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1989 FILM FESTIVAL A SMASH!

The Club's second annual Washington Mountain Film Festival played to a crowd of approximately 400 at the Cineplex Embassy Theater on March 16, 1989. The Festival had a number of growing pains, but, on the whole, was a success.

The three films prior to the intermission were a nice mixture of new and old and covered the range of simple beauty to overdone silliness. The first film, "Nomads de la Verticale" was a largely failed attempt to juxtapose modern french climbing and Jordanian Bedouins. The climbing was uninspired and the interaction between the French and the Bedouins achieved only a bit of its potential -- a nice idea that was never well executed.

"Directissima" consists of bottom to top footage of Henry Barber soling the first two pitches of the climb of that name and finishing on the classic third pitch of High Exposure in the Gunks. The narration covered the psychology and joy of soloing without dwelling on the details of the particular route. Barber's control and grace on such a steep climb was nicely captured by the few camera angles selected. This film would probably have been better received if the audio had not been seriously distorted by technical problems.

The feature film before intermission, "Den Weg Ist Die Ziel: Die Grandes Jorasses Nordwand," was a gripping reenactment of Peters and Haringer's 1930s attempts to do the first ascent of the North Face of the Grand Jorasses. The film conveyed the desperation of such an undertaking with the gear of the time. This film is one of the few

I've seen in which the conclusion was in serious doubt and the audience was swept along with the climbers towards an uncertain ending. I thought this was the best of several strong films at the festival.

After intermission, we were treated to "First Ascent," a portrayal of Lynn Hill and Beth Bennett's first female ascent of the Naked Edge. The story line was pure "Rocky" - failure, hard work in the gym, and then success. The musical score of the gym scenes reeked of Hollywood and the falls in the opening scenes looked staged. Nonetheless, the interaction between the climbers was surprisingly genuine this genre and the climbing location was spectacular.

"Les Piliers du Reve," winner of the Best of Festival award by a narrow vote, gave Patrick Berhault a chance to show off. Although virtually unknown to this audience because he has shunned competitions and media attention, Berhault was recognized as the second best climber in the world by a recent vote of Vertical's subscribers. Berhault is best known for taking elements of dance to the rocks. The film's highlight -- his traverse of a lengthy roof -- contained stunningly graceful and fluid movement on a most difficult medium. While some of his acrobatics seemed contrived, the effortless gymnastics (and bolt clipping) were pure joy and had the audience laughing and cheering each toe hook and pli  . The background, consisting of cliff dwellings built by Greek hermits and monks, added a nice touch. While "Nomads" was a clumsy attempt to bring French

bolt drillers to the desert, the climbing and spirit of "Piliers" was fully in tune with the locale.

The feature film of the second half, "Chris Bonington: The Everest Years," barely missed the mark. This lengthy, contemplative film would have been better received earlier in the evening. As it was, the film seemed too retiring and stoic, following the joy of "Piliers." At times, this film was almost morbid in its recounting the deaths of so many of Bonington's Himalayan climbing partners. The lengthy scenes of Bonington's family struck some people as revealing; I found it tiresome. The film had some fine footage of Bonington expeditions to various peaks, although only a fraction of the film actually involved climbing on Everest. Like any other tease, "Die Entscheidung" was ultimately disappointing. Appropriately, the film had no climax and just enough titillation to hold your attention to the final letdown.

Unquestionably the audio problems in the first three films were the most serious black marks on the festival. Fortunately, two of the first three films were in foreign languages and Anne Baron's excellent voiced over translation did not rely on the same defective audio system. While nearly all of the Festival organizers were amateurs at this game, it seems totally unfair that the biggest snafu was caused by a well-paid professional audio technician. The sound was fixed during intermission.

