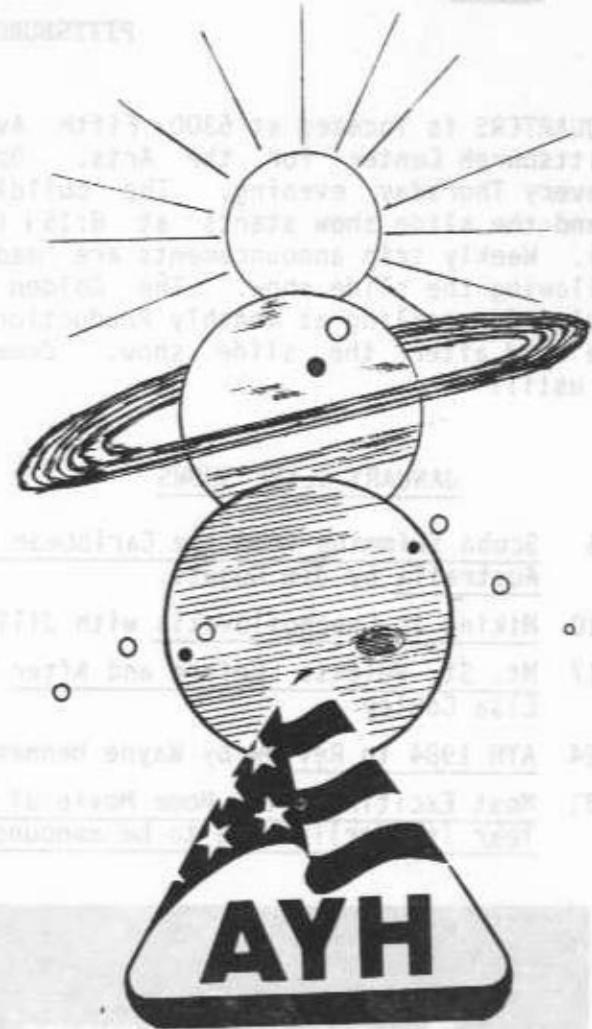


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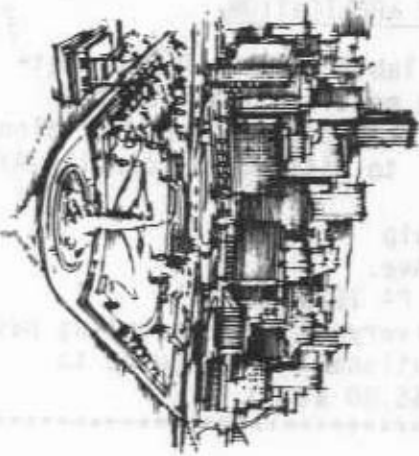
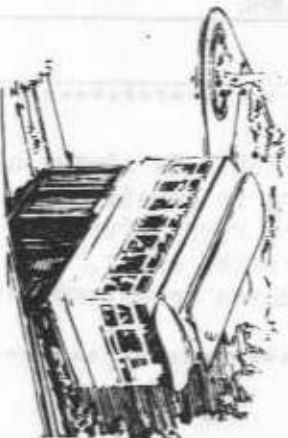
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AYH HEADQUARTERS is located at 6300 Fifth Ave., next to the Pittsburgh Center for the Arts. Open House is held every Thursday evening. The building opens at 8 pm and the slide show starts at 8:15 (note the new time). Weekly trip announcements are made immediately following the slide show. The Golden Triangle is assembled for mailing at monthly Production Parties, which are held after the slide show. Come on out and join us!!!!

JANUARY SLIDE SHOWS

- January 3 Scuba Swimming from the Caribbean to Australia by Jim Gogots.
- January 10 Hiking in Czechoslovakia with Jill Brethauer.
- January 17 Mt. St. Helens: Before and After by Elsa Conley
- January 24 AYH 1984 in Review by Wayne Hennemuth.
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Sorry Don...

Don Hoecker's name was inadvertently left off the list of the Board of Directors published in the Dec. Triangle. The corrected listing is:

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NEW YEAR -- NEW STARTING TIME!!

Starting Thursday, January 3rd, Open House will START at 8:15 pm. Please be seated by that time if you intend to enjoy the program. Please be considerate if a subject may not be of interest to you. Time and effort have been expended by many to ensure quality programs for YOU!

JANUARY ACTIVITIES BOARD MEETING

The January Activities Board meeting will be held on the second Wednesday in January (January 9th) at the home of Larry Laude. Larry lives at 210 S. Atlantic. If you are an Activities Board member and cannot attend, please call Larry (665-9554).

