

Up Rope

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Season's Greetings

from The P.A.T.C. Mountaineering Section



DOWN IN THE VALAIS: trekking Switzerland's southern Alps



This alpen glen, Pra Gras near Arolla, has a beautiful view of Mt. Collon.

It began with a few seconds of videotape: an aerial view of an octagonal wooden hut, perched precipitously on a jut of rock, ringed by a crown of mountain peaks. The clip was seven seconds in length, perhaps; one in a series of shots of Swiss Alpine Club huts shown in a Rand-McNally video, "Trekking the Alps." Tony and I both gasped when we saw it. The

video, shot from a helicopter, wheeled around from the side of the hut, and then suddenly the mountain dropped away as we floated above an expanse of valley sweeping out and down towards forever. Our hearts were in our throats. The top of the world; that was why we were going to Switzerland, wasn't it? To see the original Big Mountains,

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A LOOK BACK AT 1995:

Reflections from your chairman

Usually getting out of my sleeping bag on a cold morning and barely feeling my numb fingers on some climb later that day remind me that the climbing season is ending, to be followed by a winter of climbing at the gym and catching up on things I put off all year. I didn't actually climb much this year, but our *Up Rope* editors were quick to remind me about deadlines for this December issue, and hence my reminder that not just the climbing season, but 1995, is ending soon.

I thought I'd be able to start off this year-in-review article with something like "I can't believe it's already the end of the year." But in reviewing my notes and the *Up Rope* newsletters from the past year, I can't believe all that's happened in the last year. It seems like some of the things were so long ago.

The Mountaineering Section accomplished a lot over the past 12 months, and many of my personal goals for the year were met. But as seems to be the rule, once one thing is done, two more come up to take its place. Here are some of the highlights of the past year:

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where it all began. And this hut was definitely the top of the world. This was a must-do, sometime in our two-week July trip.

But where was it? The video didn't identify anything about it; the only thing we knew was that it was in Switzerland, and at the top of a mountain. Not big discriminators when it comes to Swiss huts.

other region of the Alps. The Dom, Monte Rosa, the Matterhorn, and the Dent Blanche, are just a few of the better-known mountains found in the canton. One fifth of the Valais is covered by glaciers; it hosts 45 of the 135 official Swiss Alpine Club huts.

The Valais is the third-largest province in the country, one of 23 "cantons," each with its

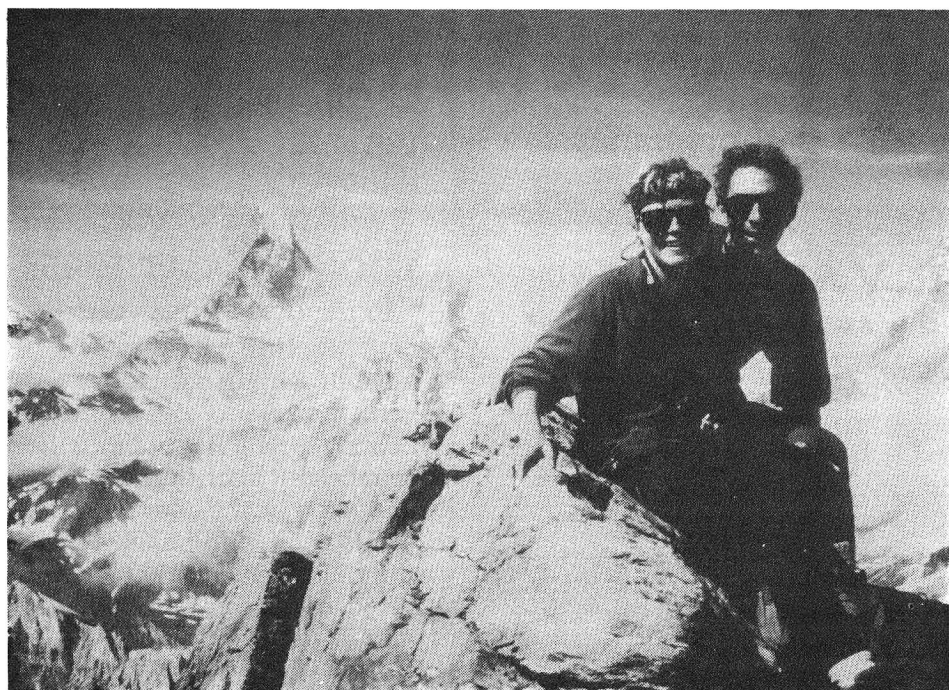
Evolene, it's only a 30-minute bus ride to Arolla, where most of the hikes we chose began. Arolla is the true climbers' town—two guide shops, a restaurant, a dozen rental condos and not much else.