The festival also ran a bit long. Much of the audience did not stick around

for the last film. The Festival tarted late, had an excessive intermission, and had one too many films. While we truly appreciate the support of all our sponsors - REI, EMS, and Outdoor Provisionaries - there must be a way to shorten the raffle. Those problems aside, the Festival was strong evidence of the good work the club can do. We successfully moved from the cramped Biograph to the much more spacious Embassy. The Festival may or may not be worth the tremendous effort that went into its organization and execution. The audience, at least, was treated to a fine array of films, many of which they would otherwise never have seen. The fact that the club could even pull off this event is impressive; that we did it with some class without losing money is a genuine accomplishment.

Tom Isaacson

FILM FESTIVAL THANKS

Lunching at the French Embassy -- talking to the BBC in Bristol at dawn -- tracking down Henry Barber -- trudging through ice storms and rain -- sitting bleary-eyed before computer screens -- planning the film festival had its highs and lows. But the payoff was a wonderful festival of exciting films for us and nearly 500 other mountain lovers. MS wishes to thank each of the following people and others who helped so much. The film festival directors were Ken Andrasko, Madeleine Carter, and Jeanette Helfrich, who, along with Anne Baron, obtained and previewed the films. Anne Baron was in charge of translation of the French and German films. Jacques Tamisier arranged for preview of the European films at the French Embassy. Publicity was handled by Tom Isaacson, Tim Hood, Tom Kaweck, and Rick Forbes. John Yanson and Michael Mergi designed the posters and T-shirts, and Rich Cady assisted with T-shirts. In charge of wine and food were Tom Kaweck, Jacques Tamisier, and Stuart Rosenthal, assisted by Charles Dorian and Don Holtzer. The wine was provided by

Mike Downey, a local climber with a wine importing business. Claire Ganz printed and distributed tickets, assisted by Brian Rennex, Jeffrey Levy and Lee Collyer. All finances and accounting were handled by Jeff Kramer. Arrangements with our sponsors were handled by Kit Pollok (REI), Sue Hartley (EMS), Doug Craun (Outdoor Provisionaries), and assisted by John Rayner (REI). Ushering and clean-up were provided by Carter Mackley, Tom Gherlein, Ghasem Taheri and Lloyd MacAskill. Lee Collyer arranged for PATC to sell tickets and T-shirts and provide reception tables. The sound system and projectors were rented from and set by Carlos Hackley at Wilson Gill, Inc. We rented the Embassy theater through the Cineplex Odeon theaters. Thanks also to anyone not mentioned who helped out.

MARK WILFORD SLIDE SHOW

Mark Wilford gave a slide show to approximately 100 climbers at the MS club meeting on February 8 at the American Red Cross. Mark's theme was bouldering, high bouldering, and alpine soloing. The show followed a natural progression beginning with traditional bouldering shots in Colorado and Wyoming. From there, Mark moved to a discussion of high bouldering, which is essentially unroped climbing where only a broken ankle or leg would result from a fall. Mark then covered soloing on ice and mixed terrain. He featured a winter roped solo ascent of D7 on the Diamond on Long's Peak. Mark concluded with an in-depth presentation on his first American solo ascent of the north face of the Eiger. Along the way he had a few brushes with disaster, although he seems to have imperiled others almost as much as himself. The story is recounted in a recent Rock & Ice. Mark delivered his extemporaneous comments in a relaxed manner - a welcome change from some relatively formal talks we've had recently. He touched on the various mental,

stylistic, and strategic issues that arise in his high stakes approach to climbing.

The slides were generally very good. In particular, his self portraits on the Diamond and the Eiger were quite impressive, considering the other, more objective problems he faced. I suspect that many of his bouldering shots were taken so as to create the illusion that the climber was well off the ground. Perhaps that is more an art than a deception.

On the whole, the slide show was a bargain and a good gesture toward the local climbing community -- admission was free. Mark joined several club members for an entertaining dinner afterwards, regaling all with tales of armed ranchers and sheriffs.

For various reasons, an incredible number of club regulars did not attend this slide show. Perhaps Mark was not quite a big enough name to shake people from their lethargy. In any event, those who stayed away missed one of our best slide shows in recent years.

