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### COMING EVENTS

- Nov. 7 Carderock, Md.  
Leader - Chris Buckingham (736-0871)
- Nov. 14 Sugarloaf Mountain, Md.  
Leader - Ed Goodman (931-2912)
- Nov. 21 Cupids Bower, Md.  
Leader - George Livingstone (EM3-7161)  
(alternate if water level is too high -  
Spitzenbergen, Md.)
- Nov. 28 Echo Cliffs, Va.  
Leader - Bob Adams (292-1340)
- Nov. 25 - 29 About three parties are planning to go to the  
Shawangunk Mountains, N.Y. Anyone who wishes  
to go is welcome though climbing parties and  
transportation must be arranged individually  
since those going to date are filled. It is  
climbing in an exceptional area and those who  
can get together should try and make it.
- Dec. 5 Carderock, Md.
- Dec. 12 Rocks State Park, Md.

Sunday meeting place and point of departure is the north side of the Chevy Chase Center--the shopping center just north of Howard Johnson's at Western and Wisconsin Avenues. Meet under the arcade between the Giant Food Store and Fanny Farmer Candy Store. Departure time--8:30 a.m. Note with the day's destination will be left on right side of phone booth (652-9854) by entrance

to Giant Food Store. 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 is invited to join in the Section's activities. If you are 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.

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#### RING OUT THE OLD

Now that Ed Goodman has taken on new responsibilities (see October UP ROPE) some of his former pasttimes can no longer be pursued.... He has, therefore, turned over the duties of the editorship of UP ROPE to the two of us.

I am sure all the members of the Mountaineering Section know how much time and effort Ed (not to mention Syvone as Chief Typist) has put into UP ROPE in the past year and a half. Ed did a great deal to publicize the paper and enlarge its subscription lists, and to obtain additional exchange publications from similarly-minded groups in other areas. But more important, he enjoyed the job, he was personally interested in it, and he did all he could to put out a paper every month that would appeal to and provide enjoyment for you, the readers. We know you join with us in saying, "Thanks, Ed, it was a job well done."

We intend to continue Ed's policy of publishing a monthly UP ROPE that will provide interesting and enjoyable reading for all of you. We have some thoughts on things we would like to include in the paper, but we hope you will let us

know of any ideas or suggestions you might have. We will welcome them. Direct any comments to us either at the PATC Clubhouse, or at 490 M Street, S.W., Washington, D.C., 20024.

Maggie Teel and Pinky Wheatley

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#### BUSINESS MEETING - OCTOBER 1965

At the October Business Meeting of the Mountaineering Section, the following appointments were made: Maggie Teel and Pinky Wheatley will be the new editors of UP ROPE beginning in November; Sallie Griffin will take over the membership, and Lee Evans will be the secretary. Larry Griffin has offered to schedule trips for the Section to January, 1966.

The treasurer, Helena Clarke, reported that \$65.00 has been received in membership dues, and that an account for the section is being opened at the Potomac National Bank in Potomac, Maryland. George said that the remainder of the funds allocated to the M.S. by the PATC this year has been turned back to the PATC for their building fund.

Those persons who had submitted applications for membership were voted on, and honorary membership was accorded Herb and Jan Conn, Paul Brodt, and Barry Bishop.

Discussed briefly were the Spruce Knob/Seneca Rocks Dedication as a National Recreation Area on October 9, and our request for space at the new PATC Clubhouse.

Helena Clarke

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#### BULL RUN MOUNTAIN - SEPTEMBER 19

Don Hubbard	Chuck Wettling	Kate, Bob, & Bobby Adams
Margaret Lee	Maggie Teel	Lee Evans
Grey Bennett	Tim Schoechle	Dave Elvin
Chuck Phillips	Kate & Roy Massie	Meg & Tony Gray
Sallie & Larry Griffin	Art Wilder	Ann Ruhnka
Rick Banning	Henry Stearns	Ellen Witherite
Vince de Santi	Lindsay Haisley	Phil, Bobby, & Jimmy Eddy
Gary Feichtinger	Arnold Wexler	Rene Grunby
John Valentine	Frank Thompson	Frank Zahar
Harold & Charley Kramer	Rich Hall	

The weather was warm on arrival at the usual parking lot, and it had grown somewhat worse by the time we reached the climbing area. Climbs were soon set up and in violent use. Among the routes put up in the morning were "The Overhang" and "Charlie's Crack." Both climbs provided sport for quite a number of people during the day. Those who made it up "Charlie's Crack" were few enough to be listed: Chuck Wettling, Bob Adams, Bobby Adams, \*Margaret Lee, and Harold Kramer. One climber was injured during the assault of said climb. Grey Bennett's seat sling was reported to have twisted out of place during one move on the climb. Shortly thereafter she complained of severe pain around her lower rib cage area. Later reports indicated that Grey had cracked a rib but seems to be improving rapidly.

