



LIBRARY  
POTOMAC APPALACHIAN TRAIL CLUB  
1718 N. STREET, N.W.  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20036

FOUNDED BY  
JAN AND HERB CONN

## NEWS OF THE P.A.T.C. MOUNTAINEERING SECTION

1718 N Street, N.W. Washington DC 20036

VOLUME 37, NUMBER 5

MAY 1982

### LOW LANDS MOUNTAINEERING

If the title raises the expectation that you might combine your next visit to tulips and canals with a stay at a Dutch climbing area, I have to disappoint you. Even the abundant ice that covers the country most winters has not a right angle to be of interest for the mountaineer. For once, myth and reality meet: all indeed is flat in the Netherlands.

It is not surprising, therefore, that the number of climbers in the Netherlands is small. Traditionally, the climbing community consisted of the relatively small group that combined sportiveness with the wealth and leisure time needed for a trip to the Alps. Things are changing, however, not in the least because of the extensive coverage by the media of Dutch expeditions to Annapurna, Nanga Parbat and, next year, Mount Everest.

Climbing has become more accessible too, for the career of a Dutch climber may now start closer to home, in the romantic setting of the Meuse Valley. Overlooking the Versailles-style gardens of the Baron the Freyr, the rock formations near Dinant (Belgium) serve as the breeding ground for more recent generations of Dutch climbers.

Climbing in this region started in the 19th century; early in this century

it was the favorite pasttime of Prince Albert, king-to-be of all Belgians.

After the strain and excitement of your first day of climbing, when you are glowing with joy and the cheap wine that leaves circles of artificial colouring in your mug, do not give in to drowsiness, but make sure that one of your more experienced company pulls you away from the campfire and brings you to the central cafe in nearby Falmignoul. There on a late Saturday evening, the "patron", if you have the luck to find him in a communicative mood, might trust to you the story of young Prince Albert. The Prince was an enthusiastic innovator and surprisingly much more popular with the people than he was with his courtiers. A deadly climbing accident in the Freyr region prevented the realization of his plans; he never succeeded to the throne. Sixty years later, not everybody -- at least not the patron, has been persuaded that the mysterious accident that befell the Prince was not in some way provoked by his enemies.

Fortunately, it is not often anymore that the rocks at Freyr take such a heavy toll; the routes are secured by an officially placed, maintained, and checked system of pitons. The using of nuts (and what is more important, the esthetical considerations that gave rise

[continued on page 6]



JUNE 6th: !! PICNIC !!

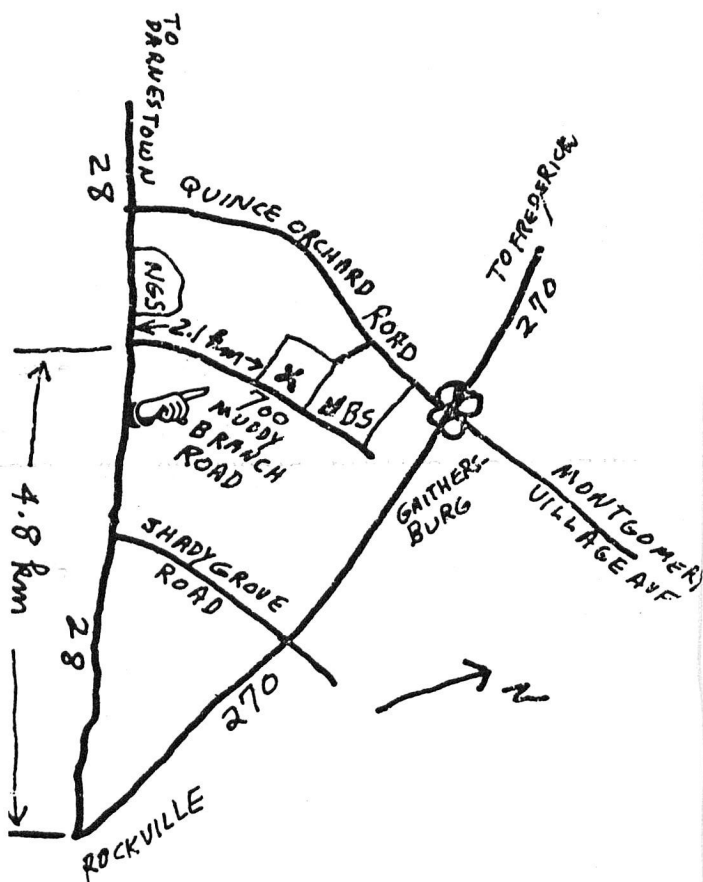
Ute Christoph [273-5117] is coordinating our picnic.

