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Eb and Diane Moll's
Farewell Party
to the
Baker Trail



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8:30 Thursdays

July 5

The Wonderful World of Bikes-
A movie showing a wide range of
cycling activities from
recreational riding to touring
and racing.

July 12

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slides of their winter trip to
Arizona.

July 19

White Water Equipment Show!
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into whitewater canoeing and
getting your own boat, here is
your chance to see the latest
equipment. Dave Demaree will
display and explain equipment
and answer questions.

July 26

Grand Canyon-
A film produced by the Sierra
Club showing the unique beauty
of the Grand Canyon and efforts
to preserve it.

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DEADLINE--JULY 12

The Molls Bid Farewell to Pittsburgh and AYH

Who ever heard of a bird bath on the
woods near a Baker Trail shelter?

Over thirty hikers did, even if it
was hard to believe once they returned
home. That was part of the European
lunch provided by Eb and Dianne Moll
on their farewell hike on Sunday,
10 June. The bird bath, at its first
viewing, was filled with packages of
moist towelettes so that the hikers
could become diners.

A waiter in tuxedo stepped from
behind a rock to start serving. The
next apparition was a waitress in
proper pantsuit. Nothing could have
been more unexpected than those two
gentle people serving such delicacies
as cheese and crackers, baked whole
ham, tossed salad, Blennd, and ice
cream topped with out-of-season fruits
and berries. Eb and Dianne's good
friends did a superb job of serving a
gourmet meal. It would be a hard act
to follow!

Those of us who were on that hike
will have a hard time forgetting
Eb and Dianne.

Trail Bill Considered by State Legislature

AYH Baker Trail Chairman announced
to Activities Board that two important
trail bills are being considered in the
Pennsylvania General Assembly--

HB189 "Pa. Trails Bill" and HB190 to
protect the Appalachian Trail in Pa.
Hikers and others who support hiking
trails in the Commonwealth should
write or call state senators or
representatives and urge passage of
these bills.

Representative George Gekas, who
spoke at AYH recently, is a sponsor
of these bills.

Visitors have been jamming Ohiopyle State Park since before it opened. Most come to picnic, swim, hike, or look at the Falls, but the area is also quite popular with whitewater fans.

Commercial operators have developed rafting trips and individual boaters come from as far as Ohio and Washington, D.C.

One result is that the park is quickly becoming overcrowded. Parking facilities were built several years ago, but they are now inadequate. Boaters and rafters constitute less than 5 percent of the park's visitors, but they do park their cars all day, whereas sightseeing visitors may only stay a short time. Hence, a second result is that short term visitors have become privileged visitors and boaters, as all-day-use visitors are being discouraged. This polarization does not reflect the purpose of establishing a state park for the enjoyment of natural resources.

The commercial raft trip operators have been careful to stagger their put-in schedule to reduce jams on the river. Trip size has been held to about 80 people on each trip. But over the years, the number of trips has increased as more and more people come to see the beautiful Youghiogheny.

Overcrowding of the land area can be alleviated by additional parking area which the State plans to build soon. However, the State would like to ban commercial rafters from parking at Ohiopyle altogether. One operator has already started busing trippers into the area from his headquarters, several miles outside of Ohiopyle. His outfit, however, is perhaps the smallest. The others object to this alternative in that it will create an excess financial burden on commercial operations already restricted in growth.

To prevent further overcrowding, the State would like to restrict further expansion of commercial rafting operations. They propose a limit of three trips each day for each operator. However, this seems unfair (and un-business-like) as the operators have not been operating at the same number of trips up to this time. Each is apparently willing to halt expansion of the number of trips already running, but unwilling to run fewer trips. The idea of limiting each to three trips seems absurd, as the operations are not at this time capable of such similarity. One is unwilling to decrease profits; the others cannot regularly handle such an increase demand on equipment. There are many Western Pa. people interested in rafting, and the number is growing. A viable alternative must be found to protect the river environment, the private boaters and yet keep the commercial raft operators in business.

One suggestion that might be of benefit to the entire problem, is for the Department of Environmental Resources, in conjunction with rafting operators and closed boating groups, to construct clear guidelines for the use of the river and park area. Up to this time, decisions have by and large, been made at the discretion of the park superintendent. This may provide immediate solutions, but long range problems need to be considered now.

There are several other problems to be solved concerning Ohiopyle State Park:

1. The camping area was constructed by July 1972. But it is still not open, apparently because there are no funds to hire the necessary personnel to operate the area.
2. The helicopter which patrols the river valley is thought by many canoeists to be an unnecessary hazard. Some other method of inspection to protect inexperienced people needs to be found.
3. The water level limit for safe canoeing has been arbitrarily established by the park superintendent. Guidelines for such a limit need to be examined carefully to protect the rights of boaters of all abilities.

