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Summer Fun Issue!

### AT BASE CAMP

#### APRIL-MAY-JUNE 1987

The business covered included final organization for the REI auction which was held in April. The MS earned a substantial profit from the auction. Carderock conservation is again being discussed again because recent floods have undermined the embankment. The MS hopes to coordinate this effort with others groups that use the area. Ken Andrasko and Bob Gasser are going to look into First Aid rescue kits and what they should contain. Ken and Madeline Carter are investigating the possibilities of a Mountain Film Festival.

**Bull Run:** The VOF recently announced their purchase of property at High Point which overlaps the property surveyed as Leigh Hauters. VOF offered to negotiate an agreement with Mr. Hauter, whereby VOF would maintain control of their acquisition and Mr. Hauter would have sole title of the property. Currently the VOF owns 20% of the title. On June 13 Stuart Pregnall walked both boundaries with Leigh Hauter that were surveyed for Mr. Hauter and the VOF. The overlap does not affect the main climbing area which is on Leigh Hauter's property; however, the VOF proposal would include a clause that the PATC would never have access to VOF property. As this is not

acceptable to Leigh Hauter or the PATC, more negotiations will be needed.

**Entertainment:** In April various members showed slides of miscellaneous climbing and skiing they had done. In May Anne Baron shared her trip to Nepal. In June Stuart Rosenthal showed slides of the Cascade Range and the variety of hiking, rock climbing and mountaineering it offers.

### **Relay Ledge**

#### ACCESS ALERT

The Mohonk Mountain House is proposing to ban climbing at Skytop (at the Gunks) in the near future. The ban would affect all routes left of the crevice and would run from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Officials of the Mohonk Preserve and concerned local climbers are working with the Mohonk Mountain House on this issue, but MS members can help by writing the Mohonk Mountain House.

It takes only 15 minutes to write a letter that may help avoid a three month climbing ban. Our response will show how poorly thought out the Mohonk Mountain House's action is. In your letter you might stress the following points:

- ° Climbers have been climbing at Skytop for over 50 years -- The first route at Skytop (Gargoyle) was climbed in 1935. There can be no justification for restricting climbing now.