Evolene has a sense of identity, independent from the tourist trade, that few of the towns in the Val d'Herens have been able to preserve. For our purposes, it had the perfect combination of romantic charm, small-town friendliness, and practical convenience that we wanted in a home-base.

One guide book we used, "Walking Switzerland the Swiss Way," lists 12 different day treks in the Val d'Herens alone, many of which are hikes to launching points for greater ascents. For the mountaineer, eight huts are scattered through the valley, providing some of the finest climbing in the Alps: the Dent d'Herens (4,171m; 13,685 ft.), the Bouquetins (3,838m; 12,592 ft.), Mont Blanc de Cheillon (3,870m; 12,697 ft.), Mont Collon (3,637m; 11,933 ft.), the Pigne d'Arolla (3,796m; 12,455 ft.) and the Dent Blanche (4,357m; 14,295 ft.), to name a few.

One of the most spectacular views we had on our entire trip was an easy half-day hike—and it was free! If this peak was in the Bernese Oberland, you can bet you would pay \$50 to take the train to the top. The Pic d'Artsinol commands a dramatic 360 degree view—the Rhone valley and the expanse of the Bernese alps in front of you, and behind you, peeking up above the mountain range of the Val d'Herens, the Dent Blanche and the tip of the Matterhorn.

Every day we hiked to another amazing view, stretching our legs in preparation for the 4,000 ft. ascent to the Cabane de Bertol. After rainy weather in the Bernese alps, we wanted to be careful to pick a clear day for our climb of the small Bertol glacier, both for visibility and traction. Fortunately, the Bertol glacier was



The summit of the Mettelhorn provides a 360-degree panorama of the Alps, including the Matterhorn.

Luckily, the hut's distinctive shape and the ridge it clutched gave us enough clues that, with a big color guide to Swiss huts (and about 1,238 rewinds) we were able to identify it: the Cabane de Bertol, 3,311m (10,863 ft.), perched between the Col de Bertol and the Col de la Tsa, at the end of the valley called the Val d'Herens, in the Valais region of Switzerland. Now, all we had to do was find out where that was, and how to get there.

Home of 4,000-meter peaks

There are more 4,000-meter peaks in the Swiss Valais than any

own distinct identity, culture, and dialect. It is called Valais by its French speaking peoples in the west, and Wallis by the German speakers to the east.

Five major valleys run south like ribs from the great swath of the Rhone valley, which forms the backbone of the southwestern lying Valais. The valleys are wide enough to accomodate chains of small towns, decreasing in size and population as you travel south to the inevitable terminus of a great glacier's toe.

We chose a town up the valley a little way from the Cabane de Bertol. For hikes and climbs, you couldn't ask for a better location than Evolene. From

uncrevassed and didn't require crampons or ice axes.

The Cabane de Bertol

We went up to the Hut of Our Dreams on our next to the last day, reserving two spaces in the bunks for that night. We couldn't miss the chance to stay in a hut, even though it promised to be the most miserable night's sleep we had ever had. It was a long hard slog to the top, and we were glad we wouldn't have to turn right around and go back down.

Tony and I didn't realize what flatlanders we really were until we sat on the patio at the Cabane de Bertol and watched wave after wave of weary mountaineer come in, unpack, strip off wet layers of clothes and socks, only to collapse against a pack and catch a nap in the warm sun. We made several friends; weekend mountaineers from England and more-experienced Dutch climbers, who shared stories of their climbs in the region. We vowed to come back, loaded with gear and experience.

