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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Information is that "stuff" that we often seem to be buried under and at other times can't find when we need it most. Information certainly is what organizations rely on if they are to function effectively and it is what we as individuals require to feel "on top" of our lives.

You, as members of PVS have the advantage of an epistle, called TOOT, which provides you with information about what our club will be doing, information about the foibles of our members and others.

PVS has the rare privilege of this newsletter "par excellence" thanks to the untiring work of our very talented editor, LU BEALE. It is her skill and flair for attractive presentation that makes TOOT the enjoyable document it is. Not only that, but she leads great hikes, too, when she isn't busy editing. If you missed her Old Rag hike you missed a rare treat. Thanks Lu.....YOU'RE GREAT.

And now, on with the rest of this month's issue. See you at some of the events.

Bob Marx, President

EDITOR'S MESSAGE:

TOOT Editor is grateful for the laudatory remarks President Marx has inserted above but, knowing that what he says ain't necessarily so, hastens to hand out kudos of her own:

First, Jan and Bob Marx do an awesome job producing TOOT. This involves taking the copy to the printer, stapling, folding, affixing stamps and addresses, then off to the P.O. with the whole caboodle. All this 12 times a year for more than 3 years! That's a lotta stamp lickin'!

Second, there is Ray McKinley whose inimitable Knee and even more inimitable puns have brightened these pages 12 times a year for more than 3 years. That's a lotta kneedle work!

Third, there are the "writers in residence": Gail Pease, who as Membership Chairman, provides reports on the membership; Ray McKinley who writes updates on the events he orchestrates as Program Chairman; and the President whose monthly messages give TOOT its Hall Marx.

Fourth, there are the countless contributors who so cheerfully provide trip and event reports on request. Just in 1982, these included Jean Heitchue, the Grasleys, Alice Swalm, Charlotte Eddy, Helen Price Dot Mills, Jan Marx, the Peases, Jim Slack, Mary Ward, Irene Farrell, the Barrys, Rosemary Soler, the Wyckoffs, Shirley Frucht, Bing Poon.

That's a whole lot of people working to make us what we like to think we are - a small horn with a big toot.

Now that we've patted ourselves very hard on the back we must tell you our labors are not without reward because actually we LOVE every bit of it and we hope you do, too, flawed though we know we often are.



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JUNE EVENT Picnic and Swim at Hadler's Cottage

Date: Saturday, June 19th. Rain date: June 20th.

Time: 10:00 a.m. 'til dark. Supper served about 5 p.m.

Place: Jacques Hadler's cottage on Kent Island, Md. Directions below.

Coordinator: Gail Pease (0- 924-5000, H - 620-4573) With only one bathroom, this event is limited to 40 people and is already wait-listed. If the weather is iffy call the Marxes (451-9158) who will make a decision by 10 a.m. Saturday.

Bring: Salad or dessert. (Check with Gail.) Bring your own lunch if you come at 10:00. Also, swim gear and extra chairs. For a fee of \$3.00, soft drinks, beer, wine, hot dogs & hamburgers with all the fixings will be provided.

DIRECTIONS: Go east from Annapolis on Rte 50 over Bay Bridge. At first traffic light after bridge, turn south on Rte 8 on Kent Island. The Matapeake Recreation Ground entrance is 3 miles south of Rte 50 (a public boat landing if you wish to launch your own boat). At the Kentmorr Airpark entrance, 5 miles south of Rte 50, turn right (back towards the bay). Take that road to Hadler's cottage. It's the only road - you can't go wrong. It's the blue (4th) cottage after the 90° turn.



JUNE FUN AND RUN

What: First annual PVS Jog and Hog (picnic, that is). Come and run, jog, creep, stagger 1, 3, 6, or 10 miles with your fellow PVSers. Bring your own lunch and we'll revive together.

When: Saturday, June 12th. Time: 10 a.m.

Where: On the C & O Canal tow path starting at Carderock, Md - near the David Taylor Model Basin. Enter the Park, turn left or right for parking, and meet at the pavilion which is on the ball field near the entrance.

Call Dick Clark (978-9435) and sign up!

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EVENT!

What: Steak and Swim at the Elrods!!