Tom Isaacson

BOY SCOUT TRAINING

Twenty boy scouts thrashed up Beginner's Crack and adjacent faces at Carderock on March 18, 1989 under the watchful eyes of Jeanette Helfrich, Jeffrey Levy, Rich Cady, John Rayner and Tom Gherlein, and several parents. Scouts ranging in age from 10-16 received basic rock climbing training arranged by Gary Persinger of Troop No. 264 from Olney, Maryland. Due to the large number of students, we taught the group in two classes and deleted some things we normally teach such as rappelling. (We recommend smaller classes). The spectacular thunderstorm that blew in about 2:30 p.m. quickly lowered the unseasonably warm 80 degree temperatures, and curtailed our afternoon teaching. Thanks to everyone who helped out; it's always fun to teach the scouts. (When is the Girl Scout training?).

Before the class, we picked through the two large duffles of training equipment with interest. They contained some new Bod harnesses that Pete Grant purchased last year for training, along with several relatively new ropes and slings. We did not, however, use the old gold line ropes and set ups. Ideas about what to do with them?

Several old pairs of climbing shoes have been donated to the equipment bag but more are needed. They make a big difference in the enjoyment beginners get out of climbing. If you have some old shoes, please consider donating (or lending) them to the training committee. Call Pete Grant, training director, at 960-6033, or bring them to the next meeting.

Jeannette Helfrich

RIEGLESVILLE ICE CLIMBING

The dearth of ice and snow in Washington this winter didn't stop MS members from finding climbable ice near Riegelsville, Pa. on February 18-19 and 25-26. The intrepid mountaineers included Rich Cunningham, Tim Hood, Carter Mackley, Madeleine Carter, Tom Kawecki, Lawrence DeMilner, Anne Baron, Scott Hagaman, Charlie Glatz, Hal Kussik (soon starting dental school at the Univ. of Washington in Seattle), and Jeanette Helfrich. Only the ice in the Main Gully and in Dead Deer Gully was in shape those weekends. More climbs formed early in the season but fell down during the unseasonably warm January weather. The Big Banana was not in shape except for the third pitch which was accessible only by clawing up mud and scree.

Since we weren't always positive the ice would stay attached to the rock, we did more top-roping than usual and lots of careful climbing. The wrong tool placement could either dent or break your tool on the rock beneath the thin ice, or worse, not hold at all. Some climbs started up on icicles as small as 8 inches in diameter. Enthusiastic kicking

occasionally brought an icicle down, making the climb impossible or considerably more interesting for the next climber.

The find of the two weekends was a great place to stay. The Ship Inn in Milford, New Jersey (on the local historic register) has two big apartments above the restaurant each with two bedrooms, kitchen, and living room. Each sleeps five in beds and there's lots of floor space. One apartment even sported a washer/dryer and a long stair railing perfect for drying our soaking wet ropes. Credit goes to the Washington Post travel section of 9/25/88 on touring the Delaware River for restaurants and lodging information in Milford. Despite the poor ice season this year, these north-facing cliffs in picturesque Buck's County remain an icy playground within easy reach of Washington mountaineers. For previous trip reports see UPROPE Feb./March 1987, March 1988, and May 1988.

HOW TO GET THERE: I-95 north past Philadelphia, north on Pa. 532 which joins Pa. 32 along the Delaware River. Cliffs are on your left about 5 miles past the town of Upper Black Eddy. A large smoke stack is directly across the river from the main gully.

Alternative Route: I-95 north to Baltimore, I-695 west around Baltimore, I-83 north to Harrisburg, I-81 north, I-78 east to Allentown and east to Easton, south on Pa. 611 to Riegelsville (10 miles); continue south to junction of Pa. 32 and 611; left on Pa. 32 south along the river. Cliffs are on your right about 1 mile past the 32 and 611 junction. Both routes take about 4 hours.

BREAKFAST:

In Riegelsville: Borderline Cafe, turn east at light (only one) in Riegelsville, go several hundred yards, on left before canal, 215-749-2798.