With the Pa. General Assembly evaluating the state budget at this time, we urge representatives and senators to examine park assets, development plans, past and proposed budgets and the public use statistics in order to develop clear guidelines and an adequate budget for the use of State Parks and especially Ohiopyle State Park.

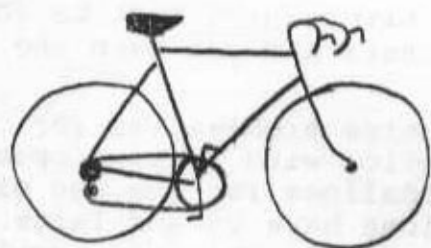
We urge all users of the parks to write to their representatives and senators in the General Assembly and express their ideas on the situation.

Check the bulletin board at headquarters for a list of names and addresses of local legislators.

AYH AND WATERGATE--Ayh members can hear a discussion of the Watergate situation by Cliff Ham and Henry Pollak on Radio WWSW, 7/1/73 at 8:00 pm, and on an FM station 7/4/73 at 10:00 pm. Henry and Cliff, with Msgr. Charles Owen Rice and Joe Kane, discussed implications for this country.

SCOTTISH HIGHLANDS BIKE TRIP; Marilyn and Cliff Ham, with 3 other AYH members, are planning a 3 wk bike tour of northern and north-western Scotland, plus the Island of Skye, in August. Use of hostels, plus "bed and breakfast". Stirling, to Ben Neirs, to Loch Ness, Inverness, John O'Groats, Ullapool, Skye, and Oban. Cost about \$200 plus airfare (\$2-300) plus personal items and bike. Aug.7-Stirling to Aug.30-Pusturik. 687-4960.

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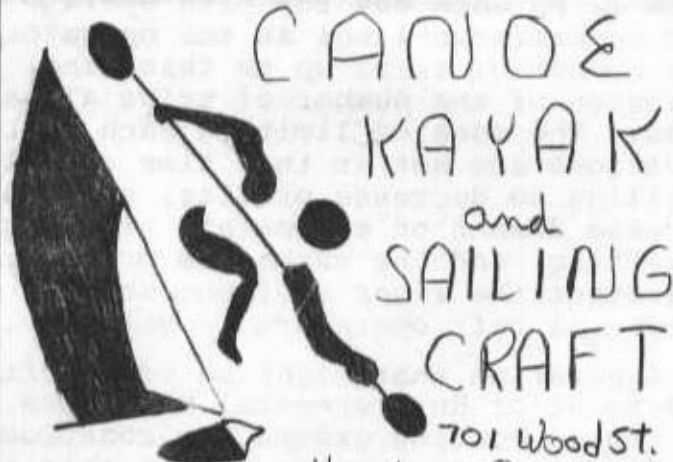
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A GUIDE TO LEADING CANOE TRIPS

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This is a set of guidelines for leading group canoe trips. It is written specifically for groups renting equipment from an organization, but applies with slight modification to trips for which everyone brings his own equipment.

- 1) Before you agree to lead a trip
 - a) know the river, class of white water, appropriate river levels, and possible alternatives in case the stream is too low or high
 - b) know how to locate the put in, the shuttle, and the take out
 - c) be able to give directions or maps to each of these places.
Caravanning is difficult over long distances. If you must caravan, each car should keep the car behind in sight
 - d) be sure that another trip is not planning to use the same equipment
- 2) As people sign up, record the following information:
 - a) name, phone number in case of a change in plans
 - b) whether they need equipment
 - c) whether they can drive and carry equipment
 - e) their ability and experience - important - Keep a balanced trip.
Do not be afraid to say "NO, all novice slots are filled."
- 3) Before the day of the trip
 - a) get a key to the equipment
 - b) find out exactly how much equipment is available
- 4) At the equipment storage building
 - a) delegate responsibility for organizing and loading equipment
 - b) collect money for fees, etc now; this helps to obtain the count
 - c) be sure you have neither too many cars nor too few
 - d) instruct drivers on the route
 - e) make final check for enough equipment
 - f) make final check to be sure the canoes are tied down
 - g) be sure the storage door is locked
- 5) At the rivers edge
 - a) decide which river to run based on water level and abilities
 - b) decide who should not run the river based on water level and ability
 - c) assign partners if necessary
 - d) pick a car to remain downstream; have trippers put dry clothes in
 - e) get the shuttle started
 - f) get novices on the river to practice
 - g) appoint a lead and sweep canoe
- 6) On the river
 - a) be sure the trip does not string out
 - b) alert the trippers to possible hazards in the river
 - c) decide who should not run a rapid
 - d) do not let other members of the trip encourage a tripper to try something far beyond his ability
 - e) pick an appropriate spot for lunch and police the clean up
 - f) check on weak trippers, swap partners, or appoint instructors
- 7) At the end of the river
 - a) get the shuttle moving as soon as possible
 - b) check to make sure you have all the gear
 - c) if part of group stops for dinner arrange for return of equipment
- 8) Back at the equipment storage building
 - a) delegate responsibility for unloading and storing equipment
 - b) verify that all the gear is returned and properly stowed
 - c) if equipment is damaged, report it to the canoe chairman and to the leader of the next trip
 - d) fill out the trip report and send it to the right spot
 - e) return the building key to the agreed-upon spot
 - f) make sure the storage door is locked
- 9) As soon after the trip as possible
 - a) write notes on the trip, including date and gauge readings