Date: June 6th

Place: Izaak Walton Park (see map)

Food and Refreshments: to be discussed at May meeting (or call Ute)

Other: Harold Goldstein (966-9091) is trying to arrange and organize an auktion and a raffle. Because of the shortness of time that we have to get this together, we will need some reactions, input, feedback, donations, etc. between now and the May meeting. We will donate a percentage (amount to be decided at May meeting) to PATC. It's time to get moving and climbing!



## X MARKS THE SPOT



Up Rope is the monthly newsletter of the Mountaineering Section (MS) of the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club (PATC) of Washington, D.C. Climbing articles, letters, and comments are welcome and should be addressed to Patti Lemon, c/o MARC, Inc., 3413-1/2 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20007. Deadline is the 20th of each month. Subscriptions for MS members are included in the dues. The annual subscription price for nonmembers is \$4. Current PATC members interested in receiving Up Rope may obtain a subscription at no charge. MS members must belong to PATC. Applicants for membership and PATC members can join the MS by obtaining sponsorship from a current MS member. Send subscription and address changes to Mountaineering Section-Secretary, 1718 N Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036.

### MOUNTAINEERING SECTION ACTIVITIES

The MS holds meetings at PATC headquarters (1718 N Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.) the second Wednesday of each month except August. There is a brief business session followed by a slide show, film, or other form of entertainment. Sunday trips to nearby climbing areas and/or weekend trips to more distant areas are sponsored every weekend. Check the climber's calendar for scheduled trips.

Anyone beginning intermediate training are offered once a month. Anybody is welcome to participate in MS activities, although some restrictions may be placed on participation in club trips. The Sunday trips are usually to areas where there is a complete range of top rope climbs. However, we ask that you have some experience or training prior to the trip. The weekend trips are usually for lead climbers only, and you are expected to find your own climbing partner.

## PATC MOUNTAINEERING SECTION

Chairman	James Eakin	587-5062
Vice Chairman	Charlie Dorian	362-7523
Secretary	Patti Lemon	762-4769
Treasurer	Ed Cummings	332-6100

UP ROPE STAFF

Editor  
Patti Lemon 762-4769  
Circulation Manager  
Joe Farness 265-5877

## WINTER VACATIONS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE!

Date: 11-18 February 1982

I picked up John Teasdale in Boston, where he was attending the annual meeting of the American College of Weeds and Garden Pests. We motored to my place in South Chatham, NH for some ice climbing. On Lincoln's birthday, we did an evasive version of "The Smear" (NEIV) as John was itching to do something hard.

Stan Halpin and Meg Harding, along with two friends, arrived Friday night for some downhill skiing, and a little later Stan Switala staggered in, red-eyed after a drive from Fredericksburg.

Despite John's over-indulgence in hospitality suites and Stan's fatigue, we did a nice alpine route on Mount Willard called "Cinema Gulley". Several pitches of relatively easy snow and ice, a traverse on steep snow through trees, a pitch of harder ice, and rapped off. Stan H. and friends downhilled with abandon and incredible stamina.

John had to return to D.C. on Sunday, and Stan S. led "Goofers", a sustained Grade III on Cathedral Ledge, just a few minutes out of North Conway. We skied into Arethusa Falls on Monday, Stan's first-ever ski tour. Stan said the skiing was far tougher than the Falls, and proved it by spending a great deal of time in intimate contact with the snow. For a rest (and a laugh), we checked out the "Black Dike" on Cannon on Tuesday. The approach, same as summer, proved easy and fast, and from the bottom of the climb, the "Dike" looked eminently climbable. Inevitably, I knew Stan would talk me into it.

Wednesday the 17th was warm and sunny, and we were confident on the approach up the long snow slope to the base of the Dike. The Whitney-Gilman Ridge flashed in the morning sun, and would probably have been a push-over had we brought over EB's.

I semi-soloed the first pitch. From below it looked easy, but the bulge got steeper and steeper as I ran out the rope. With relief I plugged in a Chouinard tube at the base of an evil looking yellow column of ice no wider than five feet for half a pitch. The ice was

wafer-thin in places and screw placements hard to find.

Stan led out confidently, but found placing a pin about 20 feet up the icicle not so easy. As he was pulling over the crux about ten feet above the screw he let me know, the first time I'd ever heard him say it, that his position was shaky.

