



# GOLDEN TRIANGLE



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OPEN HOUSE.....

Every Thursday Night  
Doors Open: 7:45  
Slide Program: 8:45

Our Thursday Night Open House is for members as well as non-members. This is a great time to see friends, make new ones, reminisce about good times, and plan new trips.

SLIDE PROGRAMS FOR MARCH.....

Host: Bob Goff

Mar 6 "Wildlife of the East Coast" by Ben Brugmans.

Mar 13 A trio of Trips - White Mts, Dolly Sods & Laurelville by Joe Levine.

Mar 20 "Mostly Colorado" by Uncle Al Uhrine.

Mar 27 "Hiking on the Appalachian Trail" a movie by George Novak.

ACTIVITIES BOARD MEETING.....

Tuesday, March 4 at Harriet Ann Seiner's. See the Minutes of the last Board Meeting, later in this issue, for a map.

THANK YOU, JOE.....

This year's Annual Laurelville Winter Weekend was held February 8-10. It is one of the Big yearly events where we get a chance to meet the AYHers who we might not see on weekly trips. This year the skiing was good and everybody had a great time. Don't forget to thank the person who put it all together, THE trip leader, Joe Hoechner.



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DEADLINES FOR APRIL.....

Articles: March 13  
Trips, everything else: March 20  
Production Party: March 27

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: Please notify Pgh Council (attn. Don Hoecker) as soon as possible if you move. Otherwise, you miss the Golden Triangle and we get billed 25¢.

ADVERTISING: See our Ad Chairman, Rich Alstadt. Rates are \$7.50/1/4 page, \$15/1/2, \$30/full. We accept only camera-ready ads that are already the proper size. You can mail ads directly to Pittsburgh Council, c/o Editor, but you must mail several weeks before the deadline to make sure that it is received in time.

A FIRST AID COURSE APPEARS: A 30 hour First-Aid Course, including CPR, will be given by Chris Gareis at Allegheny Campus of Community College on the North Side. It will be aimed at problems encountered in outdoor situations. Cost will be \$10; there will be an outing planned at the end of the course. The course will probably start in March, so get in touch with Chris now to get details. Call at home at 766-7320 or at work at 237-2755.

## LEADERSHIP COURSES AVAILABLE.....

National AYH has recently issued their 1980 applications for Leadership Training Courses. The week-long sessions are taught during late Spring at various hostels around the country. The cost is \$100. After taking this course, you are eligible to lead National AYH trips. If you would like an application, see Jane Toben or Fred Mauk or write Travel Dept., National Campus, Delaplane, Virginia. 22025.

If you are interested in leading a Bikecentennial trip this summer, Joe Hoechner has their applications for leadership courses. Joe also had their summer schedule of trips: "Bike Back into America." See Joe at Open House or call 322-6114.

The Columbus Council, AYH is having their 2nd Annual Across Ohio Bike Tour, August 4-8. The tour uses the Trans-Ohio "Cardinal Trail" and starts from Richmond, Indiana and ends at New Middletown, Ohio (near Pa. border).

For more information, prices, etc.:

Columbus Council AYH  
attn: Ed Honton  
1719 Eddystone Ave  
Columbus, Ohio 43224

If you're a late winter cyclist, you may have a conflict about proper head-gear. You'd like a wool cap for comfort, but you need the helmet for safety.

If you have a problem fitting the helmet over the cap, try removing the sizing pads inside the helmet. Then you can wear both to keep your brain both warm and safe.

Misery is being a cyclist who cross-country skis in the winter - and still gets chased by dogs!



Mar 15 is the AYH banquet/cruise on the Gateway River Belle. Does the Canoeing Committee really expect everyone to wear life jackets?

## WELCOME SPRING

Help us greet the upcoming season as we close out on winter gear and clothing. Parkas, vests, booties, mittens, hats, etc., now marked down from our initial low prices.

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Some recreational  
vehicles are expensive.



Some aren't.

The gas shortage has had a definite effect on the vacationing habits of Americans. People are seeking alternatives to the standard drive-and-park trip they've taken in the past. Many have been surprised and pleased to find that the recreational vehicle they've always wanted has been sitting in their garage for years.