July TRIPS and TRAILS July

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

Audrey Bugby will be taking reservations for Tuesday and Thursday evening cycle trips. If you need a bike, call a few days in advance to reserve. 371-4233

WHAT TO BRING ON RAFT TRIPS:
lunch, river clothes, river shoes, dry clothes, dry shoes. Raft trips open to members only.

- Sat. 30 CYCLING--Tom Keffer is leading a weekend bicycling trip at Blackwater Falls, West Virginia. Leave AYH at 7 am on Saturday to and return Sunday evening. Limited to 12 people. Bring musical instruments, sleeping bags and be prepared for an early morning dawn ride. Cost \$6.00 plus food and rental fee. Call 241-5854 for details and reservations.
- Sun. 1 HIKING--Baker Trail Extension, blazing and exploring with C. Ham and G. Shubert in the Tarentum Area, 8 miles. All are welcome. Bring old clothes, lunch and \$1.00. Leave AYH at 8 am return by 6pm. Reserve at 687-4960.
- Tue. 3 BACKPACKING--Annual 4th of July backpack trip, led this year by Larry Giventer. Dolly Sods area. Leave AYH 7 pm Tuesday, return Sun. 8 Sunday. Limited to 12 people, reservations required. Cost \$10. Reserve with Larry at 422-9282.
- Sat. 7 HIKING--with Al White (487-3388); a 6-8 mile beginners hike in a location to be announced. Leave AYH at 9:00 am.
- Sun. 8 HIKING--Joe Hoechner (343-2465) leads the trip on the Baker Trail Extension from North Park to new County Park #9, 5 miles. Bring comfortable shoes, lunch and \$1. Beginners are welcome. If it is hot, shorts are OK. Leave AYH 10:00 am, return by 6 pm.
- Sun. 8 CYCLING--Mike and Pat Wolf are leading an easy flat 25 mile bike/swim trip around Pymatuning Lake. Bring lunch, swim suit and about \$5. Leave AYH at 8:00 am. Reserve with Mike or Pat at 563-4368.
- Fri. 13 BACKPACKING--on the Black Forest Trail near Slate Run in north central Pa. Leave AYH Friday evening at 7, return Sunday evening. Sun. 15 Cost about \$9. Reserve with Mike Hurwitz (731-1083), limited reservations.
- Sat. 14 CANOEING--Rich Bartoo (833-8506) leads a flat water trip for beginners probably on the Youghiogheny, Dawson to Layton. Cost \$5.00. Leave AYH at 8:30 am.
- Sat. 14 RAFTING--Guy Estes (833-2435) leads the Ohiopyle trip. Cost about \$5.50. Leave AYH at 8:30 am.

JULY TRIPS AND TRAILS CONTINUED:

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- Sat. 14 CYCLING--South Hills to South Park. Take a slow, easy (?) 10-15 mile ride from Castle Shannon to South Park. Bring lunch, \$2. Meet at AYH at 10:00 am. Reserve with Joe Hoechner at 343-2465.
- Sun. 15 CYCLING--Jack Batchelar is leading a 30 mile Fallingwater bike tour. Tour the famous Frank Lloyd Wright home on the Kaufman reservation. If there is time afterwards, swim at Ohiopyle. Bring bathing suit, lunch, and \$5.00. Call Jack one week in advance for reservations for Fallingwater. Leave AYH 8:00 am. 963-7868.
- Sun. 15 CANOEING--Intermediate white water trip. Rick Rocomora leads for canoeists who have completed Intermediate Canoe School or have equivalent experience. Trip will go where there is water! Cost \$5.50. Leave AYH 8:30 am. Reserve with Rick at 521-6477.
- Mon. 16 CYCLE CLASS--Jack Batchelar is having a demonstration on shifting a 10 speed. Of you don't know how to shift or are having problems, meet at Headquarters at 7:30 pm.
- Fri. 20 CYCLING--Gettysburg Weekend. Come along on the annual Gettysburg to
to
Sun. 22 Friday. Cost about \$20, includes 2 nights in Gettysburg College dormitories, transportation, meals and fees. Bring 2 lunches, bathing suit and sleeping bag.
- Sat. 21 CANOEING--Intermediate Canoe School and Beginning Closed Boat School Phil Mason and Mary Shaw lead the trip wherever there is water. If you have attended a Beginning Canoe School and have practiced the skills you learned there, reserve with Phil at 421-8763. If you own a closed boat and want to learn and practice white water techniques, reserve with Mary at 681-5131. Cost about \$5, leave AYH 8:30 am.
- Sat. 21 HIKING--with Margie and Lee McIntyre (486-3067). An intermediate hike of about 8 miles. Leave AYH at 8:30 am with lunch, water and good hiking shoes.
- Sun. 22 HIKING--on the hills and farms of the Sardis area. Leave AYH at 9 am with Bob McGoff (793-5168) for this leisurely beginners hike.
- Sun. 22 HIKING--with C. Ham on Section #2 of the Baker Trail, Crooked Creek area. You will need hiking boots, lunch and \$1 for this intermediate 10 mile hike. This trip will explore some bluffs along the Allegheny River with the intent to relocate the trail along a more scenic route. Leave AYH 8 am, return by 6 pm.
- Sun. 22 CANOE SAILING--with Gordon Bugby (371-4233) at Keystone Lake. Cost about \$6. Leave AYH at 8:30 am.
- Sun. 22 RAFTING--Sid Lipman (422-7092) leads the Ohiopyle raft trip. Cost about \$5.50. Leave AYH at 8:30 am.
- Sat. 28 CANOEING--Easy to Intermediate white water. Reserve with Rick Rocomora (521-6477). Cost about \$5.00. Leave AYH 8:30 am.

TRIPS AND TRAILS continued again:

- Sat. 28 RAFTING--on the Youghiogheny, Ohiopyle to Stewarton. Reserve with Sid Lipman (422-7092). Cost about \$5.50. Leave AYH at 8:30 am.
- Sun. 29 HIKING--Short beginners hike on a location to be announced will be lead by Mary Brincka (431-6491). Leave AYH at 10:30 am.
- Sun. 29 CANOEING--Family flat water trip, lead by Abby Geertz (372-6053). Beginners and especially families are welcome. Cost about \$5. Leave AYH at 8:30 am.
- Sun. 29 RAFTING--Ohiopyle to Stewarton with Jack Kowalski (681-1611). Cost about \$5.50. Leave AYH at 8:30 am.
- Sun. 29 CYCLING--George Lattler is leading an easy beginners bike trip around one of the bikeways. Leave AYH at 1:00 pm with 60¢. Call George Friday, July 27 after 6 pm at 431-1191 to reserve a bicycle.
- Sun. July 1 CANOEING--BEGINNING WHITE WATER SCHOOL--Rick Rocomora leads this teaching trip. Flat water experience required. Reserve with Rick at 521-6477. Cost about \$5.00. Leave AYH at 8:30 am.
- Sat. 7 CANOEING OVERNIGHT--Lloyd Geertz (372-6053) leads a canoe-camping to trip probably on the upper Allegheny. Beginners welcome.
- Sun. 8 Contact Lloyd for details and reservations.
- Sun. 8 RAFTING--Mike Rowe (683-2606) leads the Ohiopyle to Stewarton trip. Cost about \$5.50. Leave AYH at 8:30 am.

EVENING CYCLE TRIPS--Call Audrey Bugby for cycle reservations--371-4233.

The evening cycle trips leave AYH at 6:30 pm and return to AYH before dark. Usually one of the city parks or bikeways is toured.

Leaders for July

July 3 George Lattler
5 Jim Roberts
10 Tom Keifer
12 Alan Bartholomae

July 17 Gary Ludwig
19 Jack Kowalski
24 Mike Wolf
26 Larry Giventer
31 Helen Brincka

CANOE FOR SALE: AYH will be selling one of our used 17 ft. Grumman shoe keel canoes for \$125.00. Call Phil Mason (421-8763) if interested.

DO YOU HAVE AYH CANOEING EQUIPMENT AT HOME??? We are very much inconvenienced by misplaced equipment. Please look in your garage, basement, cellar, attic, etc., for AYH canoe racks, paddles, life jackets, throw ropes, first aid kits, etc. Please return (or donate) any of our misplaced equipment or tell Phil Mason (421-8763) what happened to it!

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