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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 1.....Carderock, Maryland

January 8.....Corkscrew and Juliet's Balcony, Great Falls, Virginia
LEADER: Art Wilder (567-0183)

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January 15.....Great Falls, Maryland
LEADER: Tai Bielefeldt (WH6-4375)

January 21-22.....Seneca Rocks, West Virginia (east face warmed by
morning sun)
LEADER: George Livingstone (439-0068)

January 29.....Cupid's Bower, Maryland
LEADER: Don Stemper (667-8644)

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Mountaineering Section welcomes all interested individuals to participate in our weekly outings, and to share with us the joys of the rocks, the clouds, and the high places. Sunday day trips leave from Howard Johnson's at Wisconsin and Western Avenues, N.W. at 8:30 a.m.--come early and have breakfast. If you are late, check behind the southeast drainpipe for any change in the day's climbing activities. Climbing lasts all day, and groups stop for supper on the way home. Bring lunch and water, and wear suitable clothing to climb in. For further information, contact the trip leader or Phil Eddy (Chairman) at 942-4231.

****ANNUAL MEETING--ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

PATC Clubhouse, 8:00 p.m.

THE ROCKS STATE PART, MARYLAND - November 20

Don Hubbard--HoJo's only
 Bill Deuterman--HoJo's only
 Walpurga List
 Mark Carpenter
 Margaret Lee
 Bob and Kate Adams
 Judy Axler
 Richard Sideman
 Ross Chapple
 Lanny Hughey and Brutus
 Frank Zahar
 Mike Nicholson
 Tom Evans
 Glenn Cannon
 Rich Hall
 Bob and Ingrid Madden and family
 Penny Pierce

Chris Buckingham
 Phil Eddy
 Martha Singleterry
 Tal Bielefeldt
 Bill Lord
 Jerry Archibald
 Ben and Jill Shapiro
 Harold and George Kramer
 Chuck Wettling
 Pat Kenny
 Jim Nagy
 Polly Sackett
 George Rawlins
 Al Goldberg
 Don Phelps
 Don Stemper
 Carol Scott Sliney and husband Dave

A cool but clear and sunny day brought out a goodly group of rock climbers to this little park some 30 miles or so north of Baltimore. As usual, some were newcomers, some we had not seen for quite a while.

The biggest surprise of the day was the appearance in our midst of Frank Zahar, now returned from a year's tour of duty at Danang in Viet Nam. He had quite a time finding out our destination of the day, and in the process had to track down the new PATC headquarters building. But he persevered and we were all genuinely pleased to have him back with us, if only for a day. He had been reassigned to Westover AFB, Mass., so will probably do most of his climbing from now on in the New England area.

To Ben and Jill Shapiro goes the prize for setting up the climb of the day. As I heard Ben tell it, they knew that there should be a climb somewhere in a certain vicinity near the shallow end of the rocks on the sunny side. So they set their rigging and threw the rope over the cliff. Lo and behold, it turned out to be a most challenging climb involving an overhang of some three feet above a wall with rather thin holds. To my knowledge, only Chris Buckingham made this climb; all the others ended up swinging wildly on the belay rope.

Otherwise, it was a pleasant but uneventful day; there are a number of very nice climbs on these rocks and everyone had a chance to attempt whatever he felt up to. As usual, one of the favorite pastimes was renewing old acquaintances and striking up new ones.

One very pretty newcomer, who is also a ski enthusiast, left us food for thought. Judy Axler pointed out that since skiing became popular, a number of good skiing places, located in state parks, have been administered by agencies of the state. Suppose rock climbing should likewise become popular; how would we then be affected since most of our climbing spots are located in state or national parks?

--Phil Eddy

SUGARLOAF MOUNTAIN - December 11, 1966

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| Don Hubbard | Chris Buckingham | Phil Eddy | Al Goldberg |
| Bill Deutermann | Walpurga List | Tal Bielefeldt | Barry Wallen |
| Frank Ousterhoudt | Mark Carpenter | Sally Pratt | Lanny Hughey |
| Larry & Sallie Griffin | Pat Kenny | Arnold Wesler | Chipsy Janger |
| Tom Evans | Tom Blevins | Bob Lyon | Bob Robinson |
| Glen & Robin Cannon | Mike & Tony Madden | Bob Norris | Chuck Wettling |
| Margaret Lee | George Livingstone | Thais Weibel | Bob Croft |
| Andre, Valentine, and baby Sandrine DeSchutter | | | |

The morning of the 11th was clear, cold, and delicious. Very small turn out at the Howard Johnson where the topics of conversation were climbing, crystal growth-economics, and the life expectancy of Bill Deutermann's old clothes. Al Goldberg and I deserted the rest of the party in order to make one last effort at getting my wife out of bed and on the rocks. Mission failed, back in the green terror and on the road to Sugarloaf Mountain. Phil Eddy's directions proved faultless, although I must admit that I was a bit worried about "Turn right at the sign to Germantown or Damascus or something like that," and it wasn't long before we were walking through the woods toward the cliffs, led on by the spicy fragrance of rock powder. The sparse turn out at HoJo's belied the size of the group that eventually assembled at Sugarloaf. Soon there was a merry crowd of frozen-fingered mountaineers clambering about, urging one another on, and reminiscing about the daring cold weather climbs they used to make. Pat Kenny showed up with Lanny, the former looking rather like a blue denim samurai in a World War II Prisoner of War hat. Phil Eddy pointed the way be making the first assault of the cliff, after which he very kindly belayed half the Section on one climb or another. Brutus and Eddy made the scene, tackling the climbs with snarls and a scrabbling of claws and supplying a living fur hand warmer to all comers.