One of the more popular activities of the day turned out to be sitting in the shade (when it could be found) at the lunch overlook and discussing whatever climbers discuss when it seems to be too hot to climb.

Larry and Sallie Griffin set up a climb after lunch which several people did and which proved interesting. The route began just to the left below "The Throne" and was tentatively named by Sallie "The Court Jester."

Later in the afternoon, attention shifted to the sloping ledge facing "Two Inches More," where a good crowd had settled to watch the proceedings. Successful climbs before about five o'clock were made by: Bob Adams, \*Margaret Lee, Chuck Wettling, and Henry Stearns. While not observed, it is assumed that individual climbers eventually returned to the woodwork of contemporary society until the following weekend.

\* Wore Kate Adams' klettersshuhs for these climbs. Note: In view of the above statistics, it is predicted that Margaret Lee will show up soon with a new pair of climbing shoes.

Art Wilder

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#### PARK SERVICE LIAISON

John Christian has offered to take charge of any negotiations with the Park Service or private land owners, etc., concerning rock climbing activities in any of the areas we frequent. Of particular concern at this time are Seneca Rocks and the Potomac Gorge.

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## HARPER'S FERRY - SEPTEMBER 24-26, 1965

Tal Bielefeldt  
 Lee Evans  
 Hester Ailes  
 Barry Wallen  
 Tom Blevins  
 Furn Walton

Mark Carpenter  
 Bob, Kate & Bobby Adams  
 George Livingstone  
 Chuck Wettling  
 Jan Johnson  
 Bill Jarrett

Rich Hall  
 Phil & Jimmy Eddy  
 Helena Clarke  
 Art Wilder  
 Mr. & Mrs. Ed Worrell  
 Bill Nicholls

There is some confusion in my mind as to whether this was a weekend trip which got off to a very slow start, or whether this was a Sunday trip with a few eager beavers showing up on Saturday! In any event, no one arrived Friday evening. Tal and Mark hopped off the train Saturday morning. Art, Rich, and Lee arrived via a VW somewhat later in the morning. The lone climbers were cheered on from across the river. The major event of the day was the rescue of several unroped tourists off the face near the Tunnel by Tal and Mark. The afternoon closed with the "rappel escape" of the other three off Upper Ramp due to lack of equipment and experience.

By late afternoon it began to look like a weekend trip with the arrival of George and Helena who made their headquarters at the Youth Hostel along with Art, Rich, and Lee. Furn and Montana camped out above the hostel but just short of Weaverton. The smell of a pork chop dinner being served at the Salty Dog heralded the arrival of Phil and Jimmy Eddy and Hester. Night fell amid curious yodeling calls drifting up and down the river and two hermits enjoyed their brief solitude high on the rocks. With the arrival of a rather dilapidated VW bringing Tom and Jan and a guitar, the night began to come to life again. Soon catcalls and names were reverberating back and forth between the rocks and the Salty Dog. The occasion of most of this was the harrassment of spotlights being turned upward into Mark and Tal's bedroom. Tom and Jan also met up with some of the Youth Hostellers on a foray into town.

Sunday dawned (at eleven?) a bit on the cool side but it now began to look like a scheduled PATC outing! Barry Wallen arrived early by train and joined his two besieged buddies on the rocks. The group was further enlarged with the arrival of Chuck Wettling, Bill Nicholls, the Ed Worrells from Baltimore, and three Adams and Penny. Helena, George, Montana, and Lee did Sam's Pin. Penny followed the Adams up to a point where she could be heard whining clear across the river. Jan, Tom, and Phil did Lower Ramp. Tal and Mark could be seen on Double Trouble and Turdland. The remaining climbers seemed concentrated around the Upper Ramp area.

