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DEADLINES FOR THE MAY ISSUE: April 5 all trips and articles
April 19 Production Party
DEADLINES FOR THE JUNE ISSUE: May 10 all trips and articles
May 24 Production Party

OPEN HOUSE is held every Thursday at AYH Headquarters, 6300 Fifth Ave., Shadyside (next to the Pittsburgh Center for the Arts). The building is open at 8 pm for socializing. Slide Show starts at 8:45. Monthly Production Parties are for assembling the Triangle for mailing, and are after the slide show. It's a good opportunity to get to know one another and get caught up on news, trips, etc.

APRIL SLIDE SHOWS

April 5 The Coming of Spring by Bob Goff
April 12 Climbing in the Alps by Javier Guzman
April 19 A Pot-pourri of AYH Activities Past and Present
April 26 AYH Hosteling Worldwide by Marilyn and Cliff Ham

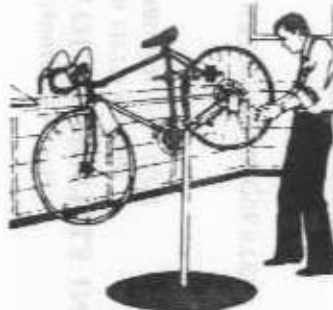
ACTIVITIES BOARD

The April meeting of the Activities Board will be April 4th at Joe Hoechner's party room. He lives at 1145 Foxhill Dr. in Monroeville. His phone number is 373-3403.

A BOUQUET OF THANK YOU'S!!! to Kathleen Kelliher and Penny Miller for a marvelous "Swing into Spring" banquet.

P.S. A thank you to Wayne Albright for once again finding the right people for the right job for this year's banquet.

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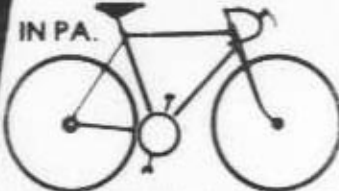
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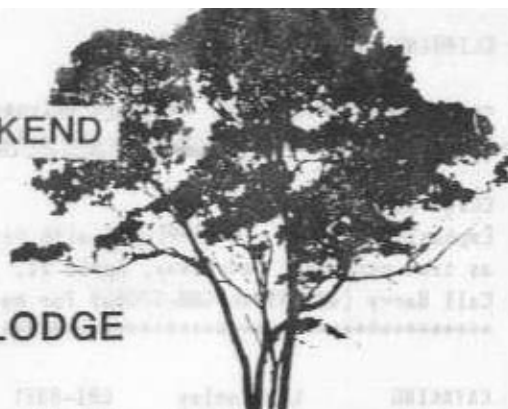
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TIPS & TALES

ABOUT OUR COVER..... This month's cover person is Lauren and she's looking forward to the Council's Spring canoeing program in a Biggggg way.

Lauren dreams of leaving her dull job (as a nurse/ tail-gunner on the Hill Street Hospital's Med-Evac Copter) and splashing into Spring with one of our white-water canoe schools.

Lauren was busy trying on the Council's new Designer P.F.D.'s* and dusting off her favorite river shoes when this photo was taken.

Well, Spring is here(?) and knowing April we'll all be wet soon. Say, have you checked out page 25 of the WORLD ADVENTURE '84 trip catalog yet? Now there's some canoe trips!

* If you don't know what a P.F.D. is, it really is time you signed up for a canoe school!!

...Joe Hoechner (Cover by Joe Hoechner too!)

TRIPPERS! It is YOUR responsibility to contact trip leaders before a trip to find out what demands will be made of you i.e., HIKE - "flower-sniffer special" or 15 mile Bushwhack!

It is not fair to other members of the trip (or to you) for you to overstate your capabilities and you could find yourself on an unpleasant excursion. Be fair to the leader and to yourself. All will benefit.

LEADERS! It is YOUR responsibility to be as clear as possible when explaining the type of trip you are leading; what experience is required, etc.

Sometimes "cutting someone a break" by permitting them to participate in a trip for which they are not qualified/prepared, is a "break" they could do without. Also, with hindsight, they may thank you later on when they realize the value of your wisdom! ...Barry Govenor

THE WQED 13th ANNUAL GREAT TV AUCTION is scheduled for April 6 to April 16th. Our volunteer slot is Tuesday, April 10th from 9pm to 1am. The maximum number for our group is 20, so first come, first serve. So sign up now for this annual good time!! Call Paul Herre at 831-0217.

