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BASE CAMP

The 14 May Mountaineering Section meeting was brought to order by Stuart Pregnall who began with PATC council meeting notes: the guidebook to Great Falls will be reprinted; PATC is looking for someone who can make trail signs for the many unmarked paths as well as someone to work at headquarters during the day. A work trip to Bull Run will be scheduled to make a trail to the cliffs and those interested in climbing may obtain a key to the gate from Stuart Pregnall or Charlie Dorian. An upcoming worktrip to the Nelson House (May 31, June 1) promises an exciting weekend, including the famous chimney belay for roof painting. Call Nori Gessler for details.

A short summary of the special April meeting reaffirmed the club's desire to continue all its activities. The liability committee suggested we have a release form to lessen our exposure in the event an accident occurs during a club activity. Copies of such forms used by other organizations are being

reviewed to help draft a form suitable for the Section. A suggestion was made to increase publicity. A pamphlet stating our function could be written in an eye-catching way and distributed at local climbing goods stores. After several newcomers introduced themselves, Bob Well's slides on ice in Canada were shown. From chopping through ice caves

to vertical approach climbs to rappelling off of pieces of electrical cable conduit, a variety of techniques were pictured and even those who had never been on frozen waterfalls could feel the ice chips falling onto the face as the tools were adeptly placed.

HANGING AROUND

Annapolis Rocks, May 4. Claire and Nori abrogated their responsibility as trip coordinators, one funhogging at the Gunks, the other getting lost for hours in the backcountry of Maryland.

All the usual intimidatingly overhung climbs were rigged when Annie and I finally showed up--Pine Tree Crack and the difficult face to