He came off. Directly below him, I ducked and braced for being pulled off my shaky stance. Instead, the crunch was a light jolt. I held and, looking up, could have shook hands. After the usual "Are you OK?" and mumbled reply, we determined he had a bad ankle. It took an hour and one-half to lower him (and him to lower me) to the bottom, and then he crawled a mile to Route 3. The North Conway hospital diagnosed a sprained ankle and Stan, not the least daunted, drove the next day all the way back to Fredericksburg.

Ian Cruickshank

Date: 21-26 February 1982

On Sunday, Bill Stem and John Teasdale climbed "Bob's Delight" and "Pegasus" much to John's delight after John's despair at backing off "Bob's Delight" the previous week.

On Monday, Bill Stem, Jeff Brown, and I had the privilege of accompanying John on his first XC adventure. We started from Jackson on the "Ellis River Trail" and ended at Dana Place. Tom Russell and Donia Mills took the same trail and met up with us for soup and drinks. Jeff, Bill and Tom skied back for the cars while Donia, John, and I relaxed and enjoyed. This trail was nice, and the Dana Place was wonderful! (Recommendation: beef stew and mulled cider.)

Tuesday was ice climbing. John and Bill attempted Dracula. Unfortunately, "Dracula" was hungry for blood as Bill severed his nose with the adze of his axe as it popped out of the flakey vertical column on the lead of the first pitch. Streams of blood ran five feet down the ice. As they went off to the hospital for stitches, Donia and Tom continued to watch Jeff's lead of Waterfall. One pitch and three ice screws later, Jeff was at the top. After a

long belay and frustrating attempt at my first climb, I backed off. A climber who happened on the spot substituted and flashed up the ice pausing only to remove the long screws. Jeff's second was Charlie Townsend of Bowdoin College who Rick Todd and Jeff met in Baniff last summer. He invited us all to his place for beers and showers in Bartlett.

Frustrated, but undaunted, Jeff and I agreed to top rope Beginner's Slabs (South) at Frankenstein the next day. (This proved to be a very nice place for a beginning ice climber to have some success.)

On Wednesday, Donia and Tom decided to go skiing at Bretton Woods and found better conditions and less people than at Jackson. Bill and John were foiled again in their attempt to reach the top of Dracula.

Patti Lemon

The warm weather of the previous few days had rendered the ice very lastic and receptiveness to tools had ended. The first crux pillar on Dracula had become too brittle to climb safely now that frigid, windy conditions had become reestablished. Thus ended our encounter with Dracula. Bill received five stitches in exchange for the blood still frozen in the ice. The four of us retreated to the amphitheatre. Bill, Jeff and I turned our attention to "Chia Direct" while Patti attempted to dig her first ice cave. Bill and I had watched a party climb this route on Sunday and although it was steep, it appeared promising. Under this year's conditions, the steep ice leading up to the final headwall had numerous shelves which allowed for placing protection. The headwall was split by a shallow chimney on the left of the face which appeared to offer some refuge from the surrounding verticality. Although brittle, the ice was better consolidated than that on Dracula and secure placements were possible. Bill did a fine lead up the lower portion of the face and, after joining the ramp, traversed left to the belay in the ice cave. I found the initial sections of the upper face to meet my expectations and was able to get four screws placed at 10-foot intervals

up to the final headwall. However, after traversing into the chimney, I found that the refuge I had sought was not there and that there were 20 vertical feet staring me in the face. By this time the pitch and four screw placements were taking their toll on my arms, and I decided that it would be safer to "go for it" than waste more strength on another placement. Unfortunately, this mind set precluded me from testing the chimney higher up where there was a resting stance. Near the top I got my picks over the edge onto the lower angle ice above. My strength nearly gone, I did not take the extra blows to ensure that the picks were well seated. As I made the last step that would have brought my right foot onto a good hold my picks both failed at once, and I found myself dropping. The fall was 50 feet without touching any ice on the way down. The equipment performed perfectly. The upper Chouinard screw tied off at 3/4-length held, and the rope brought me to a gentle halt without jarring me and in an upright position at that. The only damage was a sprain to my left ankle. This was the ankle I was stepping up on at the time of the fall, and the injury undoubtedly occurred during the initial detachment from the ice. Why didn't someone make Frankenstein Cliff five feet shorter?

John Teasdale

(2/25) Bill joined Donia and I today for a very cold, windy day of skiing at Bretton Woods. The trails were still good, but littered with debris from the trees. This caused some problems.