In Milford, NJ: Marie's Cafe or the Whole Wheat Bakery.

DINNER AND MESSAGES:

Near Riegelsville: Great American Grill and Food Store of Kintners-

ville, Pa., 215-847-2023; heading south from Riegelsville, on left just before junction of Pa. 611 and 32. In Milford, NJ: The Ship Inn, 61 Bridge Street, (downtown Milford, 500' from bridge to Upper Black Eddy, Pa.), or Olde Mill Ford Oyster House, few doors in from the river.

CAMPING: (1) Deerwood Campground, Buck's County, turn northwest off Pa. 32 in center of town of Point Pleasant, go 1 mile, turn left into campground. Just beyond is Tohican county campground. Both about 20-30 min. south of Riegelsville.

(2) Colonial Wood Campground & RV sales is very close but expensive, 215-749-2798, Upper Black Eddy, Pa. Go south on 611 past junction with Pa. 32 a couple miles. Turn left at first light (only light in Ferndale), onto Center Road, up hill (half mile), right on Lake Warren Road (immediately on left is Nockamixon Township Municipal Bldg. At 4-way stop sign, turn right on Kintner Hill Road, go about one half mile, turn left into campground. Hot showers, heated restrooms.

LODGING: 2 apartments above the Ship Inn in Milford, N.J., on NJ 29 just across bridge from Upper Black Eddy, Pa.; 2 bedrooms, kitchen, living room; \$65/night for each apartment plus \$10 for each bed used; Mrs. P. Firetto, Manager of the Ship Inn, P.O. Box 497, 61 Bridge Street, Milford, NJ 08822, 201-995-7007. Also Oak Grove Motel, about 15 miles south of the junction of Pa. 611 and 32, near Pipersville, Pa. 215-766-8931.

For local information on ice-climbing conditions, call Doug or Chris at Appalachian Trail Store in Doylestown, Pa., 215-348-8069; Wild Ware Climbing Store, Harrisburg, PA 717-564-8008; Base Camp Climbing Store, Philadelphia, 215-563-9626 or 215-592-7956; or MS member, Larry Johnson, 717-337-1342 (home) or 717-334-6251 (office).

Jeannette Helfrich

SENECA ROCKS STILL EXIST!

Dave Coffey, Jeff Kramer, Jeffrey Levy, and Dan and André Krevere gave Rick Forbes a going away present: a trip to Seneca. March 24 (Friday) was a typical cold and rainy spring day, but March 25 saw sunny skies and temperatures of nearly 70 degrees, as everyone met to head West. Despite both cars getting mixed up halfway there, we all made it in mid-afternoon. After a pitstop at the Gendarme, we hiked to the base, Dan hauling his portable videocamera. While Dave, André, and Rick raced to the top on Le Gourmet, Jeff and I worked our way up Le Gourmet Direct. We all met on the second rappell ledge, and hit the parking lot in full starlight. I thought we were through with nighttime scree scrambling, but I was quite mistaken. After a filling meal at the one and only Yokum's, we slept out back; the campsite on the hill is closed until next fall. Camping at Yokum's is \$3 per person, but you get bathrooms, showers, and a steamroom doubling as the men's room. Of course, you also have easy access to Yokum's famous breakfast. Watch out for the coffee, though - Rick downed four cups and was bouncing off the walls. Jeff and I would have killed him if we'd had the energy to catch him. Sunday was as beautiful as Saturday. The climbing groups were the same, with Dan developing his tan and video library. Rick got his first lead on Skyline Traverse, but was nearly nailed by dictionary-size rocks coming down, courtesy of people he'd let climb by. (Bring your helmets, folks!) Jeff and I did Le Gourmet. It was my first time at Seneca, after a good deal of the Gunks. I couldn't believe the fantastic exposure and vertical rock! After watching the others drive away, we finally summited and started down about sunset. So now I have two night rappells to my credit. I really need a headlamp! After yet another filling meal at Yokum's we dragged ourselves back to civilization

