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COMING EVENTS

- Jan. 2 Carderock, Maryland
Any person who desires dynamic belay practice should inform Chuck Wettling (843-6217) during the week before Carderock trips. Only those who make reservations will be permitted to work out with "Oscar."
- Jan. 3 New PATC Clubhouse opens for business at 1718 N Street, N.W.
- Jan. 9 Bull Run Mountain, Virginia
- Jan. 12 Monthly business meeting, third floor of Clubhouse at 8 p.m.
- Jan. 16 Seneca Rocks, West Virginia
Winter climbing and possibly caving. Leader, George Livingstone (EM 3-7161).
- Jan. 23 Spitzbergen, Maryland
- Jan. 29 Annual Elections at 8 p.m., third floor of Clubhouse.
- Feb. 6 Carderock, Maryland
- Feb. 11 PATC Open House at 1718 N Street, N.W.

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 skills in the company of like-minded people.

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ANNAPOLIS ROCKS, MARYLAND - October 23 - 24

Vince de Santi	Mark Carpenter	Talbot Bielefeldt
George Livingstone	Tom Blevins	Bill Jarrett
Furn Walton	Larry & Sallie Griffin	Ken Vargo
Rich Hall	Art Wilder	Frank Zahar
Werner Gruell	Bob Armstrong	Bob, Kate & Bobby Adams
Anneliese Matzen	"little nylon deficient mice"	

"Whole Lot of Chewing Going On" and "The Reeducation of Bob Adams"

In view of the short distance to pack into the rocks, a few climbers were seen carrying everything except that sink. They must have cried when they left it home.

Saturday was spent in climbing most of the known routes and pioneering new routes so that we might have a strong case to reeducate Bob Adams, who had said, "It's a horrible place. All that hiking for only one climb." After cooking and eating dinner in a late afternoon rainstorm, the rain ceased and we had a songfest around the campfire.

Sunday morning, we discovered that while we had been singing, the mice had been chewing -- chewing up a nylon climbing rope and Mark's rucksack. Next time bring mouse traps or mouse food, depending on whether you are a hawk or a dove, and maybe the trip will be less expensive. When Bob Adams arrived, he was personally escorted from climb to climb by Larry Griffin. Later in the day Bob had changed his mind and was heard to admit exhaustedly that there were some good climbs there. The routes:

The Cut Rope Climb - Yes, it cut another one (a Perlon)
 Incubation - Into the nest and out again, literally
 Time and a Half - Extra work for the arms
 Double Time - Even more extra work for the arms
 Child Labour - Between Incubation and Double Time (Bobby Adams)
 Chandelier - Something spectacular nailed to the ceiling by Livingstone & Blevins
 Joe Faint's Overhang - Wow! by Mark, George, and Bill

--George Livingstone

CARDEROCK, MARYLAND - NOVEMBER 7

Larry & Sallie Griffin	Rich Sideman	Dave & Joan Templeton
George Livingstone	Helena Clarke	Bob, Kate & Bobby Adams
Mike Nicholson	Arnold Wexler	Mark Carpenter
Phil, Bobby & Jimmy Eddy	Chuck Wettling	Tony & Meg Grey
Vince de Santi	Rick Banning	Boxy Daugherty
Margaret Lee	Anneliese Matzen	Chris Buckingham
Talbot Bielefeldt	Tom Blevins	Merv Oleson
Andre & Valentine de Schutter	Bill Jarrett	Furn Walton
Bill Glosser	Tom Goff	Harold Kramer
Tim Schoechle	Maggie Teel	Rich Hall
Kerry & Lois Cain	David & Andy Head	Elly Hieroma
George Kotapish	Will Thrasher	Jim & Pat Nagy
Barrie Lees	Barry & Nancy Wallen	Lee Evans

The faithful few arrived at the rocks from Ho-Jo's to find several climbs set up by the Early Birds. The main object of the day seemed to be getting Chris Buckingham started on climbs he couldn't do. As Chris explained how out of shape he was, climbers, hikers, and who knows what else began to come down the rocks in ever-increasing numbers. The nearest count my heroic assistant, Tal, could make was about 60 climbers.

Stirling's Twin Cracks were set up due to low water, and two, yet unknown, fools led the Bulgarian Wedge, much to the delight of the vultures below who made all sorts of pleasant remarks in hopes of having a rope (or something) willed to them. About 4:30 people began to drift away en masse, many ending up at Tuohey's for the usual apres-climbing activities.