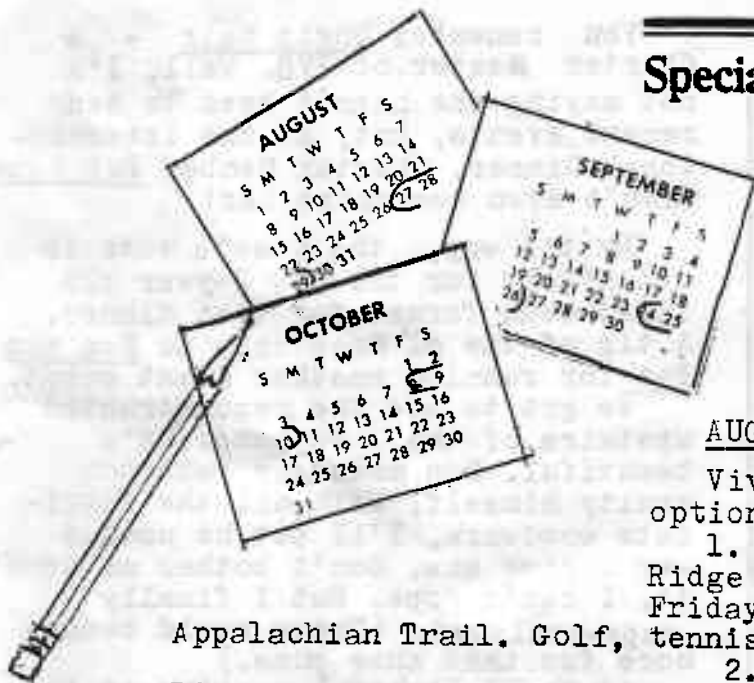
When: Saturday, July 17. Rain date: 7/18. 2:00 p.m. 'til dark.

Where: At Malda and Roy Elrod's spacious home in Triangle, Va

Coordinator: Jean Hitchue (860-9190)

Full details and directions in July TOOT.

Special Events



PUT 'EM ON YOUR CALENDAR NOW!!!
 EARLY CLUB RESERVATIONS REQUIRED
 FOR THESE SPECIAL EVENTS
 PLEASE CALL LEADERS NOW IF YOU
 ARE INTERESTED!!

AUGUST 27 - 29 WEEKEND AT A COUNTRY INN

Vivian and Bob Barry are leading this option-laden event which includes:

1. two nights & 4 meals at inn in Blue Ridge Summit - \$60 per person. Arrive on Friday early, if you like, and hike the Appalachian Trail. Golf, tennis nearby, plus shopping at factory outlets.
2. Saturday: Raft trip on the Shenandoah River. Four hours on the raft with a high energy lunch - \$28.00 per.
3. Saturday night at the Totem Pole Summer Stock. \$7 - \$10 per ticket.

This package can be taken in all three parts or one or two parts. The inn price would remain the same. Please call the Barrys now (560-3127) as inn and raft reservations must be made by July 10th. Vivian will want to know what options you are taking.

SEPTEMBER 24 - 26: WEEKEND AT THE BEACH

The indefatigable Barrys are lining up houses for another fall weekend at Rehoboth and nearby beach areas.

They figure they can find accomodations in or near their home for 20 - 30 people. Please call them now so they can make firm plans.

OCTOBER 8 - 10: CHESAPEAKE SAIL

If you would like to sail the Chesapeake during the weekend commencing Friday, October 8, please call Dot Mills now (527-5036) so that we can make plans.

Definite reservation and deposit will be required from the club by July 25th so it is imperative you make your interest known. Cost will be between \$65 and \$75 plus food and beverages.

If not enough interest is expressed now, the sail will be dropped from the schedule so it's up to you, sailors.

ALSO COMING UP (Watch for details in JULY FOOT):

- September 5th Crabfeast at the Wingroves .
- September 21st Wine & Cheese at the Englemans .
- October 2nd Oktoberfest at the Wyckoffs.
- October 16th Hike and Dine with the Masons.

The Knee

by
Ray McKinley



Some months this column is very difficult to write. This isn't one of them. I have a lot of kneet news. I'll probably run excessivknee long but editor Toot-el-Lu won't dare cut me because I've got a juicy bit about her which I promised to keep secret. Will I? Read on.

Did you know the club has been over a month without a vice president? I wanted to find out why, but first I had to ask myself if I could question Marx?? I did and he said he was delayed because he was trying to establish a dynasty. So that's Marxism.

Do you recall if the club was ever before without a veep? If so, when? Find answer one paragraph below.

At a recent meeting Larry Pease, talking to Jenckes Mason, commented, "When I grow up I want to be just like Jenckes." Don't worry, Jenckes, you're safe - Larry will never grow up. By the way, Larry is reputed to sometimes not read the Knee. Tell him about this one and maybe he will. After all, everyone likes to read complimentary things about themselves and that's as complimentary as I can get about Larry.

Some 10 years ago, shortly after he was elected club president, Keith Lyon was transferred to London (to do some long term planning for the Falkland Islands invasion?). Club Veep Art Topping took over and we remained without a V.P. for most of the year. And apparently survived!