Zinal and the Val d'Anniviers

With a few days to spare before we had to return to Zurich and fly home, we next headed for the little town Zinal at the top of the Val d'Anniviers, which Kev Reynolds of the Cicerone Walking Guides fame simply raved about. Tony also voted for Zermatt. We had to see if it was as bad as all the books said.

It finally rained once while we were in the Valais, and it happened to be on the hike Kev Reynolds described as "the walk I would choose... if I were to be restricted to only one day's walking in the whole of the Valais region."

The Roc de la Vache hike from Zinal would undoubtedly have been spectacular if we had been able to see anything. Still, between clouds, we could pick out the valley floor nearly 3,000 ft.

below us, and a bit of the view at the end of the valley, where the path to the Cabane de Mountet wrapped around the Besso mountain and the Glacier de Zinal. The hut is the staging ground for several glacier crossings and ascents of the Zinalrothorn (4,221m; 13,849 ft.), Ober Gablehorn (4,063m; 13,331 ft.), Point de Zinal (3,789m; 12,432 ft.), and the Tete Blanche (3,724m; 12,218 ft.), among others. We would have loved to spend a day sitting on the front porch of the Cabane, watching the climbers ply their craft, but time waits for no one, especially in Switzerland. On to the next valley to the East, the Mattertal.

The Mettelhorn

Zermatt, the Las Vegas of the Valais, is memorable for its tourist-clogged streets, its spectacular mountain ranges, and its even more spectacular prices. We breathed that rarified air only as long as it took to walk to the end of town and begin our trek up to the little gasthof Hotel Trift, and the next morning to the peak of the Mettelhorn (3,406m; 11,175 ft.).

At dinner that night, we chatted in bad French and halting English with the only other occupants of the hotel: a South African student, a Dutch family, and a young climber from Chamonix. All of us but the climber were going up the Mettelhorn the next day; he planned to climb the Ober Gabelhorn. His eyes lit up when we told him we had just come from Zinal. When we asked him why he had come here when so many go to Chamonix, he shrugged and said, "The mountains are higher here, and the climbing is more varied."

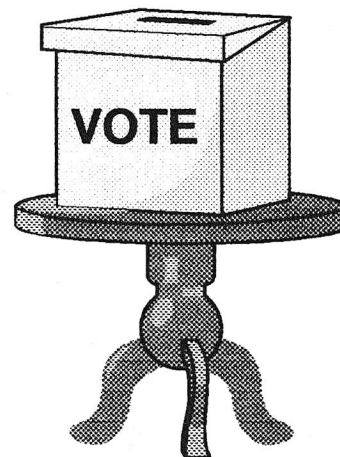
The next day was our last in Switzerland. We were on the trail at 7:00 a.m., facing a mere 3,500 ft. ascent. Kev came through for us this time; indeed, the "summit panorama is a prize to remem-

ber" atop the non-technical slog to the peak of the Mettelhorn. Stopping only to unload our cameras in a 360-degree rotation, we dashed back down to Zermatt, caught the train to Zurich, changed at our hotel, and after a crazy taxi ride around old Zurich, we caught a bite at a Swiss bistro just as the lights began to go out in town. We both slept soundly on the plane home.

Next time we'll bring our crampons...

~Holly Sanders

MS TO HOLD ELECTIONS AT JANUARY MEETING



The Mountaineering Section will hold annual elections for officers at the January 10, 1995 meeting. Members present at the meeting will vote for the positions of Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. The elected officers will take office for one year.

The elections are open to all MS members. If you are interested in running for one of the positions, then please contact the current chairman, Dave Godwin, at 703/276-2291 before the January meeting.

FRIENDS OF SENECA PROJECT UPDATE:

trail improvement and erosion prevention

Those of you who have made it to Seneca in the past few months have surely noticed the intensive trail-building work that's being done. The work is being sponsored by the Friends of Seneca (FOS). To help support these efforts, the Mountaineering Section voted to donate \$500 to FOS. If you would like to make an individual contribution, please send it to: Friends of Seneca, PO Box 215, Seneca Rocks, WV 26884.

