

# golden triangle ayh

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*Open House*  
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## NEW SLATE OF OFFICES 73-74

- October 4  
Fred and Eileen Hull and Cathy Lynch team up to share their knowledge of geology of W.Va.
- October 11  
The four wild Scot cyclists show slides of the month-long trip through Scotland. See Scottish hostels, consider an AYH bike trip through Britain next summer.
- October 18  
Annual Business Meeting  
Take a behind the scenes look at how the AYH runs--Meet the new chairmen--Share ideas--Volunteer your help--and in best AYH fashion, Have an ice cream cone.
- October 25  
Hallowe'en Party.  
Anoth annual event, wear your spookiest costume and join us in waiting for the Great Pumpkin. Resfrshments and UNUSUAL entertainment will be featured.

- \* The nominations committee has
- \* proposed the following slate of
- \* officers and activities chairmen
- \* for the coming year. Register
- \* your vote at the business meeting
- \* on October 18, 1973.
- \* President Larry Giventer
- \* Treasurer Fred Hull
- \* Secretary Carol Davis
- \* Trips and Trails Mike Hurwitz
- \* Program Chm. Mary Leathen
- \* Canoeing Chm. Gordon Bugby
- \* Hiking Chm.
- \* Cycling Chm. Joe Hoechner
- \* Climbing Chm. Jim Roberts
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- \* Librarian Eileen Hull
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November Deadline: Nov. 15

## THE WILDERNESS AND HIKING BILLS

"A strange thing happened on the way to the Forum..."

While the Senate Public Lands Subcommittee of the Interior Committee has given its approval to the Eastern Wilderness Bill (SB 316) the four areas in Pennsylvania somehow got omitted.

These four areas, all in Allegheny National Forest, are: Tracy Ridge, Hickory Creek, Minister Creek, and the Allegheny Front. Senators Scott and Schweiker are supporting the bill and the inclusion of the four areas for study as potential wilderness areas.

Persons desiring to see these Pennsylvania areas included in the bill, should address letters to Senator Henry Jackson, chairman of the Senate Interior Committee and Senator Floyd Haskell, Chairman of the Public Lands Committee.

In Pennsylvania, the Subcommittee on Conservation of the House of Representatives has reported favorably on Bills 189 and 190, to establish hiking trails in Pennsylvania and to protect the Appalachian Trail in Pennsylvania.

Included in the bills is authorization for the expenditure of funds for these purposes. While support for the concept behind the bills may be general in the Assembly, there may be a struggle over the proposed financing.

Hikers and others interested in conservation should encourage their legislators to support these bills and to appropriate funds to begin a series of hiking trails for the Commonwealth.

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### EB AND DIANNE MOLL SEND A NOTE FROM STUTTGART

Things seem to be settling down for our friends--they have a new year-old VW, Eb has a job a chief engineer for a small transportation company but they are still looking for an apartment (as of Aug. 1).

They spent their vacation in Switzerland with the Connors, did much hiking around the Mt. Blanc group. Staying in hotels, huts, dorms, or whatever was available, they made their way over many mountain passes, through many beautiful valleys in three countries (Switzerland, France and Italy.) Eb suggests that this might make a beautiful AYH trip! He admits that it is hard work sometimes, but states unequivocally that it is rewarding.

They send regards to all their hostel friends and ask how Pgh. Council activities are doing. They hope that anybody coming through the Stuttgart area will call.

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## JOHN O'GROATS, LOCH NESS and the EDINBURGH FESTIVAL

Four of Pittsburgh's AYHers cycled 800 miles in Northern Scotland during August, searching for the monster of Loch Ness, reaching the most northerly point of land in the British Isles, climbing the highest mountain in Scotland and attending the Edinburgh Festival.

Jim Jacobs, Kurt Budke, Marilyn and Cliff Ham arrived in Scotland Aug. 7, and for the next 24 days visited almost all of the cities of the country; viewed the well-known lakes (Lomond, Ness, Maree) as well as some equally beautiful lochs: Eriboll, Ewe, Shin, and Broom. Hostel accommodations ranged from the luxurious Carbisdale Castle through many old mansions to the barren army barracks at Aultbea. Fish and chips, Haggis, Scottish eggs, shortbreads and scones - not to mention the huge breakfasts - plus some of their own cooking such as Jacobs' French Toast and porridge, failed to add weight to the trippers.

Hostelers from two dozen countries were met and addresses exchanged. A peat cutter, lighthouse keeper, ferryboat captains, bowlers and lorry drivers told much about their life in a much relaxed and beautiful country.

Throughout the area grazed sheep, thousands of them. But also the famous Highland cattle, two kinds of deer, loads of rabbits, well-trained sheep dogs - and none that chased bicycles.

Probably the cyclists will remember longest the friendly people they met, and the many helpful ones - especially those who assisted when the bikes needed to be assembled or repaired.

The Program at Open House on October 11 will feature slides of this trip.

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### AYH IN THE HEART FUND DERBY

Sunday, September 9, fourteen AYH cyclists rode over 700 miles at the Three Rivers Stadium in less than 5 hours to earn over \$140.00 in pledges for the Heart Fund. The cyclists also earned the AYH "50 miles in 5 hours" patch.

Don Lassman finished first in the ride and Joe Hoechner earned the most money with over \$70.00 in pledges.