Tom Russell

Jeff and I started from Pinkham Notch on the Old Jackson Road (OJR) and headed to the Auto Road. Our goal was the Halfway House. The temp was 5°F, and the wind was blowing and gusting to 25 MPH in the Notch. The snow was great! We found snow more like powder than the icy conditions around Jackson. The cat had made part of the road choppy, and the wind increased as we climbed in altitude. Somewhere above the 3-mile mark the gusts increased to



the point of knocking me off my feet. We perserved and made our goal. Now to ski back. We had intended to take the Auto Road down to "Connie's Way" and back to Pinkham Notch. We abandoned this idea and went back the way we had come. (By the way, if you take OJR, the ski trail breaks from the hiking trail at the sign pointing straight up the hill. Go straight ahead, and you are almost to the Auto Road.) My mica skis were a little slow which turned out to be a good thing. This was a lot of fun.

We all decided that Friday was the day for alot of fun. A very nice half-day ski tour can be found 1/2-mile from Ian's called the "Weiss Brook Trail". Jeff, Bill and I went up the gentle slope, across the flat open spot, and up through the trail in the trees. It gets rather bumpy as you near the lake.

This allowed us a lazy afternoon in North Conway with visits to IME and the HOT TUBS SHOP. They have one wooden tub and two spas (fiberglas, sunken tubs). Five of us for \$6 each got one hour of hot swirling water and bubbles, music, towels, showers, and privacy. Really nice! We followed this with dinner at Horsefeathers. (Recommendation: the Naughty Nachos.) This day was a real treat.

Yes sir, a fine day!

Patti

Date: 7-13 March 1982

William Vanderfeltz and I arrived late last night. After a weak attempt to find a bar and start Ian's fire we turned in early. Today was warm and foggy, so we toured (in the car) Mt. Washington, Frankenstein Cliffs, EMS and IME.

Ian arrived late last night. We went back to Frankenstein Cliffs and did Waterfall Directissima (on right side). Found it plenty hard, vertical, and hard on the arms.

Tuesday, snowing and in the 20's. Took a wonderful ski tour from Kankaman-gus Highway to to K.H. via Hancock Notch Trail to Cedar Brook by Height of Land to Wilderness Trail. Starts with easy downhill, then short not too steep uphill, then long, exciting downhill run. The Wilderness Trail is long,

smooth, and slightly downhill. We negotiated a ride back to our car with two locals out just cruising. Good snow, good trail, and a fun run down.

Wednesday - To the summit of Mt. Washington! But no! Only to Alpine Garden. Too late of a start and uncertainty about the weather. Up Pinnacle Gulley over snowy approach (700-foot ride for Harvard Hut keeper on Central last night). Tried to descend Lion's Head Trail, got lost & almost avalanched! Finally down by Raymond Cataract - violating a cardinal no-no. Deep, deep snow but got out safely.

William, Dave Atkinson (who got in last night) and I went ice climbing. Tried to find Standard Route but did a Walk in the Forest by mistake. Exciting enough, all right. Long slog through deep snow. One steep section on climb.

Friday was warm and poor Mt. Washington weather ruled out summit bid. Waded through waist high snow to the base of the Black Dike and scoped out climb. Looks very possible. Mild rain cooled our fever so we retreated to car. On way back saw two avalanches (falling snow, ice and water) beside Black Dike. Debris landed where we'd been standing! Have to come back next year.

Rain and warm provided a perfect test for Goretex, wool, pile and polypro claims on Saturday. Control provided by William. Cotton fashionable but poor substitute for warmth. (Hypothermia prevented only by thoughts of fiancee.) Dave led first pitch of Standard, and William led the last pitch. Both did fine jobs.

Charlie Dorian

Date: 14-20 March 1982

Chuck and Margaret Wettling, Dave Atkinson, Martha Hale and I got in some great XC skiing and even a little climbing during a week when Spring was fast encroaching on the North Country.

Two very fine tours are the Bog Brook Trail above Jackson, and the Hancock Notch Wilderness Trail loop; 12 miles at altitudes between 1500 and 3000 feet, when conditions can still be wintry in March. Dave became so excited about the downhill section that he bought new stiff high-top boots and

steel-edged fiberglass skis, not to mention a new pile parka and polypro underwear. He was seen doing several new freestyle maneuvers on this equipment, some of which were done from the standing-still position, others involving complicated aerial gymnastics.

Dave and I also had a perfect day doing Damnation Gulley on Mt. Washington and bagged the summit as frosting. Dave graduated as an ice technician by leading Goofers on Cathedral Ledge as the Spring weather slowly destroyed the ice all around us. As the gang all headed south, we officially pronounced the Winter season in New Hampshire finished.