THANK YOU to Joel Platt for organizing a great Christmas party, and to Larry Laude for lending us his house!

ROLL ON ALONG!!!

Rollerskate at Ardmore Rollerskating Palace on Sunday, January 13th. Carpool meets at AYH HQ at 7pm. Please contact Wayne Albright at 421-0996 for more information.

BOOTH SITTERS NEEDED!

Free parking!! If all goes according to plans, Joe Hoechner will have an AYH display booth at the Monroeville Expo Mart Outdoors Show Jan. 24-27th.

Day and night volunteers are needed to help person our display, hand out brochures and answer hostel questions. The show start at noontime and ends at 10 pm. If you can sit in for a couple of hours, day or night, please let Joe know! Call 373-3403. Thank You!

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CROSS - COUNTRY SKIING
Fred Parker 824-2638
Steve Tubbs 751-2158

All cross-country ski trips are on a "no snow, no go" basis. Most trips leave AYH HQ at 8:30 am. Contact trip leader for details and ski rentals. Attention all Thursday evening skiers: Your X-C ski leader may only be able to unlock the back door of HQ, walk around. Later on, please bring your dripping wet skis back through the back door, don't drip them all over our carpets. Attention all X-C ski leaders: There are first aid kits stored in the X-C boot cabinet.

HIKING
Tom Kaveney 276-8044
Wayne Hennemuth 693-9605

KAYAKING
Lou Conley 681-8321
Ray Yutzy 341-5682

Winter kayaking trips (cold weather) are organized informally at the Thursday night meetings, usually by those who are equipped (wet suits) for cold weather.

RAFTING
Shirley Sedmack 422-0849
Susan Krotec 661-8485

VOLLEYBALL
Steve Martin 469-3153

Play indoor volleyball at Taylor-Alderdice gym. Come out and learn to play or sharpen your game, or just to have fun. The action starts at 6 pm every Tuesday. The fee is 50 cents for AYH members and \$2.00 for non-members. See you there!!

SEA Kayaking -- A New Way To Go!

The Activities Board and the Board of Directors have approved Sea Kayaking as a new Pittsburgh Council activity. Sea kayaks are larger than whitewater kayaks and are intended for touring on flat or relatively flat water. The initial fleet of four kayaks will be purchased in time for the Spring trips. The sea kayaking committee will be chaired by Cathy Lynch and Tom Trump, who will be providing more information in coming issues of the Triangle.

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Are you ready for the old "one-two"? Three-four, that is. If your mailing label bears a "December 84" you have expired! Wait now, your AYH membership has expired (same difference?).

Pittsburgh Council had prepared a postcard reminder which went out late November to all those in that category. Unknown until too late, National AYH sent out their own renewal reminder early December to be followed by another reminder in late December.

Now, three should be enough, but since Pittsburgh Council printed up enough postcards for a second (we thought) reminder mailing and since it would be a shame to let these go to waste...

Act now!!! Send in your renewal form to Pittsburgh Council headquarters A.S.A.P. We will send out our "final notice" in February (Valentine's Day?) to all those who have yet to renew, so renew now. Thanks!

A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR...

Letters, I get letters... Keep 'em coming folks! The tide that passes through my mailbox has been extremely varied lately (can you tell from reading your Triangle?). I'm always happy to print any notes that you'd like to send out to Triangle readers. If you need advice, a trip partner, or want to sell something, drop me a line at AYH and I'll try to print it if space permits. Just make sure (I mean ABSOLUTELY, POSITIVELY SURE) that you get your little gem to me by the first Thursday of the month preceeding.

By the way, (speaking of little gems) to Wilbur Schiller of Milwaukee, we're unable to answer (or understand) your question, and you didn't include a return address!

Jan Woods, an AYH member living in Edinboro is interested in corresponding with persons who have biked across (east - west) the USA. She intends to bike the USA in '86 and '87 and needs advice. You can contact Jan at 11380 Fry Rd. R.D.#3 Edinboro, PA 16412

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JANUARY TRIPS & TRAILS

Trips listed are open to the public, AYH members are given priority. Trip costs include a 75 cent registration fee (50¢ per half day or evening), plus transportation and rentals. IN ADDITION non-members 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).

BACKPACKING

Debbie LaPlaca 795-4179

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Backpacking Vacation 1985. Plan ahead. Reserve time now to join Glenn Oster on an extended backpack trip to the Wind River Range in Wyoming. High country. Spectacular mountains. Beautiful lakes. Intermediate hiking level.