Encouragement from below came from Furn and Hester joined by Bobby Adams using the excuse of studying which appeared to all much like a glorified sun bath. The afternoon was uniquely interrupted with a rather odd assortment of individuals from WMAL complete with long hair, sun glasses, fruit boots, and TV cameras. The ham egos of the climbers were soon deflated when it became apparent that the object of all this activity seemed to be directed toward making a rather pleasant elderly chap (whose sparkling--eyed undercurrent of humor was oft missed by those working around him) walk up and

down the Canal. Camping gear was hastily removed from the premises of the Salty Dog and those cars unfortunate enough to be within camera range were quickly covered with leaves and branches which, for some unknown reason, remained there long after the cameramen had departed. In all honesty, I must mention that the television crew was probably as much harrassed by the pranks and remarks of the climbers as the climbers were inconvenienced by them. It will be interesting to see if this effort really does make its debut some time late in November as now planned. I am sure we will all be eagerly awaiting a WMAL special entitled "The Magnificent Ditch."

The weekend culminated in a family-style chicken feast at the Hilltop House.

Hester Ailes

Lee Evans

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#### TRIP SUGGESTIONS

Larry Griffin has asked that if anyone has recommendations or suggestions for future trips, they get in touch with him at 528-8212.

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#### CARDEROCK - OCTOBER 3, 1965

(No one kept a roster, but all the regulars and a few strays were there.)

My assignment as "My Girl Friday" came at the end of the day, but I remember Grey aglow over her engagement ring--Don Hubbard belaying Rod Glascock on Ronnie's Leap--the strength and agility of Margaret and Anneliese as they climbed (the former on Golden Staircase, Spider's Walk, and Herbie's Horror; the latter on Friction Layback)--the look of pleasant astonishment on Chuck's face and utterances of "good" each time Helena and Furn arrested Oscar's fall from the heights--the radiance and pride of Lee as she excitedly announced her successful lead of the Chris-Wex-Don--the untiring labors of Helena, George, Margaret and Chuck as they checked out others on Oscar (Bill Jarrett, Rich Hall, Chuck Phillips)--Art Wilder spending most of the day perfecting the four routes on Chris' Key--Dave Horowitz' daughter patiently waiting while her father climbed the Golden Staircase and Sterling's Crack--Joe Faint's sigh of exhaustion at the end of the day--the warmth and happiness of the crowd at Touhey's highlighted by George's pantomime to music of the assault of the Matterhorn--the sudden drop of beer mugs and race for the door when Helena exclaimed "Let's go climbing in Georgetown!"--Bob's single dissent, and as we departed for home we spied Margaret, Chuck and the Eddy's doing the "no-hands-step-up" on Touhey's porch.

Kate Adams

## CLUB HOUSE MOVE

For anyone who is interested, George, at the October meeting of PATC Council, volunteered the services of the Mountaineering Section to help move the PATC to their new headquarters. Don't make any plans for early December !!!

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## SPRUCE KNOP-SENECA ROCKS - OCTOBER 8-10, 1965

Dave Harvey	Tal Bielefeldt	Hester Ailes
Ed & Syvone Goodman	Jan Johnson	Bill Nicholls
George Livingstone	Mr. & Mrs. Phil Eddy & boys	Chuck Wettling
Maggie Teel	Lindsay Haisley	Carol Scott
Larry & Sallie Griffin	Lee Evans	Mark Carpenter
Vince de Santi	Chris Buckingham	Tom Blevins
Bob Adams	Helena Clarke	Grey Bennett
Joe Faint	Dick Sideman	Chuck Phillips
Dave Sliney	Andy Kauffman	

People arrived during Friday evening and pitched their camps at Mouth of Seneca. Saturday morning dawned in a gentle drizzle which continued in varying degrees throughout the day. Three choices were open to the people in the pavilions: (1) they could go climbing, (2) they could go to the hike and meeting at Spruce Knob, and (3) they could mess around. The last two choices were the most popular. There was a lot of stalling before anyone got started as people waited around for the rain to stop. When it did, briefly, the climbers set out under cloudy skies in the following teams:

- (1) Andy Kauffman and Lee Evans did Lower Skyline.
- (2) Tal Bielefeldt and Mark Carpenter did Tony's Nightmare (Mark, climbing second, found a total of five old but usable pitons).
- (3) Ed Goodman, Chris Buckingham, and Vince de Santi did Simple Jay. They got off route and did a new variation, unintentionally. According to Ed, all were somewhat unnerved by the experience. However, Vince seemed to come through quite well considering that it was his first attempt at team climbing.
- (4) Walter and Marlene Snyder from York, Pennsylvania, did Lower Skyline and Humphrey.

