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American Youth Hostels, Pittsburgh Council

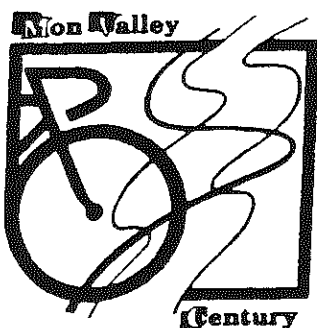
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We continue, with the third part of master story teller, Glenn Oster's latest adventure "Why Washington" on page 3.

Summer is Sailing by Fast! And so is the AYH Sailing program. Make plans now to catch a breeze with us or join us at the 1996 Olympic games, see page 4 for details

Jim Ritchie brings the Baker Trail closer to our hearts with facts and feelings about the Baker Trail. See page 4 for the latest news

Have you checked the AYH travel store lately? New merchandise arrives everyday & we now accept major credit cards, take a look at the back page.

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Update on the Pittsburgh International Hostel

I am pleased to announce that we have received a \$10,000 grant from the Eden Hall Foundation toward the hostel project. We still need to raise about \$200,000 for the project construction plus about \$35,000 for equipment and furnishings. We are waiting to hear about a federal grant that would complete our funding for the construction. This is being held up by the agency while Congress debates taking back some of the agency funding in this fiscal year. Things are going well but, of course, there is always some problem slowing us up. It is very apparent to me that we will prevail one way or another. The project committee is very tenacious.

We have Susan Morgan Miller on the committee helping us to "green-up" our building. Susan is working on a Master's thesis on this very topic and is using our project as her project.

Our architect, Suzan Lami, is finalizing the drawings for the building. She is working with a general contractor to make sure our wishes can be turned into reality without the cost going through the roof.

So far the project has been interesting and rewarding but we are all tired of the fundraising and are anxious to get on with construction and completion. We will be fundraising through the Pittsburgh AYH bike rides and with an internal fundraising campaign in the fall. As always, we are grateful for any and all (tax deductible!) contributions.

Marianne Kasica
President

Baker Trail Hall Of Fame..... July 1, 1995

by Jim Ritchie

At the time of this writing, I am about 9 days away from the joint AYH-Keystone Trails Association TrailCare weekend dedicated to the rehabilitation of the Baker Trail in the vicinity of Crooked Creek Lake, Armstrong County. In preparation for TrailCare, I spent a couple of days last week making out a trail maintenance inventory—a list of all the work that needed to be done along the Trail. I found a blowdown area near Elbow Run, a detour needed around a strip mine near Horney Camp Run, a discontinuity in the Trail above the Crooked Creek Outflow area, and vegetation gone wild along a one-mile piece near the beach overlook area. In addition, there is much blazing that needs to be done, a few stray trees that need to be cut up here and there, some trail hardening required where the BT shares the path with horses, and a little side hill construction.

Since March, I have been recruiting volunteers to help me maintain and sustain the Baker Trail. I have asked for volunteers mostly to "Adopt-the-Trail", maintaining short, individual sections, and for others to go

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OHIOPYLE WORK PARTIES

Sunday, August 20
Watch for other work party dates throughout the summer.

Please help volunteer for our Ohiopyle Hostel clean-up parties. If you can volunteer a few hours of your time to help paint, move furniture, clean, wash windows, do yard work or whatever talent you have, it will be very much appreciated. Free lunch for all volunteers and also, you can stay overnight for free but you must make a reservation in advance. We're also looking for some donated items: (Upright Piano, refrigerator and crib). We will meet at headquarters at 8:30 AM. and will be back around 6:00 PM.. Call Jacky Eberle if you have any questions or would like to sign up!

*ANY VOLUNTEER WHO WORKS 6 WORK PARTIES WILL RECEIVE A FREE OHIOPYLE SWEATSHIRT.
* ANY VOLUNTEER WHO WORKS 6 WORK PARTIES WILL be eligible for the "OHIOPYLE VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR" AWARD
--Jacky Eberle, Work Coordinator at 833-9732

Lisa Donaldson "MEETS" a friend on the sea-kayaking intro at Glade Lake. See the activities listing for more interesting trips with the Pittsburgh AYH Sea-kayaking program



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Ast. Store Keeper, HQ Volunteers

NOTICE

Please note the deadlines for future issues of the **GOLDEN TRIANGLE**

September

All copy, Aug 3
Binding/Mailing, Aug 24

October

All copy, Sept 7
Binding/Mailing, Sept 28

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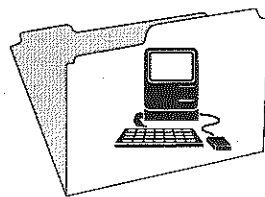
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About AYH

American Youth Hostels is a non-profit organization which promotes international understanding, educational and recreational travel, good citizenship and an appreciation of America. AYH does this by bringing travelers of all ages, backgrounds and nationalities together in hostels and by providing low-cost travel programs. AYH is the US affiliate of Hostelling International (HI), (Formerly named International Youth Hostel Federation(IYHF)), which coordinates more than 5,400 hostels worldwide-the largest network of accommodations in the world.

Submissions Policy: Golden Triangle



Classified Adds:

- Classified adds are free to Current members of HI-International
- All requests for classifieds must be made in writing via the Council Office. Request Must include full Name, address, phone number and Membership number of member. Members are not permitted to place adds for non-members.
- Free adds may not be for commercial gain.
- Above rules apply in addition to general rules for submission

Trips

- All trips must be approved by authorized co-chair
- Trip leader must be a council approved leader
- Trips must be submitted through co-chair, for that activity. Trip leaders, are not to submit trips directly to editor or office, any trips improperly submitted will not be listed.
- Above rules apply in addition to general rules for submission

Articles

- Members are encouraged to write articles, about travel abroad and in the states, and about activities and outdoor sports in which the council has a program
- All Articles are to be, non-political and non-secular
- Above rules apply in addition to general rules for submission

General rules for submission

- No handwritten submissions
- Submissions Can be:
 - On computer disk (IBM / MAC), E-mail (Internet/compuserve), Direct Modem, Type written material double spaced, faxed
- Before the deadline of the issue that submission needs to be run in. (See Editors Golden Rule)
- All Submissions are on a first come first serve basis, The GT makes no promises to print material received and all material received becomes the property of the GT.
- Standing Deadline; Deadline for the GT, has always been, and will continue to be the First Thursday of the month, prior to the month of the issue. (See Editors Golden Rule)
- Please always check in advance with office, to confirm schedule.

Editors Golden Rule

- "Lack of planning on your part, does not constitute an emergency on my part"

Lewisburg Trips

For information on activities in the Lewisburg area, call Chris Olsen at 717-523-8471.

August Slide Shows

August 3 To be announced; Call the office for Details
August 10 The Montour Trail: an update & latest news by Bill Metzber
August 17 The "Great Ohio Bicycle Adventure" by Don Henry
August 24 To be announced; Call the office for Details
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Doors open: 8PM. Slide Shows: 8.30PM

Share your Slide Show trip!

To schedule a show call:

422-2282(daytime) or 362-8181 (8-10 PM Thurs.)