By the way, I understand Art did not ski at all last winter. Should we forcibly remove his PVS pin? Tell me - who did ski the most and who else the least last season?

PVS is into health (not unexpectedly). Max Bunnell took up jogging last fall and reports it had a wonderful effect on his skiing. (It's hard to believe Max could need to ski better!) Dean Worcester is now swimming 3/4 miles a day and looking marvelous.

You remember Doris Mair - a Charter Member of PVS. Well, I'm not saying she hasn't been to many recent events, but, at the International Dinner, Charter Member Pat Cope didn't even recognize her!

By the way, the Knee's vote is definitely for the now 2-year old fixed menu format for that dinner. A tip of the ol' Knee cap to Don and Pat for running another great event.

We got to see the reconstructed upstairs of the Cope home. It's beautiful. Don made the bathroom vanity himself. With all the intricate woodwork, I'll bet he used a -er coping saw. Don't bother me about it, I can't cope. But I finally cope-itated. (These could become more fun than knee puns.)

At the delightful meeting at the Kuffs, Mort confided that he pasted all the blooms on his rhododendrons himself. Sure looked nice anykneeway.

I understand Alan Mills leaves his skis at St Anton from year to year. I leave mine at Ski Liberty.

The Knee participated, sore knees and all, in Iu Beale's great Old Rag hike. After reaching the top, exhausted and relaxing with a light snack, all were amazed to see Jamie and Shahrsad Miller eating a gourmet lunch off a plaid table cloth, with an imported (on their backs) bottle of wine. Now that's class.

Knox Felker was flabbergasted to see 3 people on the same hike, Dot and Jenckes Mason and Steve Grenleski, all wearing Peter Limmer hiking boots. Seems he had tried to get some at Hudson Bay Outfitters and HBO said they were special order and very hard to get. The Knee, wearing US Keds, is also knowledgeable about hiking. I thought the conversation about HBO referred to Home Box Office.

Finally, a brief note on our trip leader who shall remain nameless (but refer to paragraph one of this column). I'll arbitrarily call her LB for short. Well, LB did not bring the hikers down Old Rag via the "short cut" she bushwhacked from the top two weeks earlier. It seems she lost her way, couldn't find a trail out, and finally died of malnutrition.

PAST EVENTS

OLD RAG CLIMB by Dorothy Mills

Nineteen mountain lovers - summer variety - turned out May 15th to scale Old Rag in Virginia's heavenly Blue Ridge. The day was sheer perfection - typical luck for PVS hikers. We took off promptly (?) at 7:45 from the rendezvous at Cooper School and arrived ready to tackle the mountain about 9:30 - unfortunately minus one carload of hikers.

Getting restless, the rest of us started up the rugged Ridge Trail (with Dot and Jenckes Mason and Adele Waggaman splitting to take the supposedly easier back way) while leader Lu Beale set off to find the strays. Seems the driver was busy talking - being a tour guide for the Blue Ridge - and missed the turn-off at Gainesville. Rerouted, they managed somehow to catch up with the rest well before the summit.

All of us maneuvered the rocks like mountain goats (well, sort of). Even Thin Man Squeeze didn't faze us (though Steve Grenleski renamed it Fat Man Stuck). Spring was out in all its glory - wild azalias, wild geraniums, violets, bluets, fields of trillium, and greening trees.

The exhausted mountaineers finally arrived at the top (none too soon!) and, joined by those who had taken the back trail, collapsed in the shade of the great boulders to eat lunch and enjoy the spectacular view.

Strength restored, we headed down the back way (to complete our circuit), stopping to sample the delicious spring water at Old Rag Shelter. Near the end of the trail, the hardiest (those with the weariest feet) bathed burning extremities in an icy mountain stream. Nothing like it for aching arches! Back at the cars, at last, we revived ourselves with cold beer and sodas before heading back to the city. The end of a perfect day!

MAY MEETING AT THE KUFFS by Alice Swalm

Angela and Mort Kuff arranged a perfect spring evening for entertaining more than 40 PVSers and guests who attended the meeting May 19th.

Wine and cheese were served on the patio where President Marx conducted a brief business meeting, after which Bob Wyckoff and Barbara Wingrove showed slides of ski trips to Austria, France, and Utah. Bob Grasley provided a bit of nostalgia with scenes of his '79 Czech trip.

That there is great interest in the ski trips planned for 1983 was evident in the updates provided by trip leaders Bob Grasley, Norm Engleman and Bob Wyckoff. Since spaces on each trip are limited and are filling rapidly, they urge that reservations be made soon.

