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ON QUALIFYING CLIMBERS

I climbed the south side of Mt. Hood this spring with the Mazamas, the big local climbing club in Portland. Nothing technical--a slog uphill, and a view from the top. The south side route is a long course, but it corresponds roughly to the Old Lady's route at Seneca Rocks. Two days later, as I was procuring a cup of coffee in the Reed Commons, a professor, a Mazama who had been on the climb, approached me gravely and said, "Talbot, I have here a document to present to you which I am sure you will treasure for the rest of your life." He handed me a small rectangle of parchment embossed with gothic black lettering:

This certifies that	TALBOT BIELEFELDT	(name)
ascended	MT. HOOD	(mountain)
by the	SOUTH SIDE	(route)
Official Climb of	MAR 23 1969	(date)
***	(Leader)	
***	(Asst Leader)	

On the reverse, in such a manner that the parchment could be folded in half and carried in a wallet, were the words:

MAZAMAS SUMMIT CERTIFICATE

With the club's goat-and-triangle symbol in the center.

Now this may seem to be a rather paltry incident; indeed. I understand that these documents are hardly a rarity in the Northwest. But ponder a moment--think what this certificate means. It is proof, absolute proof, that I am a real Mountain Person. It is a credential to have by me always. Not the trivial sort of card one uses for cashing checks, purchasing beer, or burning flags, but.....

The Grindelwald guide pulls himself up before me and says, "Aber, mein Herr, we simply must have some evidence of your competence. One must realize that the Eigerwand has not before in the winter been climbed in bathing trunks."

"Oh yes---I suppose not, of course," I reply, somewhat bored by his jabbering and by the skiers staring at my paisley joms. I reach into my athletic supporter and withdraw a crumpled piece of parchment. "Here," I say, "I believe this will be sufficient."

He stares at the scrap for a moment. "Forgive me, mein Herr," he stammers, "but what sort of ascent is this 'Suden Seite'? I am unfortunately unfamiliar with...." His voice trails off as my lip begins to curl in a delicate sneer.

Some months later, a tall bronzed figure strides stark naked up to Ranger Sam Ropeknipper's desk at the climber's register in the ski lodge on Mount Hood. Standing to his full height in the twelve-point crampons strapped to his bare feet, the stranger says grimly in a guttural accent, "Guten Morgen, Herr Ranger. On this day have I come to make the first ascent of the Suden....."

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"Ohmychrist," mutters Sam.

"Aber mein Herr, you do not understand. I have come a new page in the history of the Sudenwand to write!"

"Uh, well, look--" Sam says, "we've got this equipment inspection, see? Now, do you have any fishnet underwear?"

In an agony of frustration, the Grindelwalder runs from the lobby of the lodge, out across the lava floes, and up the Palmer Glacier. That evening, a rescue party of Rangers, skiers, and climbers crouches in the swirling mist of the Hood Crater. Two members of the Mazama climbing committee ascend to the summit ridge where the crazed man clings to an icy spire above the sheer north wall. The minutes drag; finally, down through the mist come two figures---the Mazamas.

"Where's the Kraut?" asks Ropeknipper.

"He jumped off."

"Ohmygod. You mean he wouldn't take that crummy piece of paper?"

"Parchment, please."

"All right, parchment. Why wouldn't he take it?"

"We never gave it to him."

"WHAT?"

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"It's not an Official Climb. Besides, he never paid a climbing fee. How do you expect us to print up all those certificates without any money?"

Ropeknipper gasps. "You mean you just let him pick up his lunch? He's dead?"

One of the Mazamas shrugs. "It's not a complete loss. After all, the rescue's an official trip. We stopped on the top to sign each other's Summit Certificates."

"The two climbers start off down the mountain, their pitons, carabiners. and display cases jingling merrily on their backs.

BELAY LEDGE (formerly Notices)

Entertainment:

The Section needs positive suggestions for next season. Please communicate with Don Stemper (365-2716) preferably with information on the source of materials.

Route descriptions:

For the record, will all members please mail a description of any new route to the Chairman or to the Secretary for use in a guidebook (to be published sometime in the future). Follow the style of the Shawangunks guidebook.

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Editorial

The chart that appears in the adjacent column was prepared by Harold Kramer. Harold thought that the members might be interested in the relative frequency of scheduled trips to various locations throughout the years. This seems to give a good indication of the popularity of our different areas, since trips have been assigned, for the most part, at the suggestion or choice of the members of the Section. Any comments or suggestions on trips would be appreciated.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Mrs Listman has a book about the Wyoming Mountains left in her car by a boy named Steven. Steve may get his book back by calling 2567912.

