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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- February 5 ..... Carderock, Maryland  
LEADER: Ed Goodman (281-4126)
- February 12 ..... Purple Horse, Maryland  
LEADER: Phil Eddy (942-4231)
- February 19 ..... Camp Lewis, Maryland  
LEADER: Bob Adams (292-1340)  
DIRECTIONS: Maryland shore of Potomac, 100 yards  
upstream of Cabin John bridge.
- February 26 ..... Herzog Island, Maryland  
LEADER: Tony Gray (338-2146)  
DIRECTIONS: Meet at 10:00 a.m. at Carderock for  
intrepid guide. Be prepared for  
wading or skating.

A winter mountaineering trip to Old Rag Mountain with rock climbing in the Reflector Oven area has been tentatively scheduled in February, depending upon good weather. Sufficient winter equipment for potentially hazardous conditions is required. For further information and personal arrangements, contact Leader Larry Griffin (560-8831).

Ice school will be conducted in White Oak Canyon, Shenandoah National Park, if that area experiences about five days of cold weather. We will be notified by a Park Service ranger. An ice axe and crampons will be required. Those wishing to be notified may sign up with Tony Gray (338-2146).

RETIRING CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The high point of the year 1966 for our mountaineering activity came in August, when almost twenty people, led by Bob Adams and family, climbed several peaks in the Wind River Range in Wyoming. (The trip report by Tai Dielefeldt appeared in the November UP ROPE). There were one official, and several unofficial, trips to the Shawangunks in New York, and quite a few trips, both official and unofficial, to Seneca Rocks in West Virginia. These are the best climbing areas readily available to us. Several new and difficult routes were put up at both Seneca Rocks and nearby Champe Rocks by a few of our younger but most capable and enthusiastic climbers. Among them were Bobby Adams, Tom Blevins, Larry Griffin, Chas Janger, George Livingstone, Tim Schoechle, and Bob Williams. Experienced mountaineers Arnold Wexler and Andy Kaufmann enjoyed a number of difficult climbs in the French and Italian Alps.

The training committee held several sessions of dynamic belay practice at Carderock as well as one session of stretcher practice (lowering a person in a stretcher down a cliff at the same place). A somewhat different type of training session took place at Harper's Ferry in November when, in response to repeated requests from the Park Rangers there, we gave them and several men from the nearby Job Corps camp a two-day indoctrination in rock climbing and mountain rescue techniques. Leadership for this effort was provided by Tony Gray, Don Stemper, and Bob Adams (For an account, see the December UP ROPE).

On two occasions the Mountaineering Section was able to be of service to the PATC. In January we supplied the manpower (except for the truck driver, Bill Oscanyan) to move furniture and other equipment of the Club Headquarters from 1916 Sunderland Place to 1718 N Street, NW. In November we carried out a tree trimming operation on the Highacre estate at Harper's Ferry, removing one dead tree and parts of several others which were endangering the house.

During the year, several of our monthly meetings featured illustrated lectures (slides or movies) on mountaineering topics. These were arranged by Tim Schoechle. Two memorable lectures were given by Arnold Wexler; at the first he showed slides from two previous expeditions to the Wind River Range in Wyoming, while at the other he showed slides made last summer of his climbs with Andy Kaufmann in the Alps. These illustrated lectures were all very popular, attracting capacity audiences in the third floor meeting room at Club headquarters.

Membership now stands at 78, representing a slight increase during the year.

-- Phil Eddy

NOTE: The foregoing report was presented at the last meeting of the Mountaineering Section and at the annual meeting of the PATC on January 25, 1967. To Phil Eddy, the retiring Chairman, we express our thanks for unstinting devotion to the many tasks, often unrewarding, attendant upon his office. To the new Chairman, Ed Goodman, and to the new Vice-Chairman, Dave Templeton, we wish you luck, success, and fortitude during the coming year, but mostly fortitude.

-- Editor

OFFICIALLY SPEAKING

Now having the opportunity to be an officious officer, I thought I'd really run untrammelled, so I asked Vince to let me have a column in each issue of UP ROPE. In this column, I intend to plug unabashedly for projects that are functions of my duties as well as other nuisance things.

This month I would like to discuss the training program being worked out by the Training Committee, but first some preliminary comments are necessary. First, a tentative training program is outlined on paper awaiting tidying-up by the Committee. This outline grew out of sessions held over the last year and attended by the present Chairman--Ed Goodman, the head of the Safety Committee--Chuck Wettling, Don Stemper, Tony Gray, and myself. We endeavored to incorporate the ideas and feelings of the Mountaineering Section into a general training procedure useful for our group.