that night. Seneca is a must for anyone who likes good scenery!
Jeffrey Levy

CPR DEMONSTRATION AT APRIL MEETING

Joanne Hirsch presented a demonstration of CPR at the April monthly meeting and trained MS members to treat choking victims with the Heimlich maneuver. Joanne is a certified CPR instructor who also works at the Department of Justice. She strongly recommends that we become certified in CPR which takes about 8-9 hours of instruction and is offered by many local organizations. Between the superb acting of Jacques "le Neon" Tamisier and Pete "scuba" Coleton and Joanne's grab bag of plastic hearts, fake blood, etc., we had an entertaining evening. All left with a resolve to become certified or re-certified in CPR.

NELSON HOUSE CLIMBING AND WORKTRIP

Join the club on May 6-7 for a weekend near Seneca Rocks, West Virginia. Bill Smith and Nori Gessler are organizing this trip for the club to spend some time exploring Nelson Rocks (or climbing at Seneca Rocks) and doing some maintenance on the Nelson house. We plan to paint the entire house if possible and do some weed cutting and cleaning up. We hope members can work one day and climb one day. Saturday night there will be a BBQ and picnic. For the uninitiated, the Nelson family has for many years let MS use their old farmhouse as a cabin while climbing in the area in return for keeping up the house. The house is about 12 miles south of Seneca (20 min.) up in a picturesque West Virginia hollow. Some people consider it romantic (Bonnie and Clyde could have holed up here); some don't. It has a large living room, kitchen, fireplace and 2 bedrooms upstairs. There's also an outhouse and several other farm

buildings. Poking around the farm turns up fragments of a past time -- old plows, wagon axles, horse collars, overgrown fruit trees and vegetable gardens.

Nelson Rocks slice up through the ground as do Seneca rocks about 1 1/2 miles back down the road towards the Rt. 28, ripe for cleaning and first ascents. The road runs through a gap in the rocks similar to Roy Gap Road at Seneca.

We hope you'll join us and bring your climbing gear and paint brush. For more information, or if you have any special skills to donate, call Nori Gessler, 949-3595 home, 529-0090 office; or Bill Smith at 703-668-6928 (home in Purcellville) or 202-475-4966 office.

LOGISTICS: To bring: food to BBQ and for weekend (grill and charcoal provided), drinks, ice chests, stoves, water (there's no water at the house), lanterns, paint brush (wide) and painting supplies, painting clothes, cleaning supplies, rags, mops and brooms, shovels, toilet paper, gardening tools (for the house and the rocks), camping equipment including pad and sleeping bag (tent pitching isn't recommended unless necessary), and antiques to donate (?).

**MEETING PLACE AND
DIRECTION TO SENECA:** 7:00 p.m. on Friday, May 5 at the Roy Rogers in Leesburg on Rt. 7 (the only one in Leesburg). Bill Smith will be driving a blue and gray Isuzu Trooper. He suggests that the fastest route to Seneca is Rt. 7 west to Winchester, Virginia. At Winchester, take Rt. 50 west through Romney, West Va. Turn left onto Rt. 220 south about 7-8 miles west of Romney. At Petersburg, take Rt. 28 south to Seneca Rocks.

**DIRECTIONS TO NELSON
HOUSE:** From Seneca Rocks, take Rt. 28 south through Riverton. About 1-2 miles past Riverton, Rt. 28 turns right just after you cross a

river. Follow Rt. 28 to the right about another 1/2 mile. (Don't take Rt. 33 left to Franklin). Turn left on what looks like a farm road with a gate. Pull in, open the gate, drive through and be SURE to close the gate or the cows will get out. The farm road is easy to miss. If you get as far as Circleville, turn around and try again. Go up the dirt road (in excellent condition) through the gap in Nelson rocks. Go past the little white school house on your right to where the road splits with a gate across each road. Take the road with the gate on your right (be sure to close the gate). Follow the road 1 1/2 miles. The Nelson house is the white house on your right.