The Bicycle.  
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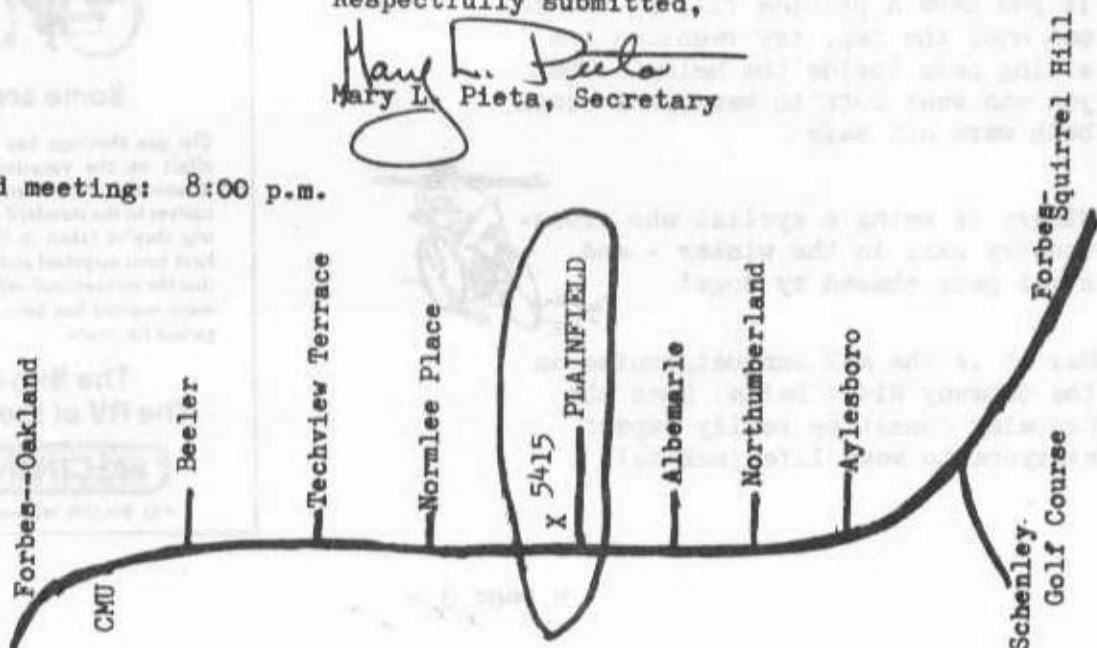
1. The meeting was called to order with Jim Gogots presiding at 8:15 p.m.
2. Last month's minutes: B. Sundquist moved to accept as published, J. Platt second, motion passed.
3. Jim Gogots reported that the audit committee found things satisfactory.
4. A request has been received from WORT, CMU Radio, Profiles on Parade for persons from AYH to speak about our activities on the program February 26. As the program is two hours long, a suggestion was given that representatives go from each division. Discussion tabled; contacts and volunteers will be made at the Thursday meetings.
5. Report from J. Hoehner and J. Gogots on possibility of Shawood Youth Hostel. A rental arrangement similar to Ohiopyle may be able to be made of a motel at Moraine State Park. Discussion involved viability of a hostel in that area, trailer for houseparents, expenses of repair. The building needs to be completely evaluated and discussed again. Discussion of a house at McConnell's Mills as a possible hostel or as an overnight place for Pgh. Council weekend trips was also tabled until more information is obtained. The First Aid Building in Presque Isle State Park may also be available as a future hostel.
6. There are extra 1979 Hostel Handbooks which need to be distributed in some way.. Suggestion to get them to school and public libraries via hostel members who had contacts there was encouraged. They are not to be sold.
7. Ray Yutzy reported that there are now five new kayaks in AYH. He also reported that the Three Rivers Paddling Club has training available through the spring in several indoor pools in Pittsburgh. AYH persons may attach to their programs rather than have our own training.
8. A request was made for persons for council awards for the AYH banquet.
9. A New franchise to sell passes is now held by Mountain Trail Outfitters in Shadyside.
10. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

*Mary L. Pieta*  
Mary L. Pieta, Secretary

Next month's AYH Board meeting: 8:00 p.m.

Harriet Ann Seiner  
5415 Plainfield St.  
Squirrel Hill  
681-1189



# Help Wanted!

Want to be a Mail Person?.....Pittsburgh AYH needs a hand - someone that lives close to Headquarters that can get to the office of the Arts & Crafts Center to pick up the AYH mail. You would have to get there on a Wednesday or Thursday before 5 pm to get into their general office. You would then either bring the mail to a Thursday Open House meeting or call an active member who would pick it up from you. If you think you could do this please call Mitzi Pieta (362-5626).

Are you a Houseperson?.....Do you spend time at home during the week? Or work odd hours that puts you at home during mid-day? AYH needs you to answer the telephone to supply interested people with information about hostels, membership, trips, etc. If you can help out by being an AYH Telephone Person, please speak up! Contact Joe Hoechner (322-6114) to offer help.

PERSONALS: I am looking for a compatible person with whom I can share the bliss of editorship. If you regularly attend AYH meetings, have your own typewriter, and want to contribute to a worthy cause, please contact me, Rick Caplan, at a Thursday Open House Meeting.

