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Thursdays 8:30 pm

June 7

Tennis season is in full swing. Tonight Jack Kowalski shows us a tennis movie. Watch how the experts do it!

June 14

Dan Connor show slides of a variety of hiking and backpacking trips in Oregon.

June 21

Mood of the Woods. This time Marta Hurwitz provides the slide show--a potpourri of hiking and backpacking slides.

June 28

Last month's program to Hawaii has been rescheduled for tonight. Tropical flowers and erupting volcanoes are featured.

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Black and white pictures are also very welcome.
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TRIANGLE DEADLINE JUNE 14

GOING TO CANOE SCHOOL??

AYH offers two types of instructional one-day canoeing trips.

For beginning white water school, at least lake experience is required. This should NOT be your first time in a canoe. You should have had experience in both bow and stern paddling positions. Beginning schools are held on Class I or easy Class II rivers; there are some obstacles and small waves. Emphasis in teaching is on white water paddling strokes and white water maneuvering techniques. River characteristics and how to 'read the water' are also touched. All paddlers in beginning school should plan to paddle both bow and stern.

Intermediate white water canoe school * students are required to have recent experiences in both bow and stern on Class I-II rivers. One experience in the beginning canoe school is not enough. The student should have practiced what he learned in the beginning school before joining the intermediate white water school. He should be able to ferry across the river and maneuver the canoe through a Class II rapids. Intermediate white water * canoe school is held on Class II or easy Class III rivers; there are many * obstacles and moderate waves. * rapids may require scouting. Further white water paddling techniques, * stroke variation, use of throw line * and canoe rescue are taught.

This school does not make one an expert canoeist; practice is still very necessary.

* We hope that students from Canoe

* Schools will become trip leaders for

* easy trips later in the season or

* during the following year. These

* schools are not a service to the public.

* They are training ground for AYH.

May you have many enjoyable days on the river.

lake new fridens in tennis! A tennis sign-up roster sill be up in the ack of the AYH.

& O CANAL--Park Ranger recommends biking only on 70 mile section from lumberland to Fort Frederick. Remainder toward Washington, D.C. was badly auled by "Agnes." Progress on repairs is expected to be speeded up lefter July 1.

AKER TRAIL EXTENSION--About 5 miles of hiking trail has been tentatively lazed from Wagner Road and new County Park #9 to the southeast corner of lorth Park. Going west, pick up trail at Middle Road and McCully; or rouse Run, south of Wildwood; or Rt. 8, opposite and slightly south of he Wolkswage dealer near Wildwood.

HE HOSTEL GUIDE TO EUROPE is available for \$2.25 from Ginny Akabane, the embership chairman.

t's time for a new AYH TELEPHONE REFERENCE LIST. Find the shoe box in he back of the hostel and put your name and number into it.

HANKS--After a pleasant walk in perfect weather with a good look at early pring flowers, the Trillium Trail trip ended in a chorus of appreciation to inni and Olli Larson who invited the trippers to their home. The 32 rippers covered the Larson's wide sloping lawn enjoying sandwiches, salad nd baked beans, and Olli's special homemade ice cream. To Winni and Olli rom all the trippers--Thanks for a wonderful party!

YH RECORD?--March 10, 1973 was the day of a joint Boondockers-AYH hike. or a variety of reasons, each group showed up with a mob. 29 from AYH lus Kelly; and 70 from the Boondockers. A full Greyhound Bus plus 8 large chicles carried the 99 hikers to Keystone Dam. During the day a few people ere temporarily misplaced, but all were present at the end in Plumville. eorge Bower was the leader. Very likely this was the largest hike ponsored by Pittsburgh Council; or was it?