OFFICERS! It is NOT too early to start to look for replacements if you are not intending to run for your office next year.

Choose prospective candidates carefully and allow plenty of time for them to get to "know the ropes". This makes a much smoother transition for the individual and the organization and will save you time in the long run.Barry Govenor

HOSTEL WORK PARTY

If all plans have been approved and materials bought, Hostel Development Chairperson Joe Hoechner should be leading a work party to our Ohiopyle Hostel the weekend of APRIL 14th & 15th.

This will be the first stage of kitchen renovation. Work to be done includes: electrical wiring and new outlets, building a new wood porch and steps, cutting in a new front door and perhaps a new window. Skilled craftspersons will be needed but also helpers who don't mind free hostel overnights, fresh air and sunshine and a little hard work (if you really get overheated you can always cool off in the nearby river). To reserve call Joe at 373-3403.

COMING EVENTS

SPRING EASTERN REGIONAL MEETING, PHILADELPHIA, April 7&8. If interested call Joe Hoechner 373-3403 or Barry Govenor 421-7114

NATIONAL AYH WEEK - MAY 5 to 13, 1984 - HELP TO CELEBRATE BY "SPREADING THE WORD" AND / OR OFFERING TO HELP WITH ON-GOING PROJECTS (CALL CHUCK EJZAK, JOE HOECHNER OR BARRY GOVENOR).

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!! For the MORGANTOWN WEEKEND. Please call Dan Martt at 241-4647 to see how you can contribute to a great weekend!!!

PADDLING PARTNER FOR SALE!

Are you tired of paddling alone? You should try it with a boat next time! And here's your chance, because the AYH is selling a used Grumman 17-foot aluminum canoe. It's equipped for whitewater use (provide your own airbag), with very sturdy construction, and it's been around enough to practically navigate itself home if you get lost on the river. If you'd like to buy this trusty river companion, just send a sealed bid (minimum \$200) to the Canoe Chairperson, c/o Pittsburgh AYH. The boat is hanging in the HQ, and it's marked For Sale. Bids will be accepted until May 31. For info, contact Gordon Bugby, acting canoe chairperson, 371-4233.

E.T.* Fans- Check your calendars!

Joe Hoechner and Sally Brunson's bike trip to Maine (see Feb. Triangle-E.T. Anyone?) is being planned for the first week of July. Further details are being researched in conjunction with Down East Bicycle Tours (D.E.B.T.) and former Pgh. bicyclist Art Grief (originator of D.E.B.T.). ...Stay Tuned...

*E.T.= Extended Trip

CLIMBING continued

reservations required. Beginners Welcome. Equipment needed: money, bizarre sense of humor, and a funny hat.

CLIMB WORKSHOP III

Emphasis on KNOTS and RAPPELING with review of Top-Roping Techni as time permits. Wednesday, April 11, 1984. 7 to 9 pm at HQ. Call Barry (421-7114) 488-5766w for more info.

KAYAKING Lou Conley 681-8321
Ray Yutzy 341-5682

Winter kayaking trips (cold weather) are organized informally a Thursday night Open House meetings, usually by those who are eq (wet suits) for cold weather paddling.

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BICYCLING continued

- May 4-6 Spring Weekend in the North (Weekend Before TOSRV)
Chuck and Lynn Ejzak 466-6196
- May 11-13 Tour of the Scioto River Valley (TOSRV) If you're going,
you already have a registration number. For car transportation info call Chuck
- May 18-20 Morgantown Weekend Possible trip riding down to Klaar Lodge
Friday afternoon (Class A) and returning Sunday. Hike, cave
climb or raft on Saturday. Call Chuck.
- May 26-28 Memorial Day Weekend. Any suggestions????
- June 8-10 WAG Wheelmen's Annual Gathering at Slippery Rock College.
- June 15-17 GEAR Great Eastern Rally. LAW's annual weekend this year
near Baltimore.
- June 22-24 or June 29- July 1 Gettysburg Weekend Battlefields and
countryside with Mike and Marta Hurwitz.
- July 4 Midweek ride and picnic.
- July ??? Ohio pyle
- Aug 3-5 Niagara River 3rd annual event with Bob Schwartz
- Aug ??? Keystone Lake Weekend with Aaron Tanzer
- Sept 1-3 Labor Day Weekend at Camp Silver Lake
- Sept 8-10 Annual Pymatuning Sailing and Cycling Weekend with
Fred Parker.

