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## POTOMAC VALLEY SKIERS

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### Monthly Meeting Saturday, July 25, at 6 p.m.

Our July meeting will take place on Saturday, July 25, at 6:00 p.m. at Roy and Malda ELRODS' house, 13 Candice Drive, Triangle, Va. Come earlier if you want to hike down the river.

ELRODS will furnish steaks, baked potatoes, and tossed salad at a pro rata cost per person (estimated at \$2.00 plus \$1.00 for beer). Last year Roy had a keg of Loewenbrau. RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY JULY 20 through Mary IAMS, 229-3918. Call Mary and get your name in early.

BRING YOUR OWN PLATES AND SILVER. Beer cups will be supplied. If you prefer soft drinks or wine instead of beer, please bring your own.

DIRECTIONS: 14th Street Bridge to Shirley Highway (Rt. 350 and 95). Continue on Int. 95 South to a short distance beyond the truck weighing scales. Exit at Dumfries-Manassas exit--Rt. 234. Left on 234 to U.S. 1. Right on Rt. 1 to State Rt. 1107 (sign: "Triangle Shopping Centre"). Left on Rt. 1107, Graham Park Rd. to dead end. Angle right on Cabin Rd. Take second left to Candice Drive, No. 13. Telephone 221-7014 if you get lost. Estimated driving time: 25 minutes from 14th Street Bridge, or 20 minutes from Beltway exit if you come via 495.

### Persons Recommended for Membership

Excom has recommended six people for membership--Susanne Key and Mike Sontoro (their spouses are already members) and Maria Wauer (mother of ELKE STECHER), Marvin Stephens, Jr., Robert and Gail Gell. BILL STECHER and HANK THOMAS are sponsoring Maria Wauer; she is coming back from Europe with BILL and ELKE and probably will race for PVS. Bob and Gail Gell are sponsored by HANK; Marvin Stephens, by JACK LILLEY and RON FETT. Marvin has a long history of skiing accomplishments--as a racer, amateur skier, and officer in organized skiing (former president of Blue Ridge Ski Council).

### Enjoyable Meeting at the SOLERS

We may not have gotten much business done at the June meeting at the SOLERS but TONY and Rosemary\* relaxed style once again made us feel so welcome and at home that we had a fine pub fest. MURRAY LYON's slides of the assault on Mt. Washington showed it to us like it was. He also had some great shots of gulls darting down to feed (taken at Cape Hatteras on the PVS Memorial weekend trip). LARRY PEASE told us a few things about the U.S.C.A. meeting at San Francisco; he was a delegate from Eastern. LARRY is going to make a fuller report in a future TOOT.

### PVS Assault on South Fork of Shenandoah--Georgene HARSH

"The PVS assault on the South Fork of the Shenandoah will be launched at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, June 13, from Bealer's Ferry with a main force of seven canoes manned by 14 hardy paddlers..." (quote from Jim KEY'S Hot Poop, June 8, 1970). The assault was launched as scheduled with cooperative weather--cloudy, cool, and rainless.

Immediately we were introduced to one of the objectives of the bowman--to find that channel through the rocks which lace the Shenandoah as seven canoes come to a scraping halt, some getting hung up on the rocks.

HANK THOMAS and RON FETT began their energetic bailing. The spar opening in the bow of their canoe kept their interest in this endeavor alive!

After lunch, refreshing beverages, and many more snafus on the rocks, we ran the most exciting part of the river, the Compton Rapids. Paddling into a deeper stretch, AINA HERTFELIS and ERIK PLAUNIKS were in the lead. Holly and Jill Harsh kept urging their mom and dad to catch up.

With soggy sneakers and 15 miles of paddling we got to the campground, where two car-loads of camping equipment had been deposited earlier. Soon an orange, yellow, blue, and green tent city began to arise. With the help of three engineers, AINA's rented beige model (sans instructions) took shape. MURRAY LYON, giving all his thoughts to transporting JANE's frozen stew, forgot his domicile, but JIM KEY, who carried a spare, bailed him out.

Preluding dinner was "Susie's Sooper Soop," a delicious, refreshing, cool concoction, which is SUZANNE KEY's version of sangria. Cups of it were carried to the bank of the river to welcome BILLIE PEASE and "Yes, VIRGINIA LARSON, there really is a campsite!" The blueberry cobbler of DICK HARSH and JIM KEY, baked at the campsite, was reason for a purple tongue contest with 16 tying for first place.

