



feb 80

# GOLDEN TRIANGLE



vol 31 no 2

## Laurelville Winter Weekend February 8-10



*Skiing and a whole lot more....*

## 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, plan new trips.

### SLIDE PROGRAMS FOR FEBRUARY

Host: Bob Goff

Feb 7 Norm Zabuski presents "Czechowka - a Roots experience in Poland and Czechoslovakia."

Feb 14 Women's Place in the AYH - a Valentine's Day Tribute by Bob Goff

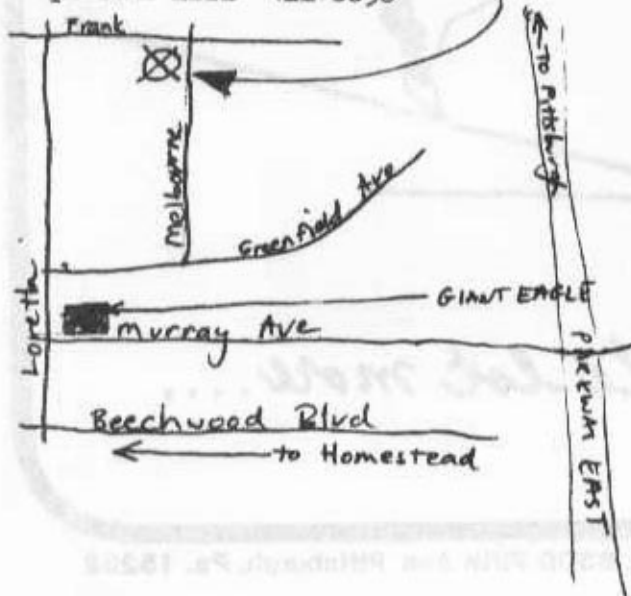
Feb 21 "Free Climb: the Northwest Face of Half Dome" a true story of an attempt to free climb the 2200 foot face of Half Dome in Yosemite. Shown by the folks at Wilderness Pioneering Outfitters.

Feb 28 A Camera's Eye View of Yellowstone and the Grand Tetons by Glen Oster.

### ACTIVITIES BOARD MEETING

Tuesday Feb 5, 1980; 8 pm

Barry Govenor's  
706 Melbourne  
Squirrel Hill 421-6656



## Pittsburgh Council American Youth Hostels, Inc.

6300 FIFTH AVENUE  
PITTSBURGH, PA. 15232  
(412) 362-8181 THURS. EVE.

THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE is the monthly newsletter published by Pittsburgh Council, AYH. It is sent to all members free of charge. Its contents are the responsibility of the editor; opinions expressed are the authors and do not necessarily reflect the views of the editor or of AYH.

Editor	Rick Caplan
Cover	Lynn Gogots
Printing	Bullseye Bob
Mailing	Roy Weil, Don Hoecker
Production	Don Hoecker

### DEADLINES FOR MARCH

Articles: Feb 7  
Trips, etc: Feb 14  
Production Party: Feb 21

CHANGE OF ADDRESS - Please notify Pittsburgh Council (attn. Don Hoecker) as soon as possible if you move. Otherwise, You miss the newsletter and AYH is billed 25¢.

NOTICE: Acting Librarian, Cliff Ham, points out that few reports or Pgh Council materials are being filed with the "archives." Will Chairpeople and others please turn over any materials not being currently used. We don't want to lose them.

### CALL FOR KEYS

Gary Ludwig, House Chairman, requests that anybody with AYH keys in their possession report the key numbers to him. There are keys that are not accounted for; this is a security problem. Gary is at the meeting almost every Thursday night; contact him soon.

# Wilderness Pioneering



## Outfitters

3233 BRIGHTON ROAD  
PITTSBURGH, PA. 15212

Phone: 412/766-2126

# SALE

on winter goods

Parkas, Vests,  
booties, bags,  
pile socks, etc.

through February, while supplies last, a.y.h. pass holders are entitled to an additional 10% off our low prices.

Join us.

February 21 at AYH for the presentation of the film "Free Climb: The Northwest Face of Half Dome," narrated by Robert Redford. Sponsored by Wilderness Pioneering Outfitters.