BASIC TRAINING FOR DC YOUTH GROUP MAY 21

On May 21, MS will conduct basic rock climbing for the DC youth group, "For Love of Children." The group is a not-for-profit organization serving forgotten children and families in the national's capitol since 1965. Its Life Skills Education Adventure Program is designed to give 10 to 18 year old youths experiences in which to build self-esteem, confidence, ability to work with others to solve problems, and to use their potential in positive ways in school, at home, and in the community. The staff plans extensively each activity and is already working with MS members to plan the May 21 training. Current volunteers include Madeleine Carter, Clair Ganz, and Pete Grant. We need several more volunteers for these worthwhile project of MS. Please call them if you can help teach climbing on Sunday, May 21.

PATC HEADQUARTERS MOVE

At its March 14 meeting, the PATC Council adopted a proposal that provides for "PATC to offer for sale the headquarters property at 1718 N Street., N.W., Washington, D.C. contingent upon acquiring a new property." It also provides for the PATC President to establish a Search

Committee immediately which shall have the authority to execute both a sale and a purchase contract with a realtor for no more than 90 days. If any MS members have any advice or suggestions concerning this important project, please call Lee Collyer at PATC at 638-5307.

ELIZABETH VOS DONATES UPROPE

Elizabeth Vos, long-time MS and PATC member, has donated her copies of UPROPE for 1944 and 1945 to MS. MS, in turn, has given them to the PATC library under the charge of David Bates, PATC Librarian and Archivist. The PATC library is missing copies for those years. Ms. Vos also donated two rare prints of "Old Stoney Man" by Tom Culverwell for the REI Benefit Auction in 1987. MS appreciates her continuing generosity and interest.

CLAIR GANZ IS NEW PROGRAM COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON

Clair Ganz has been appointed the new program committee chairperson for MS. She did a great job handling tickets printing and sales for the last two film festivals. She works in the Intensive Care Unit Research at the George Washington University Medical Center and can be reached at 994-3920 office or 265-2385. Please call her if you have ideas for programs and slide shows for the monthly meetings. Many thanks to Madeleine Carter who served last year as the program chairperson and brought us lots of great shows.

TIM HOOD HEADS CLIMBING AND EXPEDITIONS COMMITTEE

Tim Hood has agreed to serve as the Chairperson of the Climbing and Expeditions Committee for MS. Tim grew up in Washington State and began his climbing career there. He later climbed extensively in California before moving to the Washington

area. He is a Program Manager for the Atlantic Research Corp. located in Gainesville, Va. and is also secretary of the Blue Ridge Section of the American Alpine Club. Tim hopes to breathe new life into the committee.

DOUG CRAUN HEADS HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

Doug Craun will be serving this year as the Chairperson of the Hospitality Committee. This committee is closely aligned with the membership committee and provides hospitality for new members and old members, refreshments at monthly meetings and plans other events in conjunction with climbing and special events. Doug is a relatively new member of the club and was active in planning the film festival. He spends his weekday hours painting Washington's

"skyscrapers" high up in the air. Doug has lots of exciting plans for club activities.

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS 1989

The chairpersons of the committees provided by the by-laws are as follows:

Training and Safety, Pete Grant

Climbing and Expeditions, Tim Hood (Climbing calendar prepared by Vice Chairperson, John Yanson);

Program and Entertainment, Clair Ganz;

Hospitality, Doug Craun;

Publicity, Tom Kaweck;

Newsletter, Tom Isaacson, Michael Mergi, and Jeffrey Levy;

Membership (open) (acting temporarily, Jeanette Helfrich);

Conservation and Access, Charlie Dorian, Bull Run; Harold Goldstein and Janet Young, Carderock; Nori

Gessler and Bill Smith, Nelson House; Stuart Pregnall, New River Gorge; Selma Hanel, Mohonk Mountain Preserve (Gunks).

