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### SECTION ELECTIONS TO BE HELD IN JANUARY

The Nominating Committee, chaired by Clair Witt, reports that nominations have been opened and the following members have been named:

For Chairman	Stuart Pregnall
For Vice Chairman	Pete Grant
For Secretary	Selma Hanel
For Treasurer	Karen Roussell

Nominations remain open till January 8. Please make additional nominations to the members of the nominating committee. Nominees must be members in good standing of the Mountaineering Section, the candidate(s) for chairman must also be members of the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club.

### Seneca flood damage

The recent flooding of parts of Virginia and West Virginia has also caused grave damage to Mouth of Seneca, report several members who visited there during the last weeks. The road between Moorefield and Petersburg is still closed and Seneca is reached by alternate routes. There is no camping along the river and more important there is no drinking water available. The swinging bridge was washed away and pavillion and visitors center were devastated. Barbara Llewellyn and Martha Hale report that there is a need for household items, dishes, sheets and the like and plans are being made to help flood victims in the Seneca area. We plan to report in more detail about the situation at Seneca in the next issue.

### Dues for 1986

Annual dues for next year are payable before January 1986 to avoid having your membership lapse, says David Atkinson, Section Treasurer. To make it easier to get your money to the Section and to help you remember this important responsibility, a dues notice with a self-addressed return envelope was mailed to each member, late last month. The Treasurer reports that the response to this new way of collecting dues is encouraging and that checks are coming in now, practically every day.

### Charles Nelson, Section Honorary Member

In gratitude to Charles Nelson for his willingness to let the Section use his farm house and for his friendship, Section members voted to make him an honorary member. The motion was offered at the meeting on November 13 and carried unanimously.

## PATC MOUNTAINEERING SECTION

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FUTURE CLIMBS

HELP! I've had several people ask about climbing in places that aren't included on the climbers calendar. If there is somewhere you'd like to go, please call me (338-6140). I'll make additions to the calendar and have them included in the next UP ROPE.

Are there ice climbers out there interested in venturing up to check out rumors of ice in Ricketts Glen, Delaware Water Gap and Riegelsville, Pennsylvania and upstate New York? If so, let me know. I'll try to round up a few winter weekend trips to these places if there is any interest. Stuart Pregnall

U.S. Government honors Section members

Earlier this summer, Herb and Jan Conn were awarded the Conservation Service Award by Don Hodel, Secretary of the Interior. After they left the Washington area in the 1950s and moved to Custer SD they spent the last 15 years exploring and charting Jewel Cave. The cave is a national monument and Herb and Jan first entered it in September 1959 and by 1980 had explored about 63 miles underground.

The Conns helped found UP ROPE, were active in the Mountaineering Section in the 1940s and 1950s and put up numerous new routes in the area, to wit: Jan's Face, Conn East and West and others. In recognition of their service to the climbing community and to the Section, they were later made honorary section members.

Nelson House: Nori Gessler is taking over from Marcy Logan as supervisor for the Nelson House. During the past two years Marcy organized work trips to paint and maintain this foothold in the Seneca area and contributed countless hours and money to obtain and transport the necessary materials. Nori will also assume the editorship of UP ROPE in 1986.

Researcher seeks help

An ecologist specializing in high altitude littering is seeking published articles on this subject matter and is interested in contacting other researchers working on problems of high altitude ecology. He is an active alpinist and a graduate student in environmental studies. For further information please contact Bruce A. Handley, 1144 Dealynn Street, Sacramento CA 95825; tel.: 916-921-5947.

Mountain Co-Op: Mountain Equipment Co-Op at 675 Younge Street, Toronto, Ontario, Canada; tel.: 416-964-7909. Manager: Gary Delarossa. Membership C\$5.00. VISA accepted, 2 percent discount on cash and check payment. No mail orders.



American alpinists to hold annual meeting

The 83d annual meeting of the American Alpine Club will be held December 6 and 7 in New York. The highlight will be the annual dinner at the Essex House (Dec. 7) which will feature expedition highlights of 1985, including Dick Bass who is the oldest person who climbed Mt. Everest. "Climbing in Bhutan" is scheduled of December 6 at 7 pm at the Asia Society headquarters. For information and reservations contact AAC headquarters, 113 E 90th Street, New York NY 10128; tel.: 212-722-1628.