Can you host Foreign Visitors?.....Do you have room for a visitor or two? Many European (and other) visitors come to Pittsburgh expecting to find a Youth Hostel. Pending the success or failure of our efforts, these people may have nowhere to go. Can you help out? Sure! Fill in the information form below & give it to Hostel Development Chairperson Joe Hoechner, or mail it to his home: 1240 Resaca Place, Pgh, Pa. 15212. Hosts may collect a small fee for this service (one or two dollars).

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work phone \_\_\_\_\_

I can host: # males \_\_\_\_\_ # females \_\_\_\_\_

# couples \_\_\_\_\_

I can speak the following languages: \_\_\_\_\_

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Did you forget to reserve for the AYH Banquet?.....It's March 15. Call Wayne Albright at 421-0996 for information. This year the banquet is on the Gateway River Belle.

FOR SALE: Size 10 $\frac{1}{2}$  Raichle Yosemite hiking boots. Be ready for the hiking backpacking season. Call Rick Caplan at 521-4420.

FOR SALE: 195 waxable Asnes T53 skis, or will trade for waxless. See Barb Murock at Thursday meetings.

WANTED: A biking companion to ride coast to coast this summer. Average 80mi/day on level, ride 8hrs/day. Experienced cyclists only. Call George at (412) 921-0653.

Hey Skiers! Look for Clearance Sales! With the crazy weather we've had this winter, all of the ski and sporting goods shops will be trying to unload their gear - at great discounts.

Planning a trip this summer? Maybe you should stock up on camera film now. With the price of silver rising, film costs are going up. See your dentist now, too.

PGH. WATER SPORTS by Cliff Ham .....

Last month, Pittsburgh street names that are related to outdoor activities - this month, street names in caps recognize water sports.

We can use a CANAL, CREEK, RIVER, LAKE, an OXBOW, or just plain WATER. CANOE WAY provides a vehicle, but we cannot find a raft or kayak. A SAILER in a CRAFT, FERRY, or FLOTILLA can sail the PACIFIC or the ATLANTIC. Over there one might cruise the DANUBE, RHINE, or GANGES or CROSS the RUBICON. Closer HOME, enjoy the MISSISSIPPI, MISSOURI, COLORADO or OHIO; or still nearer, the ALLEGHENY, MONONGAHELA, SUSQUEHANNA or DELEWARE. If your taste runs to smaller streams, try GUYS RUN, SANDY CREEK, PLUM CREEK, or SPRUCE RUN. We have SHORT, NORTH and SOUTH CANAL. At the end of the trip, arrive at a safe HARBOR, ISLAND, or LAPORTE, and claim SUCCESS.

Next month, Pittsburgh streets will emphasize climbing..

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## Trips and Trails

The trips listed below are open to the public with the exception that AYH members are given priority when the trip is of limited size. Trip costs include 50¢ registration and insurance (\$500 med.) plus transportation and rentals. In addition, non-members are charged \$1.50/day which can be deducted from the cost of membership. Trips are classified BEGINner, INTERmediate or ADVanced.

### Cross-Country Skiing

Chair: Steve Tubbs (751-2158)

Trips depend on snow conditions: NO SNOW, NO GO. Contact trips leaders for changes and rentals. Trips Leaders: Contact Steve Tubbs to clear ALL rentals. Listen at Thursday Night Meetings for additional trips.

sat mar 1 INTER - Craig Rowland (242-0107)

sat mar 1 ALL - Ohiopyle Hostel X-C Weekend. Two days of skiing and one overnight  
sun mar 2 at our Ohiopyle Hostel. Need 2 lunches and 1 breakfast; we'll eat out for dinner. Trip limit is 15 members. Cost about \$10 + food. Call Joe Hoechner (322-6114) or Jim Gogots (384-9419).

sun mar 2 INTER - Chuck Ejzak (327-5031)

sat mar 8 INTER - Kathy Lynch (361-3707)

sun mar 9 BEGIN - Bob Rudland (421-2227)



### Canoeing

Chair: Dave Marschik (327-2778; W-256-3443)  
Jane Toben (466-7885; W-462-5000 x6585)

Trips will be announced at Thursday meetings. Contact Dave or Jane.

May 9-11 The W. Pa. Whitewater Canoe School will be held this year at Camp Kon-O Kwee on May 9, 10, 11. The Pgh. Council, AYH is a co-sponsor along with the YMCA and several other Canoe Clubs. The cost is \$60 for the school and food and lodging (add \$8 if you cannot furnish your own canoe). Applications and further information are available from Dave Marschik.

### Kayaking

Chair: Ray Yutzy (929-4443)

AYH is developing a kayaking program with our 6 new kayaks. We will be holding indoor pool sessions during March on Friday evenings at C-M U and Saturday mornings in Peters Township. Call Ray Yutzy for info.



