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MEET THE PATC

The PATC Annual Meeting was held this year on January 29, 1968 at which, after reports of the previous year's officers and committee chairman, new officers were elected. The new officers and their selected committee chairman are as follows:

Elected Officers

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1971 Robert V. Maudlin EM 3-5204

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The Club depends on its volunteer committees to carry out the many tasks that have to be done so as to enable the members to have the maximum enjoyment of the trail and the club facilities. These committees are almost always in need of additional members to help with the work. We will make every effort to keep the Club strong and enjoyable with minimum dues but we must have as many members as possible pitch in. Over the last three years we have been receiving new members at the rate of more than one hundred a year so that the needs of the committees keep growing. We urge you to help the Club and thereby increase your enjoyment of it by joining the committee of your choice. Just get in touch with the Chairman. Help is particularly needed by the Assistant Membership Secretary Alice Matthews.

THE EXCHANGES

The Idaho Alpine Club's I. A. C. News (Vol. VIII, No. 1) for February, 1968 has an interesting article The Infinite Pitch by Bruce J. Benedict in which a parallel is drawn between that pleasant hobby, climbing, and that miserable cross, the job. He extracts a wonderful philosophy of life from it. And, if you are like me, he acts as a conscience.

TRIP REPORTS

Seneca Rocks, West Virginia, February 17-18

Pete Hackett
Don Stemper
Merv Olsen

Bob Norris
June Lehman
Barry Wallen

Tal Bielefeldt
Mark Carpenter
Joe Nolte
Lanny Hughey

A small splinter group went to Seneca Rocks with the idea of cleaning some of the loose rock from the major rappel points and the most frequented areas. The top of the Coxcomb, Thais, some of the South End, the Old Man's Route, the Old Ladies' Route, and other main rappel points were cleared.

Sample pitons were removed for testing. It was found that several old Army ring angle and horizontals broke off in attempting removal. The causes were severe crystallization. These old pins should not be used.

We hope the efforts of this group will make Seneca Rocks a little safer for us all.

J. A. N.

CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

Since the election, I have been attempting to find out the feelings of the members concerning the club. One of the matters brought up is the monthly meetings and the overlong discussions at these. I hope to reach a solution by using this column. In it, I will put out a topic for the next meeting in advance. This should give everyone a chance to talk about it before the meeting. Hopefully, this will eliminate some of the more extraneous discussions.

The topic for the March meeting is to be the schedule. Two good points to consider are:

1. Climbing memorized climbs, where one knows where each and every hold is, does not help one develop the techniques necessary for route-finding.
2. When the club started climbing at Carderock, the routes were not known. New areas will give us this aspect of climbing.

Also, hopefully, by this means, we will single out problems and work them out one at a time, thereby enabling ourselves to make some headway, instead of posing many problems and not getting at any solutions.

EDITOR'S CORNER

Have I done any recapitulation lately? If not ---

If you scan the last several UP ROPE's you will find I have gradually been working out a format. It is, at present, as follows:

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On the Cover page, starting from last October, has gone along with the mast-head an illustration. Trudy Turner, in October, December and January gave us some beautiful reproductions of prints from Whympers works and other classic books on the Alps. Frank and Grey Thompson gave us February's cover traced from a Summit illustration. I copied November's cover from an illustration I have. This month's cover speaks for itself. We hope to intermix the work of our free hand artists with those of our shutter bugs.

I hope you reread the Credits Page occasionally. It tells where to send dues, subscription fees, and contributed articles.

Feature Articles come from YOU. What are you up to? Have you a vacation in the Alps to describe? Have you some observations on climbing gear, camping menus, etc? Share them.

The Exchange Section is to be used to direct attention to articles of interest in our exchange publications. At the moment I only know where the exchanges are located, but by next issue they will be where you may find them. Hopefully, the PATC Library.

Trip Reports? Well, there has been a decided dearth of these lately. Partially due to the general "to hell with it" attitude of volunteer trip leaders, I guess. Partially due to my lack of armtwisting. I have been, and intend to continue, furnishing Trip Leaders with a Trip Report Form and a half dozen or so packets containing:

- The MS introductory letter
- A current UP ROPE
- The MS Training Outline
- The PATC Introductory letter
- The "Meet the PATC" pamphlet
- A Current FORECAST
- The PATC publications price list.

