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NEW OFFICERS ELECTED

The annual Pittsburgh Council business meeting was held Oct. 18, 1973. The following people were elected to Activities Board posts.

* President	Larry Giventer
* Treasurer	Fred Hull
* Secretary	Carol Davis
* Trips and Trails	Mike Hurwitz
* Program Chm.	Mary Leathen
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* Hiking Chm.	Jim Roberts
* Cycling Chm.	Joe Hoechner
* Caving Chm.	Gene Cone
* Winter Sports	Jack Kowalski
* Baker Trail	Cliff Ham
* Canoeing Chm.	Dave Porterfield
	Gordon Bugby

We wish each of these newly elected officers a successful and productive year serving Pittsburgh Council.

Have you
led a trip lately?
Have you
thought a
friend to House
recently?



Open House
8:30 Thursdays

Nov. 1

"Denali"--a film documenting an unusual ascent of Mt. McKinley, featuring high altitude ice climbing and ski mountaineering.

Nov. 8, 15 and 27

Jack Kowalski previews ski season with a series of programs on downhill and cross country skiing. Come and ski with us!

Nov. 22

Happy Thanksgiving.
No Open House Meeting.

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Contribute an article or trip report next month!

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THURSDAY EVENINGS ONLY

November Deadline: November 15

THE F.D.A. VERSUS BICYCLES

adapted from an editorial in BIKE WORLD, 10/73

Here's a partial list of the bikes and equipment you'll have to get rid of when the proposed Federal bicycle regulations go into effect:

All adult racing bikes; most adult touring bikes; all handmade tubular tires
Cranksets by Campagnolo, T.A., Stronglight, Shimano Dura-Ace,
Brakeshoes by Campy, Mafac, Universal, Weinmann

The regulations are not trivial. "In my view, they would effectively prohibit the marketing of racing bicycles in the United States," says James Harrington, a California attorney. Phil Wood is alarmed: "This enactment must be delayed until responsible, knowledgeable bicycle people have had time to present an organized case." "It is suggested that a rule which has the effect of outlawing all existing road racing and touring bicycles is unreasonable and confiscatory," says another attorney, Douglas Stephenson of San Francisco.

John Forester has written: "The proposed regulation is an illegal and discriminatory restraint of trade. If enacted it will limit cyclists to use of toy bicycles made by members of the Bicycle Manufacturers' Association of America. Americans will be prohibited from participating in the world-wide sport of cycling and prohibited from obtaining the use of useful bicycles..."

The reason experienced cyclists are alarmed at the rules, is that the government is saying certain cycle parts are unsafe, which in their long experience these riders have never known to be unsafe. Briefly, here are the worst points:

- Pedal Clearance--A 4½" clearance between rotation axis of the front pedal and the front tire is required. This rule would eliminate all racing bikes and all but a few touring models.
- Tires--The requirement that they be reflectorized and tire pressure molded in will effectively ban sew-ups--they're not vulcanized, so no molding can be done.
- Front Reflector--The proposed mounting location for it also happens to be the very best place for a lamp mounting bracket. A lamp requirement makes more sense.
- Chainguards--This requirement will eliminate all high-quality cranksets, which do not have room for both chainguards and front derailleurs.
- Brakes--The front brake is eliminated, but the government in its calculations assumes an 84" gear is a slow gear for which only a rear brake is necessary!

In government, we have a "regulating class." It's their job to regulate where products as delivered from the manufacturer are unsafe. But the bicycle safety regulations were proposed without consulting those affected.

We have no right to accuse the government of collusion with the Bicycle Manufacturers' Association. This is not proven, even though the rules certainly give that trade group an advantage. But we can tell the bureau involved that we think their failure to inform us of the changes is quite wrong, as we are the citizen group to whom they have a responsibility.

It is no use writing sarcastic words--that will get us no where. We need to tell the FDA we think the bicycle is safe in its present form. Write a firm and constructive letter as a concerned cyclist.

Write to: Mr. Paul Hallman. Consumer Products Safety Committee



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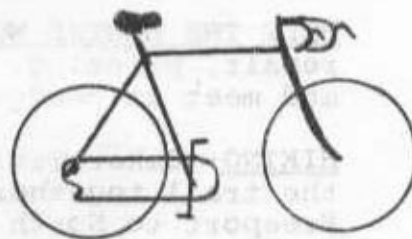
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November Trips and Trails

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 the 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.

