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9:00 p.m. Thursdays

- August 6 Morrie Oberg travels through magnificent forests and past the Emerald lakes of Alberta, Canada.
- August 13 Dick Sandburg has also tried the northern route, this time bird watching.
- August 20 Chris and Tom Jable have slides of their honeymoon trip (without the moon!) through the National Parks from Colorado to the Pacific Northwest.
- August 27 Helen McGinnis has slides of a 750 mile backpack trip through the Cascades of Oregon and Washington along the Pacific Crest Trail.

*CORRECTION - Please correct this telephone number on the AYH TELEPHONE REFERENCE LIST -- John Rich, 823-3328

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WILDERNESS IN OUR BACKYARD

by Bruce Sundquist

Finally there are prospects for wilderness areas within reasonable driving distance from Pittsburgh. On May 25, Ken Heckler (W.VA.), introduced a bill, H.R. 17774 into the House that would protect the Otter Creek Area (1800 acres), the Cranberry Back Country (53000 acres), and the Dolly Sods Area (10215 acres) as Wilderness Areas under the Wilderness Act of 1964. On June 9, Senator Jennings Randolph (W.Va.), introduced essentially the same bill into the Senate - S3937. This was in response to the overwhelming support given by the citizens of West Virginia to the proposals of the West Virginia Highlands Conservancy, Izaak Walton League, the West Virginia Section of the Amer. Soc. of Civil Engineers, that these areas be declared Wilderness Areas. The bills were referred to their respective committees in the House and Senate.

The next job is to get these two committees to hold hearings on the bills and get the bills reported favorably out of committee and onto the floors. It is too early to write to your Congressmen rather it is important to write (con't on page 2)

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to the committee chairmen urging them to hold hearings on these bills as soon as possible. Write to:

Hon. Wayne Aspinall, Chairman
Committee on Interior & Insular Affairs
U.S. House of Rep., House Office Bldg.
Washington, D.C., 20515

Hon. Henry M. Jackson, Chairman
Committee on Interior & Insular Affairs
U.S. Senate, Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C., 20510

Probably the greatest danger that these bills face is that committee chairmen may just sit on these bills, never hold hearings, and never report them out of committee. The prospects for getting passage of these bills, once they have reached the floors of the House and Senate are good (providing of course, that we all make our wishes known to our Congressmen.) Thus, these are critical times - write today! (Send a copy of your letter to your Congressmen to let them know you are interested in the prospects of these bills.)

If you want more information on these areas, you can obtain a guide to Dolly Sods (35¢) and a guide to Otter Creek (40¢) from the Publications Committee; Pittsburgh Council, American Youth Hostels; 6300 Fifth Avenue; Pittsburgh, Pa., 15232. A guide to the Cranberry Backcountry will be prepared shortly. AYH has been leading backpacking trips to these areas and will continue to do so. Contact Bruce Sundquist at 327-8737 and watch the TRIPS AND TRAILS if you wish to go on one of these trips.

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C&O CANAL TOWPATH

This is one of the most interesting and scenic hiking trails in the entire area covered by this guide. It is highly recommended for all types of hikers. The towpath runs from Cumberland, Md. to Washington, D.C., following generally the course of the Potomac River. An excellent collection of maps of the entire length of the towpath is available (see appendix III-H.) An informative brochure can be obtained from the Superintendent, C&O Canal National Monument, P.O. Box 859, Hagerstown, Md. 21740. The spring and fall are ideal times to hike or bicycle along the towpath. There are countless fascinating things to see, scenic views, etc., as one strolls down the generally tree-shaded path. For hikers, bicyclists, and canoeists there are day-apart campsites along the canal between Harper's Ferry and Cumberland. The towpath is patrolled regularly. No motorized (or horse-drawn) vehicles of any kind are permitted along the towpath. Many of the aqueducts, locks, etc. are being restored and much of the canal is now filled with water. Drinking water is available at reasonable intervals along the trail.