Ian

[LOW - continued from page 1]

to it) is coming in fashion rapidly now, following the U.S. with a 15-year lag.

This lag may be partly explained by the greater difficulty we have shaking off the burden of tradition. More likely, it is due to the fact that traditional Dutch climbing does not focus on rock climbing in and of itself. Rock climbing has mostly been seen as only one of the skills of an Alpinist. It is an end in itself for only a few. From this, you will understand how great my surprise was to meet, at Seneca Rocks, a group of "specialists" that exclusively rappels, enjoying as a sport that is considered to be a useful but not especially pleasant or exciting activity in the Alps.

The classic mountain education still starts with hiking in increasingly rough terrain. Only when somebody is able to organize the whole tour, to find his way and keep up speed, to know when to retreat, and to master the delicate code of conduct in the "huettes", can he start thinking about making tours that require technical rock climbing skills. It is in these basic skills that Dutch climbers are often lacking. Although it may be the limit of training opportunities, it is unforgivable that many young Dinant-bred climbers get in over their heads in the Alps. More likely they select their climbs by the level of their gymnastic talents and not by their general alpine skills.

A small group of climbers, however, is doing extremely well, not only in the Alps but also in the Andes, the Himalayas and the Pamirs. Because sponsoring expeditions in the Netherlands is a rare event, the individual participants and supporting clubs have to make serious financial commitments with little or no assistance. However, the experience gained and inspiration spawned make these expeditions more than worthwhile for all climbers alike.

William van der Feltz

#### BOOK REVIEW

Expeditions to Nowhere, by Paddy Sherman (The Mountaineers, Seattle 1981), 240 pages.

What do you get when you cross a daily newspaper publisher/editor with an amateur mountain climber? A book for \$14.95. Paddy Sherman, a British immigrant to Canada, has risen through the newspaper ranks to become the publisher of the Vancouver Daily. He also has climbed actively in the Canadian Rockies and has undertaken many mountains around the world. The combination of these skills has resulted in a non-assuming book about his expeditions to most everywhere. It reads a lot like entries out of his personal journals, only edited for the general public.

He recounts his climbs of several peaks in Canada, Alpamayo and Huascaran in Peru, Illimani in Bolivia, Kilimanjaro and Mt. Kenya in Africa, Mt. McKinley in Alaska, Aconcagua in Argentina, and even Mt. Kosciuszko in Australia. He focuses as much on the people he meets along the way as he does on the climbs themselves. His close attention to detail is complemented by his occasional attempts to put events into a universal perspective.

Although this book cannot rightfully demand space on the shelves of the "Complete Library of Mountaineering", it can be recommended for every amateur mountaineer who wants inspiration for climbing any of these well-known peaks.

Jeff Brown

## EXECUTIVE MEETING: April 7, 1982

In attendance: James, Patti, Ed, Charlie, Joe Farness, Joe Wagner, Dave Atkinson, Barbara Llewellyn, Martha Hale, and Tom Russell.

1. Carderock: a ramp is soon to be built over the bog area.
2. Stokes litter for Seneca: John Markwell has picked out the old fashion type of metal litter versus the new plastic one.
3. Seneca trail: at the Business Meeting, Dave A. is to ask the Section to make a commitment to the proposed work plan. This work plan will be provided by Ray Blum of the Forest Service/Visitors Center. The basic idea is to improve the existing trail by redesigning it to fewer switch-backs.
4. Treasurer's Report: In view of Stan Halpin's request for justification of our 1982 budget, Ed made the following recommendations.

Conservation:	was \$75, now \$75
UIAA:	was \$75, now \$0
NF Rescue:	was \$100, now \$100
Mohonk Trust:	was \$100, now \$100
Programs:	was \$800, now \$550
UpRope:	was \$2000, now \$2250
Training:	was \$50, now \$0
TOTALS:	\$3,200      \$3,075

5. McKinley Expedition:
  - (1) The T-shirt design is the MS patch emblem with 1982 Denali Expedition across the top. They are either yellow or light blue. Tom order about 18 extra shirts. [Contact either Tom or myself.] The silk screen of the MS patch will be donated to the Section.
  - (2) Tom Russell will chair a committee to find out the meaning of PATC sponsorship. This committee will then draft a proposal for terms of sponsorship for future expeditions.
6. Conservation donation: James will ask Ron Greenberg to finish the work Vivian started.
7. Bull Run: Trip for Sunday, 18th

8. Nelson House: nothing new.
9. PATC wants ideas for money making projects to help with the current financial crunch. James is to appoint a committee.
10. Training: John Teasdale may teach an aid climbing course later this year.
11. First Aid Course: Martha Hale will chair committee to provide us with a first aid course.
12. New secretary: the search will begin.
13. Climber's Calendar: Charlie is working on it.
14. Picnic: June 6th [See this edition for more details.]
15. Camp ground at Seneca: Dave received a letter from the FS asking for input on their proposed new primitive, family-type camp-ground. [See Business Meeting minutes for more information.]