LARION RIVER FLOAT--There are no dues or fees of any kind connected with he Clarion River float Saturday, June 23 (torrential rain date June 30). ust present yourself and your boat (anything without a motor) at Cook orest in the morning, register in and launch your craft for a leisurely our to five hour trip to Mill Creek where a shuttle will return you to ook Forest, free. Bring a lunch and fishing tackle so you can compete n the Fishing Derby sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce on that day. f you need additional information, phone Bill Hearst at Clarion (8140226-7004)

AND HOW WAS THE BANQUET? Over 100 gathered on March 30 at the Lamplighter in Delmont and were entertained after dinner with a well-prepared skit, written by Cathy Lynch and Hugh Gilmour, and with folk songs by talented larole Saunders. The Merritts were calling the tune for folk dancing and lrew a large crowd. A pretty effect was created with the table settings and AYH-made decorations.

Nathan Kaufman, An AYH member back in '39 attended the banquet as the juest of honor. He talked about the time when he helped set up the first outh Hostel in South Park and brought a folder with historical articles as gift to the club.

The event, organized by Dianne Moll and a committee was worthy of a 15 Annual Banquet.

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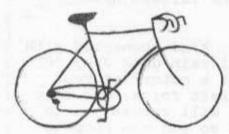
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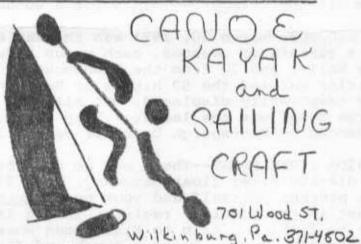
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CYCLISTS!! Don't miss the Fourth Annual WAG Ride June 23 and 24. The Wag Ride is sponsored by the WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA WHEELMEN and the Washington and Greene County Tourist Promotion Agency, and has something for everyone. The ride features scenic country roads set in historical Washington and Greene Counties in Western Pa.

The Tour is moderately difficult. A ten speed bike is recommended.

Saturday

hilly, Class A

50 mile ride - for intermediate cyclists 30 mile ride - same as Sat.

30 mile ride - for the touring cyclist primarily for the people interested in cyclist interested in history. enjoying the scenery, Class C

Sunday 65 mile ride - for advanced cyclists 50 mile ride - for intermediates Class B (different than Sat.)

15 mile ride - History Ride,

Class C. For the touring

All rides begin and end at W&J College in Washington, Pa. Satudray rides leave at 9:00 am. Sunday rides leave at 8:00 am allowing time to complete the ride and get an early start home. There will be a police escort out of town, sagwagons, Dan Henry route markers and bike route signs for allrides.

The entry fee of \$3 includes the cost of a WAG '73 patch, ride maps, and literature on Washington and Greene Counties. Lunches have been arranged. Sat. dinner will be at W&J College. Rooms will be available in the W&J dorms. Reservation must be made before June 1 for dorm space. Other facilities are also available in the area.

For more info: Jim Meyers WAG '73 Box 47, Meadow Lands, Pa. 15347

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Will the young couple with the VW Microbus who recovered our Cheat Canyon Model Raft at Jenkinsburg

PLEASE CONTACT

Ralph McCarty Mountain Streams and Trails 2420 Saunders Rd. Monroeville, Pa 15146

PHONE 372-6254

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Attention: Membership Chairman

BIKEWAYS FOR PITTSBURGH -- A STATUS REPORT

by Larry Giventer May 13, 1973

Is bicycling a viable alternative mode of commuting and general transportation in Pittsburgh? What is its potential as a means of outdoor recreation in an urban environment? How much work and money is justified toward providing bicycling facilities?

With a nationwide 'bike boom' now in its sixth year and sales of bicycles in 1972 exceeding those of automobiles (about 14 million bikes to 10 million cars), these questions have become very important to government officials and urban planners in New York, Denver, Chicago, Washington D.C., Seattle -- Philadelphia, Harrisburg and Pittsburgh.

In Cambridge, Mass., on May 7-8, more than 250 experts on transportation, recreation and bicycling from around the country met to discuss these questions at a conference called Bicycles USA sponsored by the U.S. Departments of Transportation and of the Interior. I attended this conference and learned a lot, but it seems clear to me that the experts don't have the answers, no matter how knowledgeable and enthusiastic they may be. The experts know how to design, build and implement all sorts of programs and facilities, but they don't know what kinds of things ought to be done and how much is desirable. The only one who can deal with these questions is you, the bicyclist. Your actions speak very loud and are carefully observed by the 'experts' in hopes of catching some clue as to what to do next.

