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OPEN HOUSE

8:30 pm Thursdays

Nov. 2

Jack Kowalski previews the season with a movie on downhill skiing and a discussion of equipment.

Nov. 9

While in Lebanon Cliff Ham hiked 1,000 kilometers and wrote a hiking guide. Tonight we can see the hikes we missed!

See Cliff's article on page 3.

Nov. 16

"Ski Touring/Cross Country Skiing: Technique" George Romovacek, a very skilled and experienced skier will tell us about how to become graceful, strong cross-country striders. Everyone planning to take seriously to overland skiing this year should attend. Two movies will be shown, one of which is the very best in the small set of films on this rapidly growing sport.

Nov. 23

HAPPY THANKSGIVING. No meeting or Open House. Enjoy your holiday.

Nov. 30

Dan Connor presents slides of his family vacation in Eastern Canada including hiking, cycling and sight-seeing in Nova Scotia, Cape Breton and the eastern coast of Canada.

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The One Day Shelter Story by Eb Moll

With 14 woodsmen, 5 helpers and 5 cooks, the eleventh Baker Trail Shelter was completed, shingled and stained in exactly 9 (nine) hours on Saturday, Sept. 16, between 7:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. --a new record. The table was already finished for Saturday breakfast. The spring was dug and the outhouse (with forest view) usable the same night.

The work party drew world wide attention: workers arrived from Brisbane, Australia (the Cleggs), from Beirut, Labanon (the Hams), and from Greenville, Pa. (the Robinsons). Beside the seasoned builders we discovered new talents in Rich Baker, Allan Ellis, Joe Hochnes and John Hayes. Responsible for the traditionally excellent food were Eleanor Myers, Irene McGaff and Sandy Oberg. With little work left on Sunday, Cliff Ham led a 7 mile hike before lunch while a few put the last touches at the camp.

Thanks to everyone for helping.

SKI LESSONS -- Ski Clinic

Ski lessons start at Boyce Park in December. Cost of \$42 includes lessons, lift tickets and equipment.

See Jack Kowalski, our Winter Sports Chairman, at the Hostel for details.

Wed., November 8 -- Jack will hold a ski clinic for all skiers. He will give pointers on several techniques--beginning and also advanced. He will answer questions and give helpful information.

Meet at Headquarters at 7:00 p.m.

THINK SNOW..THINK SKI...SNOW...Ski..snow

June and I left Pittsburgh in early May and headed for Columbus to visit friends and relatives. Shortly after we hitchhiked west to Missoula, Montana, with a visit in Denver with the Henrys of Pittsburgh Council.

In Missoula we spent several weeks preparing for HEMISTOUR, our proposed cycle trip from Alaska to Argentina. In early June we trucked to Seattle where we boarded a ferry for Juneau, Alaska, and a visit to Alaska's one and only youth hostel.

From there we flew to Anchorage, Alaska, and on June 16, finally began bicycling. After 84 days and 3103 miles we arrived back in Missoula to prepare for the trip south. 1,500 miles of the total were over gravel and dirt roads in Alaska, the Yukon, and British Columbia. One 360 mile stretch we covered had not a house or store along its entire length. It took a week to cross.

To solve the problem of scarcity and great expense of food in the north we mailed food caches to various points along the route that we would pick up about every week. Therefore, for up to a week we were able to be independent of any type of service facility. It enabled us to explore regions never before seen from the seat of a bicycle.

In the Jasper and Banff Parks in Alberta we stayed in nine of the hostels maintained by the Canadian Youth Hostel Association. In that area we met many other bicycle touring groups.

From Missoula we plan to head into Idaho, Oregon, California and finally to attend the National AYH meeting in Phoenix, Arizona, in December. Perhaps we'll see you there. After the meeting we drop south into Mexico for a full year of travel between there and Argentina.

STATE FUNDING OF BIKE TRAILS PROPOSED

Reproduced below is the text of HOUSE BILL 2513 which was introduced into the State Legislature on September 19, 1972 by Representatives Jones, Zearfoss, McCurdy, J.H. Hamilton, Klepper, Coppolino, Mastrangelo, Katz, Mebus, McClatchy, Scirica, Beren, Yohn, Ryan, Frank, and Sherman.

Laws authorizing the construction of bike and foot trails in conjunction with state and federally-funded projects have been passed in Oregon, Washington, New York and Maryland.

Pennsylvania now joins California, Nebraska, Massachusetts, Michigan and Arizona as a state where similar bills are pending. The provision of 1% of highway tax money is a common formula. Is you want to comment on HB 2513, write to the Chairman, Committee on Transportation, House of Representatives, Harrisburg, Pa.

AN ACT

Providing for footpaths and bicycle trails as part of the public highways system and authorizing the expenditure of Motor License Fund moneys therefor.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Reasonable amounts shall be expended as necessary by the Department of Transportation and municipalities and townships for the establishment of footpaths and bicycle trails as part of the public highway system. Footpaths and bicycle trails shall be established wherever a highway, road or street is being constructed, reconstructed or relocated. Moneys may also be expended to maintain such footpaths and trails and to establish footpaths and trails along other highways, roads and streets. As much of the moneys in the Motor License Fund as may be necessary from time to time for such purposes are appropriated therefor.

HOUSE BILL 2513 -- Footpaths and Bicycle Trails (continued)

Section 2. Footpaths and bicycle trails are not required to be established under this act:

(1) Where the establishment of such paths and trails would be contrary to public safety;

(2) If the cost of establishing such paths and trails would be excessively disproportionate to the need or probable use; or

(3) Where sparsity of population, other available ways or other factors indicate an absence of any need for such paths and trails.

Section 3. The amount expended by the Department of Transportation or municipalities and townships as required or permitted by this act shall never in any one fiscal year be less than one per cent of the total amount of the funds received by or from the Motor License Fund for such fiscal year.