## APRIL 14th BUSINESS MEETING

Old Business:

1. Motion: March's minutes be accepted as published in Up Rope. [Approved]
2. June 6th Picnic: Ute Christoph is coordinating this year's picnic. [See this edition for more info.]
3. Training: Don Barnett will train this month. John Teasdale was offered to teach an aid climbing course.
4. First Aid Course: Martha Hale will chair this committee.
5. Carderock: John Christian got a lumber company in Baltimore to donate some lumber; he will oversee the construction of a walk way. University of Maryland students placed railroad ties this past weekend; the ties are to be nailed down, and dirt will be brought in. The main concern is the bank eroding in the "Cripples" area. Sign-up sheet was passed. Call Janet Young (966-9091) for more information.
6. Stokes Litter: Charlie will now try to procure the litter that Markwell picked out.

7. Seneca trail: the Forest Service is very enthusiastic about our helping to improve the trail on the west side of the rocks. Ray Blum [Visitors Center] will draw up a plan to take the existing trail from the stream to Luncheon Ledge that will stretch out the switchbacks, add boards for permanence, and brush to deter short cutting. The FS needs to know that they can depend upon us. The plan will be ready by the first weekend in May. We need 4-5 people giving 4 hours per weekend for 4-5 weekends. If you sign-up, you are committed and responsible for finding your own substitute, if necessary. Call Dave Atkinson [654-1784] if you are interested in helping, or check at the VC any weekend in May. We will try to get help from other climbers using the area.
8. Ron Greenberg will take over the conservation donation search.
9. T-shirts for the PATC-Denali Expedition will soon be available. [See Executive Meeting minutes for more information.]
10. Bull Run: trip this weekend.
11. Nelson House: are you there?

#### NEW BUSINESS:

1. New Secretary: Martha Hale and Barbara Llewellyn will begin the search.
2. Money-making ideas: guidebook of DC outcrops; raffle; auction. Harold Goldberg will see about getting some donations and has offered to be the auctioneer. We will combine these activities with the picnic if there is enough interest.
3. Treasurer's report: Ed reviewed the recommendations that he made at the Executive Meeting. Motion: Budget revisions proposed by the Executive Committee be accepted. [Approved]
4. Campground at Seneca: Dave A. read the letter from Jerry Bremer (FS) asking for our comments and suggestions. The proposed camp-site is 1/2-mile south from Seneca

site is 1/2-mile south from Seneca on US Rt. 33. It will have a maximum of 100 primitive sites. They want to close camping on Roy Gap Road. There will be a trail from the new sites straight across FS land that will lead to the foot-bridge. The following are our ideas from which Dave will compose a responding letter: keep Roy Gap Road; it is a good idea; need more distance between sites; will the noise problems continue?; will we have to pay?; will motored campers be allowed?; we want it primitive for campers; have a parking lot; Buck Harper's should suffice; no hook-ups; pit toilets and water pumps only.

5. James asked Charlie to conduct the rest of the meeting so that he could step down to make the following two motions.

Motion #1: I propose a committee organized by John Christian be set up as an arbitrator to examine the information available on the Lake Minnewaska issue to determine whether or not PATC/MS will make a \$75 donation to a local representative organization to be determined by the committee. The committee will be composed of four MS members: 2 selected by Lin Murphy and 2 selected by Charlie Dorian. Views pro and con will be accepted by the committee from all sources. The findings of the committee will be presented at the next monthly meeting, or as soon as possible, and a vote by the membership will be taken on the motion presented by the committee. Dave Atkinson seconded. Discussion. Ron Greenberg proposed the following amendment to replace the words "2 -> Dorian" by "a committee of four deemed by the membership to be unbiased to look at the facts." Voting on the amendment: 8 for and 0 opposed. Voting on the motion: 0 for. Motion #2: I propose that an impartial observer from PATC council be present at the MS monthly meeting to assure fairly run meetings. No second.