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Rego's Hotel and Restaurant
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Charleroi, PA 15022
(412) 483-6200



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Mon Valley Century Bicycle Tour Sunday August 27, 1995

Presented by
Pittsburgh Council, American Youth Hostels

Start The MVC will start in Elizabeth, PA at the dance studio. See map at the right. Pick up registration packets containing map, rider number and related items before starting your ride. Registration opens at 6:30 am. These starting times are recommended so you will not be too early or late for any of the rest stops.

100 and 70 miles: 6:30 am-8:00 am
50 and 30 miles: 8:00 am-11:00 am

Route Large sections of each ride follow the Monongahela River. The scenery varies from industrial towns to spectacular views of the river and wooded hillsides. You will have a choice of 100 miles, 70 miles, 50 miles or 30 miles. The 100 and 70 mile routes are composed of equal portions of hilly, rolling, and flat terrain. The most challenging climb occurs just out of Brownsville and is nearly two miles long. (The other hills are gentler). The 50 and 30 mile rides are flat to gently rolling with the exception of one medium hill just south of Elizabeth and are well suited for intermediate and beginner riders. All routes will also be marked with arrows on the pavement where practical.

Food A lunch stop is included for all riders. 70 milers receive one additional snack stop and Century riders receive 2 snacks in addition to lunch. There are also many convenience stores along the route.

Support A sag will pick up those who can't finish due to bike problems or fatigue. (You and your bike are expected to be in good shape before the ride starts. Please carry a spare tube.)

Cost \$10 postmarked by August 5, 1995: \$15 thereafter and the day of the ride. (Please note that T-shirts are not included in the basic price.)

T-shirt \$6: Only riders who prepay for a T-shirt with their registration by August 5 will be guaranteed to receive an MVC shirt. There will be a limited number of shirts for sale on the ride day (mostly L and XL).

Contact: Lynn & Chuck Ejzak: @ 412-466-6196 if you have any questions or the Office @ 412-422-2282 for an application.

Helmet AYH requires all cyclists in this event to wear an approved bicycle helmet. Look for helmets approved by ANSI Z.90 or Snell B90 standards.

Proceeds from the MVC will benefit the Pittsburgh Hostel Fund and will be used to help establish an International Youth Hostel in Pittsburgh. Look for a June 1996 opening!

Watch for another HI-PITTSBURGH AYH Bicycle Tour; SABRE-October 1st, 1995. Watch in future issues for more details, or Call William Eberle @ 833-9732 or Email at 76202.3051@Compuserve.com

Pittsburgh AYH is accepting pledges and donations for the Pittsburgh Hostel.

Our Fundraising efforts are escalating to foundations and will include corporations as well. If any member is involved or knows of someone involved with these groups we would appreciate it if you would take a few minutes to let us know. Having a contact person really helps to get some attention. We need to raise a ton of money for this building and we need all the help that we can get.

Thanks for your interest and help.

Clip out the coupon below and make your pledge today.

Yes, I would like to make a pledge of support for a
Hostel in Pittsburgh in the amount of:

- ☐ \$2500
- ☐ \$1000
- ☐ \$500
- ☐ \$250
- ☐ \$100
- ☐ \$50
- ☐ Other: \$ _____



Yes, I can also volunteer my time for:

- ☐ Fundraising
- ☐ Construction
- ☐ Public Relations
- ☐ Clerical help
- ☐ other: _____

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Mail your Pledge to:

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Pittsburgh Hostel Fund
5604 Solway St.; Pittsburgh, PA 15217
412-422-2282

The Great Ride July 23, 1995

The date of the 1995 Great Ride was past the deadline for this issue, so we can't fill you in on how it went. We can tell you that registrations are coming in fast and furious and we expect to have an excellent turnout and are optimistic that the weather will be with us once again. (Take a moment here to picture all the Great Ride volunteers knocking on the nearest piece of wood.) Be sure to look for the complete story in the September newsletter. In the meantime, consider signing up now for the Mon Valley Century, to be held on August 27th.

PENNS CREEK / SEVEN NOTCH MOUNTAIN WEEKEND

August 19-20, 1995

Beginning at the Old Turnpike restaurant on 45 at the east end of Mifflinburg at 9 am (or earlier for breakfast), we will ride through the quaint town of Mifflinburg, through rich central Pennsylvania farmland with Old Order Mennonite farms and covered bridges to the Penns Creek valley until the mountain ridges seem to meet. Then we'll ride a rail trail along one of the best trout fishing streams in the state, through a short tunnel, across a wooden bridge into Poe Paddy State Park. From there, we'll take mountain roads and trails or ford the creek to continue on the rail trail to Coburn and on to Milheim for the night. I'll have one of the famous steak dinners at the Hotel. The next morning we'll follow Elk Creek through Brush Mountain then up a valley filled with Amish farms until we reach the top of the gap where R. B. Winter State Park is located with a pretty little lake (very cold). From there, it's all down hill to Mifflinburg.

Most of the first day is flat to rolling terrain except a short section of mountain road/trail that could be difficult. The second day starts with a gradual climb for about 15 miles. Then it's all down hill. The total distance is about 30 miles each day.

I plan to get reservations at the Milheim Hotel or possibly one of the bed and breakfasts in Aaronsburg for Saturday night. Also, I can get reservations in Mifflinburg if anyone needs them for Friday night. I need to know as soon as possible and no later than August 12. Contact Chris Olsen at 717-523-8471 or fax me at 717-743-1114.

WHY WASHINGTON

by Glenn Oster

In the three previous issues of The Golden Triangle, Glenn Oster related the group's experiences, on a Pittsburgh Council, HI/AYH backpacking trip, while driving out to the state of Washington and of backpacking in the North Cascades Range. In this installment, Glenn tells us about sightseeing in the North Cascades, the ferryboat ride to the Olympic Peninsula, their travels around Olympic National Park and their backpacking trip up the Pacific Coast to the Point of Arches.

Now it was time for luxury - a hot shower and a restaurant meal. Blissful anticipation - we could hardly wait. Our plan was to drive the North Cascades Highway east to the town of Winthrop and to camp for the night, showering and eating to our hearts' content. This, however, could not be accomplished without a few delays en route - too much incredible scenery on the way. Couldn't have asked for a nicer day - blue sky, white puffy clouds loafing along. Trees, rocks and mountains crystal clear in the pollution free air. Exhilarating. This highway is one of the most beautiful drives in the lower 48. From the standpoint of scenery, I vacillate about which is the best among this highway, the road along the Grand Tetons, and Colorado Route 550 from Durango through Silverton to Ouray. Probably depends on which one I'm at when trying to decide. Views from the road are unbelievable; that's how I first got hooked on wanting to backpack in the North Cascades. In particular, some of the rock formations were breathtaking, bell shapes, double spires, steep sided ridges with rooster comb summits, lots of orange and pinkish color and the ever present snow capped peaks. No one should want more.

