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COMING EVENTS

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| May 2 | Carderock, Maryland (near David Taylor Model Basin) |
| May 9 | Caudy's Castle, West Virginia (near Winchester, Va.) |
| May 16 | Little Stoney Man, Virginia
(in central section of Shenandoah Park) |
| May 23 | Purple Horse, Maryland (near Cropley, Maryland) |
| May 29-31 | Seneca Rocks, West Virginia |

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 usually stop for supper on the way home. Bring lunch and water and wear suitable clothing to climb in.

Any interested person, whether PATC 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 kletter-schuh from a chimney, you are invited to enjoy using and improving your current climbing skills in the company of like-minded people.

If you arrive late at Howard Johnson's check behind the southeast drain pipe for a note designating a change in destination. This is especially important during the winter months when bad weather can be a factor.

Great Falls, Virginia -- April 25, 1965

George Livingstone
Helena Clarke
Bob Adams & family
Ed Goodman
Sylvone Eason
Tom McCrum
Mark Carpenter
Tal Bielefeldt
Dave Elvin
Phil Eddy

Bobby Eddy
Jimmy Eddy
Tony Gray
Chuck Wettling
Joanna Erlenmeyer
Chris Buckingham
Art Wilder
Walt Bumgarner
Craig ?
Bruce ?

Mary Vincett
Jim Lewis
Tom Blevins
Pinkie Wheatley
Maggie Teal
Andy Kaufman
Don Hubbard
(Hojo's only)
Ray Hair
(Hojo's only)

Due to the changeover to daylight saving time and the wet weather, the usual Sunday morning crowd at Hojo's was greatly diminished in favor of a few extra hours of sleep. A small crowd soon after arrived at the rocks to set up the three main climbs--The Cow's Hoof, Socrates Downfall and Ten Foot Devil. It was soon evident that the Downfall was a downfall (or rather a fall down...) for most of us who attempted it. Only a few strong climbers managed to gain the top. Such was also the case for The Cow's Hoof, and it soon turned out that the "way" to climb was to go up the easier backside of the first pitch.

Midmorning rain sent people scurrying for the many overhangs which offered protection from the elements. It also sent Andy Kaufman with his sexy blue Perlo along with a few other climbers, to Carderock. As the drizzle continued most of us stood around shedding the rain while we watched Mark Carpenter and Talbot Bielefeldt do an overhanging--and thus dry--tension climb.

A slight clearing of the weather brought out our heroes (?) Goodman, Buckingham and Company. The rest of the afternoon was spent alternately avoiding the miserable weather, and trying to see who could outclimb who on the wet rocks. The day ended at Touhey's with numerous discussions and dissertations on the qualifications of Jeeps--by Chris Buckingham--.

---Tom McCrumm

NOTE: The D.C. Grotto of the National Speleological Society (NSS) has invited members of the Mountaineering Section to attend their monthly meetings. These take place on the first Tuesday of the month in the Cleveland Park Branch of the D. C. Public Library on Connecticut Avenue between Newark and Macomb Streets and begin at 8:00 p.m. Enter via the door off Newark Street and go directly to the ground floor meeting room. Since this is a library, please be quiet while outside the meeting room.

The May meeting will feature a slide show on "Caves of California and Arizona".

For more information, call the D. C. Grotto Chairman--Henry Douglas,
JE 2-3373

Rocks State Park, Maryland -- March 14, 1965

When the day finally awoke most of the climbers were already preparing for the day's climbing by eating a slow breakfast at HoJo's. In Washington it was turning into a fine day for climbing while Rocks State Park was awaiting us with its clouds.

After a considerable amount of driving we arrived at the rocks and found most of the group there for our VW bus goes only downhill. Most of the climbs had been set up which included an eighty-foot climb that Chris had set up, a short overhang and a little lead climb on the pinnacle. As we arrived everyone was sitting around and trying to coach Teri up the lead while Chris and I did that eighty-foot climb.

Some fellows from Philadelphia did a lead to the left of Chris' climb using some direct aid and a lead farther to the right which Ed and Chris later lead. Meanwhile Chris and I did the lead to the left of the eighty-foot climb. Chris followed my by taking an alternate route and soon we were on the luncheon ledge and were tempted by the fond aroma of Frank's frying pan.

On this ledge there was a little overhang which many people did during the course of the day. It was here, however, that there occurred a slight accident when Bret fell and for some reason landed hard on his knees at the base of the climb. The rope was brand new and Mark's hands were burned to a degree. Hopefully, let's not have this happen ever again.

During the afternoon my father and Walt did a variety of climbs from traverses to overhangs. About two or three in the afternoon everyone ate lunch and returned to tackle the climbs. At the end of the day we did a little balance climb in which Syvone showed us her great talent for climbing.... With easily over 40 climbers on the rocks which included many beginners one and all were pleased with the turnout and the climbing area in general.

LETTER TO UP ROPE:

Fellow Climbers: Since I will soon be leaving this area permanently, I want to thank all of you in the Mountaineering Section for making me welcome while climbing with the PATC since last summer. This summer I will be working as an instructor at the Colorado Outward Bound School in the mountains about 20 miles east of Aspen. From there I will return to school in Maine next fall; but I shall always remember the good times I have had climbing with the club this past year.

---Tom McCrumm

Tom has been a welcome member of our group and I am sure he will be missed by all. Good climbing in Colorado, Tom----Hope you will return some time in the future.

EDITOR

This is a letter to your Editor from Merv Oleson but since I felt all of Merv's friends would enjoy hearing from him, I decided to publish it.

4-20-65

Dear Ed,

I am thinking that you or some of the rest of the Mountaineering Section members might find the enclosed list interesting *. The RCS is the "rock climbing section" of the local Sierra Club. I understand that many of their trips are limited to qualified members, although I haven't actually been out with them to find whether this is true.

Went out in the rain last Sunday with Bill and Sally Faulhaber and Joe Faint. The day was not conducive to remarkable achievements - slippery rock and muddy shoes are not unique to the East it seems.

Joe is presently living in Palo Alto, but plans to leave the end of this month for Yosemite and thence back to the Tetons for the summer. He had some wild stories to tell of his MG which is now past tense - lost a front wheel, broken fan belt in the desert, etc. Incidentally, "wild" is my editorializing. He is just as quiet and modest as ever.

I expect to finish here about the first of next month and will be home shortly thereafter. See you then.

Regards,

Merv

*Enclosed list can be obtained from Editor.

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ATTENTION: WINNERS OF "GORP" CONTEST

The winners, by general consensus, of the "GORP" contest of March 7 will be awarded their prizes--climbing pins--this weekend at Carderock. "GORP" is defined by one member as "Gastronomic Ordeal of Royal Proportions". The winners: **FIRST PRIZE**--Kate Adams--for her concoction (as remembered by one) of candied ginger, shredded coconut, chocolate drops, white raisins, butterscotch drops and various hygenic nuts and fruits, etc. **SECOND PRIZE**--Barry Bielsker.

The following song is dedicated to all the heroes (sung & unsung) of the M.S.

THE STRAWBERRY CLIMBER

Adapted by Herb Conn

Tune: The Lavender Cowboy

He is only a strawberry climber;
The hairs on his chest are two.
But he wants to follow the heroes,
To do as the he-men do.

Herpicide and many hair tonics
He rubs in morning and night,
But when he looks into the mirror,
No new hairs grow in sight.

But he is inwardly troubled
By dreams that give no rest;
When he hears of the heroes of Herzog
He wants more hairs on his chest.

His pitons each week are a-jingle,
His feats will rank with the best;
Though he climbs every climb on the river
There'll be only two hairs on his chest.

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