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Sallie Greenwood and Joe Jensen at our land near Seneca Rocks

Chairman's Corner

When I became chairman of the Mountaineering Section last January, a friend informed me that the chief function of this office was to hold the club together. I laughed and said that I hoped my tenure would accomplish more than just keeping the Section in existence. Accordingly, at our various committee meetings, I proposed and initiated numerous ambitious projects for the Section. Some wondered at the number of undertakings. To those who would listen, I expounded on my "ten percent philosophy of life". In brief, I believe that it is unreasonable to expect more than ten percent of what you ask for in life. Some then accused me of stretching the issue by asking for alot in order to increase the size of my ten percent.

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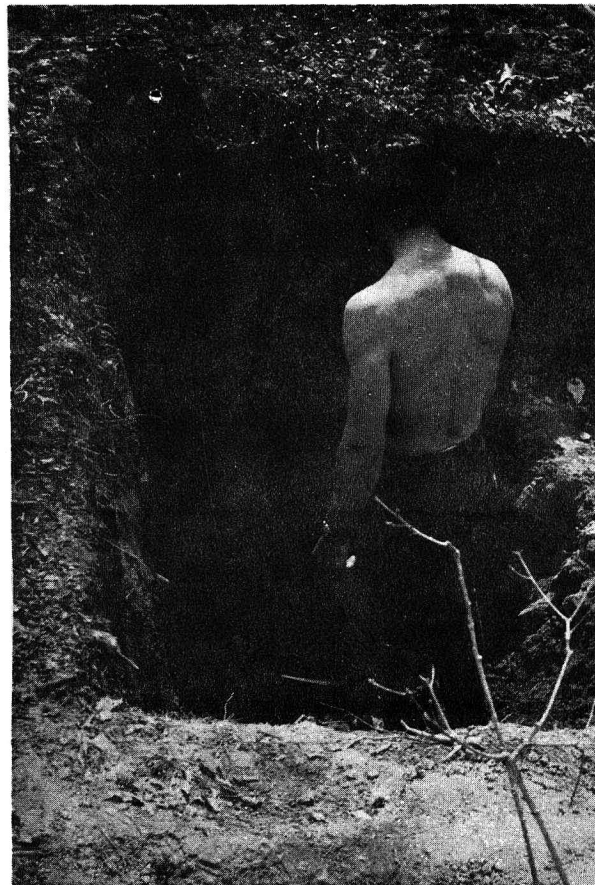
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Now, halfway through my term of office, seems like a good point to take an inventory. The club still exists and functions. If you would believe my friend, then I have at least succeeded in the major obligation of my office.

But more than just surviving, the MS has shown that its members can effectively work together toward goals. Our fund raising committee has raised almost \$2000 toward our cabin, and the PATC has committed a large sum toward the purchase of land and construction materials for the cabin. Our cabin use committee and cabin design committee have worked together to come up with a well designed cabin and an excellent plan for operating it. The cabin construction committee has shown that we are capable of raising the manpower and skills needed to construct our cabin.

Some may think that these accomplishments are small in comparison to the setback we received with the Forest Service's threat to condemn our land. Indeed, no one is more frustrated than I with the limbo we presently find ourselves in. But the land situation will be resolved by fall. And from our experience, we know what we can accomplish as a club. Accordingly, I tend to record the cabin on the plus side, though it won't be completed during my term. (I only want credit for ten percent.)

Also, the MS's membership is growing. UP ROPE is strong. We had a fine picnic. Club members are enjoying themselves.



Some may think that with this inventory I am attempting to rest on my laurels a bit early. But they are not my laurels. The first rule for any chairman is that he does no work. He appoints committees to do it for him. Whatever has been accomplished is due chiefly to those who have served on the many committees and who have done the leg work and telephoning.

I write this now, instead of as a farewell at the end of my term, because there is among you a committee looking for candidates to run for section officers in October. I want to show that being chairman is not a thankless job. It has been interesting, occasionally exciting, and always rewarding. I am getting more than my ten percent. I am enjoying my term in office. The Section chairman can expect and does get terrific cooperation and help from the Section's membership. We have a strong club with many capable and willing members.