Finally, we reached Winthrop. It is one town unlike any other I've ever visited. It has been preserved exactly as it looked in the mid 1800s, flat store facades, obviously old buildings - even to the weathered paint and style of word characters in the building signs. The service station couldn't have been authentic, but it resembled a barn where horses may have been boarded as travelers stayed the night at the local "motel". After the long anticipated hot shower, we returned to town in our clean duds and had a large, juicy and terribly unhealthful strip steak - ummmmm.

After dinner each went his own way to explore the town, but the sidewalks were already rolled up for the night, and Joanne couldn't buy the Lupine fronted T shirt of her dreams displayed enticingly in one of the store windows. I'll bet she was harboring thoughts of breaking and entering, but she didn't. I offered to delay our departure next morning until the shop opened, but she martyred herself to our need for getting underway early; that T shirt will always linger in her mind. I've since given thought to phoning the Winthrop Chamber or Commerce for the store's name and phone number.

Back we traveled over The North Cascades Highway on another clear, sunny morning. Sights popped up all along the way that we hadn't seen the afternoon before going the opposite direction. They were even better, but I've dwelt on that so much that I'll spare you anymore description. Let me say simply that it was overwhelming. One "show" that drew mixed reviews among the group was Diablo Lake, way down below the highway - milkish green, about the color of a Grasshopper cocktail. One tripper couldn't stand the color; didn't bother the rest of us at all.

The story continues with our driving out onto Whidbey Island. There we took the ferry over the Strait of Juan De Fuca to Port Townsend on the

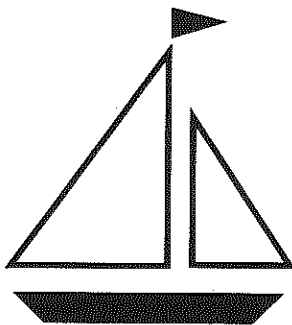
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SAILING

The AYH sails Flying Juniors, Sunfish, and an International 470. Several members also use their own sailboats including Laser, Force 5, and Snark. Most of our day sailing trips and classes will be on Lake Arthur in Moraine State Park near Butler, Pa. Additional weekend trips and extended trips are also planned.

All trips require previous sailing experience unless otherwise stated. This generally means a minimum of a Red Cross certified Basic Sailing Class or equivalent. Participants for all sailing activities must be in good physical condition and able to pass minimum Red Cross recommendations for swimming competency. Personal Floatation Devices are required on all trips.

All of our 1995 sailing classes have been completed. For those still interested in sailing classes you may contact the Moraine State Park Concessionaire at (412) 368-9000 or American Red Cross, Cleveland at (216) 431-3081



Day Sails at Lake Arthur

Day sails are contingent on weather and leader availability. One Flying Junior and one Sunfish will usually be available on the racks at the eastern edge of the Watts Bay trailer area. Additional Flying Juniors and the 470 will also be available depending on a towing vehicle with hitch. Sails times are variable, but generally start at 10AM at the Lake. Please call Bob or Sara Zavos at 241-0659 no later than the Thursday night prior to the sailing date. Changes to the scheduled dates will be announced at the Thursday night activity meeting or posted on the sailing activity bulletin board. **Scheduled dates are: Sat. Aug 12, Sun. Aug 27**

Racing Days at Lake Arthur

The Moraine Sailing Club (MSC) conducts racing events at Lake Arthur and the AYH Sailing Activity was invited to participate as an organization member. Sailboat Racing can be a great way to have fun sharpening up sailing skills or to become competitive in an Olympic sport. MSC also hold numerous social events including seminars, picnics, regattas, youth programs, facilities improvement projects, and banquets. **Upcoming racing dates are: Sat. Aug. 5, Sat. Aug 19, Sat. Sep. 2, Sat. Sep. 9 (Regatta), Sat., Sep. 23**

Extended Trips

Aug 3-6 Thu- Sun Jan Herczak 921-3565
Prince Gallitzan State Park: Sail on Lake Glendale. Other activities include hikes in the park and the annual Mountain Days Festival. Overnight camping in the Park.

Aug 19 Sat Joel Hough 798-1184
Jacobs Creek Lake: Join us for a day sail on Jacobs Creek Lake near Mt Pleasant PA.

Sep 2-4 Sat - Mon Marilyn Marrari 441-6764
Lake Chautauqua, NY: Our 4th annual sailing trip to Lake Chautauqua, New York will provide time to sail, bike, walk or just relax. Fee (TBD) includes 2 nights lodging on the Chautauqua Institution grounds, 2 breakfasts, and use of the AYH sailboats. Space is limited and you must reserve by August 15.

Oct 7-8 Sat - Sun Bob Zavos 241-0659
Annapolis Boat Show: Tour historic Annapolis and attend the world's large sailboat show. Overnight accommodations at the Baltimore AYH.

July 27-Aug 4, 1996 Sat - Sun Bob Zavos 241-0659
Olympic Sailing Events: The centennial Olympic Games are centered in Atlanta, but the Sailing Events (a.k.a. Yachting) take place 250 miles away near Savannah, Georgia. Sailboat classes include: Mistral (wind-surfing), Laser, 470, Europe, Star, Finn, Tornado, and Soling. Olympic sailboat racing combines sailing knowledge and physical endurance with an incredible degree of athleticism. The US has been a dominant force for many years, but these events receive little publicity as they have not been part of the public TV coverage. Most Olympic tickets have already been sold, but tickets for sailing go on sale in the Fall of 1995. They will not be easy to get and they may be expensive. Accommodations may be difficult but there is a nearby hostel. However, if you like sailing and want to be part of the Olympic games this may be the event of a lifetime. Please indicate interest by September 30, 1995 to coordinate ticket applications and accommodations.

ROCK CLIMBING

Aug 5 Sat Eric Bauer 687-0766
 Beginner Trip; Coopers Rocks, W Va: Meets 730 am at HQ

Aug 26 Sat Eric Bauer 687-0766
 Intermediate Seneca Prep Trip; Coopers Rocks, W Va: Meets 730 am at HQ

Aug 27 Sun Eric Bauer 687-0766
 Beginner Trip; Coopers Rocks, W Va: Meets 730 am at HQ

Beginner trips are geared towards teaching basic rock climbing skills to people that have never climbed before. All you need to bring are tennis shoes and lunch. AYH supplies all climbing equipment. Space is limited so please call trip leader for reservation.

The Seneca Prep trip is for those people who have been on a beginner climb (or two) and would like to learn about multi-pitch climbing. You must attend the Seneca Prep Trip in order to be eligible for the Seneca Rocks trip on September 9th and 10th (the week-end after Labor Day).

CANOEING

Aug 5 Sat Joyce Appel 526-5407
 Flatwater trip. Call for details.

Aug 6 Sun Brian McBane 443-8972
 Moving water school. Call for details.

Aug 11-20 Paul Henry, Joyce Appel 526-5407
 Wilderness canoe trip in Algonquin Provincial Park, Ontario, Canada. Paddle and portage through some of North America's last pristine wilderness. Expect to see moose, otters, beavers, and loons. Expect to not see airplanes, houses, radio towers, or smokestacks. Call early for reservations. From July 1-25 call 545-2463 for information through the mail.

Aug 12 Sat Gordon Bugby 371-4233
 Whitewater school. Skill level to be determined by the first three callers. Call before 10 pm.

