pony. Phil Eddy, Tal Bielefeldt, Bobby Adams, and others also navigated this one. Bobby did the Pony Express, executing a beautiful maneuver onto the lower ledge. This consisted of a toehold on the ledge, followed by a series of armlifts which brought his body from a side-lying position to a balance on the ledge. Numerous climbs were done upstream of the Pony at two points, one of which involved a slight layback up to a large crack which then led one over the face and the other of which involved a tricky bit of armwork up to a "Thank God" hold.

Bob Mole joined us during the morning and was seen observing the various diversionists gathered by the bonfire with a baleful eye.

Lunch was accompanied by a demonstration of outdoor cookery. It was shown that the familiar hot-dog may be given a savory flavor and rendered less indigestible by charring the external surface and then rolling it in hot ash. The juices of the wiener cause the ash to cling to the surface, creating a crust redolent of cedar, birch, and hemlock which, on further heating, acts like firebrick to the encased wiener and produces a delicacy comparable to a petrified Slim Jim.

We were joined by Tony Harp in the afternoon. Bob Adams and Hal Kramer set up a climb on a wild overhang downstream of the Pony which, to the writer's knowledge, was successfully navigated only by Bob.

Around four, most of us decided to do the steps at Tuohey's and repaired there, followed by Bob and Kate Adams, Hal Kramer, Bob Mole and George Livingstone after an excursion to something called "the Dome".

We were pleased to have Larry Gifford join us and look forward to seeing him on our future climbs.

-----Dave Templeton

A man's ring was found at Carderock on February 22, 1965. Call Mrs. Leo Scott at OL 4-5013 and identify it, if it is yours.

## Carderock, Maryland - February 7, 1965

Bob Mole

George Livingstone

Helena Clarke

3 Adams

Mark Carpenter

Talbot Bielefeldt

Phil Eddy

Bobby Eddy

Joe Nolte

Dave &amp; Joan Templeton

Carol Scott

Chris Buckingham

Chuck Wettling

Robert Leedy

Mike Talbert

Tom Blevins

Art Wilder

Some members of the Mountaineering Section have now proven that they, like the ducks, also enjoy muddy, rainy weather. A light rain at Howard Johnson's turned into a downpour at Carderock but most of the hardy souls remained on for three or four hours. A remark was overheard to the effect that, "this is okay, the frictions fine". Through the mist one could perceive that Swayback Layback, Spider Walk, and the Butterfly were accomplished.

When Bob and Kate Adams suggested that we all go to their home for dinner and folk dancing we all readily agreed. An exerting session of folk dancing was had by all under Bob's tutelage and a good warm dinner of chili was prepared by Kate. We even had the treat of viewing some of Bob's slides.

---Helena Clarke

## Chairman's Chimney

The turnout of climbers at Great Falls on a cold grey day and at Williamsville was very impressive and foretold even greater turnouts when the weather gets warm. It looks like a busy Spring.

Dynamic belay practice was held on February 13 at Carderock and thanks are due to Hal Kramer, Bob Mole and Chris Buckingham for their efforts in making this possible. Now, we will have this practice once a month.

Are there any hardy souls left who would go to Herzog's?

Wanted: Climbers to enter Annual Potomac River Whitewater Race under Mountaineering Section sponsorship.

For this summer: We are looking into Whiteside Mountain mentioned in Summit, October 1964, as having the highest unclimbed face in the eastern United States. When we get more information, maybe we can get up a party to tackle it and plant the new Mountaineering Section pennant being designed by Dave Templeton, on the top of the cliff.

---George Livingstone

Chairman



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Sunday meeting place is Howard Johnson's restaurant, Wisconsin and Western Avenues. Climbers leave for the rocks at 8:00 a.m., so come earlier if you want breakfast there. Climbing lasts all day, and groups of climbers sometimes stop for supper on the way home.

Any interested person, whether P.A.T.C. member or not, is invited to join in the Section's activities. If you are completely new to climbing you are invited to learn to climb and belay capably and enjoyably, or, if you already know a kletterschuh from a chimney, you are invited to enjoy using and improving your current climbing skills in the company of like-minded people. Bring lunch and suitable clothing to climb in.

Nearby trips are scheduled most Sundays and advance sign-ups are unnecessary. Weekend trips are planned about once a month to more distant climbing areas where more opportunity exists for continuous climbing.

SUBSCRIPTION: The low price of \$1.50 sent to UP ROPE at the Clubhouse (1916 Sunderland Place, N.W., Washington 6, D.C.) entitles you to twelve glorious issues of this informative paper. Please make checks payable to Phil Eddy since this will make cashing them so very much easier.

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