Leave Friday evening, August 2; return Saturday August 17. More details next month. For information and reservations call Glenn at home 364-2864 or at work 234-0610.

BICYCLING

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Steve Shafer 362-4432

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John Popp 653-6026

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Please call the trip leader(s) for more trip details and how to be properly prepared so you can enjoy this fun and exciting sport.

Start planning for our March intermediate trip to Crabtree cave in Maryland. Look for more details in the next issue.



A HIKE TO REMEMBER WITH JOHN HAYES

BY Joe Levine

It was supposed to have been an easy, short hike on the Rachel Carson Trail, about six years ago, but the trip was beset by problems from the beginning. At Creighton - the start - we were surprised to find that PENNDOT had cut through the trail for the Expressway, so we had a short but steep climb right at the beginning. "Hey Joe", Dick Nugent quipped "Did you bring climbing gear?" Well, we all made it to the top, and I sighed with relief as the grade eased and we picked up the yellow blazes of our trail.

Twenty minutes later we lost the trail in a dense wood. I sent people out to scout for the trail and yell when blazes were seen. In a few minutes the trail was found and I called in the scouts to continue the hike. It was the end of April but the temperature had reached almost 90 degrees. Most of the trees were leafless, there was hardly any relief from the heat. Then another hill slowed us - I was in the rear - and near the top I found Peggy Brust lying on the ground, attended by her son Robert and Joan Goode, a nurse. Peggy was having some distress symptoms. We decided that she would remain there until she felt able to walk down a nearby dirt road. We arranged to pick them up on our return from Tarentum.

That settled, the rest of us continued for a while, then stopped for a break under some shade.

I looked around at the resting hikers and asked "Where is John Hayes?" Someone recalled having last seen him when we were looking for the trail. I instructed them to stay put, and I started back fast.

In about ten minutes I found John sitting calmly on a log, just a short way from the trail. Apparently he did not hear us yell when the blazes were found.

"Hello John, what are you doing here?" I joked. He replied "I heard that if you get lost in the woods, the best thing is to sit down and wait to be found. Did I do right, Joe?" "Absolutely, John, now let's rejoin the group and get on with our hike."



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NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING

Pittsburgh Council was well represented at the AYH National Council meeting. Larry Laude, Joe Hoechner, Bill Johnston, Barry Govenor, Marilyn Ham and Cliff Ham all made the trip. The meeting was held on the weekend before Thanksgiving at a state park just north of Seattle. This was the 50th national meeting and was an occasion for reflecting on the past of AYH and on the future of our organization. The major emphasis was on hostels and on the extended trips program.

Plans for a new hostel in Gettysburg and a major new hostel in New York City were discussed. The nature of AYH as a membership organization led to discussions on how to expand membership and on how to provide for non-members staying at hostels.

Wine from Washington and Oregon, and Alaskan king crabs from the Alaska Council helped to keep this from being a "business only" meeting. Bill and Larry made a quick visit to Mt. Rainier afterwards (ask Bill about having a bird in his hand and one on his head too!). Cliff and Marilyn headed south toward San Francisco on the Green Tortoise bus.

Next year's meeting will be right next door in Columbus, making it easy for an even larger Pittsburgh contingent in 1985. ...Larry Laude

THE ROUGHER THE BETTER CLUB NEWS

THE BUSHWHACKING TRIP PART II

28 APRIL 1984 From the journal of Angelle N. Guyette

We really weren't sure how to get there because we really weren't sure where we were going. The object of the game was to find a dirt road leading off into nowhere, park the car someplace, and walk into the woods. We gave up after a while, and parked the car near an old church.

So the trail began like a foreshadow, unbound, winding through a forgotten graveyard whose jagged teeth devoured us in their dark lights. The sky too, threatened us as grey spirits churned above us frightening tree-bound leaves to a ghostly white (in other words, it was cosmic.).

Despite the weather's bad humor, the air was warm, and we walked with a half bounce to our steps in anticipation.

We literally bushwhacked our way through about 400 feet of briars, and jungle-like trees covered with barbed-wire vines. The fences attacked us, as we crossed into farmers' fields, following a stream.

After about a half hour or an hour, we reached a crossroad of fences, and on the other side were, warily watching, a collage of four-legged monsteers [sic] with fat bellies, and big horns, making strange noises - "Mooooooah Mooooooah!" One rather large black one tried to communicate in morse code by tapping its toe on the ground, and snorting in a certain pattern, but I don't know morse code, and I don't speak bull either.