Wilderness Pioneering  
Outfitters, Inc.

HOURS: mon - fri....4-9

Sat.....12-9

## PGH STREETS (by Cliff Ham)

Our council is fortunate to serve in a city where the street names recognize our activities. This month, we list Pittsburgh street names in caps that encourage backpacking, hiking or camping.

One can SCOUT, perhaps looking for a CABIN, CAMP OR LODGE. The SCENERY is great; our views include VALLEYVIEW, CRESTVIEW, FINEVIEW, PARKVIEW, GRANDVIEW, CLEARVIEW, FORESTVIEW, GLENVIEW, PORTVIEW and PITTVIEW. MEADOW, WOODS, FOREST and PARK suggest RURAL settings. The hiker can follow a RIDGE, a PATH or a CANAL; he or she can rest by the WAYSIDE or in a PARK. Our hike need not be a MARATHON. We offer VISTA, OUTLOOKS and OVERLOOKS, ROLLING HILLS and ROLLING ROCK.

Next month we will learn how Pgh street names recognize our water sports.

## YCC

The Youth Conservation Corps is a program of summer employment for young men and women, aged 15 through 18, who work, earn, and learn together by doing projects which further the development and conservation of the natural resources of the United States. There are both Residential and non-Residential programs. The programs run from June 16 to Aug 17. The deadline for receipt of applications is March 15. Joe Hoechner has more complete information and applications.

The State Recruiter is:

Mr. John Naylor  
Dept. of Environmental Resources  
P.O. Box 1467  
Harrisburg, Pa. 17120  
(717)787-8800

## NEW POLICY AT BEAR RUN (Joe Hoechner)

Bear Run Nature Reserve is free of charge for all Conservancy members and their immediate families. However, nonmembers will be charged \$1/day trail fee.



# ANNUAL BANQUET

## Pittsburgh Council AYH

SATURDAY  
MARCH 15, 1980

CRUISE with us on the  
GATEWAY RIVER BELLE

MONONGAHELA WHARF\*  
PITTSBURGH, PA.

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

- 7:30 BOARDING -  
SOCIAL HOUR -  
COCKTAILS
- 8:30 CRUISE DEPARTS
- 9:00 DINNER -  
AWARDS -  
DANCING (...everything  
from folk to disco &  
polka to waltz !)
- 11:30 CRUISE DOCKS
- 12:00 ALL ASHORE

### Captain's Buffet

- \*Prime Roast O' Beef
- \*Baked Virginia Ham
- \*Italian Pasta
- \*Vegetables, Salads, Desserts

(Vegetarian fish available,  
if desired)

\*Fort Pitt Blvd. at the end of Wood St.

If desired, parking is available on the wharf for \$1.00.

### PLEASE RESERVE FOR:

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

Cost \$11.25 for AYH members

\$11.50 for non-members

Number of reservations \_\_\_\_\_

Total enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Check here if you wish the vegetarian  
fish instead of meat.

### RESERVATIONS ARE DUE BY

MARCH 5, 1980

### MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

PITTSBURGH COUNCIL, AYH, INC.

### MAIL TO:

WAYNE ALBRIGHT  
944 DEELY ST.  
PGH. PA. 15217  
(421-0996)

I nominate \_\_\_\_\_ for an  
(AYH member)  
AYH award.

## TIPS AND TALES (Joe Hoechner)

Do you use your goose down sleeping bag at home? You can save on heating bills by using your open bag as a quilt on top of your bed. You shouldn't keep your bag stored in a stuff sack anyway; bad for the down.

Are you ready to plan your bicycling vacation for the summer of 80? You can "Bike back into America" with Bikecentennial this year. Request a 1980 trip program from them by writing to Bikecentennial, P.O. Box 8308, Missoula, Mt. 59807. Please include a 15¢ stamp.

## DO YOU DESERVE A TAX BREAK TODAY?

Do you qualify for energy credits? Check out Form #5695. If you've installed storm windows, insulation, weatherstripping, solar power, etc., you could get a break on your taxes.

You may also want to check out I.R.S. Publication #524. This deals with your tax-deductible contributions made to non-profit organizations like AYH. For copies of forms call the I.R.S. office downtown.