The main attraction of the day was the Rythmic Route, a tricky bit of granite with a devilish overhang which, in the final analysis, required the application of a bit of brute strength in addition to technical finesse. Many tries, but Mad Dog Blevins, who had put off the joys of Asis for one more day in order to visit Sugarloaf, was the only successful challenger. I don't like to use that word "successful" in this particular sense, however, because all who tried and "failed" actually succeeded in the sense that they learned.

Soon after this, the slings and lost arrows of outrageous Tom Blevins were rigged on another overhanging roof, which Tom and Tal Bielefeldt soon had wrapped up like a petrified Moby Dick.

Spectatorship was at an all-time high this trip, as many cold fingers sought one-fifth as many warm pockets. Larry and Sallie Griffin had us all eyeing the lovely hot stew they were tourist cooking in a pocket of rock, and I for one began to have fond thoughts of the hot coffee that could be had on the way back to Washington.

Welcome to Tony Madden and his son Mike who joined us for the first time. The Maddens are veterans of the PATC who have covered quite a bit of the Appalachian Trail together, and have expressed an interest in climbing. I ran into them again on the 18th at Juliet's Balcony, where they had a chance to try out their new Vibrams. Looks like they're hooked!

--Bill Deutermann

CARDEROCK - December 4, 1966

Don Hubbard (HoJo's)
 Phil Eddy
 Chuck Wettling
 Bob Lyon
 Blenn Cannon
 Tom McCrumm
 Dave Templeton Sr. & Jr.
 Rich Hall
 John Reed & family
 Frank Osterhoudt
 Tom Evans
 Larry & Sallie Griffin
 Dave Small
 Jim Nagy
 Chipsy Janger
 Ed and Syvone Goodman

Mr. & Mrs. Maienthal
 Bill Deutermann
 Margaret Lee
 Art Wilder
 Mark Carpenter
 Bonnie Walker
 Don Rice
 Larry Augustine
 Bill Thomas
 Tom Flevins
 Els Litjens
 Ross Chapple
 George Livingstone
 Frank & Gray Thompson
 Chris Kulczyk

Chris Buckingham
 Al Greenberg
 Bob & Kate Adams
 Jerry Archibald
 Don Stemper
 Sallie Greenwood
 Bill Glosser
 Harold & George Kramer
 June Lehman
 JoAn Behr
 Walpurga List
 Vince DeSanti
 Thais Weibel
 Bob Croft
 Werner Gruhl

For a day that started out cloudy and freezing, and with a bare half dozen climbers showing up at HoJo's for breakfast, the eventual turnout of about half a hundred was a pleasant surprise.

All of the usual climbs got their share of attention, except for Sterling's Twin Cracks where the start was difficult to get to because of the water level. To compensate, on the other end of the range, Jan's Face got more than the usual amount of attention. The only unusual climb that came to my attention was a variation of the long lead traverse known as Chris-Wex-Don, done by Glenn Cannon and Mark Carpenter. After leading the first half, Glenn finished by leading up the leftmost of Sterling's Twin Cracks. I yelled up to him to ask whether the vultures circling low overhead had anything to do with the hasty finish, but he did not deign to reply.

Instead of dynamic belay practice with Oscar, the training committee represented by Chuck Wettling featured stretcher handling practice. The locale was the face beside Beginner's Crack where the exercises went on for several hours. Participants seemed to have learned quite a bit of technique. Chuck feels that stretcher practice should be held more often. How about it, gang?

Incidentally, no one should be alarmed by the presence of Dave Templeton Sr. and Jr. No, Dave and Joan have not been holding out on us. Our friend Dave is the Jr.; he brought his Dad along to see for himself how Junior gets his kicks.

--Phil Eddy

The nominating committee, consisting of Harold Kramer, Chuck Wettling, and George Livingstone, submits the following candidates to be voted on at the annual meeting at PATC headquarters on January 11:

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| for Vice Chairman: | Dave Templeton |

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"What a rare encounter it is when man comes into contact with the high places of our planet! Men in the silence of oblivion. A slope of ice as rigid as a pane of glass? They climb it and leave their mark upon it: a strange track. A rock as thin as an obelisk? They overcome the force of gravity and win the right to go anywhere..."

--Gaston Rébuffat

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