Aug 19 Sat Brian McBane 443-8972
 Class I-II trip. Mid-Yough as a last resort. Call for reservations and details.

Aug 26 Sat Joyce Appel 526-5407
 Flatwater trip. Call for details.

Aug 27 Sun Paul Bronder 882-9255
 Class I-II trip. Call for details.

Sept 1-4 Paul Henry 962-1511
Joyce Appel 526-5407
 Canoe camping in New York's Adirondack State park. Call for details.

WHITE WATER KAYAKING

Western Pennsylvania has an amazing number of rivers available for kayaking at all levels from placid, scenic rivers to spectacular cascades. You get to pick the level of serenity/adrenaline you find most enjoyable. With water from Spring snow-melt, Summer dam releases and Fall rains, your boating season can include almost any temperature you find enjoyable/tolerable.

The AYH Whitewater Kayaking program has a small fleet of boats in various shapes and sizes available (for a ridiculously low fee) to accommodate the various shapes and sizes of paddlers in our schools and on our trips. As with other AYH activities, Youth is in the mind and all our paddlers feel young.

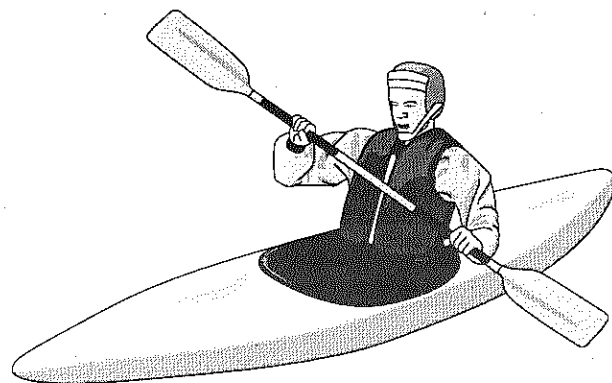
Trips/schools generally meet at the AYH Headquarters building at about 8:30 AM in Mellon Park and car pool to the river of the day. Bring a waterproof lunch, clothes appropriate to the season & weather and cash for fees & dinner on the way home. Check with the trip leader for any special needs.

Saturday, August 5 & Sunday, August 6
Three Rivers Paddling Club "Turkey Bash" Paddling Clinic
 (Not an AYH event - TRPC membership required)

This is a two day instructional clinic, gigantic picnic (roasted turkeys with all the trimmings) and all-around good time. It is centered at Riversport's Camp near Confluence, PA and uses sections of the Yough and other nearby rivers. For information: Ray Yutzy — 341-5682

Kayak Auction

Two White Water Kayaks are available for auction this year. They will be sold individually by sealed bid. All boats are sold AS IS and with NO warranty. Both boats are more than 5 years old and have been used in the AYH Kayaking program. Bids must identify the boat and the price offered. They are to be mailed to Ray Yutzy, AYH Kayak Chair at 390 Orchard Drive, Pgh. PA 15228 and identified as a kayak bid. Bids must be received by and will be opened on August 3, 1995. Highest bid for each boat wins.



Boat # 1
Model: Wildfire
Manufacturer: Phoenix
Construction: "Fiberlastic" - fiberglass with a plastic resin.
Description: Whitewater "play" boat for smaller paddlers.
Condition: Used. One identified crack: 3" long through the edge of the cockpit coaming located about over the right thigh of a paddler. Purchaser will need to repair the boat for it to be serviceable for whitewater.
Minimum Bid: \$ 75.00

Boat # 2
Model: Spirit
Manufacturer: Perception
Construction: Plastic
Description: Large whitewater boat, but not for difficult water. For larger paddler & lots of room for gear.
Condition: Used.
Minimum Bid: \$ 125.00

For additional information or to arrange to see the boats call: Ray Yutzy — 341-5682

FAME, from cover

out with me on weekend work parties and some potpourri. The response has been gratifying: every week, I get one or two more calls from people who want to get involved, people who want to put back into the well from which they draw, and who want to make a contribution to a landmark of Western Pennsylvania: the Baker Trail.

I would like to devote the rest of this article to give recognition to all the good people who have helped me "save" the Baker Trail. While I have tried to include everyone who has helped out, I may have inadvertently missed one or two individuals. If you should be on this list, and you are not, please call me, say hello, and chew me out for my sometimes woeful memory. Here is my Baker Trail Hall of Fame, July 1, 1995. The Hall of Fame includes Adopt-a-Trail volunteers, weekend workparty volunteers, and assorted Friends of the Baker Trail-at-large.

Brenda Adams-Weyent: Ranger, Allegheny National Forest, Friend of the Trail; **Mary Bates:** TrailCare volunteer, July 14-16; **Tom Bates:** TrailCare volunteer, July 14-16; **Tom Brandon:** Scoutmaster, Brookville, PA, Friend of the Trail; **Dorothy Burns:** Weekend Workparties, 1994, 1995; **Susan Croyles:** landowner, Bethel Twp., Armstrong County, Friend of the Trail; **Greg Daniels:** Adopt-A-Trail, Idaho section; **John Derby:** Ranger, US Army Corps of Engineers, Crooked Creek, Friend of the Trail; **Ed Divers:** Sierra Club hike leader, Friend of the Trail; **Mary, David, and Tamara Duff:** Adopt-A-Trail, Atwood section; **Andy Evans & Son:** Adopt-A-Trail, Route 66 to Crooked Creek Dam; **Dee Garvin:** Weekend Warrior-Trail Maintenance volunteer and TrailCare, July 14-16; **Larry Goyda:** TrailCare volunteer, July 14-16; **Randy Hall:** Adopt-A-Trail, Clarion River, Cook Forest, Kittanning State Forest sections; **William Jantz:** landowner, Jantz Shelter near Mahoning Reservoir, Friend; **Keystone Power Plant:** landowner and a brand-new "Baker Trail" sign on Route 422, Friends of the Trail; **Mort Kurman:** TrailCare, July 14-16; Weekend Workparties, 1994; **Ken Lyle:** TrailCare, July 14-16; **Al Mader:** Adopt-A-Trail, the Northern Terminus; **Edie O'Neal:** grant writing volunteer, Friend of the Baker Trail; **Glenn Oster:** Hike leader, Weekend Workparty Leader, Weekend and Weekday Workparty volunteer, a long-time Friend of the Baker Trail; **Brian Palmer:** Adopt-A-Trail, Crooked Creek Dam to Horney Camp Run; **Mary Pitzer:** KTA TrailCare @ Crooked Creek sponsor, July 14-16, Weekend Workparties; **Link Porterfield:** Adopt-A-Shelter, Idaho Shelter; **Mike Robertson:** Adopt-A-Trail, Mill Creek section; **Cindy Rogers:** Adopt-A-Trail, Amish Country and Smicksburg sections, second year; **Vince Roelf:** Weekend Workparties and TrailCare, July 14-16; **Mike Ruane:** TrailCare, July 14-16; **Sam Saccamango:** Adopt-A-Trail (1994), Garver's Ferry section; **Dave Schramm:** BT Through-hiker, Philadelphia, Friend of the Baker Trail; **Patty Scheuering:** Weekend Workparty and second generation Friend of the Baker Trail; **Steve Shaffer:** Clarion, PA; Adopt-A-Trail, Corsica, Little Mill Creek, Pendleton Run, and Three Runs (Cathers, Clawson, Updike) sections. Adopt-A-Shelter: Corsica Shelter. With some help from the "guys at the shop"; **Kirk Slater:** Adopt-A-Trail, Mahoning Creek Lake section, a long-time Friend of the Baker Trail; **Hal and Elizabeth Sommer:** Indiana, PA; Adopt-A-Trail, 1994, Idaho; **John Speck:** Adopt-A-Trail, Cochran's Mill and Cherry Run sections; Adopt-A-Shelter, Crooked Creek and Cochran's Mill Shelters; **Pete Srini:** Hike leader, Trail Maintenance leader, a Friend of the Trail; **Ginny Sunday:** Adopt-A-Trail, Garver's Ferry to Godfrey; **Tom Thwaites:** Vice President, Keystone Trail Association; Chairman, TrailCare program; **Susan Torrence:** Tourist Bureau, Armstrong County; Fall Foliage Hikes organizer, Friend of the Baker Trail; **Milo Weaver:** landowner, Milo Weaver Shelter, Friend; and **Lew Weingard:** Friend of the Baker Trail