At Base Camp

July Meeting

A nomination committee for next year's officers has been formed with Greg Christopoulos as chairperson. The goal is to have nominations submitted at the September meeting and the elections at the October meeting. The newly elected officers will work with the outgoing officers for the remainder of the year. The reason for the early election is changes made in the organization of the MS that will take place at the beginning of the year. First, all MS members will be required to become members of PATC also. Second, the offices of secretary and treasurer will be elected for the first time. The early elections will hopefully make the transition period go smoothly. Anyone interested in serving on the nomination committee or as an officer contact Greg at (H) 293-3272 or (W) 964-8125.

Maren Stewart requested that a typewriter be purchased to accompany the job of editor of UP ROPE. Joe Jensen stated that PATC has allotted \$300 to the MS for operating expenses this year which have not been used. It was decided to purchase a typewriter for under \$300.

Joe Jensen showed the group one of the statues to be given to those who donate \$100 to the David Templeton Memorial Cabin. The statue is on display at PATC headquarters. The fate of the cabin is still hanging. There have been no new developments in the past month.

Sallie Greenwood said she had caught some people pounding in pitons at Carderock. Since the people were unaware that anyone disapproved of pitons at Carderock, Sallie suggested a sign be posted. The Park Service has offered their assistance in making a bulletin board. Now all we need is someone to actually do the work. Volunteers contact Joe Jensen at 301-947-3322 or Chuck Sproull at 894-4463.

Concerning camping at the Pavillion at Seneca Rocks--Buck Harper still expects fifty cents per camper per night. If you would rather not risk getting awakened between six and seven in the morning, you may pay him at his quaint country variety store. The Pavillion is his private property and the camping fee is used for maintenance of the privies located there.

Robert Partel is going to investigate the recent diggings near Boucher Rocks and report back to the club on their meaning.

Chuck Wettling voiced his opposition to publication of a map of climbing areas and the proposed AAC Gazeteer. His reason being that the unexperienced people drawn to the new areas would result in ruining the as yet unspoiled areas.

Equipment Notes

Recently there have been complaints regarding the quality of Chouinard bi-colored ropes, and the problem of the sheath fraying. A letter to the Great Pacific Iron Works brought the response that:

"1. The reason for fraying is that on the bi-color ropes they (the manufacturers) must change spools of thread to make the design on the rope and that it happens to all bi-colored ropes, of any make or model.

2. This in no way hurts the strength of the rope and is not considered a defect. The rope is as strong as it was when it was brand new.

3. The bi-color rope will last as long as any of our other ropes, the bi-colors are just a little more expensive, that's all. . . However, if you should have any other problems with the rope, outside of the typical bi-color symptoms, please do not hesitate to contact us again and let us know what they are."

Hanging Around

June 30, Camp Lewis, Maryland

The day began when I met Stevie Smith and Barb Llewellyn and Jose Prata at Carderock. Melinda Bird completed the attendance and we drove to the bridge, bushwacking from there to the cliffs, finally finding them in the dense foliage. After introducing the group to a few intermediate climbs, I decided to bash myself on a few complex boulder problems, which Jose tried to follow with some success, Greg showed up late, (partying again). After working on a few other climbs we decided to head to Carderock and then on to Travs where an enjoyable day was capped.

Steve Williams

July 4-7, Seneca Rocks, W. Va.

No calls greeted me for this 4th of July weekend, so Buddy and I took off for five days of recreation. The weather was generally good as we did some fine climbs and some good swims. We enjoyed the company of the newly wed Christians, Arnold Wexler and J. Lipscomb. The weekend brought John Fetvedt, Jon Larson and friend who did some interesting traversing to gain North Peak. Monday was restful, the crowds gone, even though Coxcomb Overhang Direct eluded us.

Steve Williams

Training at Carderock 14 July 1974

Stevie Smith, the lone student, had at least three instructors. Bob Ryan, Joe Jensen and Bill Thomas all helped at one time during the day. And it payed off--by the end of the day Stevie negotiated Spider Walk. Sallie Greenwood was seen helping two young men rig climbs and instructing in the belay arts. Trav's was well attended.

Bob Ryan

Visitors from the Gunks 13/14 July 1974

Jim Thompson and Heddy Love, two familiar figures at the Shawangunks drove down from Philadelphia to climb at Carderock. They thought it was really great and plan to return the first weekend in August. "Maybe, said Heddy, It's too hard. I'd rather be at the Gunks."