Belay Ledge, cont.

Routes to climbing areas:

Alternative routes to climbing areas are welcome. Please write them down and send to UP ROPE.

Section Archives:

Presently records, letters, minutes to the meetings, etc. are incomplete. The Chairman and the Secretary would be glad to hear from members who have any relevant papers.

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Scheduled Trips

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Up Rose

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Caudy's Castle
May 17 & 18

Bob Adams - Trip Leader	Stewart Udall
Kate Adams	Dennis Udall
John Kemple	Bob Lyons
Barbara Kemple	Bob Waldrop
Lanny Hughey	George Livingstone

The Kemples and Adamsses arrived at noon on Saturday and made a very enjoyable climb near the South end of the East Face, finishing in a large inside corner. The day was bright and a little warm, but the view from the summit was magnificent. John and Barbara even went back at dusk to watch the stars come out. We had this delightful camping spot all to ourselves, with its quiet and solitude so reminiscent of the wilderness.

We got an early start on Sunday morning, starting up the great South End chimney, emerging onto the East Face, and scrambling up a long ramp to the summit. After lunch the Kemples went back to do a few practice climbs on the West Face, while the Adams family packed up to catch an early flight to the West Coast. Before leaving, we noted George and Lanny making fine progress on the difficult crack that runs up the center of the East Face, and we said hello to the Udalls. But the other worthy climbs of the day must go forever unrecorded.

Shawangunks

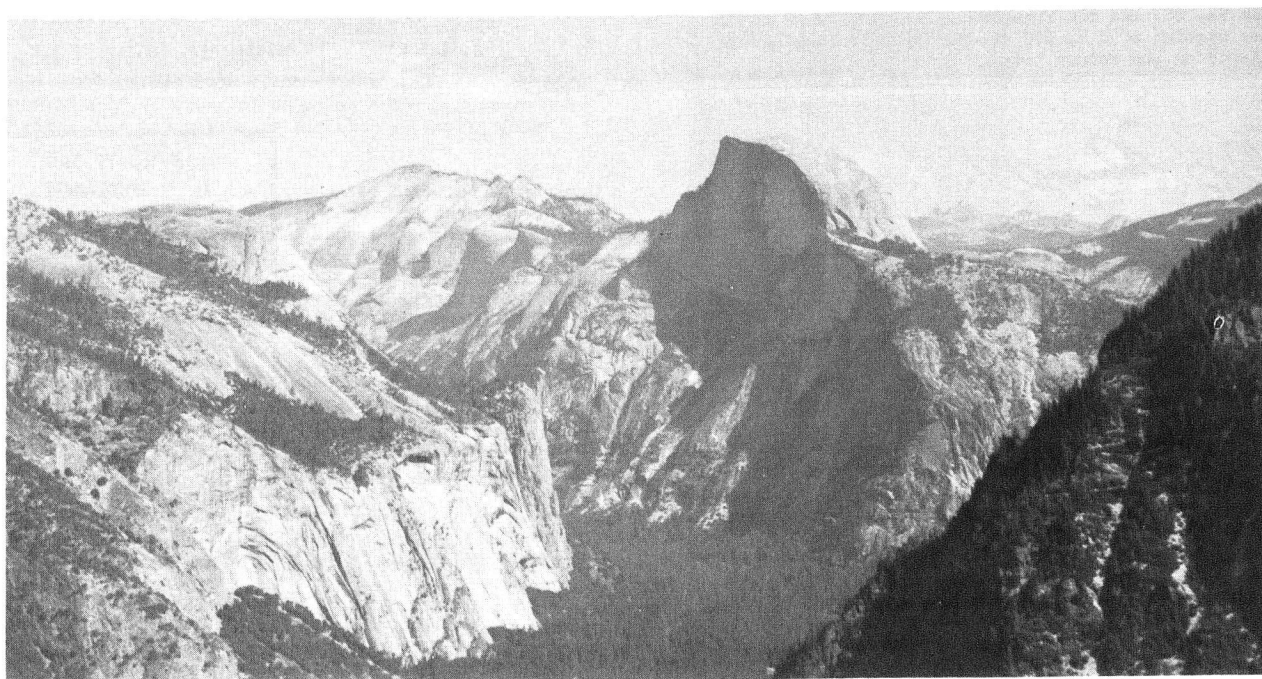
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June Lehman	Sallie Jordan
Many Milligans	Quentin Schander

For once it seems that the bad weather was not a significant factor for a trip to the Shawangunks. In fact, the weather held out, being quite good for the three day weekend.

