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*208.8 Miles for Twelve Hour Record*

## ELECTION - NOV. 8

Election of the 1952 Activities Board of the Pittsburgh Council will be held Thursday, November 8, at 8:30 p.m. Ten officers, including chairman of the board, will be placed.

Since the progress of the Council is dependent largely on the decisions of the Activities Board, careful consideration should be given to those elected. While any person holding a 1951 AYH pass who has held a pass for at least one previous year is eligible to hold an office, the membership should not permit the election to degenerate into a mere popularity contest. The need is for capable, experienced, conscientious persons who believe in the organization and its future and will, without financial compensation, work unselfishly toward its goals.

All 1951 and 1952 passholders  
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### Mileage Record of the Pittsburgh 12-Hour Bicycle Race October 21, 1951

Dick Korver	208.8
Jim Beres	208.3
Ted Jeannette	199.7
Jack Stein	198.7
Dan Mast	197.8
Larry Cohen	196.5
Tony Presses	187.0
Bill Snell	183.1
Betty Biser	180.1
Morry Hyman	144.9
Walt Williams	128.5
Bill Dunlop, Reg Moser, Jr. and Bill Mitchell, Gilbert Millstine, Bud Ellis, Floyd Darledge began the race but did not finish.	

Watching the last-minute sprint before the end of the 12-hour race, the crowd, standing in the red light from the "3-minute-to-go" flare, gasped in dismay when Dick Korver punctured a tire, his fourth for the day. What a spot to be in, with Jim Beres, behind by only one lap, pushing his wheel to narrow the slim lead further.

With a helpful crowd shouting for a replacement bike--already being rushed out by his second--Korver (of Euclid, Ohio) quickly mounted and sped around the wharf course to first-place finish. He unofficially broke the American record (204.2 miles set in 1943), piling up 208.8 miles in the twelve hours. Beres, from Akron, Ohio, came in a threatening second with 208.3 miles.

It was no less exciting to watch the juggling for third, fourth, fifth and sixth places. Take a look at the time records and note how tight the struggle was.

Ted Jeannette, one of our own hostlers, established his position pretty definitely in spite of a spill earlier in the day. Then, a cinder-spitting steamer named "Maria Elena" caused him the loss of several laps, in the closing hours of the race. He had to finish with a handkerchief tied pirate-style over his eye--but with the third place spot still his.

For a long while, Dan Mast of Toledo, Ohio, stayed close to Ted's taillight at fourth. Then Jack Stein, Pittsburgh's Trips and Trails Chairman, with an amazing sprint in the eleventh hour, began gaining laps; one and two at a time, and managed to come in fourth at the finish.

Walt Williams, who entered to  
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Did you ever consider the loss it  
would be,

If hosteling were unknown to you  
and me?

No Hosteling! Then travel is merely  
a game,

A contest to see the most places  
of fame.

And the rushing of travel becomes so  
demanding,

That though places are seen,  
there is no understanding.

While hosteling, travel has so much  
more meaning,

Then just seeing Grand Canyon or  
the tower that's leaning.

You'll learn more about people, their  
customs and home,

From the group that you're with,  
than the places you roam.

For hiking and cycling through all  
kinds of weather,

Is a wonderful way to bring  
people together.

If hosteling has proven so worthwhile  
to you,

Why not get your friends to be  
hostelers too?

--J. Fred Mauk

1952 A.Y.H. membership passes are  
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remainder of this year.

Under 21 - \$2.00

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See Ray Tucker, acting membership  
chairman. Get your renewal in early.



by Herb Buchwald

Have you ever wondered what the  
perfect bike ride would be? If so,  
it was probably something like this:  
excellently repaired asphalt roads over  
very slightly slopping countryside;  
mountains topped by castles reaching  
through the mists to the sky on one  
side, flat farm land on the other with  
more mountains on the horizon; no  
traffic but an occasional oxcart; a  
four to six century old village with  
little crooked streets and pink churches  
every four or five miles; overhead,  
storm clouds to break a hot sun,  
with a rainbow enveloping the panorama.  
This is Alsace on the French  
side of the Rhine.