-- Mark Carpenter

SUGAR LOAF, MARYLAND - NOVEMBER 14

George Livingstone	Chris Buckingham	Phil, Bobby & Jimmy Eddy
Helena Clarke	Dave & Joan Templeton	Margaret Lee
Anneliese Matzen	Chuck Wettling	Bob, Kate & Bobby Adams & Dog
Barbara Lauster	Vince de Santi	Reb Thompson
Furn Walton	Rick Banning	George Rawns
Bill Jarrett	Dave Elvin	Mike Stannard
Jay Jorden	Arnold Wexler	Talbot Bielefeldt
Grey Bennett	Frank Thompson	Andy Kauffmann
Jim & Pat Nagy & 3	Dolores Menges	Richard Sideman
Will Thrasher	George Kotapish	Ben & Jill Shapiro

Trip Leader Goodman, crowned with LBJ hat and cracking a genuine mule skinner's bull whip, encouraged us up the trail to the base of the cliffs, where we found the air to be significantly less balmy than outside Ho-Jo's.

The morning chill persisted throughout the day, but all the climbs in the "Butterfinger Cirque" were set up and done several times.

As usual, the Butterfinger Climb received a large share of the attention, and, as usual, some unorthodox moves were displayed by a few as they achieved the mid-point ledge. (I thought that kletterschuhes would have eliminated "knees").

The most intriguing incident of the day occurred when a female climber encountered some disconcerting exposure on Andy Kauffmann's climb. Fortunately for posterity, Dave Templeton and his camera were in a good vantage point, and recorded the event in "living color."

Dusk turned us back to Washington, where, with almost unanimous agreement, we met for supper at a well known pizza palace.

-- Chuck Wettling

CUPID'S BOWER, MARYLAND - NOVEMBER 21

Maggie Teel	Bob, Kate, John & Bobby Adams	Furn Walton
Bill Jarrett	Sallie & Larry Griffin	Merv Oleson
John Cardinal	Charlie Moutoux	Tony Gray
Arnold Wexler	Andre & Valentine de Schutter	Talbot Bielefeldt
Phil & Bobby Eddy	John Reed & Family	Bill Nottell
Scott Adams	Karl Edler	Art Wilder
Larry Orloff	Bob Armstrong	Chuck Wettling
Margaret Lee	Hal Kramer	Mark Carpenter
Barry Wallen	Chris Buckingham	Tom Blevins
George Livingstone	Vince de Santi	Jim Nage

A Day at Stimson's College of Climbing Knowledge

No trouble at all to go to school today. The Potomac River was so low that we were able to cross even on rarely exposed rocks at the downstream end of the island. Professor Wexler said he had never seen the water lower in all his years of climbing in the Gorge.

There were classes. Professor Eddy instructed new students in knot-tying and static belaying. Professor Livingstone instructed Larry Orloff and Charlie Moutoux in rappelling.

There were tests. Most of the students concentrated their efforts on degree-seeking by taking these practical tests of skill and knowledge -- the Bachelor's, the Master's, the Ph.D., the Post-Ph.D., and the Post-Post-Ph.D. routes. And for those who are weary of academic trials, there was Grunt -- a test of one's ability "to make it on the outside." Barry Wallen also found a similar test which is as yet unnamed.

After a between-class snack at that piton pounder's watering hole, Tuohey's, we were off to Arnold's for Course 43,100 Mountain Music, featuring the voice and plucking of Jan Conn singing and yodeling compositions of Herb Conn and others, such as "The Legend of Jam Crack Joe," "Gory, Gory, What a Helluva Way to Die," "The Strawberry Climber," etc., on treasured recordings.

-- George Livingstone

POTHOLES, VIRGINIA - NOVEMBER 28

Don Hubbard
Don Stemper
Stephen Berman
Charles Moutoux
Alf Cooley

Phil Eddy
Anne Burke
Harold Kramer
Bob Warren
Tony Harp

Larry Lepley
Larry Orloff
John & Linda Reed
Hunt Janin

Although the schedule said Echo Cliffs, we went instead to Potholes, a few hundred yards downstream where certain water-worn holes in the rock give the place its name. It happened this way: Due to the formation of several secessionist groups this weekend, (even the duly appointed trip leader had joined one), the breakfast crowd at Ho-Jo's was mighty sparse. In fact, it consisted of the ever-faithful Don Hubbard, Larry Lepley, and myself. Larry and I quickly talked ourselves out of Echo Cliffs, which has only two or three climbs, all too difficult for us. Don suggested Potholes and volunteered to come along to show us the way, even though he no longer engaged in cliff-side acrobatics with the rest of us. Checking the official meeting place, we found two more waiting, including one who had read about our activities in an article on PATC in the Washington Evening Star. (How many promising climbers have we picked up due to publicity of this sort?)

