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THIRD ANNUAL WEST VIRGINIA HIGHLANDS WEEKEND REVIEW

October 7-8, 1967

Sponsored by the  
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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS -- SATURDAY, October 7

6:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. (Also on Sunday, October 8)--Bird-banding Demonstration at Red Creek Campground. Ralph Bell, a licensed bird bander, will maintain mist nets in which many birds, especially migrant songbirds, may be captured. The birds are removed from the nets, banded, and released without harm. Records of all birds banded are forwarded to the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service and are used for scientific purposes. Banding operations will be demonstrated and explained.

9:00 a.m.--Nine-Mile Hike in "Dolly Sods" area, beginning at Red Creek Campground. Charles Carlson of the Kanawha Trail Club will lead hikers across the high, roadless plateau of the Red Creek watershed sometimes referred to as the Dolly Sods area. Near the Seneca Rocks Unit of the National Recreation Area but not in it, this plateau's wilderness characteristics are worthy of permanent preservation. Wear proper walking shoes for rugged terrain (not tennis shoes or sneakers). Bring lunch and canteen. At the end of the hike, a Forest Service vehicle will transport drivers back to their cars. Participants will be back in time for dinner. Best bet to be sure of reaching the take-off point in time: Camp Friday night at the rustic Red Creek Campground on Forest Service Route 75. From Petersburg, take Routes 4 and 28 west about 10 miles to turnoff to west toward Jordan Run road; follow signs toward Dolly Sods; turn north on dirt road along Allegheny Front--Route 75--pass Bell Knob Tower turnoff to campground. The same route can be used from the south; turn west off Routes 4 and 28 about 15 miles north of Mouth of Seneca. Those coming from the south and west, through Thomas, Parsons, or Elkins, can head for State Route 32, which runs north and south through the scenic Canaan Valley, turning east off 32 onto Route 45 through Laneville, past the Dolly Sods picnic ground, and north on Route 75 to the campground.

9:00 a.m.--Float Trip through the Trough of the South Franch of the Potomac River, from Moorefield to Glebe. Ed Coleman's Outdoor Specialists of Indiana, Pennsylvania will outfit and guide this 11-mile wide-water float trip through the spectacularly scenic Trough--an opportunity for those who do not own canoes to participate in this exciting sport. This river is a potential candidate for inclusion in a State or Federal Wild River System. Rafts and canoes, paddles, life preservers, and small waterproof bags will be provided. Participants should wear wading shoes (sneakers) and bring their own bag lunches. Assemble at 9:00 a.m. at the Old Fields Bridge on U.S. Route 220 one mile north of Moorefield. Arrangements for shuttling will be made at assembly point. Participants will be back in time for dinner.

PAID-IN-ADVANCE RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED FOR THIS TRIP. THE OUTFITTER'S CHARGE IS \$7.00 PER PERSON. CHECKS, MADE PAYABLE TO THOMAS E. KING, 120 EAST MAIN STREET, BRIDGEPORT, W.VA., MUST REACH DR. KING BY NO LATER THAN

## SEPTEMBER 15.

Suggested Friday night camp site: McNeil's Campground, c/o Robert McNeil, Moorefield West Virginia. One mile north of town on U.S. 220. Advance reservations advisable. 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. (also on Sunday, October 8)--Hawk-watching at Bear Rock. Qualified birders, including George Hurley of the Brooks Bird Club, will be on hand to point out and help identify migrating hawks. You can park where Route 75 makes a hairpin bend north of Red Creek Campground and leaves the top of the mountain. Extra binoculars will be available, but participants are invited to bring their own. Records of hawk observations are maintained and significant findings are reported in Audubon Field Notes and regional publications.

This event is sponsored by the Brooks Bird Club and the Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania.

12:00 noon--Cave Trip, into Sinks of Gandy, five miles northwest of Spruce Knob Lake. Richard Schroth and other Pittsburgh Grotto cavers will lead a trip through the half-mile-long natural tunnel carved by Gandy Creek through Yokum's Knob. Two "rooms" en route are approximately 60 feet high and wide. Participants can simply enter the Sinks and return to the same entrance if they do not prefer to accompany the group on its passage through the entire cave.