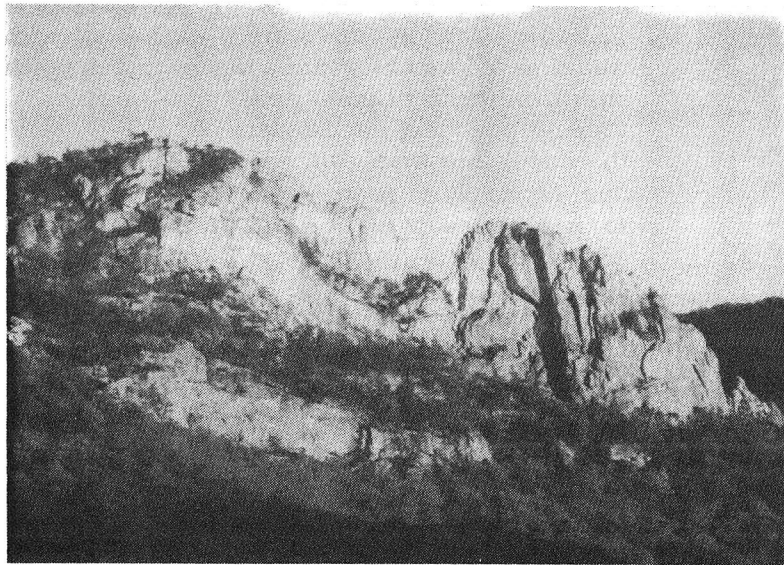
What follows is a review of the trail work done this year—and a work schedule for 1996. MS members should plan now to volunteer a day in 1996 to trail maintenance.

Background

For several years, increased use of climbers' trails at Seneca Rocks, WV, has outpaced efforts to solidify trailbeds and direct traffic. Seneca is one of the few multi-pitch destinations in the entire mid-Atlantic region, and crowding is a reality. The steep, rocky terrain at Seneca holds fragile topsoil and plant systems and what remains is in need of protection. Even a casual comparison of Seneca with outlying crags such as Champe Rocks or Nelson Rocks, still in wild condition, is enough to cause concern about climber impacts.

A concerted effort is needed to rebuild Seneca's trails, improve marking and signs and educate the climbing public. Action must be taken to prevent accidental switchback cutting, reduce the

effects of runoff, and educate climbers on related matters such as litter and waste. Hopefully, a general elevation of environmental awareness will influence the community of Seneca climbers, a



growing and primarily young one in the 1990's.

Toward this end, local climbers have formed an organization called Friends of Seneca. In consultation with Jill Shoemaker, Trail Specialist with the Monongahela National Forest, we have planned four five-day periods of intensive trail work this year and are planning on doing the same next year. The trail work will be part of a larger organizing effort to make Friends of Seneca a vital organization whose members provide volunteer hours and financial support to long-term efforts to protect Seneca.



Update

Spring Work Sessions.

During the spring work sessions, Friends of Seneca accomplished the following:

- Rock step trail in the chasms—40% complete. This new bomb-proof trail will provide an alternative route to the much-eroded West Face trail. Feeder trails to *Ecstasy Junior* and *The Burn* will provide alternatives to the unstable scree field;
- Steps leading to a new "platform" area at the base of *Old Man's Route*, replacing highly eroded slope and pirate trails;
- Cribbed trail and tree cribbing at the *Le Gourmet* to *Triple S* area to stop erosion and save trees from further root damage;
- Education regarding trail locations and erosion through posted notices and marked trail boundaries.

This work was accomplished by 2 paid crew leaders, over 50 volunteers from 8 states, 9 locals, and 3 USFS employees. The USFS donated all the materials and most of the tools and safety gear for the work crews. Local businesses (The Gendarme, the Seneca Rocks Mountain Guides, Harper's Store) donated to the volunteer thank-you parties. The Access Fund provided \$1,500 in grant funds to support the work.

The amount of work completed, the good spirits that prevailed, and the heightened awareness among climbers of the

need for preservation and restoration at Seneca all made the spring work session a resounding success.