The Trip Leader can spread the pamphlets around to the first-time-outers and give the Trip Report to someone for name collection. Then, anyone who wishes to write any comments on the days trips may do so. All trips are not likely to be outstanding outings, so why write up a trip unless something outstanding occurred. However, attendee's names should go into UP ROPE for history. Incidentally, thank you Joe, for an excellent report on your Splinter group trip.

The Chairman's Corner has been used this month for the purpose I have hoped it would be used for. Kudos.

Editor's Corner. Well, I rant and rave.

For the Correspondence Section, work those little frustrations out of your system. Write a nasty letter today. Express your views.

Surely the Committee-Chairman-to-be will wish to place items in the Committee Announcements Section, just as the general member and reader will wish to let us know of individual events for General Announcements.

Interleaved among all this, we hope to have cartoons, jests, anecodes, etc. So, Keep'em coming.

CORRESPONDENCE

2 February, 1968

Dear Old Gang of Mine,

(1) Enclosed you will please find an article from a local English language newspaper that may be of interest. The part which is underlined in red will give you a small inkling of Near and Middle East Philosophy. It is not easy for a Westerner to accept, especially when it is extended to the field of science. I have dealt with these people before but am still annoyed by this.

(2) Thank you for sending me UP ROPE. Please discontinue until you hear from me again. I hope to leave here as soon as I can. Today a rarity occurred. It is hailing & snowing in Shiraz. I may not be able to leave until the weather clears. When I do I hope to be able to visit Baghdad, Lebanon, possibly Turkey, Cairo, Athens, possibly Vienna, Rome, Geneva, possibly Sardinia, Germany, maybe France (where I may buy a new bicycle), England, possibly Bahamas, and home. If any of you are planning any trips, write to me % my parents 99 GRANITE ST., BERLIN, N. H. 03570. They will forward the letter and perhaps we can meet.

(3) I have a bone to pick with the Editor who published the article I wrote nearly a year ago. Twice in that issue & once in a succeeding issue someone took the liberty to change my name. I lay claim to only one name & that is the one signed below. Do not change it or use any other form.

(4) As I said, today a rarity is occurring. There is hail & snow in Shiraz starting early & continuing all day. Snow in the mountains around Shiraz is not a rarity, but in Shiraz it is. I'm sure it will delay my departure. Hope to see you all when I get home & join you in a few climbs.

Regards,

Not to be changed → Anthony R. Harp

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Editor's footnotes

1. In the article Anthony enclosed with his letter, and which has been posted on the PATC-bulletin board, is an underlined local saying "A lie that pleases is better than truth that hurts."
2. June, 1967 UP ROPE. Thrice, really.
3. July, 1967. Thrice again. Well, I apologize. I had assumed you used the informal nickname "Tony" as well.

Dear Dave,

16 February 1968

I'm out here in L. A. now and will remain to the end of May.

Could you send me the address of rock climbing groups out here. Also if you have the names of any of the people involved with the group they would be helpful.

I'll be back in the D. C. area for the summer. Could you also see that my UP ROPE is mailed to this address.

Sincerely

James Shipley

326 S. Manhattan Place

Los Angeles, California

Editor's Note: Jim, check with J. D. Mendenhall, 335 Sequoia drive, Pasadena; Sierra Club, 1050 Mills Tower, 220 Montgomery St., San Francisco; and Larry Augustine, 111 N. Rengstroff Apt. 63, Mountainview, Calif. 94040

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"What do you mean I dont trust you?"

CALENDAR OF EVENTS *

- March 3 Carderock, Maryland
- March 10 Bull Run Mountain, Virginia
- March 13 Business Meeting. PAMC Club House, 3rd Floor Conference Room, 8 M. A Smorgasbord slide show will follow the meeting. Climbers love to see themselves so bring a few of your favorite slides.
- March 17 Ede's Fort, West Virginia **
- March 24 Great Falls, Virginia
- March 30-31 Seneca Rocks, West Virginia **

* FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING SCHEDULED TRIPS, CALL THE CLUB CHAIRMAN, JOE HOLTE, AT 836-6650.

** These areas are areas in which continuous climbs predominate. Beginners ready to attempt continuous climbing 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.
Bull Run Mountain, Virginia.
Ede's Fort, West Virginia
Seneca Rocks, West Virginia.

Refer UP ROPE, Vol. LXIII No. 6, June, 1967, Page 7.

Great Falls, Virginia

Refer UP ROPE, Vol. LXIII, No. 7, July, 1967, Page 9.