Bob Ryan

Expeditions

Sallie Greenwood keeps directions to the various climbing areas and a listing of planned expeditions. Contact her about an expedition you are planning or if you are unable to contact the trip leader for a club trip. Her phone number is 965-4087.

Anyone interested in climbing in the Tetons in late August - early September, please contact Brian Rennex at (H) 585-1667, or (W) 454-3418.

Anyone with expeditionary plans for the summer of 1975 and looking for members, contact Scott Udall at 524-4101 or 524-4146.

DIRECTIONS TO CLIMBING AREAS

Carderock

Take exit 14 from the Washington Beltway and follow the signs to Carderock. On entering the recreational area, make a right turn and proceed to the last parking lot. Park at the comfort station and follow the large trail into the woods some seventy yards. Descend at a cleft in the rock. The climbing area lies both to the left and the right and is bounded in front by the Potomac River.

Annapolis Rocks

From the Beltway take I 70S north past Frederick to U.S. 40. Go west on 40 to top of South Mountain, park at roadside park on the left, across from gas station. Cross road, ascend bank to trail by fence paralleling road. After 100 yards, turn right and follow trail up hill 2 miles to Annapolis Rocks sign. Rocks are 100 yards to left.

Shawangunks

Look at a recent road map.

Great Falls, Md.

From the Washington Beltway take exit 15, go past Carderock exit on the parkway and turn left on MacArthur Boulevard. Follow to Great Falls parking lot (4 miles). Walk downstream on tow path until rocks can be seen below. Follow trail breaking right and scramble down to rocks.

Seneca Rocks

From the Beltway take I 66 to Gainesville and bear right onto Va. 55 to Moorefield, W. Va. Turn left on U.S. 220 to Petersburg, where one turns right onto W. Va. 4 & 28. Go 22 miles to Mouth of Seneca. After crossing bridge over N. Fork turn left onto dirt road. Go $\frac{1}{4}$ mile to parking lot by river. Cross bridge and follow path to rocks.

Bull Run

From the Beltway take I-66 to Gainesville. Bear right onto Va. 55. About $\frac{1}{3}$ mile past the junction with U.S. 15 bear right onto a secondary road. In about 3 miles turn left at a T-intersection where the road becomes dirt. The road is paved again at the county line. Col. Hugh Sock's house is passed, then park at the base of a steep jeep road on the left (don't block the jeep road). Hike up the jeep road until it starts to level off, then pick up a trail on the right where the electric lines cross the road. The rocks are about a mile up the trail and are 200 yards past a good view that is partially blocked by a 10-foot high boulder.

Climber's Calendar

August 18 Carderock Training Bill Thomas 536-7948
Aug. 25 Annapolis Rocks, Md. Sallie Greenwood 965-4087
Aug. 31-Sept 2 Shawangunks, N.Y. Joe Jensen 301-947-3322
Sept. 8 Cupids Bower John Bonine 338-6210
Sept. 11 General Meeting 8:00 p.m. PATC Headquarters
Sept. 15 Great Falls, Md. Training Bob Ryan 560-6044
Sept. 21-22 Seneca Rocks, W. Va. Steve Williams 593-1299
Sept 29 Bull Run, Va. John Birch 533-3668
Please call trip leader before attending a trip. Trips to Shawangunks and Seneca Rocks are for experienced leaders and seconds only.

Belay Ledge

Sallie Greenwood has been elected to membership in the American Alpine Club.

Attention Gunks Climbers

Summer weather, being the season for reproduction of species, brings multitudes of wasps out on the sunny faces. A few occupied climbs are: 3 nests on the first pitch of Rusty Trifle, 3 nests of Wrist, 1 on Ribs, 1 on the second pitch of Shockley's Ceiling, 1 on the second pitch of Drunkards Delight, and 1 in the tree of Silly Chimney. Beware, behind blind flakes and other areas.

New Parking Area at Nethers for Old Rag

The National Park Service announced that a new parking area has been developed at the Nethers approach to Shenandoah National Park, so that cars of hikers to Old Rag and Nicholson Hollow can be accommodated.

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