As you can see, the list is quite stunning. And these are only the people I know; obviously there are many people I don't know personally whose involvement with the Baker Trail predates mine. I would like to take this opportunity to thank one and all for their work and their contributions to the Baker Trail.

THE BAKER TRAIL-A LIFE OF ITS OWN

by Jim Ritchie

It seems as if I wrote only a couple of months ago about how the Baker Trail lives and breathes on its own, depending on no one individual or organization for its existence. I have seen it happen once again.

As I was driving home from Indiana, PA one Saturday evening in July, after dark, I thought I saw a sign flash past, along a dark desolate stretch of US 422, that said something about the Baker Trail. "No!", I thought to myself, it wasn't possible. After all, I am the Baker Trail Coordinator, I am "in charge" of the Baker Trail, nothing happens without my knowing it, without me giving my permission for something to happen. Still, I could swear the sign, a brand-new PENNDOT-specification sign, said something about the Baker Trail. But I had been through here dozens of times before, every several weeks to visit my son David at IUP, a budding, Internet-surfing, virtually-real, computer scientist in-the-making, and I had never seen anything like that before. In fact, I had hiked that very route a half dozen times in the past two years and had never seen anything like it at all.

About five miles down the road, my curiosity got the best of me. I stopped the car on the berm, turned it around, and drove the five miles back to the "spot". I stopped again, turned the car around to face what I thought was the same sign and, there it was! "Baker Trail" in big white letters on a blue background, a steel 4 foot by 4 foot, highway sign, with a carefully drawn map of the triangle formed by Routes 156, 210 and 422, with a dotted line for the Baker Trail route right through the middle, and instructions below the map, "follow the numbers".

So, there it was, with no help from me at all, someone had seen fit to erect a sign to guide us all along the latest of perhaps many routes the Baker Trail has followed. The Trail is where it is; there is no preconceived dirt over which boots must trek; build it and they will come (to hike).

The moral of the story, of course, is whenever you start to worry about how the world will ever get along without your help, ease up a little bit. We're never quite as important as we make ourselves out to be, somehow, things have a way of working out, because of or in spite of our best efforts. The Baker Trail only provided one more of many lessons on the limitations of self-importance.

HIKING / BACKPACKING

Saturday August 5 Steve Nydes 661-9357
Intermediate hike, destination to be decided. Call for info & a reservation.

Sunday August 20 Maynard Hansen 751-7615
Intermediate hike (8-10 miles) in Bear Run. Meet at 8:30 a.m. at Burger King at Rte 30 & Rte 48. Call for info & a reservation.

Friday eve-Monday Sep 1-4 Glenn Oster 364-2864
Backpack the Allegheny trail in the wilds of W.Va's Monongahela National Forest, between the towns of Gladys & Durwin: intermed/advanced 25 miles with climbs & descents. Call for info & a reservation.

HOT DOGS ON THE BAKER TRAIL

(A Hiker's Alert)

by Jim Ritchie

Hiking along the BT between Cochran's Mill and the covered bridge over Horney Camp Run early in July, I was coming up on the half mile of dirt road leading out to Kerr Road. The trail here cuts between two fields planted in corn just before coming out onto the dirt lane whose purpose is to provide access to a lone trailer at its end. The trailer sits back about 100 yards from the dirt road and is set up on blocks to keep it off the ground. I had walked about half way past when I heard a deep "Woof! Woof! Woof!" and out from underneath the porch comes a huge mixed breed german shepard-type dog. Next I heard "Yip-yip-yip! Yip-yip-yip!" and "arrrrr-arrrrr-arrrrr", "aroooooo, aroooooo", and other assorted doggy sounds. Taking a quick count, I got the number six. Six dogs were coming at me from all different directions.

Here I was being attacked by a pack of dogs, the kind of thing you read about in the newspaper. Things didn't look too good. I reached into my waist pack and pulled out my never-before-used pepper spray. Never before had the occasion. I surely hoped it wouldn't come to that, but if it did, I surely hoped that stuff worked...

Of the six dogs coming at me, two were especially aggressive: a knee-high black and white shorthair mutt, and a slightly smaller white dog that looked like a cross between a beagle and a poodle. The other four hung back 10 feet or so, as if to see what was going to happen.

The black dog didn't hesitate even once as he approached me; he was coming for my leg, barking, and he was going to bite me. As he came closer, his bark became more and more a growl and then a snarl. This guy was gonna get me!! Then, just as he got about four feet away, still coming in for the kill, I zapped him with the pepper spray. It worked!! I got him right on the snout just below his eye; his tongue reached out to lick it off and at the same time he jerked to a stop, shook his head a couple of times, and took 3 or 4 steps back. I started backing away, down the road. Here he came again. I got ready, but the dog would only come to about 10 feet away and then hesitate. I kept backing away. The white dog came in closer. The four woofers in the back kept woofing.

You know, that black dog followed me for another quarter mile before he quit. Every time I turned my back, he began to rush in at me. When I faced him, he would stop. The four big woofers quit and went home, even the little white dog stopped at the edge of the front yard. But that black dog barked louder and louder and faster and faster and kept coming in closer and closer. Finally, I threw a rock at him and he stopped. I walked briskly out of doggy-land.

Be advised!! Trails through farm country, such as the Baker, are bound to have dogs nearby. Most are tied, but some are not. This location above is one place to mark on your Baker Trail Map (Map #3, look for the 1048 elevation mark, just west of Crooked Creek, in the lower, right quadrant of your map). In assessing the situation, I'm not sure the pepper spray would have stopped a bigger, more aggressive dog, especially the breeds frequently trained as attack dogs: rottweilers, pit bulls, dobermans. If anyone has any wisdom to share on this subject, give me a call (412-828-0210) and I'll pass it on to our readers in a future newsletter.

RAMBLES

Our seventh year.