6. Climber's Calendar: request for change from term leader to coordinator on trip schedule. Charlie is working on May's schedule.
7. John Teasdale still wants more slides to present in June.



THE CONSTITUTION OF THE  
POTOMAC APPALACHIAN TRAIL CLUB  
MOUNTAINEERING SECTION

Adopted March 7, 1965;  
Amended March 6, 1974.

- I. NAME:  
The name of this organization shall be - MOUNTAINEERING SECTION, Potomac Appalachian Trail Club.
- II. OBJECT:
  1. To provide the opportunity for group enjoyment of mountaineering and related activities;
  2. To train interested people in mountaineering techniques;
  3. To provide public service through specialized mountaineering techniques;
  4. To foster the conduct of these activities in a safe manner.
- III. OFFICERS:
  1. The elected officers of the Section shall be a Chairman, who must be a member of the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club, Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer.
  2. They shall be elected in accordance with the by-laws;
  3. The Chairman shall have the authority to appoint or remove such additional officers as he deems necessary.
- IV. MEETINGS:
  1. An annual meeting of the Section membership shall be held as specified in the by-laws;
  2. Special meetings may be called as provided in the by-laws.
- V. PUBLICATIONS:  
The Section shall publish a newsletter - UP ROPE.
- VI. AMENDMENTS:
  1. This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the entire membership of the Section, providing:
    - a. A proposal for amendment is signed by three members; and
    - b. That notice is given to the membership in writing by mail at least four weeks prior to voting.

BY-LAWS

I. MEMBERSHIP

- A. Qualifications:  
Anyone with a genuine interest in the objectives of the Mountaineering Section may become a member after the following have been fulfilled:
  1. Properly filling out a prescribed application form;
  2. Obtaining one sponsor who has been a member for a minimum of three months;
  3. Payment of annual dues.
- B. Termination:
  1. For non-payment of dues for sixty days; however, a member who has been dropped for non-payment of dues may be re-instated at the discretion of the Chairman, providing the dues in arrears are paid;
  2. For cause. Three-quarters of the Section's members at a regular or special business meeting may terminate a membership providing:
    - a. At least three members request such action, stating reasons in full;
    - b. The member concerned is notified in writing by the Chairman at least two weeks before the meeting;
    - c. The member shall have an opportunity to appear in his own behalf at the meeting.
- C. Dues:
  1. P.A.T.C. members shall pay annual dues of \$1.00;
  2. Non-P.A.T.C. members shall pay annual dues of \$2.00.

**II. SELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN:**

A nominating committee, appointed by the Chairman, will annually nominate a Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer to be elected at the Annual Meeting of the Section.

**III. DUTIES OF MOUNTAINEERING SECTION OFFICERS:****A. Chairman:**

1. To represent the Section in contacts with the P.A.T.C., other mountaineering groups, and the public;
2. To schedule and conduct business meetings;
3. To administer a training program in safety and climbing techniques;
4. To prepare an activity schedule;
5. To appoint trip leaders for each scheduled activity;
6. To appoint and act as ex-officio member of committees;
7. To appoint additional officers as provided in the Constitution.

**B. Vice-Chairman:**

1. To assist the Chairman in any and all matters;
2. To act in place of the Chairman during his absence or disability.

**IV. COMMITTEES:**

1. The Executive Committee shall be composed of elected officers and chairmen of standing committees. It shall meet at least once every quarter year and carry out the Section's business between meetings.
2. There shall be standing committees for training and safety, climbing and expeditions, and program and entertainment.

**V. MEETINGS:**

- A. The business year of the Section shall be the calendar year.
- B. The Annual Meeting of the Section shall be held in January of each year on a date scheduled by the Chairman and announced in UP ROPE.
- C. Regular monthly meetings will be held on the second Wednesday of each month unless otherwise scheduled by the Chairman.
- D. Special meetings may be called by the Chairman as needed.

**VI. AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS:**

The By-Laws may be amended by a majority of members present at any regular or special meeting, provided that the general subject of the proposed amendment is either announced in UP ROPE prior to the meeting or is announced at a previous general meeting.

+

Resolution on Membership  
Adopted December 12, 1973

1. As current memberships lapse, Mountaineering Section members, to retain their memberships, shall become members of the P.A.T.C. with a deduction in the first year's dues of \$5.00 (adults).
2. An amount equal to Mountaineering Section annual dues and UP ROPE subscriptions shall be taken annually from P.A.T.C. Mountaineering Section receipts and transferred to the Mountaineering Section account for use by the Mountaineering Section.
3. New Mountaineering Section membership will be obtained henceforth under current procedures, at no additional charge, after membership in P.A.T.C. has been granted.