Summer Work Session.

During a three-day summer work session, Friends of Seneca organized an all-volunteer crew of 15 people to build a large rock wall to crib the area below the *Triple S* corner. This new platform replaced the eroding slope. Smaller rock cribs were built up around two trees in the vicinity that were losing dirt around their roots.



For the rest of 1995 Fall 1995.

On two extended weekends in October (October 12-16 and 19-22), work will continue on the West Face stone trail. The stone trail will stop just past the top of the *Block* wood cribbing (to be done next Spring) will be used from there to the *Hemlock Grove*. Work will also be devoted to stabilizing the area at the base of *The Burn* and building a short feeder trail to this area from the trail below. Trail markers will be placed from the East Face Scramble Trail to Broadway Ledge, and on Broadway, marking the trail back down.

FOS is working with the

Forest Service to create 2-3 permanent signs that provide an overview of climbers' trails at Seneca along with some text about preserving the area. These will be posted along Roy Gap Road, at the tree bridge, the trail to Skyline buttress and the East Face trail. Two dozen smaller signs with arrows and route names will be put up this fall, marking the way. The larger signs are still in discussion; our hope is that they will be put in place next Spring.

Workplans for 1996

Spring 1996.

During the Spring session (again, 10 days in total), we expect to accomplish the following projects:

- Finish the West Face trail to the *Hemlock Grove* and begin routing climbers to that trail by closing off the upper part of the old West Face Trail. Begin efforts to revegetate the old West Face Trail, in cooperation with the Forest Service.
- Stabilize the scree field between the *Block* and *The Burn* (below *The Burn*) and add a diagonal feeder trail from the trail below.
- Stabilize the beginning of the East Face trail (where it now meets Roy Gap Road in a sort of gully).
- Begin building a good trail leading to *Skyline Traverse*.

Fall 1996.

In the fall, we are planning to work on the following areas over 10 days of work:

- Finish building the trail to *Skyline Traverse*.
- Build feeder trail from it to *Candy Corner* and *Ye Gods* and *Little Fishes* area.
- Stabilize area at base of *Totem Buttress* and *Simple J. Malarkey*.



ICE, ICE, BABY!

Sunday ice climbs planned

MS member Greg Christopoulos will organize impromptu, Sunday ice climbs to Riegelsville, weather permitting, of course. Interested ice climbers can call Greg at (h) 703-876-0957 or (w) 202-622-1860.

FOR SALE

WINTER GEAR

MS member John Christian wants PATC/MS members to know that he has some excess gear, or items that don't fit, that he's willing to sell. Members interested in buying some of John's gear can give him a call at: (301) 229-1533. The gear for sale includes:

Full-body harness—
Edelrid "Futura" for \$20
Telemark skis—TUA
"Toute Terrain" 205 cm,
Voile 3-pin cable bindings.
\$70.

Expedition internal-frame pack—Synergy Works. Removable pockets, converts to summit pack. One of the earliest such packs. \$50.

Overpants—Ragged Mountain Equipment. Full-zipped, scuff cuffs, breathable ("Ultrex"?), black, large. New, never used. \$30.

Patagonia vapor socks—Medium, new. \$5

Wool mitts—Medium, like new. \$5

Glacier glasses—\$10.

Overmitts—"Pocketable" Lightweight, elastic wrist, like new. \$2

Get thee to "The Bunnery": climbing and eating in the Tetons

I was nine when I first visited the Tetons. Awed as I was by their abruptness and grandeur, it was love at first sight. It seemed like a different world up there. Subsequent excursions to the valleys and ridges within the Tetons revealed wonderful places, and brought me closer to that world. Yet, each time, I left Jackson Hole more restless than the last.

My first attempt on the Grand Teton was a few years ago with my since-grade-school best buddy Ken Tappen. We were novice climbers, and hired Exum Mountain Guides to show us the way. A late summer snow turned us away, and the itch got worse.