(Appendix III-H) - C&O Canal Maps

The new edition of these maps contains 21 highly detailed maps of the complete length of the towpath from Cumberland, Maryland to Washington, D.C. The location of hostels, campsites, picnic areas, access points, and points of interest are shown. Historical information on the construction and use of the canal is also included. These maps should be considered indispensable to anyone wanting to hike or cycle along the towpath. To obtain the maps, send \$1.75 to: American Youth Hostels, Inc. Potomac Area Council, 1501 16th Street N.W., Washington, D. C. 20036. The price includes postage and tax.

(The above has been reprinted directly from Pittsburgh Council's Hiking Guide to Western Pennsylvania and Northern West Virginia. AYH has led many trips along this path - a cycle trip is planned for the 23rd and 24th of this month - and there are 4 Hostels in the area where overnight accommodations are available.)

INTERIOR ENDORSES C&O CANAL BILL -- Gude Pushes for Action

Late last month, Secretary of the Interior, Walter J. Hickel formally recommended enactment of legislation to give National Historical Park status to the C&O Canal, which extends along the Maryland bank of the Potomac between Cumberland and Washington. The proposal would give the Canal more "status" than it now enjoys in terms both of funding and protection from encroachment.

The Interior position asks broader Federal ownership of land than outlined in the pending bills (H.R. 658 would limit acquisition by purchase to 1000 acres.) Specifically, Secretary Hickel recommended a park of 20,239 acres, of which 7,107 are currently in Federal ownership and 958 in state hands. "We believe it is essential to the protection of the
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Lloyd Geertz with cameramen. These scenes were shot on video tape and will be transferred to film.

Lloyd Geertz is producing an AYH whitewater technique movie for instructional purposes. Here are some scenes taken the day of the shooting on the Lower Yough.



If you don't think canoeing is hard work take a look at these C-2ers.



Running "Entrance Rapids" on the Yough in an open Grummen!!



Is there a reason for not running "Entrance Rapids" in an open canoe?



This is a much better boat for white water -- saves bailing.

- Fri 31 HIKE AND CAR CAMP IN DOLLY SODS - Tess and John Henry lead a weekend camping and hiking trip to the Cabin Mountain area of Dolly Sods, to see Canaan Valley and pick huckleberries. Leave Friday at 7:00 p.m. from the hostel; bring about \$5.00 and your own food. Reserve with the Henry's at 441-5052. Pack a bucket for the berries.
- Sat 1 CANOE - Gene Cone (361-8859 or 621-2600 x341) leads covered boats and rafts on some choice white water.
- Sat 1 CYCLE - Jim Hurst (276-0447) leads a cycle trip near Washington, Pa. For time and place of departure, call Jim. Cost about \$1.80 plus rental.
- Sat 1 CYCLE AND SWIM - Allan Sher (421-4429) leads a trip from Lake Pymatuning to Lake Erie and back the next day, an easy 60 miles each way. Intermediate cyclists welcome. Bring along a swim suit and 2 lunches, cost roughly \$15.00 plus rentals. Leave HQ at 8:15 a.m.
- Sun 2 CANOE - Jim Hurst (276-0447) leads a trip for rafts and closed boats on either the Lower Yough or the Cheat Canyon depending on the water level. Leave Hostel at 8:30 a.m. and bring a lunch. Experienced canoeers only.
- Tues 4 CYCLE - Helen Brinka (431-6491) leads a cycle trip through the city parks. Leave HQ at 6:30, call early to reserve bikes. Cost 20¢ plus rental, beginners welcome.
- Thur 6 CYCLE - Mike Hurwitz (731-1083 or 256-3343) leads a cycle trip through the city parks. Leave HQ at 6:30.
- Sat 8 HIKE - and explore with Bruce Sundquist in the Laurel Hill area; help develop the new Laurel Ridge Trail. Bring \$2.00 and lunch. Leave from the upper parking lot by 8:30 a.m.
- Sun 9 CANOE - Doug Ettinger (828-2540) leads Grummons and closed boats on the Yough from Stewarton to South Connellsville. Practicing white water technique in the rapids is planned. Meet at HQ at 8:00 a.m.
- Sun 9 CYCLE - Come along on a cycle trip near South Park. There will be an easy 20 to 25 mile trip and a more rigorous 35-40 mile ride. Meet at South Park Fairgrounds at 12 or HQ at 11:30. Call Mike Hurwitz (731-1083 or 256-3343) for reservations.
- Sun 9 HIKE - about 8 or 10 miles in an area to be announced, with Eb Moll. Please call Eb if interested at 441-0226. Leave from upper parking lot at 8:30 a.m. Bring a lunch and about \$2.00
- Tues 11 CYCLE - Take a trip through the city parks, stay in shape for weekend or cycle for the first time. Helen Brinka (431-6491) leads. Leave HQ at 6:30, cost 20¢ plus rental.
- Thur 13 CYCLE - Steve Lord (823-7245) leads a city parks trip before the meeting, leaving HQ at 6:30 p.m.
- Sat 15 CLIMB - Weekend trip to Seneca Rocks. Bring your own food and camping gear. Leave Friday night from the Hostel. Call Ken Horner (457-7088) for details.
- Sun 16