The 'experts' are people in the public service. They continuously ask: What do people want? What will they use? Your personal behavior and commitment provides the answers. Do you own a bicycle? Do you use it for commuting, shopping, visiting friends, going to school? Do you use it for recreation; how often? Do you express your problems, desires and opinions in a letter or postcard to a local politician or government official? Do you join and participate in local bicycle clubs (AYH or Western Pa. Wheelmen)? Your actions do matter and can make a real difference.

Let's update what's been happening in Pittsburgh. On March 19, 1973, Ordinance No. 123, Series 1973 became law. It gives bikeways a legal status and authorizes their establishment.

Section I of the ordinance states:

"The Director of the Department of City Planning and the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, within their respective jurisdictions, with the consent of the Mayor, are hereby authorized to designate by regulation streets and ways in the City of Pittsburgh as special routes for bicycle traffic, to be known as "bikeways". Such bikeways shall be selected for their general convenience, adaptability, and comparative safety for regular bicycle travel, but shall not exclude or restrict motor vehicle traffic otherwise permitted thereon."

(Continued)

On April 29, 1973, the City dedicated its first bikeway route, maps of which have appeared in the last two issues of the Triangle. For half of its distance the bikeway is designated only by directional "Bike Route" signs, but on Beechwood Boulevard and on Beacon Street bike lanes will be painted and stencilled. As of now less than 50% of the signing and painting has been done. Work will probably continue off and on over the next couple months. This is an experimental pilot-project. If it is judged successful (that is, if it receives a lot of use) the bikeway will be futher improved and other bikeways implemented.

Four sections of the route will eventually be altered:

- a) a bike path will be built through Mellon Park, and as part of previously planned public works projects
 - b) the northern part of Beechwood Boulevard will be rebuilt,

c) the western end of Beacon Street will be rebuilt, and

d) the Brown's Hill Road intersection will be rebuilt, eliminating the need for locating the bikeway route on Lilac Street.

Starting Tuesday May 15 and Wednesday May 16 and continuing each Tuesday and Wednesday throughout the summer months, Reservoir Drive in Highland Park will be closed to motorized traffic for bicycling from 5:30 pm until dark. This "instant bikeway" was well used last year and if it continues to be successful, may be applied to other city parks this summer.

ACT AUTHORIZES SCENIC RIVERS from Pa. ECONOTES

Pennsylvania's Scenic Rivers Act authorizes the establishment of a Pa. scenic rivers system. Under Act 283, signed into law by Gov. Shapp on December 5, 1972, river segments possessing outstanding aesthetic and recreational values may be named scenic rivers. Such designation will protect the river segment and its adjacent land area for the benefit of present and future generations.

Components of the Pa. Scenic Rivers System will be classified under one of these four categories:

 Wild River Areas--free of impoundments, inaccessible except by trail, primitive shorelines and unpolluted waters.

 Scenic River Areas--free of impoundment, shoreline largely primitive and undeveloped, accessible by roads.

 Recreational Rivers--readily accessible, may have undergone some impoundment in the past, may be somewhat developed along shorelines.

 Modified Recreational Rivers -- may be regulated by control devices upstream.

Those wishing to propose a scenic section or wanting to help in a study are asked to contact DER Bureau of State Parks, Box 1467, Harrisburg, 17120.

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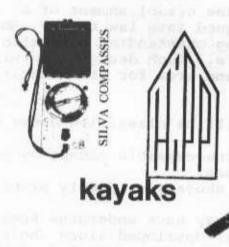


















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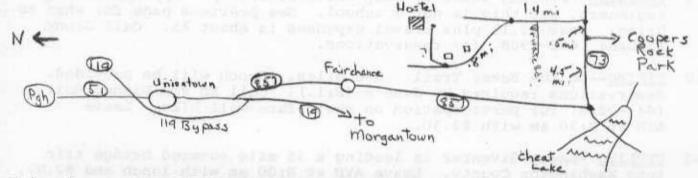
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June Trips and Trails

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.