+

## EASTER AT THE GUNKS?

Winter lingered well into Spring this year. April came in like a snow lion, dumping ten inches of fresh snow from New York City to Albany. With another snow storm predicted for the Easter weekend, Patti and I decided to go with the snow. We loaded ice axes, crampons, skis and snowshoes into her little sportscar and drove right pass the Uberfall and on to the Adirondacks. Our goal was Mt. Marcy 5344 feet above sea level, the highest point in New York.

Snow predominated the scenery from mid New Jersey northward. In Lake Placid, we secured last minute provisions while sight seeing the two-time Olympic town at its official beginning of the Spring Sales of Mud Season. However, at the Adirondack Loj, mud was relegated to the parking lot only. The Van Hoevenburg Trail had two feet of snow most of the two miles to Marcy Dam. We tented alone next to the Phelps Brook Leanto, a mile beyond the populated Dam area.

Temperatures dropped to the low teens that night. Even though we dined on cold tuna fish and crackers, warmed only by a cup of hot Jello, we were toasty in our 3-season North Face sleeping bags. The morning warmed up to the 20's. We stashed the camping gear and proceeded past Indian Falls. At the tree line we dumped the skis and snowshoes and worked up the exposed Northeast ridge buffeted by winds of 60 MPH.

The snow surface turned to ice; we strapped on the crampons and leaned into the wind, holding onto our ice axes for additional balance. At 12:15 PM Saturday, April 10th we stood together on the wind blown summit, exhilarated by our accomplishment.

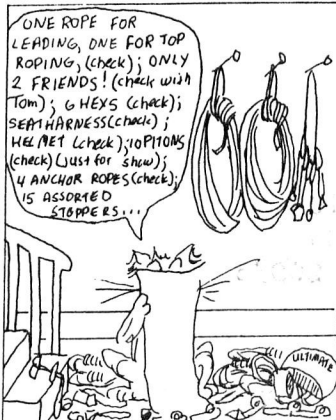
The decent was as much fun as the ascent for me anyway, as I was able to ski most of the trail back to the Loj. Patti tied the snowshoes to her pack as they were not aiding her on the packed trail.

On the way back to D.C. we swung by way of Salisbury, CT for an Easter Sunday breakfast at the White Hart Inn. There we enjoyed one of the best buffet breakfasts for a very reasonable price. We even got colored Easter eggs to take with us. Unfortunately, the access road to the high point of Connecticut was still covered with two feet of snow and blocked by a locked gate.

Not to waste the day by mere driving, we stopped along the way to stand on the high points of New Jersey and Delaware. No Easter eggs on these routes. Hopefully the next Gunks trips will actually go to the Gunks.

Jeff Brown

## HUMMEL



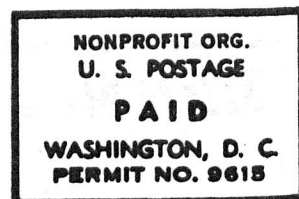
## CLIMBER'S CALENDAR

Date	Place	Coordinator/Information	
5/1-2	Seneca Work Trip*+	Dave Atkinson	654-1784
5/2	Annapolis Rocks	Jeff Brown	762-4769
5/8-9	Seneca Work Trip*+		
5/9	Old Rag	Janet Young	966-9091
5/15-16	Seneca Work Trip*+	Martha Hale	762-4769
5/16	Leader's Choice		
5/22-23	Seneca Work Trip*+	Patti Lemon	762-4769
5/23	Little Stony Man	Pete Grant	960-6033
5/29-30	Seneca Work Trip*+		
5/29-31	Gunks*	Charlie Dorian	362-7523
6/6	PICNIC	Ute Christoph	273-5117
6/13	Annapolice Rocks	Pete Grant	960-6033

+ If you signed up to work, you are responsible for finding out from the coordinator or from Ray Blum at the Visitors Center what work is to be done. You are also responsible for finding your own substitute if you cannot work. If you did not sign up, but want to work, please also contact Ray as he will keep the plan and track our progress. The trail should be completed by Memorial Day weekend at the latest.

\* For trip information, call the leader or Charlie Dorian (362-7523). Day trips are to top rope climbing areas. Weekend trips (designated by \*) are to lead climbing areas -- please arrange for your own climbing partner.

*Up Rope*  
1718 N St N W  
Washington, D. C. 20036



DATED MATTER

LIBRARY PATC  
1718 N ST NW  
WASH DC 20036

P