The chairpersons of the ad hoc committees are as follows:

Film Festival, Madeleine Carter and Ken Andrasko

Carderock Guidebook, Selma Hanel, John Yanson, Stuart Pregnall, John Christian

Sugarloaf and Crescent Rocks Guidebook, Tom Russell

Past Presidents Committee: Rich Cunningham, Stuart Pregnall, Tom Russell, Charlie Dorian, James Eakin, Joe Wagner, Martha Hale, et al.

MAILING LIST HELP NEEDED

As a by-product of doing publicity for the film festival, MS has compiled several mailing lists. We would like to ask your help in adding to these lists and maintaining them. The first consists of about 500 people who attended this year's film festival and filled out their names and addresses on the ticket stubs. The second list comprises about 200 potential members of MS -- those people who have attended a slide show, monthly meeting, gone on a club trip, taken a training class, signed up at last year's film festival, called PATC about MS, or called one of the club officers. The third list consists of 30 currently active climbers in the community who are not MS members (they don't know how much fun they're missing). We plan to computerize these lists in a format compatible with our current membership list with the help of Gary Prince and Jeffrey Levy. In the future, we will use this list to publicize future events.

If you are a trip leader, please remember to obtain the name, address, and home and office phone numbers of all attendees. Also, if

you are out climbing, please get this information from people you think might be interested in joining MS or active climbers who you think might be interested in attending club slide shows or special functions. For want of a permanent guardian of the lists, please give your information temporarily to Jeanette Helfrich.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY AVAILABLE

If you would like a copy of the new and updated membership directory, please write or call Jeffrey Levy or Jeanette Helfrich.

THE ITALIAN CONNECTION

After a season of climbing with many members of the club both in 1988 and in 1983(?), Giovanni Batimelli has returned to Italy where he teaches physics at the University of Rome. He visited the United States to do research in the history of physics at the Smithsonian Institution. His address is:

via L. Lilio 109
00143 Roma Italia
Telephone: 51-90-523 home;
49-91-3490 off.

THE ARIZONA CONNECTION

Rick Forbes is settling nicely in Phoenix, Arizona. Rick joined MS in October and quickly became an active climber, as well as contributing to club activities. He moved in late March, but hopes to visit soon. (Biceps is calling, Rick.) He can be contacted at:
1829 East Morten
Apt. 113
Phoenix, AZ 85020
(602) 997-1591

NORTH FACE - CHEAP

On your way to the Gunks, stop by the North Face Outlet in Pennsylvania for great buys on pile, Goretex, tents, packs, and more. The outlet is in the Vanity Fair Factory Outlet Shopping Center, Hill and 8th Streets, Reading, PA 19610. The

store takes phone orders, 215-374-1741. It appears to stock most items in the North Face catalogue although clothing sizes were a bit random.

BULLETIN BOARD

For Sale:

1 Joe Brown Super Helmet, White, Large - \$20
1 Lowe Big Bird Ice Axe, 65cm - \$30
1 Sierra Designs Parka, Tan, Medium - \$75
Contact Rich Cunningham:
(H) (202) 332-7931
(O) (301) 380-7095

Anyone who wants an 8x10 copy of the picture of MS members at Great Falls published in the Washington Post a few months ago should contact Michael Mergi at 773-8500. Price will depend on how big an order he can place, but the initial estimate is \$7.

CALL FOR MATERIAL

You've probably noticed two things about this issue - it took a while to publish, and all of it was written by a few people. These results share a common cause: lack of material! MS, this is your newsletter! Yes, the winter weather has dampened the climbing spirit, but it's improving quickly! Send us reports of any trips you've gone on, tell us about your latest conservation projects, or just write to say hello. We dearly want to hear from you! We'll print practically everything we receive. Send your contributions to:

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CLIMBERS' CALENDAR

DATE	AREA OR EVENT	PERSON TO CONTACT	PHONE	PLACE
April 29**	Great Falls VA	Stuart Rosenthal	527-5247	GF
April 30	Little Stony Man	Tom Russell	869-8058	AO
May 3	Executive Committee	Jeanette Helfrich	585-9119	TBA
May 6-7**	Seneca Rocks, West Va.	Bill Smith	703-668-6928	
	Worktrip for Nelson House and Climbing at Nelson Rocks, Meet at 7:00 p.m. Fri., May 5, Roy Rogers, Leesberg, Va.			
May 10	Monthly Meeting 7:30 p.m.	Jeanette Helfrich	585-9119	HQ
May 13	Bull Run VA	Sue Hartley	824-0012	AO
May 14**	Annapolis Rocks MD	Tom Issacson	332-3710	RR
May 20	AAC Climbing Competition	John Bremer	654-3677	REI
May 21	Great Falls VA	Tom Kawecki	237-7227	GF
May 21	Training DC Youth Climbing	Claire Ganz	265-2385	CD
	"For Love of Children" non-profit group			
May 27-29*	Gunks, New Paltz, NY	Jeanette Helfrich	585-9119	TBA
June 3				
June 4				
June 7	Executive Committee	Jeanette Helfrich	585-9119	TBA
June 10-11**	Hermitage Rocks Pa.	Tom Russell	869-8058	RR
	Overnight trip at PATC cabin			
June 14	Monthly Meeting, 7:30 p.m.	Jeanette Helfrich	585-9119	HQ
	Slide Show on 1988 Mt. Everest Conservation Climb by Susan Houland, Dir., Woodlands Mountain Institute located in Franklin, West Virginia			

*These trips are to lead climbing areas. Please arrange for your own partners. The trip leaders can help with arranging rides and other logistics.

**Joint trip with the Pennsylvania Mountaineering Association (PMA) located in Harrisburg, Pa., coordinated through Mark Hilden (PATC/MS member) at 717-263-1640.

NOTE: Please call the trip leaders in mid-week to make arrangements and contingency plans. In the absence of published trip leaders, call John Yanson, 667-4334; Jeanette Helfrich, 585-9119; Jeff Kramer, 820-8771; or Jeffrey Levy, 920-9133.

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****MEETING PLACES FOR CLIMBING TRIPS:****TBA = To Be Announced**

REI = Recreational Equipment Inc., 9801 Rhode Island Ave., College Park, MD. DIR: Exit I-495 at exit Rt. 1 south; immediate L. at light onto Edgemore; R. at 4-way stop on Rhode Island Ave.; L. into parking lot.

RR = Roy Rogers Restaurant, 465 N. Fredrick Rd, Gaithersburg, MD. DIR: Exit I-270 at exit Rt. 124 E. (Montgomery Village Ave.); R. on Rt. 355 S. (Fredrick Rd); L. at second light.

TC = Tysons Corner, Hardee's Restaurant and Central Fidelity Bank Parking Lot, 8111 Leesburg Pike, Vienna, VA. DIR: Exit I-495 at Rt. 7 W. (Tysons Corners); L. at second light.

AO = Appalachian Outfitters, 2930 Chain Bridge Rd., Oakton, VA. DIR: Exit I-66 at exit 16 (Rt. 123 N); L. just past fourth light (AO is on your left) into bank parking lot.

GF = Great Falls National Park, 9200 Old Dominion Dr., Great Falls, VA. DIR: Exit I-495 at exit 13 (Rt. 193/Great Falls); W. on Georgetown Pike about 4 miles; R. at light into park; hard R. past ranger's booth into lower parking lot, see notes on car windshield for specific climbing area.

CD = Carderock Park, Potomac, MD. DIR: Exit I-495 at exit 41 (Carderock exit); W. on G-W parkway about 1/2 mile; exit R. at Carderock exit; L. across parkway; R. at stop sign to last (third) parking lot.

HO = Headquarters of PATC/MS, 1718 N St., N.W., Washington, D.C. DIR: 1 block east of Conn. Ave. near DuPont Circle Metro stop (Red Line).



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