A certain impromptu competition sprung up about 4:00 pm on Saturday afternoon in which the merits of a Land Rover were pitted against those of a certain blue jeep. The Land Rover, loaded with Dave Harvey, Hester Ailes, Chris Buckingham, Lindsay Haisley, Dave Sliney, Carol Scott, Bobby Eddy, and Chuck Phillips headed off for North Peak. Chris did concede that the Land Rover was at a disadvantage due to the rain- and mud-slicked hillsides. We made it to the foot of the last upward steep plunge of the North Peak fire trail. From that point, we hiked on foot to the crest for a most

magnificent view of the surrounding valley. The ride back down sounded very much like the downward plunge of a roller coaster. Then the supreme test-- would the Land Rover make it from the ford at the foot of the North Peak trail to the "swimming hole"??? All but the owner and driver and his competitor abandoned ship (literally) and watched with held breath and much doubt as the vehicle lurched its way over some rather large and unobliging obstacles. Once on safe footing, we all reclaimed our seats and headed rather gratefully back to the pavilions.

Meanwhile those who were not engaged at the Rocks had spent the day at Spruce Knob. In spite of the damp grey chill that wrapped itself around the highest point in West Virginia, a good representation showed up for the first event of the "Save Spruce Knob-Seneca Rocks" outdoor meeting on Saturday afternoon. About 150 people gallantly participated in the 7-mile hike from the top of Spruce Knob to Judy Springs. Shuttle buses carried the hikers back to the headquarters at Spruce Knob Lake. As darkness and rain fell, people huddled around the glowing charcoal pits where the chicken was being barbequed. The lines soon formed for the banquet. It was nice to notice that behind a large majority of the stoic white apron brigade of servers were many familiar PATC Mountaineering Section faces, including an angelic Jimmy Eddy helpfully passing out cupcakes. Although some people took to their cars for warmth and drying out, most of the participants took refuge within the tent set up for the evening activities.

The meeting was chaired by Joseph Hutchison, Chairman, West Virginia Recreational Society. Speakers representing the State Park Service, West Virginia Isaac Walton League, and West Virginia Wildlife Federation, to name a few, were seated on the platform. Honored guests were Senator Robert C. Byrd, Honorable Stewart Udall, Secretary of the Interior, and Rupert Cutler, Assistant Executive Director of the Wilderness Society. Outside the wind moaned, rain beat down on the tent, and those inside were lulled by the general tone of the speakers who implied to the audience their gratitude for the support shown by so many people turning out for the meeting (roughly 350 registered participants) and their assurance that they would do their best to protect the interests of those sitting in front of them. I doubt if anyone left with a factual idea of what this included but at least all were at peace and convinced that good would prevail. An anti-climax of mirth occurred during Senator Byrd's speech when the light power was accidentally cut off and the tent was plunged into darkness. The evening ended with a very beautifully and thoughtfully done presentation by Paul McCoy from Salem College (West Virginia) of slides on the flowers and wild life of the area. It was a quiet and rather sleepy group that returned to the pavilions around midnight.

Sunday we awoke to even worse weather. There was steady rain now for most of the day. Strangely enough there was a greater turnout of climbers which included:

- (1) Bob Adams, Dick Sideman and Maggie Teel did Greenwall. They retreated before finishing the climb. Dick and Bob also did Breakneck.
- (2) Mark, Bill Nicholls, and Tal did Gunsight and South Peak.



- (3) Larry and Sallie Griffin did Conn's East.
- (4) Tom Blevins, Jan Johnson, Ed and Syvone Goodman did Pine Tree Traverse.
- (5) Did Joe Faint really do Pleasant Overhang without a belay????

Due to the inclement weather, people started heading for home early in the afternoon. Reports have it that there was a certain race between the now notorious Land Rover with its mirthful bubble-gum chewing crew and a more serious "Chuckwagon" manned for the most part by a legendary "creature" from the Yosemite regions. The Land Rover had a rather heavy handicap which it tried to even out by slipping (in true 007 style) a banana peel through its secret trap door in hopes that the smaller vehicle might somehow slip and fall behind. The Chuckwagon soon tired of the game, however, and sped ahead only to be caught later outside of Front Royal where its occupants were refueling. Once again "the Great JF" was besieged by his all too loyal fan club. Last reports have it that he disappeared once more in a cloud of smoke headed WEST.