Section 4. For the purposes of this act, the establishment of paths and bicycle trails and the expenditure of funds as authorized by this act are for public highway purposes as set forth in Article VIII, section 11 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

HIKING WITH THE HAMS IN LEBANON

Marilyn and Cliff Ham hiked 600 miles in Lebanon last year, completing a hiking guide for the National Council on Tourism. Perhaps the most exciting moments are described here:

"We were walking along an irrigation ditch above the Hamam River south of Beirut early this spring. Shortly after starting we saw several turtles and a snake so we both kept alert for other reptiles. (There are a few poisonous snakes in Lebanon.)

"Cliff was ahead, just through a cleft in a rock when Marilyn shrieked. 'Oh! Oh! How far to a doctor? to a hospital? How should we treat a snake bite here in the hills?'

"Cliff rushed back. 'I've been bitten,' said Marilyn. 'It was up there!' We both looked up apprehensively; about face level there was a land crab hardly 6 inches across, blinking at us and waving his pinchers. Marilyn still feels that tweak on her third finger and both of us laugh when we remember that day."

A Message from the Secretary...

One hundred fifty people from the Pittsburgh area are receiving this copy of the "Triangle" because they wrote to the National AYH office earlier this year to request information on hosteling activities. We hope that many of you have already joined the Hostel. We invite all of you to attend our Open House on Thursday evenings and to participate in our trips.

To obtain more information on the Pittsburgh Council AYH or a list of our publications, send your request and a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Secretary, American Youth Hostels, 6300 Fifth Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa. 15232.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name _____	Will you use AYH Pass abroad? <u>Yes</u> <u>No</u>
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ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING -- ELECTIONS, 1972-1973

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The annual business meeting was held on Thursday, October 12, 1972. The Hostel Policy Committee announces that the committee has adjourned indefinitely for lack of interest on the part of the membership. Activities Board members, both old and new are to attend the November Board Meeting.

President: Roy Weil
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The above people, who had been nominated for each position were elected at the business meeting. We wish each a successful and productive year of AYH leadership.



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November Trips and Trails - 5-

The trips listed below are open to the public, on a first come, first served basis, with AYH members having priority. Call the trip leader, if one is listed, to make reservations and to find out more about the trip (e.g. experience required, equipment needed). Cost of a trip includes equipment rental (if any), transportation, 30¢ for AYH registration and 10¢ for insurance. Each tripper is insured up to \$500 for medical expenses. One last thing: If you should decide to cancel your reservation for a trip, please call the trip leader and let him know so that someone else can take your place.

- Fri. 3 CYCLE/CAMPING--Bicycle camping in the Cook Forest Area, about to 100 miles round trip. Leave AYH Friday at 7 p.m., return Sunday Sun. 5 night. If the weather is bad, trip will be POSTPONED to the following weekend, Nov. 11,12. Cost \$5 plus food. Call John Edwards for details and reservations. 833-2682.
- Sat. 4 HIKE--Raccoon State Park. Beginners--Intermediates. Hike 6-8 miles with Bob and Vi Omlor (264-3658). Bring light lunch, comfortable shoes and about \$2. Leave AYH at 8:30 a.m.
- Sun. 5 CYCLE--Jack Batchelar is planning an intermediate 25 mile trip to Mingo Creek Park. Trip will be POSTPONED to Nov. 19 if weather is bad. Call Jack to reserve a bike (963-7868), but check at AYH on Thursday before the trip for Jack's weather report. Cost about \$3. Leave AYH at 8:00 a.m. with lunch.
- Fri. 10 CAVE--See the big ones with Norm Snyder in West Virginia. Leave to AYH 7:00 p.m. Friday. Return Sat. Night. Reserve with Norm Sat. 11 at 371-2371.
- Sun. 12 HIKE--Baker Trail Hike, Section #7 (Dayton to Mahoning), about 12 miles shelter to shelter. Good hiking shoes recommended. Leaders Cliff and Marilyn Ham. (687-4960). Leave AYH at 8:00 a.m. with lunch and about \$2.50.
- Sun. 12 CYCLE--If John Edwards trip is not postponed to this date, the Jim Hurst leads a 25 mile intermediate trip to Washington County. Leave AYH at 8:30 with lunch and about \$3. Reserve with Jim at 276-0447.
- Sun. 12 HIKE--Laurel Ridge-Jones Mill. Beginners, about 8 miles. Leader Eb Moll (441-0226). Bring a light lunch, comfortable shoes and about \$3.00. Leave AYH at 8:30 a.m.
- Mon. 20 CYCLE OVERHAUL--Learn to overhaul your bike. It's time to and overhaul the Hostel bikes. The cycling season is about over Tue. 21 so come to AYH at 7:00 p.m. both nights and help our cycling chairmen overhaul the bikes for next spring.
- Thu. 23 BACKPACK--Intermediate backpack trip in Cranberry Back Country. to Individual cooking. Leave AYH Thursday at 7:00 p.m. sharp. Cost Sun. 26 about \$9. See Cliff Ham for additional details. (687-4960).
- Fri. 24 HIKE--in the beautiful Spruce Knob section of W. Va. Leave AYH to 7:00 Friday night, return late Saturday. Call Norm Snyder for Sat. 25 details, 371-2371.

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		1	2 OPEN HOUSE Downhill Skiing	3	4 Hike	5 cycle-25
6	7	8 Ski clinic	9 OPEN HOUSE Hiking with the Hans in Lebanon	10 cave	11 Hike	12 cycle Hike
13	14	15	16 OPEN HOUSE Cross Country Skiing	17	18	19
20 cycle over-haul	21	22	23 Happy Thanksgiving	24 Hike	25	26 Back Country
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