We all owe our gratitude to Al Weiss, Paul Fries, June Lehman, and Don Schaeffer for their supplying of gallons of "beef stroganoff", rice, salad, vodka, and wine for a huge dinner party at Coxing Camp on Friday night. I honestly cannot remember too much else that happened over the weekend as my mind was preoccupied by the fact that I was leaving for the Tetons on Monday after the weekend. Having just returned from both Wyoming and Colorado, I find it rather easy to forget about climbing at the Gunks - something I am sure that you can all understand.

The following persons have changed their addresses since publication of our membership list in March:

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CLIMBER'S CALENDAR

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Leader</u>
Aug. 17	Edes Fort	Mike Hill (336-1471)
Aug. 24	Little Stony Man	Mike Hill (336-1471)
Aug. 30-Sept. 2	Shawangunks	Tom McCrumm (527-6272)
Sept. 7	Great Falls, Va.	Mike Hill (336-1471)
Sept. 10	Meeting, 8:00 PM PATC Headquarters	

Trip Leaders are reminded of their responsibility to arrange for a report and, if a leader is unable to make his assigned trip, to appoint a substitute leader.

Edes Fort, W. Va.

From the Beltway take I 70S to Frederick and continue on I 70 and U.S. 40 past Hagerstown and on to Hancock, Md. Get on Business U.S. 40 through Hancock and at the far end of town turn left on U.S. 522 south. At Berkeley Springs, W. Va. turn right on W. Va. 9. Go 4 miles to Great Cacapon, W. Va. and turn left in town at the sign to Rocky Ford. Go to within 100 yards of the ford (or bridge) and turn left on a dirt road. Go one mile past the cabins to a dead end and parking lot.

Little Stony Man, Va.

From the Beltway take I 66 west to Gainsville, go straight onto U.S. 211 through Warrenton to Shenandoah National Park. Get on Skyline Drive heading south and park at the Little Stony Man parking lot. Hike .8 mile up the trail.

Shawangunks, N.Y.

From the Beltway take the Baltimore-Washington Parkway (or U.S. 1 or U.S. 29 in heavy traffic) to the Baltimore Parkway. West on I 83 and north to the Pennsylvania Turnpike just before Harrisburg. East on the Turnpike to Pa. 283 north (10¢ toll). East on U.S. 22 and I 78 to Pa. 512 north. Get on Pa. 115 north to Wind Gap and onto U.S. 209. Follow U.S. 209 past Ellenville, N.Y. and turn right onto N.Y. 55 and U.S. 44 east. Go approximately 8 miles and turn left onto Trapps Road and camp in one mile at the Coxing Camp. The rocks are 2 miles up N.Y. 55.

On the return trip, follow U.S. 22 directly to I 83 (don't use Pa. 283 and the Turnpike). Also, be sure to use the bypass section of U.S. 209 around Stroudsburg (this is easily missed on the return trip).

Great Falls, Va.

Take the second exit on the Beltway after entering Virginia from the Cabin John Bridge, Va. 193 north. Go approximately 6 miles and turn right at the light (note sign to Great Falls). Go one mile to the Park entrance (\$.50 fee) and park. Walk right (downriver) on the Nature Trail past the place where the old canal emptied into the river. The climbs start 100 feet from there and extend to the end of the gorge.



Belay Ledge, concluded

Equipment:

Don Schaefer (521-5326) is polling the membership for equipment desires. He is hoping for group rates for the Section.

Climbing publications:

The following exchange publications are available in the library at PATC Headquarters:

- American Alpine Club "News"
- Baltimore Grotto "News"
- Chicago Mountaineering Club "Newsletter"
- "D.C. Speleograph"
- Idaho Alpine Club "News"
- Mountain Club of Maryland "Bulletin"
- "The Mountaineer" (Seattle, Wash.)
- "The Mugelnoos" Ski Mountaineers and Rock Climbing
- Section of Sierra Club's Angeles Chapter
- "Potomac Caver"
- "Social Climber" (Pittsburgh, Pa.)
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