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**At Base Camp**

As an added incentive to registering before climbing at Harpers Ferry, the National Park Service is now levying a \$50 fine on anyone seen climbing the rocks without having first signed in at Park Headquarters. We hope this will curb the rash of accidents there, which have all happened to hikers venturing on to what looked like easy rock and getting up over their heads.

Nelson Rocks are beginning to appeal to more and more climbers. If you desire to climb on them, keep in mind that the Eastern approach to the rocks on the North side of the road is on private property, and the owners apparently do not welcome trespassers. The ownership of the Rocks themselves is in some dispute, but the party who owns the East access do not own the rocks.

John Stannard has contributed another \$291 to the Seneca Fund. This makes a total of \$518 to date from the proceeds of the sale of the pictorial guide to Seneca Rocks. Nice work, John! Undisbursed monies in the Seneca Fund currently stand at \$338.

As mentioned by Richard Stokes at the July MS meeting, the registration procedures at Great Falls have been simplified. Well, at first they are more complicated. You go to the HQ and fill out a registration card that asks the usual name and address, but also other info such as how to identify your car, next of kin, and your climbing experience. The next time you come, all you do is sign your name and the specific climbing area you will be in. If you haven't left by dark, the rangers match up the cars left in the parking lot with the cards in the file, add in the names and climbing locations on that day's sign-up sheet, and then they know who is lost and where.

Do you feel left out of the world of the big league climbers? You didn't go to the ALPS or the TETONS or even the WHITES? You even missed out on the July 29 worktrip to Nelson House where you could have tried some 5.8's on the ladders? How can you let the world know that you belong to the PATC-MS? By buying a MS patch, of course. See Stan Halpin at the next meeting to find out how to get your patch. (You need an MS membership and \$2 for starters.)

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