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Open House —

With DON MORIN...
 Thursday evenings at 8:30 PM

April 1...Diane Moll insists that it is not an April fool joke; she will show a film on own homeland, Australia.

April 8...Buddha's birthday...600 B.C. Jack Leahy shows us not Fujiyama but some climbing slides of Mt. Washington, highest point in the presidential range of New Hampshire.

April 15...Greg Siple, finisher of nine POSRV trips, will show slides of the coming annual tour of the Scioto River Valley, America's largest cycling event. (See separate story.) Get enthused, then get in hsape.

April 22...Far-from seasick, Marta Hurwitz, takes us sailing as she shows a film of the 1967 American Cup Races.

April 29...Way back in 1913, Gideon Sundback patented the zipper, a fact that Rod Spindt throughly ignores as he shows us some home movies of white water canoeing.

 FOR SALE...Man's 5-speed Schwinn Bicycle. Excellent condition \$55.00. 363-0273

FOR SALE...1969 V.W. Bug. Excellent condition with only 13,500 miles, driven over straight roads. Call Kathy Bullano after 5 PM at 521-9542.

FOR SALE...One beat-up 17 foot Grumman canoe with white water keel. Currently this canoe has no leaks and is patched to the high standards of AYH. Price \$125.00 Canoe may be inspected any Thursday night before the meeting. See George Robertson if you are interested.

WANTED...Certified Public Accountant to audit AYH books...preferably free.
 Contact Fred Hull 242-5379.

Personality OF THE MONTH

Meet BRUCE SUNDQUIST, miscellaneous publications chairman and ten-year member of the Pittsburgh Council, one of those members who has served in almost every office on the activities board...and without whom we could not survive.

Bruce claims to have first become aware of AYH when he saw a picture of the Geertzs and a canoe in a Monroeville newspaper. Since that time, he has served as cycle chairman, trips and trails chairman, treasurer, president, and his current post which he has held for the second year. Two of our most popular publications, the Hiking Guide and the Canoeing Guide, were both edited by him.

Bruce is a midwesterner, having been born in Minnesota and educated in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin and Chicago. From the Illinois Institute of Technology, he received a degree in metallurgy, and he is currently employed in that field at the U.S. Steel Research Center. Whatever ties he once had with the Midwest, we hope that his purchase of a home in this area assures us that he will be around for some time.

Hiking, backpacking and white water canoeing are his favorite interests, though he should also include running. At the Keystone Trails Orienteering Races, he and Cliff Ham were winners for the second time.

His name can frequently be found in the newspaper published by the Sierra Club where he is an ardent conservationist. He recently represented them as a public hearing regarding the Youghiogheny River Basin, and a later meeting with the Corps of Engineers, he was asked by the Corps to serve on the Citizens Advisory Council for study of the river basin.

Bruce admires AYH for its stimulating, down-to-earth character; his own stimulating, down-to-earth character has been a tremendous service to Pittsburgh Council.

The bicycling event described on this month's cover is the tenth annual Tour of the Scioto River Valley, and Pittsburgh AYH members are urged to attend this fabulous ride. TOSRV is sponsored by the Columbus Council under the direction of Charles Face every month of May. This year's ride will be the largest cycling event ever to take place in North America when fourteen-hundred cyclists from all over the United States and Canada will gather in Columbus, Ohio on May 8 and 9 to ride the 210 mile round trip down the scenic Scioto River Valley. If every rider cycles the entire trip, (210 miles), a grand total of 308,000 miles will have been ridden...enough to circumnavigate the globe twelve times.

For a \$9.00 entry fee, the Columbus Council supplies all food and beverages, sleeping bag shuttle, insurance, tire patch and other services. Foodstops are set up at 25 mile intervals along the route. Few automobiles travel the tour route, and as it follows the river, most of it is flat.

TOSRV began in 1962 when two riders from Columbus (originally from our own Wilkinsburg) rode the route for the first time. From that point on, the tour grew so that 1970 saw 1000 riders start with 750 riders finish. The oldest finisher was a 68-year-old man from Chicago; the youngest finisher was a seven year-old.

To participate, you must obtain and submit the official TOSRV entry form which you can acquire by writing to TOSRV COMMUNICATIONS, P.O. Box 23111, Columbus, Ohio, 43223. You must act quickly as entries close on April 25, and no more than 1400 entries can be accepted. Pittsburgh Council will be going as a group to TOSRV'71. If you need a ride, or have transportation to offer to others, call Greg Siple at 371-1509. Meanwhile, get yourself and your bike in shape to enjoy TOSRV'71.

LETTERS — ETC.

It's always gratifying to hear that AYH members read the Golden Triangle, and two recent letters have made concrete suggestions regarding future columns.