Have you seen or heard about AYH lately? National AYH is starting their annual ad campaign in magazines, newspapers and radio. If you come across an ad, let Joe Hoechner know. He's interested in their style.

Are you praying for snow? If you signed up too late for Laurelville Winter Weekend (Feb 8-10), maybe you can spend the weekend at the Ohiopyle Hostel - call 329-4476 for reservations.

Hostel Storekeeper Joe Hoechner has restocked official AYH sheet sleeping sacks for 1980. These are available in sturdy cotton or slinky nylon - at 1979 prices: \$7.25 each!

## EARTHDAY ANYONE? (Joe Hoechner)

The celebration of "Earthday 80" is planned for April 19-20. The major organizer of Pgh activities will be Carnegie Museum.

Joe would like ideas from the general membership of Pgh Council concerning AYH's involvement in the weekend program. We'll get free booth space. Should we also plan an in-town hike or bike ride? Do you want to help?

Let Joe know by calling 322-6114 or writing 1240 Resaca Pl., Pgh, Pa 15212.

For those who keep asking, the address of the Explorers Club of Pgh is: P.O. Box 3963, Pgh, Pa 15219 or call 781-8549 or 795-4951.

## BIKE ROUTE?

Diane and her husband will be bike/camping across the country this summer. They are looking for a low-traffic route from either Wheeling, W.Va. or Steubenville, O. to Monroeville that avoids the city of Pittsburgh. Any ideas?: Diane Schoenstein, 8579 E. Ashlan, Clovis, Calif. 93612.

## FIRST AID COURSE OFFERED

Here's your chance to take a good First Aid Course. Chris is a Red Cross Instructor and an AYHer. She can stress problems that might occur on an AYH trip. Call: Chris Gareis H/766-7320 or W/237-2755.

## AYH COFFEE HOUSE

Time and date: 9 pm, Friday, Feb 15  
Place: AYH Headquarters

If you want to play music or show slides, call Jane Toben: H/466-7885 or W/462-5000 ext 585; Steve Martin: W/462-5000x6185

# CANOEISTS / KAYAKERS :

Trip Report Form

C. DUERR

RD. #2 McFANN RD.

VALENCIA PA 16059

Dear Youth Hostels organizations,

My name is Christopher Duerr and my phone is (412)-586-7680. My address is R.D.#2 McFann Rd., Valencia Pa. My trip took place on the Slippery Rock Creek but my trip date is forgotten. I put my kayak in at Rose Point and took it out at Breakneck Bridge. For your purposes a tree has recently fallen across the stream between the points of Rose and the Mill. I want to cut out all the garbage in the middle of the report and warn you of my experience with a landowner.

On a bright sunny Sunday afternoon I was preparing my boat for another spectacular trip down the S-R. I walked down the left bank, facing downstream, and sat underneath the bridge. My paddling partner was on the other side of the stream getting into his kayak. I was startled when I saw two German-Shepards staring me in the face, showing their teeth. I reached for my paddle to teach them a lesson but the landowners told me to vacate the premises before the police were called. I quietly carried my boat to the road and started to be shouted at. I apologized many times but my tolerance only lasts so long. I became furious and fought back verbally. This lasted for a short time when I picked up my boat and moved to the water.

Months passed and I was at the S-R again for another weekend. I use a bicycle and one VW Rabbit for shuttle. On my return trip to Rose I encountered my freindly landowner. We exchanged glances and his was none too pleasant. I got into my car and began driving to the Mill. Remembering what he had said to me I became angry. As I drove past his house he was standing in front of his house and shouted to him. I told him what I thought about him and drove to the Mill.

A week later I was told that I must pay a sum of 76.00 dollars. I contacted some paddlers I know from Wilderness Voyagers Outfitters and discovered that I was not alone in this issue. Jim Saulters, owner of WVO, offered me some help. I did not tell you but I had to also be at a court hearing on December 15, 1979.

When I arrived at court I knew that the magistrate would be biased to her decision. For one hour the owner, whose name was Steven McKeon, lied through his teeth or didn't answer the magistrates questions. I lost the court hearing but Jim Saulters, who also attended, said he would charge this man for threatening his friends with a shotgun.