And so another Seneca tale has come to a close.

Hester Ailes  
Tal Bielefeldt

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#### LIONEL TERRAY - IN MEMORIAM

Lionel Terray, one of the world's great mountaineers, was killed in a fall last September 19 while climbing in the French Alps with a young guide, Marc Martinetti. According to our fellow PATC member, Andy Kauffman, who was personally acquainted with Terray, no one saw them fall and the details could only partially be reconstructed. Apparently the fall was a very long one, occurring after they had passed the worst of a long and difficult rock climb. As complete as possible an account of this tragedy will presumably appear in the 1966 issue of the American Alpine Journal which should be available in a few months.

Terray was born in Grenoble a few years after World War I. As a youth, he became interested in mountain climbing and developed considerable skill. During World War II, he served in the French Alpine border patrol. In the years immediately after the war, Terray made many difficult climbs in the Alps, the most famous being the second ascent of the Eigerwand in 1947 with his longtime companion, Louis Lachenal. During the same period, he was a champion skier and ski instructor, as well as a noted guide.

These credentials qualified him for the French Himalayan expedition of 1950 which succeeded in climbing Annapurna, the first of the 8,000 meter peaks to be conquered. His contribution to the successful ascent is well documented in the book Annapurna by the expedition leader, Maurice Herzog. In subsequent

years he led or participated in climbing expeditions to several extremely difficult peaks in the Himalayas, the Andes, Alaska, and Canada. Between expeditions he pursued his career as a guide in the Mont Blanc region (he was one of the first to be financially successful at this) and made lecture tours to raise money for coming expeditions.

Anyone who wants to get acquainted with Terray should read his book The Border of the Impossible (Doubleday & Co., 1964). This is an account of his life up to about 1962, written with considerable literary craftsmanship. He had the sensitivity of a true artist to the beauty and grandeur of his surroundings, which he conveyed admirably in his writings. So, too, he conveyed the feeling of fear and of tragic grief which can overtake those who invade the high mountains. Above all, Terray conveyed the sense of exhilaration experienced by a master in meeting the utmost challenges of his chosen profession.

Phil Eddy

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#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

MARY "KELLY" KELIHER wrote to extend her greetings to all her friends in the Mountaineering Section....JOHN GYER (Jessup Mill Road, Clarksboro, New Jersey 08020) invited us for a joint weekend with the Delaware Valley Chapter of the A.M.C. at one of the Philadelphia climbing areas next spring (Stover Park in Bucks County). He also included a price list of climbing equipment which he is handling. The invitation and the equipment list are being passed on to Larry Griffin and Carl Edler respectively, if anyone desires additional information....PETE TOURIN sent his address for the rest of the school year, 331 Packard #1, Ann Arbor, Michigan....TOM McCRUM (75 Roberts Union, Colby College, Waterville, Maine) wrote in some detail about his experiences this summer as an instructor at the Colorado Outward Bound School and his participation in several rescue efforts (one of which involved the death of a good friend). He had some particularly timely comments on the use of hard hats (see report on Caudy's Castle trip in October UP ROPE), telling of one accident where four men fell from a snow field onto the rocks below, and the only man to survive was the one wearing a hard hat. He went on to say: "So you can see...what I am driving at. After living and working in the mountains for 14 weeks this summer, I am extremely safety conscious. When I read about Talbot's accident, I thought of how serious it could have been. Although I don't have any voice in the PATC-MS, I suggest that you make some very stringent rules concerning the use of hard hats. Best you learn from a minor accident such as Tal's, than from the death of one of your best friends." Tom also said he was sorry to hear about Dave Templeton's accident and extended his wishes "for a good and safe climbing season" to his friends in the MS....RAY HAIR sent his school address: 212 North Willow, Kent, Ohio.

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## EQUIPMENT FOUND

On October 9, 1965, I found a Bedayn Carabiner and break bar and an old, partially rusted steel carabiner and rather archaic looking break bar near the center staircase at Carderock. If any of your members have lost this equipment, please contact me at the address below.

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