From Ed Holloway in Sharon comes a request for a "Suggested Reading" column in which books might be reviewed that would be of help to cyclists, hikers, skiers, canoeists, etc. Ed passes along two sources he recently encountered, assuming that they will be of as much help to others as they were to him. Eugene A. Sloane's Complete Book of Bicycling, published in 1970, is a comprehensive text that answers any possible question you might have. A paperback, The Boy's Book of Biking is another recommended book, popularly priced at 60¢.

The idea is an excellent one. How about passing on to us any other books or magazine articles you might encounter in your reading? How about someone assuming this

column for future issues?

Dave Porterfield's letter is also a mention of two books and a plea for AYH members to become more familiar with some of our unusual trees and help to preserve them.

William Carey Grimm's Book of Trees and Rutherford Platt's Pocket Guide to Trees both contain references to "Hercules' Club," also known as the Angelica-tree and the Devil's Club, which is unlike any other tree in our tree-dom. "The trunk is a pole six inches thick, rising 20 feet or so unbranched, -often with several poles growing in a clump. The big leaves gush out from peak of pole, -falling by their own weight into form of broad umbrella. Effect is that of a small royal palm; foliage has tropical luxuriance." The tree was seen on a recent AYH hike and few knew its identity.

KEEP THOSE LETTERS COMING IN!

TRIPS

TRAILS



APRIL...the month of crocuses,
cyclists and

Saturday, April 3...Morie Oberg invites you to come hiking through the gorge of Laurel Hill Creek. Watch at close hand the AYH covered boat enthusiasts as they skillfully handle their fragile craft through treacherous rapids down the same stream. Good hiking boots recommended. Leave AYH at 8:30 AM. Call Morie at 279-5774.

Saturday, April 3...Family hike with the Boondockers of Wilkinsburg...ten miles at a place to be later determined. Meet in upper parking lot at 8:00 AM or South and Center Avenues in Wilkinsburg at 8:30 AM. Lunch, good hiking shoes and 50¢ are required. Leader to be announced later.

Saturday, April 3, 12:01 (one minute past midnight!) Cycling for night owls. Gary Ludwig leads a sunrise trip through Pittsburgh, meeting at AYH at 12:01. If you think your night life is unexciting, if you suffer from insomnia, if you are truly an early bird, if you need a practice session for Easter sunrise service...then this trip is for you. Sorry kids, minimum age is 18. Call Gary for reservations 421-9580...cost of trip 40¢ plus bike rental.

Saturday, April 3...Canoeing...White water closed boat trip probably on the Laurel Hill Creek. Watch at close hand AYH hiking enthusiasts as they skillfully pick their way through the gorge of Laurel Hill Creek. Meet at AYH at 8:30 AM. Call Jim Hurst for reservations 276-0447.

Friday, April 2 to Sunday April 4...Help blaze the AYH portion of the newly developed Tuscarora Trail. Cliff Ham, the leader, recommends a warm sleeping bag since April nights can be chilly. Leave from AYH at 7 PM on Friday. Call Cliff 621-7825.

Sunday, April 4...the BIG KITE-FLYING PICNIC HIKE was postponed. Refer to last month's bulletin for colorful details. Call Cathy Lynch for reservations 361-3707.

Sunday, April 4...Maintenance hike, probably section 5. Assemble at 8:15, leave at 8:30. Food at the end of hike. Fee \$2.00. Eb Moll (441-0226)

Sunday, April 4...Cyclists, get back in shape with "Back-in-shape" Roy Weil as he leads a ten mile ride through city parks. Meet at AYH at 1 PM. Call Roy (521-1336) for reservations or if weather is questionable. Fee: 40¢ plus rental.

Sunday, April 4...CANOEING...Flat water, bird-watching trip on Geneva Marsh with Dick Sandburg. Meet at AYH at 8:30 AM. Fee: approximately \$5.75.

Saturday, April 10...Bushwacking hike in the Ohiopyle area led by Bill William Check with him for equipment needed on this hike. Leave AYH at 8:30 AM. Call Bill at 687-7610.

Saturday, April 10...Genial Jack Batchelor leads a 25-mile cycle trip from North Park. Meet at AYH at 9 AM or at North Park at 10 AM. Bring lunch. Call Jack 963-7868) for reservations or if weather is questionable. Fee: 90¢ plus bike rental.

Saturday, April 10...Canoe with Cliff Ham as he leads a flat water canoe trip on Buffalo Creek from Worthington to Winfield. Meet AYH at 8:30. Call Cliff at 621-7825. Approximate fee: \$2.75.

Sunday, April 11...Forget the EASTER parade and hike with Kay and Maxine Lew through one of the city parks...about 4 or 5 miles. Leave AYH at 1 PM. Call Kay 661-4218.

Friday, April 16 to Sunday April 18...Canoeing weekend...Howard King leads an intermediate white water trip to the forks of the Cheat River in West Virginia. Approximate cost: \$10. Call Howard at 264-1386.