Participants are to assemble at the pavilion at Mouth of Seneca at noon, after eating lunch (or bring a snack) for transportation to cave; group will be back by 6 p.m.

CLOTHES AND SHOES MAY GET WET--PLAN ACCORDINGLY. Bring Flashlight.

1:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.--Climbing Demonstrations on the South and West Faces of Seneca Rocks at Mouth of Seneca. Spectators can walk across the swinging bridge and up the path (road) to the stream crossing where a "way" up the talus to the right will be marked. An experienced climber will be there, directly across from the south face, Saturday afternoon and part of Sunday, to describe the climbing techniques, the routes, and the antics of the climbers. If possible, observers should bring binoculars. This demonstration will be conducted by climbers from the Pittsburgh area and by the PATC Mountaineering Section.

6:30 p.m.--Chicken Barbecue Dinner at Mouth of Seneca Pavilion. Rain or shine, plan to join 200 to 300 other active conservationists from this region at an informal, outdoor dinner of barbecued chicken and "all the trimmings"--at picnic tables or under the covered pavilion.

In order to give the caterer a firm number of dinners to prepare, PAID-IN-ADVANCE RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 15. SEND CHECK (\$3.00 PER PERSON) TO ROBERT HARRIGAN, 5113 WEHAUKEN ROAD, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20016.

8:00 P.M. -- PROGRAM, "A PLAN FOR THE HIGHLANDS," AT MOUTH OF SENECA PAVILION.

Certain to be the most illuminating public discussion of conservation issues affecting the West Virginia Highlands in 1967, this Saturday evening program will feature Monongahela National Forest Supervisor Ephe Oliver's presentation of the Forest Service Management Plan for the new Spruce Knob-Seneca Rocks National Recreation Area and a major address on the subject of the conservation of West Virginia's Highlands by United States Senator Jennings Randolph.

Perceptive observations on the NRA management plan and on the more general topic of how the precious natural attributes of the Highlands can be preserved for the enjoyment of future generations also will be made by author (Strangers in High Places, Whose Woods These Are), conservationist and travel authority Mike Frome of Alexandria, Virginia; the former assistant conservation director of the Izaak Walton League of America, Robert T. Dennis, who is now executive director of the newly-organized Potomac Basin Center in Washington, D. C.; State Senator J. Kenton Lambert of West Virginia's 15th Senatorial District; and the panel moderator, Ted Fearnow of Berkeley Springs, West Virginia, formerly employed by both the West Virginia Department of Natural Resources and the U.S. Forest of Lands for the Pennsylvania Glass Sand Corporation.

Come prepared to ask questions of these speakers regarding your special conservation concerns in West Virginia's Highlands.

## COMMUNICATIONS

ACH, SO!

In the September, 1967 UP ROPE, Bob Adams quoted an Austrian post card, but preferred not to translate. This made me curious so I contacted a German colleague, Dr. Hans Lugt. He says the language is either Bavarian or Austrian and translates as follows:

"Heut' regnt's, Morg'n regnt's, üermorg'n regnt's,  
(Hente regnetes, Morgen regnetes, üermorgen regnetes,)  
"Today it rains, tomorrow it rains, day after tomorrow it rains,)   
wieda dos wird ma scho' Zwieda."  
(wieder dies wird mis schon zuwider.)  
(I'm beginning to be disgusted with it.)

Phil Eddy

## SENECA CAMPGROUND - CHAMPE ROCKS

Mr. Harper told me the weekend of September 23-24 that he is fed up with people who use his campground and don't pay and with those who pay but can't make it to the Post-Office to do so. These acts are not helping us any in Mouth of Seneca. Mr. Harper says money obtained from campers can be used to put a well in and to make other improvements. Non-payers are hurting their own comfort at the campground.

We will lose the right to climb on Champe Rocks if we don't maintain good relations with the property owner's around there. They are complaining of their fields being trampled, fences being broken down, cows being let loose, etc. A lot of this is due to hunter's and fisherman, but we've been asked to cross the stream upstream from the red brick ~~farm~~ house and then to walk back downstream. This is about 300 yards upstream from the usual crossing. We should avoid going there in large groups also.

Mark Carpenter

COME BACK, BURGI.