Have you ever wondered what a  
city perfect for hosteling would be  
like? It was probably with mountains  
on one side and the ocean on the other  
-- cycling along the coast or through  
the mountain valley, skiing and hiking  
in pine forests a few minutes' street-  
car ride from downtown, mountain climbing  
like the Alps or Grand Tetons only  
two hours away, canoeing or swimming  
in mountain lakes or the ocean. Those  
are the advantages of the citizen of  
Oslo, the capital of Norway.

These two places are only two of  
the most ideal I saw in Europe.

The mountains rise like white  
walls from the green valley at Inns-  
bruck in Austria. After a five-hour  
climb, three Hollanders and I reached  
the snow-capped peaks -- an endless  
world of snowy summits surrounded us  
on all sides.

Brugge is only a little town in  
Belgium. I intended to "just ride  
through," but had to stop there for  
the night. The next morning I found  
another paradise--ancient steeples  
and giant trees were reflected in hun-  
dreds of dark canals crossed by tiny  
stone bridges.

Of course, only a small part of  
the success of the trip can be told in  
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## Twelve Hour Record

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prove to the world he could do 125 miles--and to win some bets on it, too--almost quit when he reached his quota, ten minutes too soon. Such a disapproving howl came up from the spectators that he climbed back on and came in a last, but happy eleventh.

Dick Korver deservedly earned his three trophies. He put on a fine exhibition of racing skill and gave us the opportunity to be a little boastful of the record made in our town in a hostel-sponsored event.

Yet, topmost of all honors would go to Bill Snell, chairman, if we were passing out awards. To him goes applause for organizing a stack of tire-some details into a first-rate show. It took a mountain of work to make the Pittsburgh 12-Hour Bicycle Race a success. Bill himself will give credit to the dozens of hostellers, city officials, Boy Scouts, Red Cross, Police Department, and others who helped him. But we know his unselfish efforts MADE the race.

- F.C.

## OPEN HOUSE

Open house is held each Thursday evening from 8 to 11 p.m. at the headquarters building at 6300 Fifth Avenue. Grace Kriner announces the following programs:

- Nov. 1 - Reports by the members of the 1951 Activities Board.
- Nov. 8 - Third Annual Meeting of the Pittsburgh Council--Election.
- Nov. 15 - Square and folk dancing.
- Nov. 22 - Open house with games, singing, etc.
- Nov. 29 - Foreign Student Forum.
- Dec. 6 - PHOTO CONTEST. Hedy O'Hanlon, connoisseur of contacts and interpreter of enlargements. Informal salon showing of three groupings: scenery, portraits, AYH in action.
- Dec. 13 - Square and folk dancing.

## AH! EUROPE (cont.)

terms of scenery. There were the people whom I met in hostels, restaurants, farms, and on the highway. There are the art treasures and the troubles of ordering a meal in a foreign tongue. There was the life of seeing, talking, understanding, asking, finding a place for the night, and deciding what road to take. Every day was an adventure, an exploration!



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Excellent selection of bicycles  
and bike accessories

See Bruce Merritt, Hank Fisher or  
Jim Zimmerman.

## TRIPPING ALONG

Field Curry has gone to the wilds of Canada for a few months to modernize the railroad signals.

Coopers Rocks (W. Va.) was an eventful trip. Frieda Hammormesiter lost her sole--of her shoe, that is--and wasn't able to hunt for the iron furnace. They found it--last year they never did. Sam Shaw and two more from W. Va. joined the Pgh'ers.

Arts and Crafts Fun Fair was lots of fun with the square dancing drawing good crowds both nights.