HANGING AROUNDSugarloaf, September 29

A few new faces and a couple we haven't seen in some time showed up on a gorgeous Sunday out at Sugarloaf. We climbed on the lower slaps, but farther to the right than we usually do, mostly in deference to the up and coming Reagan Administration officials that climbed with us that day.

The routes that we roped up aren't in the usual repertoire of climbs, and some of them were quite pleasant, some of them quite challenging. For the most part, short overhanging walls were the problems. We climbed until about three thirty, and then nobbled off to Roy's for sustenance. Along were Clair Witt, Ed Cummings, Cedric, Edgar, Bill Hieronymous, Kathy Rebibo, Paul, Betsy and Jason Guthrie, Richard Cunningham, Anne Baron, Bob Gasser, Karen Roussell, and trip leader Stuart Pregnall and Genesis.

Chimney Rocks VA, November 17

It seems that we have been rather lucky with the weather this climbing season. After having rained all day Saturday, and the streets (and most likely, the rocks too) still wet on Sunday morning, the forecasters insisted that we would have pleasant temperatures and no rain for the day. Well, they hit it right on the nail head; couldn't have asked for a better November day for climbing!

An even dozen people showed up for the climb. Gary, Jacques, Tom and I led routes up the walls and fixed top ropes. Mark and Charlie scrambled to the top to put up another rope and a few more were done later during the day. Some local climbers showed up a bit later from whom we found out that the crags have been mapped and the climbs rated. The favorite climb of the day was one called "B&M," a 5.8 that was rather continuous for most of its 60-foot length.

The finale for the day was the workout on the overhang at the south end of the rocks. Several of us tried, but only Gary was able to make it--and he made it look sooo easy, embarrassing the rest of us of lesser ability.

Participants: Gary Beil, Mark O'Connor, Selma Hamel, Kathy Rebibo, Gordon Swenson, Charlie ?, Vicky Smith, Tom Isaacson, Bob Gasser, Rich Cunningham and I. Pete Grant

What do these classes mean?

Mountaineers often say "it was a typical class 3 route," and everybody either knows or pretends to understand what is meant. As a refresher to the old hands and an aid to pretenders and novices, here's a summary of route categories:

Class 1 hiking. Class 2 Talus and scree walking which can be unstable. Hands are sometimes used for balance. Class 3 Hand and footholds are necessary in more exposed situations than 2. Class 4 Usually steep rock with much smaller holds and great exposure; use of rope. Class 5 Difficult climbing on steep rock which requires protection and the proper use of ropes and belays.

CONSTITUTION  
OF THE  
MOUNTAINEERING SECTION,  
POTOMAC APPALACHIAN TRAIL CLUB

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  
Amended May 11, 1983.

I. MEMBERSHIP

A. Eligibility

Any person 14 years of age or older who supports the objectives of the Mountaineering Section shall be eligible for membership. Submission to the Secretary of the application together with payment of dues for the calendar year shall constitute acceptance to membership.

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 reinstated 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. Section members shall pay annual dues of \$15.00, except for honorary and non-resident members.
2. Section members residing outside the greater Washington metropolitan area may request and receive non-resident membership status and pay two-thirds of regular membership dues for individuals or couples.
3. A joint or family membership includes individual membership privileges and the mailing of one copy of announcements and publications. Dues shall equal regular dues plus two-thirds of same for each additional person.
4. Annual dues shall be collected in the months of November and December for the following year and membership be defined as of January 20 for publication in February.

D. Honorary Membership

The Section may at any time bestow honorary membership upon any person who has rendered outstanding service or in recognition of outstanding contributions to the Section or its objectives.



## II. SELECTION OF OFFICERS

1. A nominating committee, appointed by the Chairman in October of each year, shall nominate candidates for the elected positions; these nominations, and any additional nominations submitted by members, shall be published in Up Rope in the November and December issues.
2. Officers shall be elected at the annual meeting by secret ballot; the candidate receiving a majority of votes cast by members present at the election shall be declared elected.
3. Officers shall assume their duties immediately upon election and serve for a period of one year.
4. When electing a Chairman, voting privileges shall be limited to Section members in good standing and who are members of PATC.