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- Sat 15 CYCLE - Accompany Allan Sher to the annual Kelly's Island cycle trip. Call Allan (421-4429) for further details.
- Sun 16
- Sat 15 CANOE - Bob Strong (327-6267) leads a trip on the Middle Yough. Meet at HQ at 8:30 a.m. White water experience required.
- Sat 15 HIKE - Discover new beauty in the Brady's Bend area, along the Allegheny River. Approximately ten miles with leader Morie Oberg (279-5774). Depart upper parking lot at 8:30 a.m. with lunch and about \$2.00.
- Sun 16 CYCLE - Mike Hurwitz (731-1083 or 256-3343) leads a cycle trip in the beautiful countryside near Ligonier. There will be an easy 20 mile ride downhill and a faster more rigorous 30 mile ride. Leave HQ at 8:15 a.m., bring lunch, cost about \$1.80 plus rental.
- Sun 16 CANOE - John Rich (823-3328 or 462-5000 x7316) leads another Middle Yough trip. Meet at HQ at 8:30 a.m. White water experience required.
- Sun 16 HIKE - Sunday afternoon hike with Kay Lew. Leave Hostel about 1:00 p.m. for a leisurely few miles at a place to be determined. Cost 40¢ fee plus transportation.
- Mon 17 CANOE - Closed boat trip on upper Yough (Sang Run to Friendsville) depending on water level and enough interest. Experts and diehards only with boats they do not mind getting smashed. This is a class V river, meaning fast maneuvering in heavy water, 4-6 foot drops, no pools to recover in, and it loves to eat large pieces of boats and small pieces of people. All interested people call Roy Weil at 521-1336.
- Tues 18 CYCLE - Take an evening cycle trip with Helen Brincka (431-6491) Leave HQ at 6:30, cost 20¢ plus rental.
- Thur 20 CYCLE - Mike Hurwitz (731-1083 or 256-3343) leads the scenic city parks trip before the meeting. Start at Hostel at 6:30 p.m.
- Sat 23 BACKPACK - in a new area with Chris DeRham - TENTATIVE. Chris indicated interest in this trip before he went on vacation; let him know, daytime, at 256-7187 if you are interested.
- Sun 24
- Fri 22 CYCLE - Mike LaMark (563-1879) and John Wronosky lead an intermediate cycle trip of about 30 miles per day along the beautiful C & O canal near Harper's Ferry. Stay overnight at Sandy Hook Hostel, bring 2 lunches and about \$18.00 plus rental. Call early for reservations. Leave HQ at 6:30 p.m. Friday.
- Sat 23
- Sun 24
- Sat 22 CANOE - Guy Estes (977-7186 or 462-5000 x7316) leads a canoe trip on the Lower, Lower Yough from Dawson to Layton. Enjoyable grade I cruising for 6 miles. Beginners are welcome.
- Sun 23 CANOE - Doug Ettinger (828-2540) leads a Grummon and closed boat trip on the Yough from Stewarton to South Connelville. White Water techniques such as surfing will taught and practiced. Meet at HQ at 8:00 a.m.