Parking was an anticipated problem since rumor had it that our usual parking places had been cabled off. True, the parking lot and the fire lanes were no longer available, but there were still several spots along the road on both sides of Difficult Run which can hold maybe a dozen cars in all.

After a pleasant hike along Difficult Run and some bush-whacking over the ridge, we found Potholes and set up shop. Ere long others began to drift in, and by early afternoon we had a respectable crowd. The weather was pleasant and we all had a good day's climbing, finishing off, as might be expected, at Tuohey's. A scene to remember: Harold Kramer arriving on location in a Reed-powered canoe, for all the world like Lohengrin in his swan boat. (John and Linda were out canoeing on the Potomac this fine day but they did join us for a while.)

-- Phil Eddy

BAKER ROCKS, WEST VIRGINIA - November 27-28

George Livingstone
Tom Blevins
Mark Carpenter

Helena Clarke
Art Wilder

Bob, Kate & Bobby Adams
Talbot Bielefeldt

This was an unofficial trip. A small group went to Baker Rocks on the weekend of November 27-28; and we were again impressed with the attributes of this area-- mostly good rock, fine pinnacles, variety of routes, ease of access, the camping in the meadow with its panoramic view (it reminds Bob Adams of an Alpine meadow), the dairy bar, the friendliness and hospitality of Sam Harper.

We felt that, in view of the good relationship that has been established with Mr. Harper, we should do everything possible to guarantee its endurance.
Suggestions:

- (1) Always check in with Mr. Harper before entering the area. If in a group, obtain permission in advance.
- (2) Limit size of group to less than twenty.
- (3) Remember the camping is in a cowpasture. Don't leave anything that might harm the cattle. For example -- bits of metal, carbide, plastic, etc. Warning -- there was a bull in the herd!
- (4) Behave with decorum.

-- George Livingstone

LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

BRUCE BURNSIDE writes: Part of a note received from Bill and Roma Morthland in Rio dated 2 December 65 -- "As we gaze at the 'rocks' scattered about Rio, we think what a time the Mountaineering Committee would have here! The city is full of nasty little climbing problems waiting for exploitation. A number of people do climb Sugarloaf, thereby mystifying the cable car conductor. He can't understand why they want to buy a one-way ticket--down. Everyone else buys a round-trip ticket when they go up." Note: Their address is: Dr. & Mrs. F.W. Morthland, US Defense Research Office for Latin America - Army Element, U.S. Embassy, APO New York, 09676.

In April 1965, UP ROPE published a brief review of an article on mountaineering which ran in the New Yorker Magazine for March 6, 13, & 20, 1965. It was titled "Ascent" and was written by Jeremy Bernstein, a nuclear physicist who had become a mountain climbing fan. A copy of UP ROPE was sent to the editors of the New Yorker Magazine, along with the suggestion that the article was worth publishing in book form, as had been done with Rachel Carson's "Silent Spring" a few years previously.

Apparently others agreed with our estimate of the article, for we are pleased to note in the American Alpine Club News of November 11, 1965, an advertisement by Random House for the book, Ascent: Of the Invention of Mountain Climbing and Its Practice by Jeremy Bernstein, priced at \$3.95.

"... and if truly no stone, no tower of ice,
no crevasse lies somewhere in wait for me,
the day will come when, old and tired, I
will find peace among the animals and
flowers. The wheel will have turned full
circle: I will be, at last, the simple
shepherd that once, as a child, I dreamed
of becoming."

Lionel Terray

from Les Conquerants de l'Inutile

NOTE TO FASHION-CONSCIOUS CLIMBERS:

IN Fashion for 1966, as seen in the January issue of GLAMOUR:

"DO wear the Army-Navy store look,
sporty jean jackets and snug white
T's, straight-legged pants slung
from wide garrison belts, husky
workmen's boots. Wonderful with
it, a man-sized watch, fragile
little pierced earrings."

Talk about anticipating a trend . . . !

The following have made application for membership in the Mountaineering Section. They will be voted on at the January 12 Business Meeting.

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