- August 2** Herrs Island to Millvale and return. Cliff and Marilyn Ham leaders; 687-4520.
- August 9** Steve Faloan Memorial Trail in Schenley Park. Picnic at Hams house. 687-4520.
- August 16** West End or Temperanceville. 687-4520.
- August 23** South Park with Billie Woodland. Bring a sandwich for a picnic in the park afterward. 687-4520.
- August 30** Friendship area to see the refurbished Victoria Hall. 687-4520.
- September 6** Cemetery tour, place TBA.

Note for all trips: Meet in Mellon Park's upper parking lot at Fifth and Shady Avenues by 10 am. We will carpool to save energy and enjoy each other's company.

Trips are normally three to four miles in length, at a leisurely pace. Trips are subject to change due to weather, the leader, or the choice of the group. We will walk in all conditions of weather, so be prepared.

From time to time, we will schedule lunch at a restaurant, or a brown bag lunch. These are optional.

Call the leader for more information about a trip, or to let them know you are planning to walk with the group, but not after ten o'clock at night.

SEA-KAYAKING

Sea-Kayaking has a broader season than most other sports. We started the year with river runs and camping trips, taking advantage of the higher water levels from the winter snow melts and spring rains. For the hottest summer months, we're keeping cool with trips to the south shore of Lake Erie and with evening and night trips to our favorite local lakes. But now, with the air conditioner running full blast, it's time to start planning trips for the fall.

You can spend Labor Day weekend in Crisfield Maryland - the Blue Crab capital of the world. We'll be sea-kayaking parts of the Chesapeake Bay we've never seen before and spend a day at Chincoteague Island if the weather permits ocean paddling. Another feature of this trip is a visit out to Tangier Island, whose quaint village and people (if you haven't noticed) are being featured on those AT&T commercials.

Also listed for this autumn are the longer weekend trips. We'll be going to places like Saint Michaels and Annapolis, as well as a weekend run down Maryland's Pamlico - which is at the top of my National Scenic River's list. We'll return to Kinzua in time to see the leaves change, and maybe also go down the Gran River in Ohio, which flows through an 800 foot gorge. In November, there's a trip back to Urbanna, Virginia for more paddling on the Chesapeake's historic Rappahannock and James rivers, and hopefully, a trip down the Edisto - the world's longest blackwater river - over Thanksgiving.

Finally, this month we are going to attempt a crossing of Lake Erie by sea-kayak. This trip will start at Lake Erie's largest tourist area then pass through some of the lake's most unusual locations. We'll pass through customs on Pelee Island and reach the Canadian mainland on the morning of the third day. Kayaks and people can return via the International Ferry, unless anyone wants to paddle back.

If you're interested in any of these trips, but don't know how to sea-kayak then give us a call. Remember - almost everyone on these trips learned through the program. You'll be surprised at how fast you can learn enough to safely enjoy many of these trips.

Friday Evening August 11 through Saturday August 12 1995
Nightpaddle at Crooked Creek lake. Spend an evening sea-kayaking, camping and just plain loafing by the campfire at a beautiful location only an hour northeast of Pittsburgh. This is an ideal trip for relaxing, practicing longer than on our regular trips, and for meeting people. Call for more information and to reserve a kayak. Canoers also welcome. Mark Mistrik 344-8665 (h) or 624-3446 (w) Meets 5:30 - 6 pm Friday at HQ

Sunday August 13, 1995
sea-kayaking daytrip exploring and relaxing in the foothills of the Chestnut Ridge. A quick hop to Indiana PA. Loree Spedy 521-9425 Meets 9 am Sunday at HQ

Tuesday Evening Aug 15, 1995
sea-kayaking evening intro. Basic instruction through rescue technique, braces and rolls. Fun, informal trip is a great way to become acquainted with the sea kayaks. We finish off the evening with a cook-out. Call for more information and to reserve a kayak. Mark 344-8665 (h) or 624-3446 (w) Meets 5:30 - 6 pm at HQ

Wednesday Evening August 16, 1995

Monthly sea-kayakers dinner. Join us for an evening of outdoor-related conversation while we try a new, unusual restaurant each month. Everyone welcome. Call for restaurant location and so we can make the correct number of reservations. Mark Mistrik 344-8665 (h) or 624-3446 (w) Meets 5:30 - 6 pm at the restaurant.

Friday August 18 through Sunday August 20, 1995

Paddle across Lake Erie (PALE). Extended weekend sea-kayaking trip across Lake Erie with kayak camping on islands and a bit of sightseeing in Canada before returning home. Trip involves half-day paddling with afternoons free to hike or explore the nearby islands by kayak. Call for more information and to reserve. Mark Mistrik 344-8665 (h) or 624-3446 (w) Meets: TBA

Friday Evening September 1 through Monday September 4 or Tuesday September 5, 1995

Labor Day weekend sea-kayaking trip to Crisfield, Maryland. Trip is a mix of everything - ocean paddling at Chincoteague, sightseeing on Tangier Island, Chesapeake Bay paddling and camping, and incredible seafood. Call for more information and to reserve a kayak. Taking off Tuesday is optional, but recommended. Mark Mistrik 344-8665 (h) or 624-3446 (h) Meets 5:30 - 6 pm Friday at HQ

Friday evening september 15 through Sunday September 17, 1995

Weekend sea-kayaking trip to Saint Michaels, Maryland. Sightseeing and river and bay paddling in one of the Chesapeake's prettiest regions. Saint Michaels is something of an artist's enclave, and the surrounding water is very scenic and protected enough to bring even novice paddlers. Call for more information and to reserve a kayak. Mark Mistrik 344-8665 (h) or 624-3446 (h) Meets 5:30 - 6 pm Friday at HQ

Friday evening September 30 through Sunday October 1, 1995

Weekend sea-kayaking and camping trip down the Pamlico river in Maryland. See a national scenic river from its headwaters as a narrow creek to a broad estuary by the afternoon of the second day. This river features cypress, cedars and hopefully plenty of migratory birds. The overnight camping is at a Maryland state park (hot showers!). Call for more information and to reserve a kayak. Mark Mistrik 344-8665 (h) or 624-3446 (h) Meets 5:30 - 6 pm Friday at HQ

Saturday October 15 through Sunday October 16, 1995

Sea-kayaking and camping weekend at Kinzua (Allegheny Reservoir). See the fall foliage at its best. Ed Ostrovecky 244-1419 or 767-5167 Meets: TBA

Friday evening November 3 through Sunday November 5, 1995

Sea-kayak weekend roadtrip to Urbanna, Virginia. Two scenic bay paddles on the Rappahannock and/or James rivers and a short night paddle to see the bioluminescence there. Trip includes two nights stay in a youth hostel/condo and a belgium waffle breakfast. Call for more information and to reserve a kayak. Mark Mistrik 344-8665 (h) or 624-3446 (h) Meets 5:30 - 6 pm Friday at HQ

Friday evening November 10 through Sunday November 12, 1995

Sea-kayaking and sightseeing weekend to Annapolis Maryland and Washington DC. Trip may be moved earlier so call ASAP if you are interested. Easy sea-kayak daytrips and sightseeing along the Annapolis historic district and through Washington DC. Call for more information and to reserve a kayak. Mark 344-8665 (h) or 624-3446 (h) Meets 5:30 - 6 pm Friday at HQ

Wednesday evening November 22 through Sunday November 26, 1995

Sea-kayak roadtrip to Eastern South Carolina. Spend your Thanksgiving holiday nice and warm while paddling down the Edisto - the world's largest free-flowing blackwater river. Overnight kayak camping and some quick sightseeing on the way back. Mark Mistrik 344-8665 (h) or 624-3446 (h) Meets: TBA



Morning campfire & breakfast, Crooked Creek
sea-kayaking night-trip. June 10, 1995

More Internet News

Notice to all Paddlers!!!