### Backpacking

Chair: Steve Martin (W-462-5000 x6185)

Rentals are available: Backpacks, sleeping bags, tarps

sat mar 22 INTER - Allegheny Nat. Forest. Rick Caplan (521-4420)

sun mar 23

thr apr 3 INTER - Shenandoah National Park. Leave Headquarters 7pm. To reserve  
- apr 6 call Steve Martin (H-469-3153; W-462-5000 x6185)

### Climbing

Chair: Wojie (322-4524)

Climbing equipment for beginners is part of trip fee. Bring leather gloves and tennis shoes.

sat mar 29 ALL - Dig your climbing shoes (and funny hat) out of the closet for our first trip of the 1980's. Beginners and experienced people are welcome. Meet at AYH Headquarters at 7 am. To reserve, call Wojie.

### Biking

Chair: Chuck Ejzak (H-327-5031; W-462-5000 x6436)  
Ed Sieger (H-561-4790)

Rentals: Bikes and panniers. Trips will depend on weather; call trip leaders or chairpeople for information. Bring tools, water, lunch).

sat mar 15 Call Chuck Ejzak or Ed Sieger for information.

sun mar 16 Call Chuck Ejzak for information.

sat mar 22 INTER - Barb Murock (922-9517)

sun mar 23 BEGIN - Harriet Ann Seiner (681-1189)

sat mar 29 INTER - 35 miles. Where?? Call Chuck Ejzak.

sun mar 30 BEGIN - 12 miles around town. Joe Hoechner (322-6114)

jun 13-15 WAG'80 at Slippery Rock State College

jul 3-6 GEAR'80 at Rochester, N.Y.



may 10-11 TOSRV'80 \*\*\*\*\* You must send in an application now if you  
\*\*\*\*\* want to attend. Chuck Ejzak has copies of the application. \*\*\*\*\*

### Hiking

Chair: Bob Rudland (421-2227)

Jogging (Polar Bear Club) continues to take place every Wednesday at 6:15pm at the Highland Park Reservoir at the top of the South Steps. Call Bob Rudland if interested. Hikes in March will take place as the weather permits.

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- sun mar 2 BEGIN - Hartwood Acres and Recycle Hike. Steve Schomer (824-5352) 9am.
- sun mar 2 BEGIN - TBA. Meet 9 am. Bill Friedrich (244-1151)
- sun mar 9 BEGIN - Meet at AYH at 9am. to Bear Run. Jeri Walsh (H-422-9686)
- sat mar 15 BEGIN - TBA. Meet at 9 am. Gus Hughes (751-4775)
- sat mar 22 BEGIN - Trillium Trail. Meet 9am. Ben Brugnans (421-0324)
- sun mar 30 BEGIN - TBA. Meet at 8am. Kay Hess (422-7630)

## Special Stuff

- wed mar 12 Sierra Club meeting at Pgh. Garden Center (above AYH HQ). Tonight they are having a dinner before the speaker. Meeting starts at 8:30pm
- fri mar 14 Western Pa. Wheelmen meet at 8pm at 300 6th Ave Bldg, corner 6th and Wood, 2nd floor Conf. Rooms A & B. Jack Phillips (782-1341) is Pres.
- sat mar 15 Passive Solar Design Seminar presented by the W. Pa. Solar Energy Association. Location: C-MU, Margaret Morrison Room 14. Fee: \$40 members, \$50 non-members. Registration deadline: March 7th. For more information call Gary Rentsch (471-5574) or Steve Nearhoof (285-3444).
- sun mar 16
- fri mar 21 AYH COFFEE HOUSE - From 9 to 12 pm at AYH Headquarters. If you would like to play music or show slides call Carin Olson (244-9958).
- sat mar 15 AYH BANQUET - Cruise the Gateway River Belle. Contact Wayne Albright at 421-0996.

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ New?/Renewal? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Social Security # \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_

Check one:

\_\_\_\_\_ \$7.00 Youth (under 18) \_\_\_\_\_ \$35.00 Three-year Senior  
 \_\_\_\_\_ \$7.00 Senior Citizen (60+) \_\_\_\_\_ \$35.00 Organization (non-profit)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ \$14.00 Senior (18-59) \_\_\_\_\_ \$140.00 Life  
 \_\_\_\_\_ \$21.00 Family (not valid abroad, includes youths under 18) (Note: Membership sells International Hostel Guide to Europe for \$5.00.)

Please Circle one or more:

Service Interests: Newsletter, Hostel Development, Bicycling, Publicity, Trail Maintenance, Equipment Repair, Auditor Service, Typing, Art Work

Leadership: Backpacking, Cycling, Canoeing, Caving, Climbing, Hiking, Cross-country Skiing, Rafting.

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