To add to the pleasures of the evening, Angela served delicious home made cookies and cakes, and answered many questions concerning the rare and unusual furniture in their distinctive home.

On or off the cuff (apologies to Knee), we all thank the Kuffs for proving again that attending a PVS meeting is a great way to spend an evening.

PAST EVENTS (CONTINUED)

INTERNATIONAL DINNER by A. Nony Mous

The 13th International Dinner featuring cuisine mostly Greek, a little British and a great American ending at Chez Cope was THE event of Saturday May 22nd, coordinated by Marilyn Clark (alias NOW or PRONTO).

The menu, preceded and accompanied by 6 different wines, featured RASPBERRY PUNCH, STUFFED GRAPE LEAVES, ANGOURIA YEM ISTA ME FETA, MEDALLIONS OF CHICKEN WITH MUSHROOMS, SOUR CREAM AND DILL SERVED IN FRESHLY BAKED PASTRY SHELLS, BUTTERFLIED (Ray the Knee, this means the boneless product, not the spices nor the ornamentation) LEG OF LAMB, TOMATOES STUFFED WITH PUREE OF PEAS AND WATERCRESS, WALNUT-WILD RICE PILAF, ASSORTED CHEESES, BLACK BOTTOM CAKES, CHOCOLATE CHIFFON PIE, FROZEN STRAWBERRY DELIGHT, STRAWBERRY CHEESECAKE.

The evidence speaks for itself and words cannot describe the dinner better than the drool and expressions on the faces of the participants as they recall the event.

A standing ovation to Pat and Don Cope, Marilyn Clark, and to the official sous-chefs of the dinner: the Barrys, Clarks, Elrods, Felkers, Grasleys, Kuffs, Mair, Marxs, Masons, McKinley, Parmenter, Peases, Reith, Santoros, Swalm, Wingroves, Wyckoffs, and, of course, the Copes - that team of many talents: executive chef, chef, sous-chef, sommelier, maitre d', dishwasher, janitor, and gracious owners of Chez Cope.

Leftovers (not normally edible): a stainless steel cake server; green plastic serving spoon; Mike Santoro's jacket and Bing Poon's raincoat. A valuable ring was lost. Look in your pile of things and if you find one please call Alice Swalm (979-6756). Hope no one ate it!

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

The May 25th ExCom meeting was hosted by Vivian and Bob Barry whose hospitality is as legendary as their artifact-filled home.

Besides formulating plans for upcoming events, the 16 PVSers present made the following decisions:

1. BECAUSE OF THE SUMMER VACATION PLANS OF TOOT EDITOR AND PRODUCERS, THERE WILL BE NO TOOT IN YOUR MAILBOX THE FIRST WEEK IN AUGUST. IN FACT, THERE WILL BE NO JULY EXCOM MEETING. IN LATE AUGUST OR EARLY SEPTEMBER THERE WILL BE A COMBINED AUGUST-SEPTEMBER ISSUE. THIS MEANS YOU MUST CAREFULLY READ (AND, WE HOPE, SAVE) YOUR JUNE AND JULY ISSUES IN ORDER TO KEEP ABREAST OF UPCOMING EVENTS - THE DATES, RESERVATION DEADLINES AND LOCATION DIRECTIONS.
2. FUTURE DEADLINE FOR ALL TOOT MATERIAL WILL BE THE 4TH TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH (EXCOM MEETING NIGHT). THIS CHANGE, WE HOPE, WILL ENABLE US TO GET THE NEWSLETTER TO YOU NEARER TO THE FIRST OF EACH MONTH.

ACTIVITIES

- June 12 Jog/Picnic on C & O towpath. 10:00 a.m. Dick Clark leading. (978-9435)
- June 19 Picnic at Hadler's Cottage on Chesapeake. Gail Pease leading. (H:620-4573. O: 924-5000)
- June 22 ExCom at the Masons. 7:30 p.m.
- July 17 Steak and Swim at the Elrods. 2 p.m. 'til dark. Heitchues coordinating (860-9190)
- Aug. 27-29.. Weekend at Country Inn. Barrys leading. (560-3127)
- Aug. 24 Ex Com Meeting at the Pease home. 7:30 p.m.
- Sept. 5 Crabfeast at the Wingroves.(Details in July TOOT.)
- Sept.21 Wine & Cheese Party at the Englemans.(See July TOOT.)
- Sept. 24-26. Beach Party. Barrys leading.(560-3127)
- Sept. 28.... ExCom Meeting.
- Oct. 2 Oktoberfest at the Wyckoffs.
- Oct.8-10.... Sail on the Chesapeake. Call Dorothy Mills.(527-5036)
- Oct. 16 Hike and Dine with the Masons.