This past August, I met my friend (and soul brother) Randall Klein for a Teton climbing trip. The main objective was clear because, somehow, I had infected him with the same itch. We arrived to superb weather. This always worries me in the mountains, because I am skeptical that it will end just when we really need it. Our warmup included an overnight to Lake of the Craggs. As tempting as it was to tote our ropes and gear up the steep trail, we declined. Instead, we climbed Mt. St. John, working along the ridge for awhile. Lately, I had been rock climbing so much that I forgot how much fun scrambling can be.

A day of climbing on Guide's Wall, and a couple of (short) dips in icy mountain lakes, and we felt ready for The Big One. On the day of our approach to the Lower Saddle, the weather was excellent. Indeed, the sun had

been so persistent that we eagerly anticipated shady rest stops. We met several climbing parties on their way down, looking haggard

distinct character, revealing that the mountain is more complex than the big hunk of granite we saw from the valley. It's the sort of

climb that isolates you from the world below. Many parties make a worthwhile climb of just the Lower Exum, leaving the Upper Exum and the summit to peak baggers.

We completed the Lower Exum early in the afternoon. We had been watching the weather closely. Often, sunny days deteriorate to afternoon thunderstorms. In the distance we could see storm clouds in the Wind Rivers. Intuition and desire teamed up to forge our decision to go for it.

The Upper Exum is the most popular route to the summit. It is long, interesting, and somewhat involved. The guides, who know every quartz crystal, can lead clients speedily through, knowing just when to belay, shortrope, or scramble. Late in the day, though, the guided groups are long gone (for good reason). There were only a couple of other

parties, equally lost. We began to appreciate the huge difference a guide can make. Halfway up the Upper Exum, Randall and I were completely alone.

While not very technical, the upper section does have exposure. Not knowing what to expect, we belayed many of the easier sections. The false summits seemed endless, but there was nothing to do except keep going. There was an eerie calm about the whole thing. At last on the summit, the evening was still. The Middle Teton, which dominated the



Randall Klein on Exum Ridge, six pitches up.

and humbled. Apparently, howling winds at the Saddle the previous night had prompted most climbers to abandon their efforts.

Sleeping at 11,600 feet takes getting used to, even on a calm night. Anticipating a big climb the next day doesn't help, either. At first light, we were greeted by mysterious wisps of cloud. We both had the feeling that this would have to be the day.

The Lower Exum Ridge is a beautiful route. It consists of 750 feet of sustained high-quality 5.7 climbing. Each pitch has its own

view for much of the climb, had all but vanished into the background. We felt isolated from the world far below. At the same time, we were acutely aware of the weather. While we had watched the distant storms strengthen, we somehow sensed that we were in the clear for a bit. But as the mountain shadows lengthened in Jackson Hole, we felt the urgency to go someplace safe.

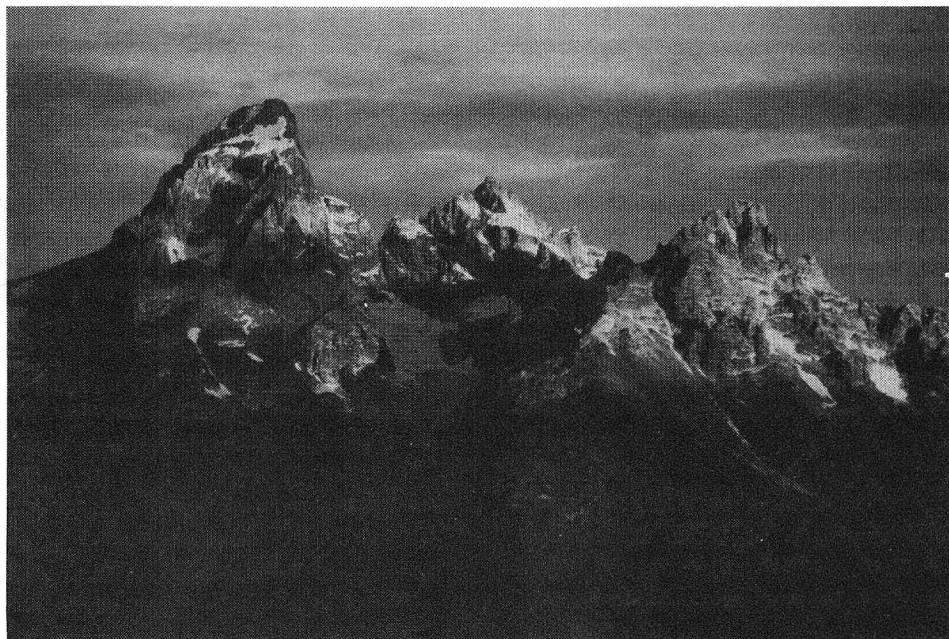
On the descent, we wandered along ledges, encountering one dead-end after another. The peaceful isolation suddenly became desperation. To our great relief, we spied three other climbers on a large shelf below. They had decided to pass up the summit in order to descend in one piece. We couldn't find an easy way down the 140-foot cliff separating us from their camaraderie. But, just when we were resigned to sacrificing gear for a rappel, we found an ancient rappel anchor. With some encouragement, the anchor agreed to help us, and we zipped down to meet the others. We knew it would be a long difficult descent in the dark, but back on Terra Firma, everything was okay.