- Fri. 2 HIKING--on the Tuscarora Trail--Jack Leamy leads a trail
to maintenance party to the 30 miles of trail in Central Pa.
Sun. 4 Sleep in Cowans Gap State Park. Paint beautiful orange
blazes! Leave AYH at 7:00 pm Friday evening with food,
clothing, tent and camping equipment for 2 days.
Cost \$1 plus shared transportation. Reserve with
Jack at 935-4188.
- Sat. 3 CYCLING--Fall Foliage Weekend--Jack Batchelar (963-7868)
to and Warren Kennedy (682-0255) are leading a bike-camping
Sun. 4 trip around the first U.S. oil well, Drake's Well, near
Titusville, Pa. Bring camping gear, lunches and about \$10.
Leave AYH 7:30 am Saturday. For further information and
reservations call either leader.
- Sun. 4 CYCLING--Beginners bike ride. Enjoy one of the few 25 mile
bike trips that is all down hill. Dress warm, bring lunch
and about \$2.50. Leave AYH 8:30 am. Call Jim Roberts
at 362-5792.
- Tue. 6 CANOE REPAIR PARTY--Come and help repair canoes. We will
bang out the bumps, replace a few rivets and determine a
canoeing inventory as a conclusion to the canoeing season.
Help us prepare for the next year. Call Phil Mason for
additional information (421-8763).
- Sat. 10 CYCLING--Rich Feder (362-0989) is leading a 35 mile
intermediate bike trip in an area to be announced. For
more information and reservations contact Rich.
- Sat. 10 HELP THE HOSTEL WORK PARTY--electrical work, carpentry, roof
repair, painting, miscellaneous clean-up. Bring your tools
and meet at headquarters at 9:30 am for a good day's work.
- Sun. 11 HIKING--Baker Trail Extension--This may be the day we link
the trail together--practically finishing the 30.5 miles from
Freeport to North Park. Leave the upper parking lot at
8:00 am with lunch and \$1. To PAINT yellow blazes, call
Cliff Ham at 687-4960 or show up at 8:00.
- Sun. 11 CYCLING--Scout in and around Raccoon State Park with Joe
Hoechner. Ride maybe 20 miles over varying terrain,
checking for future bicycle camping trips. Bring lunch,
dress for the weather, and about \$2. Call Joe at 343-2465 for
time and further information.

NOVEMBER Trips and Trails continued.

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- Sat. 17 CYCLING--Join Mike and Marta Hurwitz for a beginner/intermediate trip around Lake Pymatuning. Watch the goose hunters. Ride an easy 30 miles. Bring lunch, dress warm, cost about \$5. Leave AYH about 8:00 am. For more information call Mike at 731-1083.
- Sun. 18 CYCLING--Join the last cycle ride of the year! Jim Metcalfe leads the ride through Pittsburgh to the summit of Mt. Washington. Bring lunch and 40¢. Meet at AYH at 9:00 am. Reserve with Jim at 362-7454.
- Fri. 23 THANKSGIVING BACKPACKING--Cliff Ham leads experienced hikers to on what may be our first winter camping trip of the season. Place: Southern Ohio. Reservations: Absolutely necessary. Call Cliff at 687-4960.
- Sun. 25

Wait a minute!
Don't put your backpack away
Go Comet watching in December!

WANT ADS WANT ADS WANT ADS

MISSING: one mast thwart for the AYH canoe sailing rigs. Please check your car, garage, basement, etc for it and/or any other AYH equipment. Return all found items to AYH headquarters promptly!

FOR SALE: S-glass/epoxy Augsburg K-1. Complete with seat, footbraces, and thigh braces. BRAND NEW--Never Used--Asking \$275. Contact Sid Lipman at 422-7092.

NEEDED: Hikers to share the responsibility for Baker Trail Maintenance. The co-Chairmen Dave Porterfield and Cliff Ham would like to find several individuals or groups who would check out a section of the trail, perhaps twice a year, paint blazes as necessary, recommend relocations or improvements, and lead an occasional hike. There are now 14 sections of the Baker Trail ranging from 5 to 6 miles to 16 miles (10 are between 8 and 10 miles). Also, we have the new extension from Freeport to North Park almost completed, with eleven sections ranging from 2 miles to 4.5.

If you will accept responsibility or want to discuss the possibility, please call Cliff Ham (687-4960) or Dave Porterfield (452-7071) (toll).

Western Pa. Ski Council News

A Fall Social will be held on November 9 at Holiday Inn in Greentree, 8:30. The latest in ski equipment and fashion will be shown, followed by dancing.

The 1974 European Charter Flight to Val d'Isere in the French Alps, March 2-9, will run \$359.00. The package includes 6 nights lodging, daily breakfast and dinner, and flight. \$100 deposit fee may be sent to: Pageant International Travel 2514 Brownsville Road, Pgh., Pa. 15210

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
Nov.			1	2	3 Titusville Cycle Tuscanora Trail Hike	4 Cycle
5	6 canoe Party	7	8	9	10 cycle Hostel Work Day	11 Hike cycle
12	13	14	15	16	17 cycle	18 cycle
19	20	21	22 Thanksgiving	23	24 Back packing	25
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