- Tues 25 CYCLE - Helen Brinka (431-6491) leads another spectacular city parks trip. Organize at hostel at 6:30p.m.
- Thur 27 CYCLE - Call Mike Hurwitz (731-1083 or 256-3343) for rental reservations. Leave from Hostel at 6:30 p.m.
- Fri 28 BACKPACK - at Spruce Mountain and Seneca Creek, West Virginia with
 Sat 29 Hal Van Zoren. Leave Friday evening about 7:00 p.m. Hike about 8
 Sun 30 miles per day. Bring your own food. Cost about \$5.00. Call Hal
 at 243-6564 or 683-7000 x262 to make arrangements.
- Sat 29 CANOE CAMPING - Don Hoecker (243-8298) leads a weekend canoe trip
 Sun 30 on the upper Allegheny. Beginning canoeists are welcome.
 Personal camping equipment is required.
- Sat 29 CYCLE - Pennsylvania Dutch Country by Allan Sher (421-4429) will be
 Sun 30 revisited. Intermediate cyclists are welcome on this scenic trip
 through the flat countryside of Lancaster County. Leave Hostel at
 about 6:30 to 7:00 a.m. Saturday, overnighing at Brickerville
 Hostel. Bring along a sheet sack, 2 lunches and \$16.00 plus rental.

SEPTEMBER

- Fri 4 LABOR DAY WEEKEND BACKPACK- Bruce Sundquist leads a trip to the
 Sat 5 most untouched wilderness in Pennsylvania, the Hammersley Forks
 Sun 6 area of Susquehannock Forest. Reserve now by calling Bruce and
 Mon 7 getting details (327-8737)

KEYSTONE TRAILS ASSOCIATION - Camp Michaux, September 25-26-27.
 Hikers and others should put this date in their calendar now.

"C&O CANAL BILL" continued

canal and to the provision of adequate recreation opportunities that all private lands between the canal and the river be acquired," he said.

On June 9, Maryland Congressman Gilbert Gude asked help in securing Congressional Action: "The good news of the Interior Department's recent endorsement of the legislation to establish the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal as a National Historical Park is the signal for urgent action by those interested in its prompt enactment....Supporters of the legislation should write now to the respective House and Senate Committee Chairmen asking for hearing on the C&O Canal Park legislation. Letters should be addressed to: Hon. Wayne N. Aspinall, Chairman, House Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, and to Hon. Henry M. Jackson, Chairman, Senate Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, Washington, D.C. 20515. The letters should ask for hearings on any or all of the following C&O bills: H.R. 658 by Representative Saylor; H.R. 17950 by Representative Beall; my own bill, H.R. 11988; and in the Senate, S. 1859 by Senator Mathias. Enactment of this legislation is of national significance because of the Canal's historic features and wildlife values by precluding undesirable residential or commercial development. Recreational values of the Canal Park, particularly critical because of the urban-suburban setting, will be appropriately developed and made accessible.

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AUGUST

WANT ADS

Anyone interested in going out West the last two weeks of August or sometime in September for hiking and climbing, contact Norman Snyder 371-2371.

SPECIAL TRIPS

On August 8, Bob Omlor and Viola Friesen will take the big trip down the aisle. We wish them the best of happiness.

TO KEEP IN MIND

On September 12, the SUN TO SUN TRIPLE CENTURY will be held on the backcountry roads of northern Ohio. This will be a challenging 300 miles in 24 hour ride sponsored by the Columbus Council of AYH in Columbus, Ohio. For more information write to: Mike Schmidt, 330 West Kanawha, Columbus, Ohio 43214.

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