I wrote to you about this because I do not want anyone else to go through that again. Please don't put your canoes in on the left side.

Sincerely yours,

P.S. How do I become involved in the Youth Hostels? I think that you might be able to help me or I might be able to help you. I also would like to know if there are any writers needed for the "Guide". By the way, how come you said "The Mile" is no place for "open" boats?

## HOSTEL CLUB

If you are connected with a group of people who want to participate in hosting activities, consider forming a Hostel Club. Talk to Jim Gogots or Jane Toben for details.

## RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

If you haven't renewed your membership by now, don't expect another free issue of the Golden Triangle.



MINUTES FROM ACTIVITIES BOARD MEETING on 1-8-80 at Gordon Bugby's house,  
Jim Gogots presiding.

- 1) The minutes from last month were corrected as follows:  
Item 1a should read "Board of Directors met with four new members"  
Item 1b should read "Board of Directors had authority taken away to change the by-laws and retains the authority to set membership fees."  
Item 6 should include "The Board retains responsibility for editorial policy."
- 2) Cliff Ham reported on the National Board meeting:
  - a) They approved moving National HQ from Delaplane to Washington, DC by September, 1980. Cliff warns that there may be staffing problems this year which may affect our dealings with National.
  - b) National is considering establishing a hostel in New York City.
  - c) Within a few months there should be councils in Oregon and Alaska.
- 3) Cliff asked that all official AYH materials that aren't currently being used be given to him to place in the archives. This includes charters, official papers, newspaper clippings, etc.
- 4) Cliff Ham moved that Pgh Council endorse a State Trails Organization and our involvement with it. Bruce Sundquist seconded the motion. It passed. This motion arose from Cliff's attending a meeting of the Trails Advisory Group, a discussion group that is a collection of about 10 various organizations.
- 5) President Jim Gogots requested an audit this month. Jim Gogots, Don Hoecker and Roy Weil will serve on an Audit Committee.
- 6) Joe Hoechner began a discussion of editorial policy. The concensus was that the Activities Board retains final control of editorial policy, as implied in our by-laws, and that the editor should use his judgement to make sure that the newsletter reflect AYH's purpose, as outlined in the by-laws. It was suggested that problems should be dealt with as they arise by bringing them before the Activities Board.
- 7) Chuck Ejzak and Joe Hoechner attended an SPRPC meeting which discussed proposals for distributing bicycle commuting maps of Pgh. It was mentioned because Pgh Council will be a distribution point.
- 8) Cliff Ham suggested that people investigate taking an EMA course offered by Community College. Rick Caplan mentioned a Red Cross course described in January's newsletter.
- 9) The next Activities Board Meeting will be held at: Barry Govenor's house, 706 Melbourne, Pittsburgh, Pa 421-6656.

Respectfully submitted,

*Rick Caplan*  
Rick Caplan

NEW ADDRESSES

Beebe Frazer  
3904 W.St.  
N.W.  
Washington, DC 20007

Eric Boonstra  
Room 229  
New England Rehab. Hosp.  
1 Rehab. Way  
Woburn, Mass. 01801

SKI GUIDE (Bruce Sundquist)

Edition 1 of Ski-Touring Guide to S.W. Pennsylvania is now out. It is 55 pages, with 14 topo maps and descriptions of about 40 trails and areas in this part of the state. The price is \$1.75 plus sales tax plus 59¢ for book-rate postage. To get your copy, address your request to Bruce Sundquist, 210 College Park Dr, Monroeville, Pa. 15146. Checks should be payable to American Youth Hostels, Pittsburgh Council.