*WHAT TO BRING ON RAFT TRIPS: *
lunch, river clothes, river
shoes, dry clothes and dry shoes
WHAT TO BRING ON CANOE TRIPS:
same as above, plus knee pads

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Fri. 1 Luto Sun. 3 MORGANTOWN WEEKEND—Come to a weekend in Coopers Rocks State Park, W. Va. and stay in the Chestnut Ridge Youth Hostel. There will be hiking, climbing, rafting and canoeing trips to complete your stay. Reserve food, lodging and transportation with Renate Conner (441-6053). Cost about \$10.00 plus rental of equipment. Deposit \$2.00 due by May 24. Reserve your place for canoeing with Don Hoecker, for rafting with Phil Mason. Individual trip details are listed below. There will also be hiking trips on Saturday and Sunday. Bring 2 lunches and sleeping bag (or sheets and blanket), flashlight, towel, canteen, hiking boots and other gear, and musical instruments.

MORGANTOWN CYCLING--Jack Batchelar is planning on cycling on the Morgantown trip. If you want to cycle there, see Jack at AYH on Thursday evenings.

MORGANTOWN HIKING--Al White will be hiking in the area. See him at AYH to arrange details.

- (3) MORGANTOWN RAFTING--on Cheat Canyon. Experience on Yough or equivalent required. Cost \$2.90 plus weekend expenses. Trip on Saturday, call Phil Mason 421-8763. There will be a trip on Sunday if enough people express interest. See above for what to bring.
- Sun. 3
 (2) MORGANTOWN CANOEING--Intermediate Canoeing from Jenkins Bridge to Lake Lynne. Cost \$2.15 plus weekend expenses. Call Don Hoecker for reservation. 243-8298. Canoe on Narrows Saturday if enough interest. Cost \$2.15. See above for what to bring. Call Rick Rocomora for Saturday reservations 521-6447.

- Tue. 5 EVENING CYCLE--Gary Eudwig is leading tonight's trip. Reserve a bike with Joe Levine. Leave AYH at 6:30 pm. Cost 45¢.
- Thu. 7 EVENING CYCLE--Jack Kowalski will take you on the bikeway tonight.
 Reserve a bike with Joe Levine. Leave AYH at 6:30 pm. Cost 25¢.
- Sat. 9 CYCLING--Jack Batchelar is leading a 35 mile bike trip around Pymatuning Lake. Leave AYH at 8:00 am. For reservations contact Jack at 963-7868. Cost about \$5. Bring lunch.
- Sat. 9 <u>HIKING</u>--with Jay Angel (362-5282), an intermediate hike of 8-10 miles. Place to be announced! Leave AYH at 8:30 am.
- Sat. 9 CANOEING--Flowing water or easy whitewater trip. Appropriate for beginners, but this is not a school. See previous page for what to bring. Cost \$2.15 plus travel expenses is about \$5. Call Ginny Akabane, 682-6908, for reservations.
- Sun. 10 <u>HIKING</u>--on the Baker Trail. 6-8 miles. Lunch will be provided. Reservations required by June 8 (Eri.). Call Eb and Dianne Moll (441-0226) for participation on their fare-well hike. Leave AYH at 8:30 am with \$2.50.
- Sun. 10 CYCLING--Larry Giventer is leading a 35 mile covered bridge trip into Washington County. Leave AYH at 8:00 am with lunch and \$2.50. For reservations call Larry at 422-9282.
- Sun. 10 <u>CANOEING</u>--Intermediate White Water. Call Roy Weil (681-5131) for reservations and details.
- Sun. 10 RAFTING--First scheduled trip on the Lower Yough, Ohiopyle to Stewarton. Rafting trips are only open to AYH members. Cost \$2.90 plus transportation, about \$5.50. See previous page for what to bring. Call Alex Speyer (242-1090) for reservations.
- Tue. 12 EVENING CYCLE--Gail Lichtenstein will take you through the city parks. For reservations call Joe Levine. Leave AYH 6:30 pm. Cost 25¢
- Thu. 14 EVENING CYCLE--Jack Batchelar is leading the city parks tour. Reserve with Joe Levine. Leave AYH at 6:30 pm. Cost 25¢.
- Fri. 15 BACKPACKING--in Otter Creek, about 10 miles each day. Leave AYH to 7:00 pm on Friday. Limit 10 people. Call David Wassam, 243-4827 Sun. 17 to reserve. Cost about \$7.00.
- Sat. 16 <u>CANOEING</u>--Beginning White Water School. See article in this issue for details. See previous page for what to bring. Cost \$2.15 plus transportation, about \$5. Call Phil Mason (421-8763)
- Sun. 17 <u>HIKING</u>--Baker Trail Special--Loop trip starting and ending at Idaho Shelter, using portion of the Baker Trail, a section of the Trader's Path plus short connectors. Total trip is about 12 miles including scenic areas. Cost \$2, plus lunch. Leave AYH at 8:00 am. Marilyn and Cliff Ham leaders.