Sunday, after a breakfast of bacon, French toast, and blueberry cobbler syrup, we were off to a slightly stiffish second day. As we came to a very low bridge, we flatted to the bottom of the canoes rather than portage.

Carl Bradford and Judy Vejvoda, guests, did a little unplanned fishing as fish literally threw themselves into their canoe. It happened to some PVSers, too. Lack of licenses prevented a fish fry at lunch. Instead, sandwiches were devoured in the midst of a herd of parading cows.

We paddled into Karo Landing, where the young teenager from the canoe rental shop was waiting for our canoes. He expressed amazement that none of us had capsized. Scattered cars were collected, belongings sorted, and we were on our way home.

### July Raft Trip

The following PVSers are scheduled for the July 18-19 raft trip: DON and PAT COPE, RON FETT, CHARLIE GORDON, AINA HERTFELIS, PEGGY LACEY, MURRAY LYON, JEAN OLD, MIKE RY-SAVY, and HANK THOMAS.

### PVS Directory Changes

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Second Reminder to Pay Your PVS Dues

The first notice to pay your membership dues appeared in the June TOOT along with a "Member's Application Form." If you haven't done so yet, get busy and tear out this form from the June issue, fill it in, and send it to our membership chairmen, KEITH and SUE LYON, with your check made out to Potomac Valley Skiers. If you don't have the June TOOT, contact KEITH or SUE for a form. Those who have recently been notified of their acceptance as PVS members should also fill out the form and send in their dues.

Those who hold a racing classification with Eastern should notify KEITH or SUE so that they can tell you the amount of the small additional fee required for registration of such classifications with Eastern. Then this fee, along with the portion of the PVS membership fee reserved for Eastern, can be sent to Eastern at the same time.

Think Snow! Report on Norwegian Ski Trip March '70--Mary JOYCE

We arrived via SAS in Bergen, Norway, on March 8. ("We" consisted of 30 SCWICers, this PVSer, and 10 people from New Jersey and Delaware.) Everywhere people with skis were heading for a funicular. We, too, rode it to the top. There, in a park, everyone was skiing cross country on trails through pine trees.

It was a scenic ride to Voss, our first area for skiing. With dry, packed powder, skiing was excellent. Every morning we had a steep walk to the first lift--a cable car. From the top of this cable car, we took a chairlift to the peak. The length of these slopes was about the same as at Blue Knob, but you could ski all over in the unpacked snow, and that's what we all did. Only there was a hairy route from the top of the mountain back to Voss, through cow pastures, and so forth, but with great views!

The World Cup Races were run at Voss while we were there, and we met the American racers and others and saw them race. The competition took place on what was said to be the steepest and longest racing hill in Europe; the hill was also said to have the steepest T-bar on the Continent (45 degree angle).

Leif, the head of the Voss Ski School, gave us lessons in cross-country skiing; we went 3 miles. Later, 19 of us, led by Harvey Steinfeld, took a bus from Voss to Ustaaset, went 4.2 miles on skis up hill and then along the top back to Voss, 8 miles in all. We stopped to rest and have lunch and snacks at little houses. The food in Norway was great--hearty and wholesome.

Geilo, the second area where we skied, was quieter than Voss. The slopes were steeper, but the runs were shorter, more like Seven Springs. When we were there, the snow was not as good as it had been at Voss. Since Geilo was lower, the snow got soft at times and icy at others. There are well marked routes on the top of the mountains. You can go for 2 weeks on skis, stopping overnight at the houses. People stay in them all the time to prepare food and lodging for the skiers. The chairlift at Geilo had seats for two; you road sideways; the lift stopped to load and unload at the top and bottom of the mountain.

Good cross-country equipment could be rented both at Voss and Geilo at reasonable prices. Some tour members also bought such equipment. In fact, with some other pretty ~~few~~ souvenirs from Norway and Denmark (we got to shop in Copenhagen) we were \$400 over weight for our flight back. After some huddles, this problem was resolved without any of us losing our shirts.

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PVS Summer Schedule - Program Chairman, Don Cope

- Every Sunday 10-12 - Tennis at Hains Point
- July 25 (Saturday) - Monthly meeting and steak dinner at ELRODS
- August 15-16 (?) - Water ski and beach party
- August 18 - Monthly meeting at MURRAY and JANE LYONS

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