### 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 rental. In addition, non-members are charge \$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. Typically, it's NO SNOW NO GO. Contact trip leaders for changes and for rentals. Leaders: ALL rentals must be cleared with Steve Tubbs.

sat feb 2 INTER - Steve Tubbs (751-2158)

sun feb 3 INTER - Jane Toben (466-7885)

sat feb 16 BEGIN - Ed Seiger (561-4790)

sun feb 17 INTER - Norma Bitar (681-4357)

sat feb 23 ADV - Alan Barber (833-5311)

sun feb 24 INTER - Fred Parker (824-2638)

Thursday Evening Ski in Mellon Park, mini-trips with instruction for beginners, will be led outside of HQ from 6:30 to 8:30 before Thurs Open House, All are welcome. Contact leaders for rentals.

thu feb 7 Maureen Risacher (521-2519)

thu feb 14 Joe Hoechner (322-6114)

thu feb 21 John Orndorff (363-5140)

thu feb 28 Chuck Ejzak (327-5031)

Some special ski events.....

Wednesday evenings, join Fred Parker at 6:30pm at Boyce Park Ski Lodge or call him at 824-2638.

sat feb 2 WINTER CARNIVAL and X-C race at Coopers Rock and Chestnut Ridge.

sun feb 3 Morgantown, W.Va. Call (304)599-5315.

wed feb 6 SCHOOL - Intro to X-C; basics of equipment, waxing, clothing, etc. Meet at HQ at 7:30 pm (dress warm). Call Joe Hoechner (322-6114) or Chuck Ejzak (327-5031) or Jane Toben (466-7885).

sun feb 24 RACE - Citizens races, Seven Springs, Dongal. (814)352-7777.



### Canoeing

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

Trips will be announced at Thurs meetings; there should be some good ones. Dress: lots of wool or wet suit, hat, gloves, warm footwear. Have dry change of clothes in a waterproof bag. Contact Dave or Jane to be placed on the Canoeing Hot Line. You will be contacted of trips.

### Caving

Chair: Norm Snyder (351-4068)

fri feb 22 Join Norm on a cave trip to W.Va. See miles of caves. Call Norm.  
sat feb 23

### Hiking

Chair: Bob Rudland (421-2227)

Jogging every Wednesday at 6:15pm at Highland Park Reservoir.

sun feb 3 Bob Rudland (421-2227) meet 9 am

sun feb 10 Laurelville; Chuck Ejzak (327-5031)

sun feb 17 Gus Hughes (751-4775) meet 9 am

sun feb 24 Kay Hess (422-7630). Meet 9am

sat mar 1 Judy Flowers (828-1592) meet 10 am

sun mar 2 Bill Friedrich (244-1151) meet 9 am

### Backpacking

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

sat feb 2 INTER - X-C/Backpack in Buzzard Swamp Area. Meet at AYH at 6:30am.

sun feb 3 Eat breakfast on the way. Steve Martin.

sat feb 16 INTER - All. Nat. Forest. If snow, bring skis. Chuck Ejzak (327-5031)

sun feb 17

sat feb 23 INTER - All. Nat. Forest. Leave HQ 6:30am. Steve Martin.

sun feb 24

sat mar 1 INTER - Snowshoe/backpack in Mon. Nat. Forest, W.Va. Rent snowshoes.

sun mar 2 Meet HQ 8am. Brkfst on way? Mark Cutkosky (361-8612, W/553-3256)

### Special Events

fri feb 15 COFFEE HOUSE - 9 pm at HQ. Call Jane Toben (466-7885; 462-5000) or Steve Martin (462-5000 day) with questions or to volunteer.

March  
2, 9, 16 SAILING SEMINARS - from the Moraine Sailing Club at the Wherrett Room, Skibo Hall, Carnegie Mellon University at 1:30 pm. If you have questions, talk to Arv Westlund (835-5896).

Fill out the following membership application and bring or send it with a check payable to "Pittsburgh Council, AYH" to:

Membership, AYH, 6300 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa., 15232

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ (zip code) \_\_\_\_\_ 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 Inter. Youth Hostel Guide to Europe for \$5.00

Please Circle:

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

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

Pittsburgh Council  
American Youth Hostels, Inc.  
6300 Fifth Ave.  
Pittsburgh, Pa. 15232

Non-Profit Organization  
U.S. Postage PAID  
Pittsburgh, Pa. 15232  
Permit #127

Return Postage Guaranteed  
Address Correction Requested

HAM, CLIFFORD LIFE 0  
4723 WALLINGFORD STREET  
PITTSBURGH, PA. 15213