The Pittsburgh District of the Corps of Engineers continues to improve their excellent service to the paddling world.

For several years they have provided current gauge readings via a dial-up BBS. This data is now available on the World Wide Web. It looks like the same data with the same update cycle.

Point your web browser at
<http://www.orp-wc.usace.army.mil/>

Coverage is:

- Upper Allegheny River basin above Parker's Landing, including French Creek and Clarion River basins.

- Lower Allegheny River basin, including Redbank and Mahoning Creeks and Kiskiminetas River basins.

- Youghiogheny and Cheat River basins, including Casselman River basin.

- Tygart and Monongahela River basins, including West Fork basin.

- Beaver and upper Ohio River basins, including Mahoning and Shenango River basins.

There are links to other Corps sites, but I didn't see any other river level pages in 10-15 minutes of browsing.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Do you have extra hours to donate to the Council? Current volunteer opportunities in Pittsburgh Council are listed below. Contact the person listed or leave your name and telephone number at the office (412-422-2282).

*Southwestern Autumn Breeze Bicycle tour; Bill Eberle, 833-9732

*The Great Ride, Bicycle tour; Larry Laude, 665-9554

*Weekend bicycling trip leaders; Wm Eberle, 833-9732

*The Mon Valley Century bicycle tour; Chuck Ejzak, 466-6196

*MS-150 Bicycle tour; Bill Eberle, 833-9732

*Hostel development and fundraising; Marianne Kasica, 665-9554

*Ohiopyle hostel support and work parties; Jacky Eberle, 833-9732

*Travel and Hostel Editor for the newsletter, Larry Laude, 665-9554

*Office help answering phones and assisting hostellers; Larry Laude, 422-2282

*Leading Pittsburgh Council trips; Wm Eberle, 833-9732

*Scouting trails for the next Hiking Guide Joe Hoechner, 422-2282

*Slide shows at the Thursday Open House; office, 422-2282

*Trail Maintenance, Baker Trail and Rachel Carson Trail; Jim Ritchie, 828-0210

*HQ Maintenance, minor routine maintenance on a regular basis. 1-2 people are also needed to coordinate the work, track of volunteer time and to report on HQ to the board and to identify any problems or required major repairs. If you can help as little as one hour a month, please call Larry Laude at 665-9554.

Washington, from page 3

Olympic Peninsula. The air was so clear that we could see the full majestic form of Mount Rainier, nearly 100 miles to the southeast. We drove west to Port Angeles and up into Olympic National Park in search of a campsite for the night. However, "there was no room in the inn," and we had to back-track to a KOA east of Port Angeles. We were glad to find any place to lay our heads. After setting up our tents, showering and donning respectable clothes, it was dinner time. Back into town we went to an upscale sea food restaurant. Everyone was relaxed and in a good frame of mind. Frank even treated us to a bottle of Berringer's White Zinfandel to add to the ambience. When traveling, we ate all our meals in restaurants, and this one is perhaps my favorite in Port Angeles. AYH's Jon Maiman and I ate here in 1988, the year we hiked around Mount Rainier.

Next morning, we drove a tortuous road climbing steeply up to Hurricane Ridge. There we spent a good deal of time drinking in the beauty of the many mountain peaks, all snow covered and sparkling in full morning sunlight. Good deal of time or no, I couldn't marshal my troops for an attack on our next site delight - seems a ranger was giving a long program on marmots. They're little critters about the size of a ground hog. How long would it have taken if he had been talking about a big one - a grizzly bear, perhaps?

Eventually, we did get under-way again. Our next stop was to hike a mile or so up through skyscraper trees to Marymere Falls. The stream is modest, only eight feet wide, but it drops in free fall for at least 200 feet and is well worth the hike and climb to see. Popular attraction with lots of ooohs and aaahs and an occasional "ain't that sumpin to see?"

Next came lunch, picnic style, at a grove overlooking Crescent Lake (I'm running out of varied superlatives) - so peaceful and rewarding - and then on to the Ho Rain Forest. Trails lead visitors through trees laden with all types of ferns and moss clinging to everything and hanging down from all branches. Eerie, but it would have been absolutely spooky in the rain. We lucked out, big time; it was sunny. The light shafts that could find their way through the thick forest overstory resembled spotlights, highlighting special merchandise in a department store. The Olympic Peninsula rain forests (Ho, Queets and Quinalt) receive more rainfall than anywhere else in the United States - over twelve feet per year. As rain forests go, temperate zone forests, such as the Olympic rain forests, have little company; the only other temperate zone rain forests around the world are in New Zealand and southern Chile.

This was destined to be a one restaurant day, and we discovered that breakfast had been it. As we drove to the Pacific Coast, the road was so remote and our destination so distant that we were on our own for meals. We reached the Olympic National Park campground at Ozette, by 5:30 p.m., and, hallelujah, it had a clean, modern rest room with hot showers - and all for free. Our intent in seeking out this forsaken place was to backpack up the coast to the "Point of Arches", reportedly the best sea stack scenery on our West Coast. If it's a new term to you, sea stacks are huge rock formations standing offshore. They at one time were part of headlands that subsequently eroded and orphaned these formations. Headlands, these sea stacks' parents, resemble fingers of a giant hand spread out palm down and stretched into the water. Sea stacks resemble the fingernails so to speak.

We checked with the rangers as to the dangers and routes available, obtained tide charts and charged off for our next mini adventure. The most practical route to the beach going north was to take advantage of some gravel back roads for a few miles. They held special interest in that foxglove was in bloom, whole fields mostly pink, but spotted here and there unpredictably with a white version of the plant. Such a beautiful flower, and wild at that. Frank joined us for the first segment of our hike, but elected to return to Ozette. There, he planned to hike due west, a more direct route to the beach. Moreover, he could do it without the burden of a backpack laden with tent, sleeping bag, food, stove and all.

When we reached the beach, a welcoming committee awaited us - two deer. They didn't exactly welcome us, but were unafraid, allowing us to come within twenty feet of them and more like tolerated than welcomed us. Never did bolt and run. There we were looking across thousands of miles of calm, blue Pacific Ocean, a new experience for Kirk and Joanne. Northward, our route took us at first along a wide, sandy beach with lots of little tidal channels still in water from the last tide recession. Then we saw a few, and, as we progressed, more and more sea animals. The most common were starfish, orange, maroon or purple. We saw them lying flat in the sand, piled on top of each other or clinging to rocks in a line as if they were its decoration. Occasionally, we would see green anemones and sea urchins, but always in pools of water. I hadn't counted on seeing these sea animals. The literature mentioned them, but rarely for me does fact match literature. Happily, I was wrong this time. Also, about two hundred feet offshore, a half dozen sea otters were having a great time diving, swimming and floating on their backs almost in unison - gave the appearance of being truly happy with their station in life. What is it that I've often heard about the lamentable life form of dumb animals? I wonder—

"...there in a ten foot wide circle was a replica of England's Stone Henge..."