CAVING John Popp 553-5026
Vicki Lineback 422-0296

CANOEING Gordon Bugby 371 4233

All canoe trip leaders and interested paddlers are invited to a
planning meeting on Monday, April 9. We'll discuss the season's schedule,
canoeing policies, and other information of interest to AYH
canoeing. 8:00 pm on Monday, April 9th at the Bugby's house, 252
Cascade Rd. The Phantom Canoe Chairperson himself will even put in
an appearance!

The regular canoe chairperson, Steve Shafer will return in June.

CLIMBING Dale Vilsack 276-7385 Scott Workman 471 2521
Karl Morner 521-6404

Climbers will be holding practice sessions at the Evergreen Bar for
the winter months, after the regular Thursday night meetings. No

FLEA MARKET FOR OUTDOOR GEAR

AYH will be sponsoring two flea markets for outdoor clothing and
equipment in 1984: MAY 12 AND SEPTEMBER 15. Both dates are on
Thursday evenings between 6:30 and 9:00 pm before the regular AYH
meeting, and located in and around HQ. Some items sold at past
flea markets have included: canoes, tents, skis, climbing equipment,
backpacks, cooking equipment, bicycles, etc.
Anyone wishing AYH to sell items for them will be expected to make
a 10% donation to AYH. Those wishing to make a tax deductible
contribution of clothing or equipment to AYH for resale are encouraged
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Youth (4 trips)

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Obtain your WORLD ADVENTURE 1984 brochure at HQ or write AYH, 6300 Fifth Ave., Pittsburgh, 15232. Include 60¢ for postage. Whether you are a cyclist, hiker, backpacker, canoeist, skier or prefer van travel there's an AYH trip for you!



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1984 BICYCLE TRIP CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM

Starting this month we will use the following system to classify bicycle trips:

- A⁺ - ULTRA-ADVANCED. These are grueling, long, hilly, extremely fast paced rides. On these rides plan on standing on your pedals with sweat streaming out of every pore of your body. Bike with triple crankset and rider who enjoys pain recommended.
- A - ADVANCED. These are fast-paced rides, approximately 15 mph on level, which may involve terrain of any nature (hills).
- B - INTERMEDIATE. These are normal-paced rides 12 mph on level. These are suitable for the majority of riders who are familiar with their bike and are in reasonably good physical shape.
- C - EASY INTERMEDIATE. These are slower paced rides usually shorter mileage also. About 10 mph over gentle terrain. There may be frequent stops (sightseeing, etc.). These are also intended for those who are familiar with both bike and safe riding technique.
- D - BEGINNER. These are intended for the cyclist who knows the basics of riding (balance, mounting, dismounting, stopping and shifting) but need some practice to sharpen skills. Also, these may be suitable for 3-speed and single speed bikes.
- E - LEARN TO RIDE. Often, these trips will be run as a class to teach a safe and proper way to ride a ten-speed bicycle.

If you are a new member or uncertain of your ability, don't be intimidated by a ride description. Call the trip leader. He/she will discuss the details of the trip with you.

... out Schwartz

APRIL TRIPS AND TRAILS

Trips listed are open to the public, AYH members are given priority. Trip costs include a 75¢ registration fee (50¢ per half day or evening; 35¢ for AYH members), plus transportation and rentals. IN ADDITION, nonmembers are charged \$1.50 per day, which may be deducted from the cost of membership when joining AYH. The registration fee covers insurance (\$1000 medical/ \$1000 accidental death or dismemberment).

With the exception of cycling and water sports, trips are classified NOVICE (participants are taught the activity), EASY, INTERMEDIATE, or ADVANCED.

BACKPACKING

Debbie LaPlaca 795-4179

Jack Peth 921-7214h 777-5365w

BICYCLING

Lynn Ejzak 466-6196

Bob Schwartz 241-4647

At the February 13 cycling meeting the following was covered:

- We will purchase a new rental bike (19 inch mixte).
- Judy Menosky is responsible for Learn-to-Ride trips. All who are interested in learning how to ride a ten speed bike, or are willing to lead one of these rides, contact Judy (242-1573) so that sessions can be scheduled.
- Trip leaders are needed. Anyone who would like to lead a trip (at least learn how to lead a trip) should contact Lynn or Bob.
- Water bottles are available for purchase only. Those using rental bikes should bring their own bottle or may purchase one from the trip leader (Current price- \$1).

BIKE MAINTENANCE CLINIC

WEDNESDAY APRIL 25

Bring your bike, drop cloths, rags or paper towels, rubber gloves, an old toothbrush and 50¢ for materials (including ball bearings). The topic will be Repacking Hubs.