for reservations.

- Sun. 17 <u>CANOEING</u>--Easy White Water trip. This trip is appropriate for last year's beginners and those who haven't been out yet this year. It is not a canoe school. See previous page for what to being. Cost \$2.15 plus transportation, about \$5. Call Don Hoecker (243-8298) for reservations.
- Tue. 19 EVENING CYCLE--Larry Giventer will lead this trip through one of the city parks. Reserve a bike with Joe Levine. Leave AYH at 6:30 pm. Cost 25¢.
- Thu. 21 EVENING CYCLE--Join Vince Widmer as he leads the trip through one of the city parks. Reserve with Joe Levine. Leave AYH at 6:30 pm. Cost 25¢.
- Sat. 23 CYCLING--The Western Pa. Wheelmen are sponsoring their 4th annual to Washington and Greene County bike ride. There is a ride for
- Sun. 24 everyone, featuring scenic country roads set in historical Washington and Greene counties. For mor information and registration call Joe Hoeckner at 343-2465.
- Sat. 23 HIKING--with Jack Leahy (935-4188) on one of his happy social hikes. Time and place to be announced.
- Sat. 23 CANOEING--Clarion Float Trip--Meet at 6:30 am at AYH. Bring lunch and river shoes. Beginners welcome. Cost \$6.00. Contact Fred Hull for reservations. If you live north and have your own equipment and would like to meet and join the trip, write to Fred to make arrangements to meet at 9:30 at Cooksburg. (242-5379)
- Sun. 24 <u>HIKING</u>--with Larry Giventer (422-9282), sometime, someplace on one of his favorite intermediate to advanced hikes.
- Sun. 24 <u>CANOEING</u>--Intermediate Canoe School--See article in this issue for details. See previous page for what to bring. Cost \$2.15 plus transportation, about \$5. Call Rick Rocomora (521-6477) for reservations.
- Sun. 24 RAFTING--On Lower Yough, Ohiopyle to Stewarton. Open to members only. See previous page for what to bring. Cost \$2.90 plus transportation, \$5.50. Call Mike Hurwitz (731-1083) for reservations.
- Tue. 26 EVENING CYCLE--Mike Hurwitz will lead the trip through our city parks. Reserve with Joe Levine. Leave AYH 6:30 pm. Cost 25¢.
- Thu. 28 EVENING CYCLE--Mike Wolf will take the trip through one of the city parks. Reserve with Joe Levine. Leave AYH 6:30 pm. Cost 25¢.
- Sat. 30 CANOEING--Easy white water to intermediate trip. Practice techniques learned on the canoe schools. See previous page for what to bring. Cost \$2.15 plus transportation, \$5. Call Gordon Bugby (371-4255) for reservations.
- Sun. 1 <u>CANOEING</u>--Beginning White Water Canoe School. See Jn. 16 for details. Rick Rocomora (521-6477) will lead.
- Sat. 7 CANOEING--Overnight flowing water canoe trip, probably on the Upper to Allegheny. Call Lloyd Geertz (372-6053) for details and reservations. Sun. 8

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