At this point Fred led a discussion on the difference between being an adventurer and being a fool. But so far this trip had been a better candidate for the "Pansy Club", and we RTBs were in the mood for a little excitement.

So Fred turned around and went back, while we went on.

(ed. note: BUSHWHACKER (boosh'hwack'er), n. 1. a person accustomed to beating or cutting his way through bushes; backwoodsman. 2. a guerilla fighter... 3. a sickle or scythe for cutting underbrush. ...from

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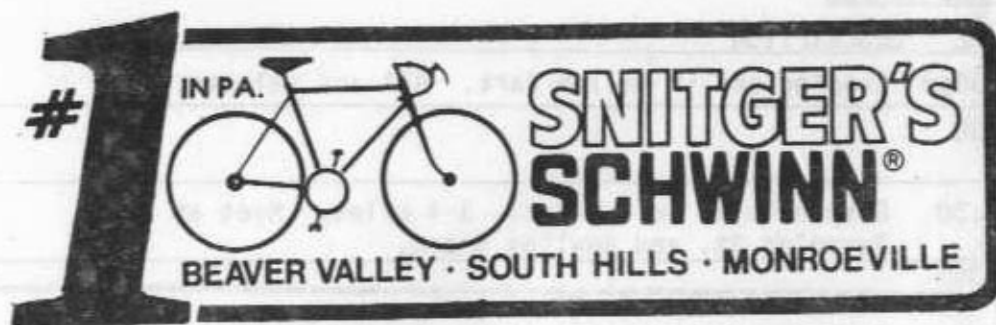
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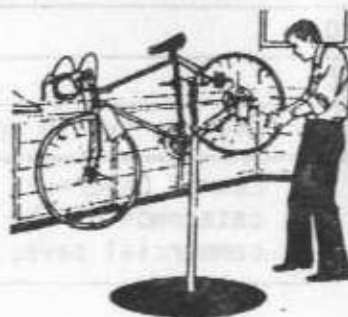
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3	Thurs	X-C	All	Hams	687-4520	6:30pm	Evening ski in Mellon Park. All are welcome.
5	Sat	X-C	Inter	Jack Peth	921-7214h 777-5365w	8:30	
6	Sun	Hike	Easy	Joe Levine	241-3265	12:30	Easy hike in Frick Park. 3-4 miles. Meet at Reynolds St. and Bowling Green.
6	Sun	X-C	Inter	Eric Bauer	687-0766	8:30	
10	Thur	X-C	All	B.Govenor	421-7114	6:30	Evening ski in Mellon Park. All are welcome.
12-13	SS	Backpack	Inter	Glenn Oster	364-2864h 234-0610w		Try backpacking close to home. Join Glenn Oster on the western section of the Rachel Carson Trail. Call for information and reservations.
12	Sat	Work	Hardy	Dan Martt	921-4638h 922-4000x633w	9:00	Make emergency repairs to section 5 of the Baker Trail to correct the route.
12	Sat	X-C	Inter	Ejzaks	466-6196	8:30	
13	Sun	X-C	All	Fred Parker	824-2638	8:30	
17	Thur	X-C	All	Jeri Walsh-Allis	422-2889	6:30pm	Thursday evening ski in Mellon Park. All welcome.
19	Sat	Hike	Int/Adv	Glenn Oster	364-2864h 234-0610w		Hike Baker Trail from the start near Freeport to Rt.66 near Crooked Creek. 13 miles. Call for info and reserv.
19	Sat	X-C	Begin	Kathy Lynch	361-3707	8:30	
20	Sun	x-c	Inter	Jim Gogots	384-9149	8:30	
24	Thur	x-c	All	Rita Long	682-7289	6:30	Evening ski in Mellon Park. All are welcome.
26	Sat	Cave	Begin	Paul Herre	831-0217		Barton's Cave-- a good beginner's cave in the scenic Laurel Highlands, near Quebec Run. Dare to try the "birth canal" passage!
26	Sat	x-c	Inter	Pat Rossi	335-5067	8:30	
27	Sun	x-c	All	Steve Tubbs	751-2158	8:30	
31	Thur	x-c	All	John Orondorff	244-0746	6:30	Evening ski in Mellon Park. All are welcome.
Feb.23	Sat	Cave	Begin	Vicki Lineback	782-2321h 624-4218w		Laurel Caverns-- a beginner's trip to explore the catacombs of the undeveloped portion of this large commercial cave, located outside of Uniontown, PA.