April marks the start to the bicycling season for Pgh. Council. This year we are trying to put together a comprehensive, educational and FUN cycling schedule. Here is the tentative schedule for weekend trips. Remember there will always be day trips as often as possible. Hope to see you on the road!

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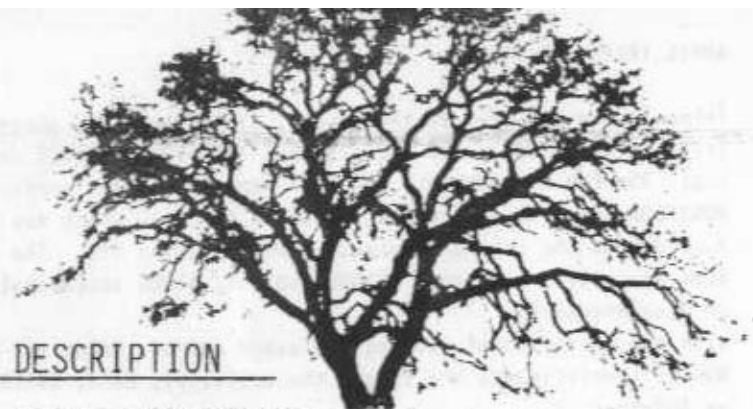
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APRIL TRIPS & TRAILS

DATE	DAY	ACT.	LEVEL	LEADER	PHONE	TIME	DESCRIPTION
1	Sun	Bike	Class B	Aaron Tanzer	421-2031	8:30@HQ	"If you believe in Ferris..." SE of town.
6-8	FSS	AYH	---	Chuck Ejzak Joe Hoechner	466-6196 373-3403		AYH Eastern Regional Meeting. Carpool to Philadelphia & stay at "Chamouni" Mansion Hostels. Space may be available. Check with Chuck or Joe.
7	Sat	Bike	Class D	Dan Martt	241-4647	8:00@HQ	Hickory - Cecil Loop. 10 miles.
8	Sun	Bike	Class C	Bob Schwartz	241-4647	call	25-30 miles. North Park - Evans City loop. Meet at Boathouse. 10th Park. Please wear red.
8	Sun	Cave	Inter	Buck Rodgers	751-7957	8:30	Copperhead Ca... An elusive cave with a vertical entry.
14-15	SS	Work Party	All	Joe Hoechner	373-3403		Work at Glapyle Hostel. See write-up this issue.
14-15	SS	Backpack	Easy	Joy Layton	486-4753	call	An easy trip to parts unknown (i.e. Joy is open to suggestions.) Call for info and reservations.
14	Sat	Bike	Class D	Lynn Ejzak	466-6196	10:00	15-20 miles in a destination yet to be determined.
14	Sat	Climb	Begin	Chairpersons	see list	7:00	White Rocks (near Uniontown). Bring tennis shoes, hiking boots, lunch, water, and leather palmed gloves (if you have them). Meet at HQ. We usually stop for dinner and return to Pgh. between 8 and 9 pm. Call to reserve.
14	Sat	Hike	Inter	Glenn Oster	364-2864		Hike a beautiful section of Baker Trail in the Cook Forest area. Call for info and reservations.
15	Sun	Bike	Class B-	Larry Laude	462-5000 ext 6708	call	30-40 miles in the North Hills, Allegheny River Valley.
19-22	TFSS	Climb	Inter	Chairpersons	see list	Thurs pm	A trip to Washington, D.C. (Carderock and Great Falls). Where we will stay is still to be determined. Reserve early. A deposit is required. Call for info.
20-22	FSS	Backpack	Inter	Glenn Oster	364-2864		An Easter Weekend hike of Old Loggers Path in Lycoming Co. Leave Thurs. eve. April 19. Call for info and res.
20	Fri	Bike	Class C+	Chuck Ejzak	466-6196	10:00@HQ	30 miles out of Elizabeth.
21	Sat	Bike	Class C	Judy Menosky	242-1573	10:00	TOSRV Training Ride around Sewickley. 30 miles with rolling hills. Meet at Osborne school parking lot.
28	Sat	Bike	Class D	Harriet Ann Seiner	681-1189	10:00@HQ	10 miles locally. MUST call if interested.
29	Sun	Bike	Class B	Donna Leban	429-1072	9:00@HQ	40 miles
29			Class D	Mike Bruner	624-6350	1:00@HQ	Gentle beginner's... ations required for rent.