Headquarters is all docked out in new dress. At the Fall Decorating party, Carol Hafer and her crew of willing and able hands made curtains, put up insulation on the ceiling, replaced broken window panes, cleaned the windows, and, a few days later, gave the floor of the outer room a few coats of good, durable paint. Result: a much more attractive hdqs. building. Keo made jasmine tea during the afternoon, and later the workers met at Art Ellis's and Fred Mark's boat club for a big party.

## ELECTION-NOV. 8 (cont.)

are voting members and are urged to attend the meeting.

Various amendments to the Constitution of the Council, which have been passed by a majority vote of the Board of Directors, will be voted on by the membership at the annual meeting. A copy of the proposed amendments are enclosed and should be studied to determine their desirability.

WE HOLD OUR OUTINGS REGARDLESS OF THE  
WEATHER!!

PITTSBURGH COUNCIL  
AMERICAN YOUTH HOSTELS, INC.

NOVEMBER-DECEMBER SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

LOOK FOR SOME CIRCLE TRIPS ON OFF DAYS IN EARLY NOVEMBER, WEATHER PERMITTING!

Sunday, Nov. 4 - HIKE THROUGH 2 COUNTRIES. The busy Westinghouse Valley, then country trails near Ardara. Hike about 10 miles. Bring lunch. Leader, Henry Fisher, MO 1-6344. Cost 15¢ plus transportation.

Sunday, Nov. 11 - DULANEY CAVE CRAWL. No introduction needed for our "Fall Classic," a descent into the largest uncommercialized cave in Pennsylvania. Bring: your lunch, flashlight or carbide, substantial shoes and clothing. Private cars needed. Leader Bruce Merritt. Reserve with Jack Stein, JA 1-0381. Cost \$2.00. There will be hiking on the surface for claustrophobes!!

Friday, Nov. 16 - NIGHT HIKE OVERLOOKING THE ALLEGHENY. A local hike in "Great Penn Township" not far from the bright lights of Pittsburgh. Leaders, Frieda and Henry Eckhardt. Reserve with Jack Stein, JA 1-0381. Cost 60¢. Bring your mess gear and flashlight.

Sunday, Nov. 18 - THE LONG WAY TO BEECHVIEW. Make an all-day hike from town to South Hills. Leader, Rosemary Thiebaut, LE 1-0212. Bring your lunch and look for a surprise or two. Cost 45¢



Saturday, Nov. 24 - DINNER AND DANCING AT PULLAN'S. Walk off that Thanksgiving dinner to Allison Park and have a grand time at the Pullan Farm. Bring your eating gear. Cost \$1.40. Leader is Marge Collins, but reserve with J. Stein, JA 1-0381.

Saturday, Sunday, Dec. 1-2 - SAKONBURG WEEKEND. In the hills above Culmerville (sleeping inside). Find out all information from Grace Kriner, MU 1-5407. Cost "about" \$3.00. Bring your eating and sleeping gear.

Sunday, Dec. 9 - OFF TO THE BAKER TRAIL. Call Phil Swald (LE 1-3541) and we'll go hiking, this time on a "new" section between Crooked Creek and Mahoning. Bring your lunch. Cost \$2.00

Saturday, Dec. 15 - REINDEER RUMFUS NO. 2. A big Christmas party with a grab bag, games, dancing and singing, and lots of food. Reserve with Fran Czapiewski at MU 1-3970

Sunday, Dec. 23 - A NEW MON-VALLEY HIKE. See among other things: a locomotive graveyard, the boatyards of Revolutionary days at Elizabeth, and Clairton mills and the Irvin Works from a HIGH vantage point. Bring your lunch. Leader Walt Williams; reserve with Jack Stein, JA 1-0381. Cost \$1.00

WATCH FOR BIG NEW YEAR'S WEEKEND!!!



THE FIVE BASIC POSITIONS FOR CAVE CRAWLING - NO. 5 IS USED INFREQUENTLY.

From "Impressions of a Cave Crawl" by Henry Eckhardt