I felt like I walked briefly in that other world. There was more space there (most noticeably directly below us), and there was a primitive simplicity. We weren't about to linger and revel in it, though, lest we overstay our welcome. Now, I can't wait to go back.

—Rick Kneedler

Note about the author:

When he's not rock climbing, MS member Rick Kneedler can be found hiking up Shaw Butte (1,000 ft.) in Phoenix, AZ with his 95-year-old grandfather, Dr. W. Harding Kneedler. This Thanksgiving, Dr. Kneedler completed his 12th ascent of Shaw Butte. Grandson Rick served as expedition photographer.



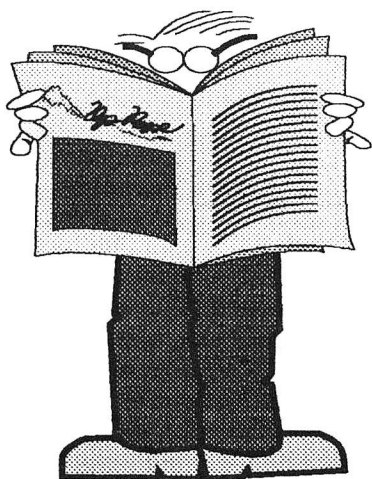
The Grand, Mt. Owen, and Teewinot from Jackson Hole. (Exum Ridge is in shadow, left side of Grand, skyline.)

Up Rope Beta Box: THE TETONS AND "THE BUNNERY"

Lake of the Craggs: Lots of fun scrambling, great views of the Grand Teton, Mt. Owens and Mt. Moran. Half-day hike in and not as crowded as nearby areas. Mt. St. Johns (Class III-IV). **Guide's Wall:** (5.8-5.10, with many quality variations). Six pitches, about four of which are sustained 5.7+. Rather popular. Easy to bail out, since the descent is by rappelling the route. **Baxter Pinnacle:** (5.9+). About 5 pitches. The last pitch, going at 5.9+, is excellent. The rest is mostly 5.6+ and somewhat loose. There is a 5.8 stretch early on. **The Lower Saddle:** (11,600 ft.) This is the typical base camp for the Grand Teton. It can be very windy, especially the higher sites. It is a five-hour grind from the road, but with very nice scenery. **Lower Exum:** (5.7, III) Six excellent pitches, including chimneys, hand cracks and steep face climbing. You can bail easily at the end of pitch 4, or at the end of the route. You can also continue up to Upper Exum (below). The approach is about one hour from the Lower Saddle. **Upper Exum:** (5.4, II) Really, this is mostly 4th class; two pitches of 5.4 and a couple easier 5th-class pitches. Either scramble from the Lower Saddle (two hours) or climb Lower Exum to approach. Great views! Very popular, too! We did not need crampons or axes, but these are often essential, so be sure to talk to the rangers before setting out. **The Bunnery:** Be sure to check out the The Bunnery in Jackson. Yummy breakfast, lunch, dinner and baked goods. Try also The Three Merry Piglets or the Sportsman's Cafe.