I would very much like to express my appreciation to all of the climbers.

I enjoyed so much the nice outings which I spent with all of you.

I am going back to Vienna now and I hope to see you again, perhaps somewhere in the Alps.

Burgi List.

## EDITOR'S CORNER

Events this month, together with my talent for procrastination, have given me cause to cut this issue to the bare bones. My primary concern was for my relationship with the typing member of my family, who cuts a mean stencil, but gets mean if there are too many to do in one day.

We have also allowed innovation to run rampant. Use of the creative talent of Trudy Turner, Pat Nagy, Grey Thompson and others in the months ahead will result in cover sketches adding a graphic touch to our contributor's prose.

Your contribution's were quite prolific this month and I thank you and add apologies for not getting you into this issue. You will appear next month (The first 100 page issue in UP ROPE'S history).



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25-New Ski Hut Oval Aluminum Carabiners. Test 3000 lbs. \$1.50 each.  
Call Tom McCrumm at OX 4-3539.

## HOW EADES FORT GOT IT'S NAME

Earl Shelsby in his column, Outdoor Living, in the Baltimore Sun relates the following from a friend Al Capen: "Eades was the name of a trapper who lived in this area (Eades Fort). His name is in the county records. For some reason, a band of Indians was chasing him and he knew about a place on Eades Fort where there was a ledge that only one man could pass at a time. He waited at this place and shoved each Indian off the cliff as he came to the spot. In this manner, he single handedly beat off a band of Indians and saved his own life."

Tony Gray

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- October 1 Carderock, Maryland  
Leader: Dave Templeton (424-7997)  
Those individuals interested in training are invited to contact the trip leader. Those interested in safety techniques are invited to contact Mark Carpenter (881-3710)
- October 7-8 Seneca Rocks, West Virginia\*  
Leader: Ed Goodman (281-4126)  
Individual commissaries. Camping may **not** be possible at the Mouth of Seneca Campground due to the Review Activities. Everyone should join in the spirit of this review (See Pg. 3).
- October 11 Business Meeting, 3rd Floor Conference Room, PATC Hq., 8:00 P.M.
- October 15 Wolf Rock, Maryland  
Leader: Art Wilder (630-9055)  
A supper stop for a "Family Style" meal at the Camp Cozy Restaurant in Thurmont will follow a day of active climbing.
- October 21-22 Edes Fort, West Virginia\*  
Leader: Lanny Hughey (530-0007)  
Individual commissaries. Camping Fee is 50¢.
- October 29 Bull Run Mountain, Virginia  
Leader: Rich Hall (582-0328)
- November 5 Carderock, Maryland  
Leader: Dave Templeton (424-7997)
- November 10-12 Seneca Rocks, West Virginia\*  
Leader: To be announced.
- November 23-26 The Shawangunks, New York  
Leader: Don Stemper (667-8644)

Note: Starred areas are areas in which continuous climbs predominate. Beginners ready to attempt continuous climbing (as Lead, Second, or Third) are advised to arrange to get on a climbing team with an experienced climber prior to the trip date, as teams usually form in advance. Other beginners and non-climbers are welcomed as observers.

## DIRECTIONS TO CLIMBING AREAS

Carderock, Maryland

Seneca Rocks, West Virginia

Bull Run Mountain, Virginia

Edes Fort, West Virginia

Refer UP ROPE, Vol. XXII, No. 6, June 1967, page 7.

The Shawangunks, New York

Refer UP ROPE, Vol. XXII, No. 8, August 1967, page 9.

Wolf Rock, Catoctin Mountain Park, Maryland

The Wolf Rock Area provides several moderate to difficult practice climbs in a scenic area of Catoctin Mountain Park. Refer to Maryland Maps.

Take US Route 70s and US Route 15 to Thurmont Maryland. At Thurmont, take Maryland State Route 77 West towards Hagerstown. In about 5 miles after leaving Route 15, a macadam road goes off to the right. A Park Visitors Center is at the corner of this intersection. Take this macadam road for approximately one quarter mile to a parking area on the right. Signs at the parking area give directions to Wolf Rock. The Rock is reached by taking the trail past the signs for about a mile. Trail forks are posted. Park maps are available at the Visitors Center.