Secondly, remembering to THINK! CREATE! and INNOVATE! -- the Committee did a fair share of thinking, but its contribution is more innovative than creative. There is, after all, not too much one can add to an already well defined training procedure. The Committee, to begin with, was not so much concerned with adding to the already existing program as with devising methods for the training program's smooth operation. The Committee usually began functioning smoothly by the time the second six-pack was demolished. The ideas the Committee has worked into the training program, however, will be somewhat useless until certain fundamental issues are decided. These issues have risen throughout the Committee's meetings and discussions. While they were settled to the Committee's satisfaction, it is doubtful that they will be that easy to settle when the Mountaineering Section actually gets down to the task of deciding the best approach to implementation of the training program.

The first issue is: What degree of control, formality, if you prefer, shall we have in our training program? Now, we certainly do not wish to foster a diploma mill for mountaineers. Neither do we desire a catch-me-when-you-can program. Somewhere in between these extremes is a compromise which will lead to an individualized but controlled training program. It isn't apparent at first, but the degree of control of training is related to the number of people being trained at a given time, which is related to the size of the Mountaineering Section, which, in turn, is related to the amount of publicity the Mountaineering Section enjoys.

As long as the number of experienced climbers available to the trainee for guidance exceeds the number of aspirant trainees, formality of training may be quite slack. In such a situation, the trainee can usually find someone to devote sole attention to the trainee's efforts. In addition, there are always sufficient experienced eyes around the climbing areas to catch faulty training practices. But when the ratio of experienced climbers vs. trainees is reversed with the same degree of training control, then the likelihood of haphazard training practices and potential accidents assumes larger probabilities.

So this one issue actually contains the seeds of several others, among which are the future size of the Mountaineering Section, how much and in what manner we should good-mouth the Section, and how many people we should train at a given time. With this, I'll rest till next month. If I've not been drawn and quartered by that time, at least I'll be able to report the feelings of the Mountaineering Section on what has been said so far.

-- Dave Templeton

GREAT FALLS, MARYLAND - January 15, 1967

Don Hubbard (HoJo's only)	Hal Kramer
Bill Deutermann (HoJo's only)	Joan, Debbie and Dave Templeton
Bill and Billy Thomas	Glen Cannon
June Lehman	George Livingstone
Art Wilder	Mark Carpenter
April Bush	Bob and Kate Adams
Terry Robinson	Bob Robinson
Chris Buckingham	Dave Small
Al Goldberg	The "Mouth" of Seneca
Burgi List	Don Colutier
Jim Wolcheck	Lindsay Haisley
Tony Gray	Chipsy Janger
Bob Lyon	Larry and Sallie Griffin

A gloomy fog kept our-troop-of mountaineers at HoJo's somewhat longer than usual. Eventually the fog lifted, and we were greeted by fine weather at Great Falls. Many practice climbs were rigged, though only one lead climb was observed -- it was led in fine British style by Bob Robinson who was later joined by Tony Gray. The Purple Overhang received more attention than the other climbs, and it was marked by the usual string of failures and successes. Al Goldberg somehow succeeded in swinging through the air, heels over head, thus initiating (Ed: imitating?) the zany antics of the "Mouth" of Seneca. Who knows? Maybe this technique will catch on.

Touhey time came early that day and as we walked back to the parking lot I overheard two passers-by staring at packs, rope, and knickers, ask, "What do you think?"