SKI TRIPS

PVS SKIS THE STEEP AND THE DEEP - February 19 - 28, 1983

Look elsewhere in this issue of TOOT for a full page description and application form for this great trip to Jackson Hole, Wyoming, and Grand Targhee, Idaho, led by Mary Lee and Bob Grasley. Bob reports that all plans are now firm and all systems are GO. Call the Grasleys (460-3167)

EXPLORE LA PLAGNE AND PARIS WITH THE WYCKOFFS -JANUARY 15-30,1983

Bob Wyckoff reports they have been overwhelmed by the response to their trip announcement. The trip is now full but they are taking names for a wait list.

Based on past experience, Bob says those on wait list have an excellent chance of getting on trip. Call Wyckoffs (589-5532)

SKI BANFF & WHISTLER WITH PVS March 5-19, 1983

Good news from Norm Engleman. The \$1350 projected price for this fantastic trip described fully in the May TOOT has been reduced. Present indications are that the final tab will be closer to \$1250. Can it be inflation is licked at last?

--Price includes all ground and air transportation, lift tickets, 7 nights at Lake Louise Inn with 5-passenger cars provided, 7 nights in Whistler Condos, plus pre- and post-parties.

Call Norm (299-2635) for further details on this trip to Canada's fabulous ski areas. A \$25 deposit made out to PVS Canada will reserve a place for you. Deposit is fully refundable until a month after a detailed flyer is issued with final price information.

PVS SKIS THE STEEP AND THE DEEP

Ski the Wild West among the beautiful Grand Tetons this Winter. Enjoy the varied terrain with huge bowls, meandering trails and carefully groomed slopes designed for skiers of all abilities. We depart D.C. February 19, and return February 28, 1983.

JACKSON HOLE has the longest lift-served vertical descent in the U.S.A. (4139 feet). Snowfall averages 400" per year. Trails range from very easy through intermediate, to some of the most challenging runs in this country.

We stay at the Sojourner Lodge in Teton Village which is about a two minute walk to the Tram and chair lift terminal. Accomodations here are first class with bar, restaurant, large jacuzzi, pool and sauna. This is the best hotel in the area.

Much less expensive accomodations are available at the Hostel. Facilities here are austere with bunk beds, up to five persons per room, but are quite suitable for younger skiers or compatible adults. Hostile prices will be furnished on request. An excellent feature of the Hostel is a large common room available for apres ski activities, cocktails, movies, etc. Prices here are extremely reasonable.

GRAND TARGHEE is located one hour by car from Teton Village. It is a smaller area but has very interesting terrain and excellent accomodations. Grand Targhee has one of the heaviest snowfalls in the country, averaging over 500 inches per year. It has some of the best deep powder skiing of any area we have visited.

There is plenty of opportunity for cross country skiing at both areas.

This is really Wild West Country with moose, elk, deer, porcupine, geese and what have you, in quantity. Grand Teton and Yellowstone National Parks are easily reached by bus or snowmobile. Hot springs (with swimming), geysers and wildlife are some of the attractions there.

For powder snow enthusiasts we suggest seven days at Jackson Hole and three days at Grand Targhee. By signing up early you can arrange any kind of split you want between the two, using the Sojourner Hotel throughout and commuting or using Grand Targhee accomodations for part of your stay.

Price per person for 10 days, including air and bus transportation, D.C. to Teton Village; Twin Hotel accomodations at Sojourner Inn and 5-day lift tickets is \$875.00.

<u>PAYMENT SCHEDULE:</u>	First payment (with application)	\$100.00
	Second payment (15 August)	200.00
	Third payment (15 September)	200.00
	Fourth payment (15 October)	200.00
	Fifth payment (15 November)	175.00
		<u>\$875.00</u>

PVS SKIS THE STEEP AND THE DEEP TRIP APPLICATION
(Please Print)

NAME _____ SMOKER _____
 ADDRESS _____ NON-SMOKER _____
 CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
 PHONE: HOME _____ OFFICE _____
 MEMBER OF _____ SKI CLUB _____

SEND TO: R.J. GRASLEY, P.O. BOX 6365, SILVER SPRING, MD. 20906/PHONE: (301) 460-3167.

I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE PVS, THE BRSG, THEIR OFFICERS AND TRIP LEADERS ARE AGTING AS AGENTS IN MAKING THESE ARRANGEMENTS AND ASSUME NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY INJURIES NOR FOR ADDITIONAL EXPENSES THAT MAY BE CAUSED BY WEATHER OR OTHER EVENTS BEYOND THEIR CONTROL. SIGNED: _____ DATE: _____

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