Climbing Trips.

Probably the most important activity of the Mountaineering Section is to lead climbing trips and host other events, so that local climbers, especially beginners, can meet others and learn from their experience. We had a few well-attended beginners trips to Great Falls, along with several other trips to local toppling areas, nearby lead crags, and even a couple higher peaks outside the U.S. Kudos go to all the members who led a trip last year. We hope to have even more trips on a more regular basis next year. Of course, this means we will need YOU, the members, to volunteer to organize and lead the trips and keep the club active.



Newsletter.

As you have seen, beginning with the December 1994 issue, the Mountaineering Section has been printing *Up Rope* every two months. Tony Sanders and Julie & Ozana Halik have been doing a great job in gathering articles and news-worthy items and putting out an attractive newsletter on a pretty regular basis. This can be a demanding schedule, but it is a challenge to YOU to keep sending in those stories. Remember, professional writing skills are not a prerequisite. In fact, October's newsletter featured a trip report from seven year old Kirsten Halik.



Climbers Hotline.

With the help of past chairman Alex Tait, we obtained a new all-electronic answering machine which we hope will prove to be reliable and efficient in communicating club information. The system allows us to direct calls to specific mailboxes for specialized information such as the Climbers' Calendar, directions to PATC Headquarters, information on member benefits, and last-minute news and trips. It also has the ability to take messages, which can be used by trip leaders as a convenient, one-stop place to gather names of people interested in their trip. The system is new, so we're going through some growing pains learning how to use it remotely and keep messages up-to-date, but in the end it should prove to be a real asset in communicating with YOU, the climbing community.

Membership Database.

Jim Southward, MS secretary, undertook the major task of cleaning up our membership list and transferring it into an easy-to-use software package. From that, we were able to print our roster of over 200 members, which is included in this month's *Up Rope*. Getting this list up-to-date and keeping it that way is a never-ending job that will require constant attention. And YOU can help by reviewing the list and letting us know of any corrections that need

to be made (to your own information and any friends who may have moved recently). And of course, always be sure to send us a note when you change addresses. You wouldn't want to miss a single *Up Rope*.

Meetings.

We're still struggling to get more of YOU at the monthly meetings. Remember, the meetings are the second Wednesday of every month except August at 8:00 p.m. at PATC Headquarters in Vienna, Virginia. I know for some it's a long trek, but it's a chance for you to get your opinions heard on club matters, meet old and new climbing friends, and see some good slide shows which may help you plan your next adventure. We also have pizza and drinks available for just \$2 a person. My thanks go out to all the people who gave a slide show over the past year: Rick and Mary Dotson, Peter Hsi, Jim Southward, Anne Baron, Matt Hale, Tom Haliki, Geoff Irons, Dave Godwin, Demian Larry, Rick Kneeder, Ozana Halik and Don McIntyre (my apologies if I've missed anyone).



And a look ahead.

There are still other projects and issues to keep the Mountaineering Section busy in the future. In addition to continuing and improving on the good work mentioned above, here are just some of the projects and issues being discussed. Mary Dotson is looking into getting club information onto the Internet, accessible through

PATC's Home Page. Our use of the Nelson House (see June 1995 *Up Rope*) and climbing on the adjacent Nelson Rocks is being debated within the club; Rick Dotson led a trip recently to review the work that needs to be done. And Beth Logan is preparing an updated, expanded guidebook to Great Falls (see June 1995 *Up Rope*). All of these projects are being handled by devoted members on a volunteer basis. And those members can use help from YOU.

With all these projects coming up, the Mountaineering Section will need more dedicated volunteers to run the club next year. Unfortunately, two active members, Pete Hsi and Jim Southward, have moved out of the area. But this gap leaves opportunities for YOU to get involved and help lead the club in the coming years. For those who are interested, I encourage you to come to the upcoming meetings and get involved. Open elections for officers will be held at the January 10th meeting, and those officers will be looking for support to take charge of some of the club's committees and special projects.

—Dave Godwin



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