-- Al Goldberg

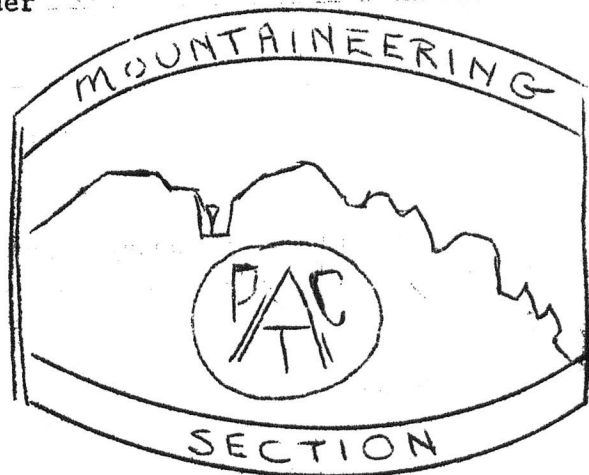
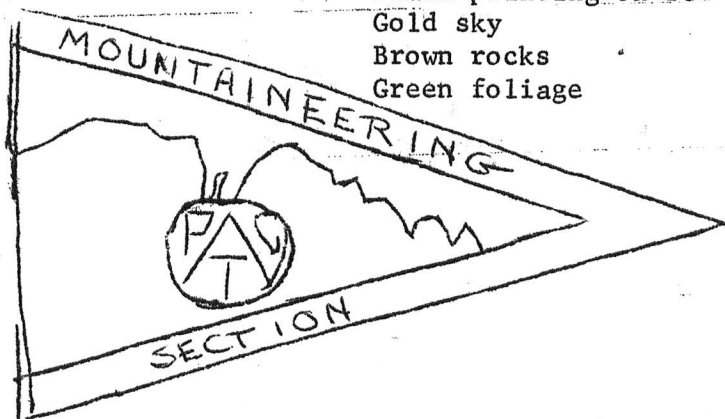
PATCH COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENT

Several months ago the membership of the Mountaineering Section agreed that sketches of the current patch design would be placed in UP ROPE for consideration. To date, there have been four submissions. Trudy Turner has graciously consented to do the sketch work and, as a consequence, reasonable (hopefully legible) facsimiles of these designs are presented here on the following page.

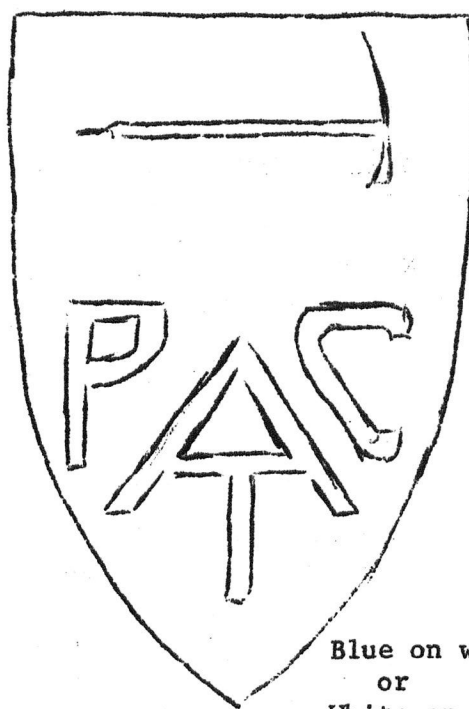
If you have an idea for a design, your sketch will be welcomed at the next meeting. Please put your idea into material form. In doing so, remember that the PATC emblem and the words "Mountaineering Section" must be worked into the design. Otherwise, you are free to arrange crampons, pitons, glaciers, scree slopes, etc. into any esthetic form which appeals to you. Remember the watchwords for this are: THINK! CREATE! and INNOVATE! Let's have a batch of patches. . .

-- Dave Templeton

Standard PATC Emblem  
 Black printing on red border  
 Gold sky  
 Brown rocks  
 Green foliage



Standard PATC emblem  
 Black silhouetted hardware  
 Gold rope border  
 Blue sky  
 Grey mountains outlined in white (ala PATC Patch)



Blue on white  
 or  
 White on blue

Patch design will be voted on at the next business meeting according to assigned number.

Bring your own design or sketch etc. It will be assigned a number and voted on at the same time.



THERE ARE CLIMBERS AND THERE ARE CLIMBERS

In reply to a Sunday supplement article appearing in the London Observer, the British mountaineering magazine, The Climber, replies:

"The article, written by a climber, gives the impression of a state of war between today's top young climbers, and by its talk of opposition, of nerves and suggestions of cold mathematical climbing for 'kicks', gives a totally wrong and misleading picture of the sport.

"The rock-climber must take risks. But his risks should be calculated risks based upon full knowledge of his own experience and capabilities, the decision of a sane mind. ~~And this applies no matter to what grade the climber belongs.~~ There can be no justification for 'sticking your neck out' or climbing on luck and there can be no justification for writing an article which seeks to glorify such climbing."

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trip. Anyone interested in a snow and ice climb of Mount Washington, New Hampshire please contact Al Goldberg (552-2378). The trip will take place during a long Easter weekend.