## III. DUTIES OF OFFICERS

### A. Chairman

1. To represent the Section in contacts with the PATC, 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, including the Editor of Up Rope and any other Up Rope staff, as provided in the Constitution;
8. To assemble and maintain in an orderly manner a policy manual which shall contain copies of the Section Constitution, By-Laws, as amended, resolutions, minutes of the current year, concise Section history and other items of a policy nature. This shall be in addition to those records kept by the Secretary and Treasurer. The Chairman shall pass the manual on to his successor at election;
9. To report annually to the membership on the state of the Section and its activities during the year;
10. To delegate above duties 1, 3 through 5 to others as desired and appropriate.

### 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.

### C. Secretary

1. To record and maintain minutes and reports of business conducted at regular, special and executive committee meetings;
2. To conduct the Section's correspondence and maintain Section files;
3. To call the roll as required;
4. To register new members and maintain a membership roster.

### D. Treasurer

1. To collect dues and fees; accept contributions and gifts; and act as the sole custodian on behalf of the Section of all monies not deposited;
2. To maintain a current account of all receipts and disbursements, substantiated by written record;
3. To disburse funds as approved by the membership and upon instruction by the Chairman;
4. To submit funds and records annually for examination by the Executive Committee at least two Section members of good standing and present them together with the annual financial statement at the regular meeting each December.

## IV. COMMITTEES

1. The Executive Committee shall be composed of elected officers, the preceding Section Chairman, and chairmen of standing committees. During each term, the Committee may approve by vote to include chairmen of special (ad hoc) committees and other appointed officers. It shall meet at least once every quarter year and carry out the Section's business between meetings. The Chairman shall inform the Section about Executive Committee actions. Five members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any regular or special meeting of the Committee.
2. There shall be standing committees for training and safety, climbing and expeditions, program and entertainment, Up Rope, membership and hospitality, conservation and access, and publicity.
3. The Executive Committee shall prescribe the duties of standing committees, as proposed by the Chairman.

## V. MEETINGS

1. The business year of the Section shall be the calendar year.
2. 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.
3. Regular monthly meetings will be held on the second Wednesday of each month unless otherwise scheduled by the Chairman.
4. Special meetings may be called by the Chairman as needed.
5. Unless otherwise agreed, meetings will be conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order, as revised.

## VI. PUBLICATIONS

1. There shall be an Editor to edit and publish Up Rope, and such other staff as needed to publish and distribute the newsletter.
2. Up Rope shall be sent free to all Section members, to selected organizations that could affect mountaineering, to other organizations and individuals for publicity or to other mountaineering organizations and publications for exchange.

## VII. 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 Section meeting.

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Annual dues:  
Individual, \$15.00 ☐  
Family/joint membership ☐  
\$15.00 + 10.00/member ☐  
Non-resident, \$10.00 ☐

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP/REINSTATEMENT

(Check one)

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(If couple or family, give full name of all)

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone-Home \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_  
(Persons under 21 years)

Member of PATC ? Yes ☐

I wish to join/rejoin the PATC Mountaineering Section and will support its objectives.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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Registered by Secretary on \_\_\_\_\_ Initial dues of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ received.

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## CLIMBER'S CALENDAR

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For program information, call PATC tape (202/638-5306) during daytime; for trips call the leader or Tom Russell (301/869-8058). Day trips to top rope or short multipitch climbs require no partner. Weekend trips (identified with an asterisk\*) are to lead climbing areas. Please arrange for your own climbing partner(s) in advance. For instruction in basic and advanced rock climbing techniques, call John Teasdale (301/262-9128). Basic Rock Climbing is a four part course: introduction to rock climbing at a nearby crag followed by additional instruction on three regularly scheduled Section Sunday climbs.

Dec 4	Executive committee meeting Ed Cummings & Clair Witt	301-530-6806
Dec 8	Crescent Rock Tom Russell	301-869-8058
Dec 11	Monthly Section meeting, PATC HQ, 8 pm, Business & Program: Ice Climbing	
Dec 15	Purple Horse Stuart Pregnall	202-338-6140

Jan 8, 1986 Annual Section meeting, PATC HQ, 8 pm:  
Election of Officers for 1986, business and program

\* If more information is needed, call Stuart Pregnall at 202-338-6140

Ice climbing trips will be organized on an impromptu basis, depending on weather and ice. Call Stuart Pregnall if interested.

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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

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