Now starts a different spin on our story of backpacking the coast. The sandy beach only lasted for a half mile, and big rocks began to strew the beach. They had to be walked around. The rocks became closer; it became more difficult to find routes between them. In time, we had to climb on and over them, no mean effort when carrying a full pack. This slowed our progress considerably, and by the time we made it around the first headland the tide began to come in dangerously close. It was apparent that we couldn't make it around the second headland. The penalty for missing the tide is climbing over the headlands. Remember my simile of headlands and an outstretched hand? The resemblance is realistic. Routes over headlands are about as steep as the sides of one's fingers, and foot holds are almost impossible in the crumbly, sandy soil. The National Park Service to the rescue - well, sort of. They tied heavy bull rope to trees at the top, and tide-stranded hikers had to pull themselves up and over the headlands. Try that with a full backpack, groan! We made it to the top of this, the second headland, with at least two more large ones to go.

As usual, Kirk had danced over the rocks and managed to get around that headland in time and continued hiking. He didn't realize that we mere mortals were stuck on

top of headland number two. It seemed to me, considering that I had a tough enough climb (and I'm presumably a seasoned backpacker), that Joanne must have been pressed close to her limit. The situation called for a change in plans. I left the trail and explored inland. I was searching to find a bush-whacking (no trail) route that would cross unbroken terrain, inland from the start of the actual headlands (in my simile to a hand - a route across the knuckles). However, the vegetation became impenetrable after about a mile and a quarter, and I had to retrace my steps. That meant camping for the night atop that headland; dear pity anyone prone to sleep walking. One advantage from my alternate route exploration was finding a fresh water source. So, there was no real inconvenience in camping there - but the feeling of not making our destination bugged us. We did have several hours of daylight remaining and climbed down from the headland without our packs. The evening sun was still high in the sky, and we wanted to enjoy the beach for an hour or two. It was strewn with all sorts of unidentifiable flotsam washed ashore - much of the printed matter in Japanese and Russian. We returned to our tree house perch, made dinner and had a good night's rest.

Determined to reach our destination, we stashed Joanne's backpack, removed all nonessentials from mine, and off we went. Predictably, by 9:30 a.m. we could see Kirk in the distance coming toward us. He had made it the day before and was on his way back. He had enjoyed seeing Point of Arches in sunlight; we were destined to see it in north Pacific morning overcast. At least we saw it. Dense fog often totally enshrouds the coast until early afternoon. We made it to our destination and saw Point of Arches from Shi Shi Beach. Unquestionably, there were more sea stacks in one place than I've ever seen before. Not sure where all the arches were, but the sheer number of sea stacks got my attention. Unfortunately, considering the weather, it was a bit of a disappointment. My pictures are lifeless records of the scene - another long standing objective accomplished, albeit rather short of photographic expectations.

One unusual finding - a sand castle type structure on the beach at Shi - there in a ten foot wide circle was a replica of England's Stone Henge. Kirk had camped there but disclaimed any responsibility for it. Two backpackers we had passed the previous day had spent time at the beach, and it's probable that they are the architects and contractors who constructed this remarkably accurate likeness. It had to have taken a lot of time to find stones of the right shape and size to make it so realistic. Too bad they weren't on hand for applause.

Hiking back seemed to be nothing special except that the fog eventually burned off, and we had no surprises or shocks. Climbing down from the tree house perch with full packs was a bit of a challenge, but down was easier than up in my opinion. When we returned to camp, Frank had interesting tales to tell of his experiences on the Ozette trails and at the beach. Then, showers, dinner, some lie swapping time and bed. We were nearing the end of our Washington travels, but we still had Mounts Rainier and Saint Helens to do and would be ready to roll in the morning.

Be sure and join us next month as we continue with the next installment of Glenn's latest tale, "WHY WASHINGTON"

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FOR SALE: Northface internal-frame backpack \$150; Northface tadpole tent (1-2 person) \$140; Whisper light stove \$50; First-Need water filter \$40. Call 242-9747(w) or 1-800-917-4763(pager) and leave message.

FOR SALE: Sail board/wind surfer; Mistral-large older model in good condition. Fiberglass mast, hardware, 2 sails (4m&6m) \$250. Perfect for starter. Night 766-3972 or Day 762-7440.

FOR SALE: Canoe, 18" Old Town fiberglass, paddles and life jackets, \$500.00. Contact Rebecca Dowling at 466-1802.

FOR SALE: 2 Dolfino professional silicone dive masks; low volume, fog-free, double edge. Used once and in original box. (older snorkels free) \$35 Eileen 531-9610

For Sale: Cross-country skis, boots (size 44) and poles. "Trak" waxless skis. As new - used once. \$85 for all. Peggy 361-4781.

For Sale: 60" metal desk, 55" wood roll top desk, steno chair Peg Cline @ 372,1782

For Sale: 16 ft Canoe - Blue Hole style hull, ABS, with Bugby style gun-wales and seats. \$300.00. Call Linda or Jim Roberts - daytime at 268-6731, Nights until 9:00 at 244-8332.

For Sale: 19' Albacore Sailboat with trailer. Main sail and jib in excellent shape (recently reconditioned and still in original box). A fun boat!! \$800.00 Call Helena at 784-0299 or Paul Egbert at Wind & Water 586-2080.

For Sale: Exercise Machine, Rower/xc Skier. Like new. \$80.00 Firm. Call 341-4204. Leave message.

Going to Britain? For Sale, two 7 day Heritage Passes. Visit up to 500 historic properties with no additional admission fee. Valid for 1995. Cost \$70 for two, selling for \$50. Bob Morgan 882-0483 or 488-2216.

Distributing AYH brochures We are looking for places to distribute hostelling brochures, primarily brochures describing hostelling and how to purchase a Hostelling International membership, but also some specific hostel brochures. If you have some suggestions on where we can display brochures for potential hostellers - such as colleges, travel agencies and travel bookstores, please call the office at 412-422-2282. We will be happy to deliver them.

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REMINDER TO TRIP LEADERS

All trips and equipment usage must be approved by the appropriate activity chair or co-chair. Trip reports and fees should be turned in by the end of each month at either the AYH Activities Building or AYH Office or mailed to Pittsburgh Council, 5604 Solway St., Pittsburgh PA 15217

The Pittsburgh Council Travel Store is open Mon., Thur., and Fri. from 9 to 3 and Wed. from 9 to 6. Hours are subject to change, so it's a good idea to call the office at 412-422-2282 before coming in. We're in Room 202 of the Wightman School Building at 5604 Solway Street in Squirrel Hill, near the intersection of Wilkins and South Neglev. All passes, ID cards, rail passes, and books are available.