Thanks for your hard work.

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Erin Chase was married Aug. 25 in Vienna to Walter Ruthensteiner, a Viennese hotel owner. She met her husband while on a ski vacation in Austria.

Her husband runs the student hotel, and Hostel Ruthenstein in Vienna. All hostelers are invited to stop and stay.



# October Trips and Trails

The trips 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. Of you should decide to cancel your reservation, please call the leader and let him know.

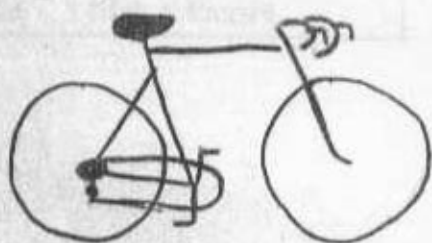
- Sat. 6 FIRST ANNUAL AYH FAMILY PICNIC--Fun, food, games, dancing and hayride. Children and adults welcome. South Park Spreading Oaks Grove. Meet at headquarters at 1:00 pm. Call Don Hoecker (243-8298) for reservations.
- Sat. 6 CYCLING--All Cyclists! Get in on the Hostel Picnic fun, too! Test your skills under the direction of Jim Roberts and Joe Hoechner. Various non-race events will be held including downhill and flat slalom courses, skill rides, hill climb, run & ride race, relay race, target toss, etc., etc. Compete for fame and fortune (prizes). Sorry, No Jousting!
- Sun. 7 BAKER TRAIL HIKE AND MAINTENANCE--Dave Porterfield will lead a hike over Section 8 which need blazing. There will be opportunity to complete the section as well as paint yellow blazes. Leave AYH upper parking lot at 8 am with \$2.50, lunch, old clothes. Call Dave at 452-7071 (toll) or Cliff Ham at 687-4960 for reservations and information.
- Sun. 7 CYCLING--Mike LaMark leads a 35 miles covered bridge trip to Washington County. Leave AYH at 8 am with lunch and about \$2.50. Reserve with Mike at 921-1801.
- Sat. 13 CANOE-CAMPING--on the Clarion River. Beginners welcome.  
to See the fall colors. Bring your own food, camping gear.  
Sun. 14 Cost about \$7.00. Contact Fred Hull for details. 242-5379
- Sat. 13 BAKER TRAIL EXTENSION HIKE--final touches on the new area between Harrison Hills and Tarentum--mainly blazing and walking over this section of trail. Leave AYH at 8 am with \$1.50, old clothes and lunch. Cliff Ham leads, reservation not necessary.
- Sat. 13 CYCLING--Jack Batchelar is leading a 45 mile trip in the Slippery Rock and Moraine State Park area. Cost about \$3.00. Leave AYH at 8 am with lunch. Reserve with Jack at 963-7868.
- Sun. 14 CYCLING--Jim Metcalfe leads a 10-30 mile beginner-intermediate trip around North Park Lake via Mars, Pa. Leave AYH at 8 am with lunch and \$2.00. Choose your option and reserve with Jim at 362-7454 or 682-4200 (work).
- Sun. 14 HIKING--8-10 miles "somewhere" in Westmorland County in search of BIGFOOT. If interested in monster spotting, call Joe Hoechner at 343-2465. Meet at AYH at 8:30 am with lunch, boots, cameras and about \$2.50. Please, no stragglers!

October Trips and Trails Continues....

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- Fri. 19 CYCLING--Fall photographic and historic tour on the C&O Canal to towpath. Cycle about 21 miles each day on the level towpath
- Sun. 21 with frequent stops to explore the old locks and buildings and to take pictures. Stay both nights at Sandy Hook Hostel. Bring sheet sack or sleeping bag, AYH pass with picture, food, foul weather gear, camera and about \$12.00. Leave AYH Friday evening about 7 pm. Call Jim Roberts at 362-5792 before Wednesday for reservations.
- Sat. 27 CYCLING--Larry Giventer leads a 30 mile intermediate trip in the Ligonier area. Leave AYH at 8 am with lunch and about \$3.00. Reserve with Larry at 422-9282.
- Sun. 28 CYCLING--Explore Pa. Dutch Farmland around New Wilmington. Ride about 25 miles. Call Joe Hoechner at 343-2465 for more information. Meet at AYH at 8 am with lunch, camera and about \$2.50.
- Sat. Nov. 3 Trail Maintenance Weekend in Cheat Canyon and/or Big Sandy to Creek Canyon. Tools and meals (except trail lunches) will be provided. Reserve with Bruce Sundquist (327-8737). Bring car camping gear, 2 lunches, canteen and about \$4.
- Sun. Nov. 4

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| 8   | 9<br>Activities<br>Board | 10  | 11<br>Scotland<br>Cycling<br><u>Δ Due</u>     | 12  | 13<br>BakerTrail<br>Canoe-<br>cycle | 14<br>Hike<br>Camp<br>cycle |
| 15  | 16                       | 17  | 18 Elections<br>Annual<br>Business<br>Meeting | 19  | 20                                  | 21                          |
| 22  | 23                       | 24  | 25<br>Halloween<br>Party &                    | 26  | 27<br>cycle                         | 28<br>cycle                 |
| 29  | 30                       | 31  | October '73                                   |     |                                     |                             |

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