Saturday, April 17...Morie Oberg and Cliff Ham lead a 20-mile hike along the historic Pittsburgh-Butler Electric Railroad line for experienced hikers only. Leave AYH at 8 AM. Call either Cliff (621-7825) or Morie (279-5774).

Saturday, April 17...Mike Hurwitz (731-1083 or 256-3343) leads a 25 mile cycle trip near Ligonier. Bring lunch and camera for early spring-time snapshooting. Meet at AYH at 8 AM...approximate fee: \$3.00 plus rental.

Sunday, April 18...Section 7 (Dayton to Mahoning Shelter), 10 miles. Hot soup will be served at the shelter. Assemble at 8:15, leave at 8:30. Reserve with Fran Czapiewski (661-9543). Fee \$2.30.

Sunday, April 18...Cyclist, Mike Lamark leads a 25 mile cycle trip to Mingo Creek. Meet at AYH at 8:30 AM or Mingo Creek State Park at 9 AM. Bring lunch. Call for reservations (weekdays at 261-1800 or weekends at 363-1574) Approximate cost: \$1.00 plus rental.

Sunday, April 18...Come rafting on Slippery Rock Creek with Gene Cone. Meet at AYH at 9 AM. Approximate cost: \$4.00.

Friday, April 23 to Sunday, April 25...Backpacking trip along the Appalachian Trail in Shenandoah National Park. Leader to be announced later. Leave AYH at 7 PM.

Saturday, April 24...Cyclist Bob Omlor leads an easy 25 mile cycle trip on a new unopened section of the parkway west. Meet at AYH at 9 AM with lunch. Approximate cost: \$1.00 plus rental. Call Bob 264-3658

Saturday, April 24...Roy Weil leads a fleet of Grummans on an intermediate white water trip on the Casselman River. Meet at AYH at 8:30. Cost approximately: \$5.75. Call Roy 521-1336.








Sunday, April 25...Joint hike with the Sierra Club in the Ferncliff Wildflower Preserve in the Ohio pyle area with John and Tess Henry. Leave AYH at 8:30 AM. Call Tess or John 441-5025.

Sunday, April 25...Cycle along with happy-go-lucky Mary Brincka on an intermediate trip from Slippery Rock to Grove City. Meet at AYH at 8 AM with lunch. Approximate cost: \$2.50 plus rental.

Friday, April 30 to Sunday, May 2...Week-end at Morgantown Youth Hostel...Hike along a loop trail north into Pennsylvania which includes part of the Mason-Dixon Trail, Cheat Canyon from Jennersburg to Mont Chateau. Leave AYH at 7 PM. Reserve with Cliff Ham 621-7825.

Friday, April 30 to Sunday, May 2...CANOEING SCHOOL....Camp Carondawanna...Workshop for prospective canoe leaders...Applications should be obtained from Bunny Dawson at the downtown YWCA. Proud graduates are expected to fill the ranks of budding leaders of future canoe trips. Approximate cost: \$25.00

Saturday, May 1...Explore the Jennings Wildflower Preserve with Linnea Freeburg and hike about 3 miles. Leave AYH at 10 AM with lunch and \$1.25 (361-3707)

thirty days	hath APRIL...			1 OPEN HOUSE Film on Australia APRIL FOOL	2  Weekend Hike Cherry blossoms in Washington	3 Hiking Midnight cycle Canoeing
4 KITE-FLY Picnic hike Cycling Canoeing Baker Trail	5 Born this month? Then diamonds are your birth stone!	6 The English call this Old Lady Day.	7  Cycle need any repair? Do it.	8 OPEN HOUSE Slides of Mt. Wash- ington	9 GOOD FRIDAY -- Color those eggs.	10 PASSOVER Bushwack hike Cycling Canoeing Full moon
11 EASTER City park hike 	12 Got the day off? Go for a hike...or take a bike.	13 Tom Jefferson was an Aries! Activities Board meets	14  Deadline! Income tax due tomorrow.	15 OPEN HOUSE Slides of TOSRV'71	16 Canoeing weekend Stop eating store bread	17 20-mile hik Cycling
18 Baker Trail Cycling -- Paul Revere rode quickly	19 1775 The shot was heard around the world... small world. 	20 Do something about pollution Air? Water?	21 Celebrate San Jacinto Day in Texas.	22 OPEN HOUSE Film on Sailing Earth Day	23 Backpacking weekend -- Shakespeare's birthday.	24 Cycling Canoeing New moon!
25 Cycling Hike with Sierra Club 	26 Someone's AYH pass is expiring. HELP! Rejoin	27 Crowd your room with daffodills -- -- -- Spring is here.	28 the Bounty had a mutiny ---1790 Check canoes, and crew!	29 OPEN HOUSE Movie on canoeing	30  Weekend at Morgantown Hostel Canoeing School	TOSRV'71 May 8-9

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