New Blood. The Editor of this frank and controversial newsletter is looking for people who need a cause to identify with, people whose lives are lacking that existential spark, people who need an axe to grind (or bury). In short we are looking for some new people to comprise a permanent red-hot UP ROPE staff of production types, typists, illustrators and writers. If you are idiot enough to feel that dedication to a grueling, thankless job like putting out UP ROPE can give meaning to your life, please contact the Editor.

New Ideas. In order for us to win the Pulitzer prize for outstanding journalism we shall need new ideas -- ideas fit to print, that is; ideas like letters to the editor to air controversial or confusing issues; like book reviews or reviews of mountaineering and related articles; like cartoons; humorous anecdotes; announcements; anything! Being an incohesive group of rugged individuals, the Mountaineering Section (luckily or unluckily) lacks an image of itself as a unit. Only until individual members see themselves in relation to the sport of mountaineering can the Mountaineering Section see itself in relation to mountaineering. The best way to know the other guy is to see how he climbs and read what he has to say. Of course we'll respect anonymity too, if its warranted. But Ideas, please, ideas.

SO WHO NEEDS A BELAY?

The following gem was printed in The Baltimore Grotto News of the National Speleological Society in their December 1966 issue.

It seems that a South Vietnamese day laborer was directed to repair a tile roof after a monsoon rain had caused some damage. The roofer rigged a projecting pole from the roof, and to this he had attached a pulley. A rope was tied to a large wooden barrel, passed through the pulley and returned to the ground. He loaded several tiles into the barrel and hoisted them to the roof. The free end of the rope was then tied to the bumper of his truck. Several loads were thus transferred to the roof, giving him a generous supply of tiles with which to work.

He had overestimated the number of tiles he needed, however, and still had a large number of them on the roof when the work was completed. Being a thrifty and conscientious man, he did not wish to risk breaking the tiles by throwing them to the ground, so he dutifully loaded them back into the barrel.

Returning to the ground, he released the free end of the rope from the truck bumper, and, to his dismay, discovered that the weight of the barrel plus tiles exceeded his own! Holding tightly to the rope, he collided with the descending barrel at midcourse, suffering severe lacerations to his left shoulder and arm. Continuing his upward course, two of his fingers were broken when he encountered the pulley. At this same instant, the wooden barrel hit the ground and split open, spilling the tiles. Relieved of his counterweight, the man began to fall. Midway down, he was struck by the remains of the barrel, which was on an upward course, and received a broken jaw. The worker continued his fall and landed painfully on the scattered tile. This phase of the drama resulted in a broken right leg, a sprained left ankle, and contusions of the hip area.

At this time the worker finally decided to release his grip on the rope and, inevitably, the remnants of the barrel fell on his head, leaving him with a mild concussion.

Incidentally--the building which he was repairing happened to be a hospital, to which he was promptly admitted!

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F. R. (Bob) Robinson  
Sponsored by: Ed Goodman  
Tony Gray

FROM OUR PERIPATETIC CLIMBERS

Pfc Tom McCrumm is happy to write that he is being transferred to Marine Corps Headquarters in Washington, D. C. Tom will now be able to climb fairly regularly with the Mountaineering Section once again, and we can expect to see him in February.

Frank Zahar who has returned from Viet Nam after 13 months there is now stationed at Westover AFB, Massachusetts. Frank is climbing with the ANC in New England but wishes to continue his membership with the Mountaineering Section because he intends to come down to Washington now and then.

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"How many times have we become frozen where we stood to watch the dawn! How many acrobatic climbs have we made to catch the best light on a precipitous wall of rock or along an aerial ridge of snow. But we have been rewarded. Up there, between earth and sky, on vertical rock faces, we have participated in the most beautiful moments in the life of the mountain and, through the rope which joined us, there has grown between us that deep friendship which only the high places can give..."

FROM THE CHAIRMAN

I take this opportunity to thank all my climbing friends for honoring me with Chairmanship of the Mountaineering Section. I have been outlining many projects that I feel will help in improving our already fine organization I'll need your help. In the next Up Rope, I'll published a list of existing standing committees, as well as some of the things we'll need to do. In the meantime please feel free to contact me regarding any club matter.



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THE PATC MOUNTAINEERING SECTION

The Mountaineering Section welcomes all interested individuals to participate in our weekly outings and to share with us the freedom of the hills. 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 last all day, and groups stop for supper on the way home. Bring lunch and water, and wear clothing suitable for climbing. For further information contact the trip leader or Tony Gray (338-2146). For information about the Mountaineering Section, write to the Secretary.

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IT'S TONNEY TIME!