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PADDLE POWER

by Don Hamilton

August is usually the quiet month for canoeing, the transition between spring and fall canoeing, a time of rest. But not this year! We have had perfectly lousy weather and enough rain to send many of our local streams up to spring levels with attendant good canoeing. John Rich led a great trip on the Middle Yough with nine boats and not one spill. Doug Ettinger had miles of superb standing waves, although the rapidly rising river (12 feet overnight!) took a heavy toll—Doug's "Aries" floated away, lost forever. And Bruce Sundquist had two days of fine canoe sailing on Deep Creek.

Doug is repeating his fabulous W.W. Canoe School on Sunday, Sept. 14. This is aimed specifically at the easy white stuff, with lots of practice of the special strokes and W.W. tactics on water forgiving of mistakes. Doug's last school filled quickly, so apply early, you flat water veterans! And Bruce, who was that you were dining with at Whipkey's?

Henry Fisher has worked wonders in A.Y.H.'s current negotiations over the Bad Day on the Slippery Rock (while portaging the dam, A.Y.H. members on a private trip were held for violating a State Park boat launching rule.) In a meeting at Harrisburg on Aug. 1 with Messrs. Leshner, Kritschgan, Trace and Watt of the Department of Forests and Waters and the Attorney General's office, he worked through to an understanding about Slippery Rock Creek in particular and canoeing in parks in general. In brief, the State has agreed not to prosecute this technical violation and recommends that portaging the dam at McConnell's Mills, on the right hand side away from the mill be the acceptable practice. For our part, we will work with park officers towards greater safety in W.W. canoeing, by encouraging safe practices on the rivers themselves, by helping with a State canoeing guide and by recommendations to modify the existing boating rules to better fit the whitewater sport. Many thanks to all those involved especially Henry Fisher; and R. Broughton who supplied valuable contacts and legal advice.

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And while on the subject, how many of you know that the slippery path at the launch site at Ohlerville has been graded, drained and gravelled by the Park? It's really fine now.

So come on out and canoe! The biggest and best September ever! Even bicycling and canoeing in one trip! Rafting! Flat Water! The Feminine Mystique in trip leadership! PADDLE POWER!

ACTION Canoe School

A.Y.H. canoeists were busy last month—teaching basics to a group of 16 young people (aged 14-17) as part of a local ACTION program. The school consisted of five two-hour instruction sessions plus a one-day trip on the Allegheny River as a graduation exercise. This is the second year for the school. Betty Raphael brought A.Y.H. and ACTION together for the project. Don Hoecker, Terry Sanders and Bob Fewkes served as instructors-in-charge and were assisted by Fred Hull, Gene Cone, Lloyd Geertz, Cyrus Irani, Don Hamilton, Norm Gallagher, Tom Weet, and Bruce Sundquist. Equipment for the school was provided by A.Y.H. and was held at ACTION's Day Camp on the Allegheny River near the Hulton Bridge.

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Against a backdrop of Pittsburgh's skyscrapers, over 900 bicyclists gathered at the Civic Arena parking lot for the first city-sponsored bike ride. Organized by the Department of Parks and Recreation with the co-operation of AYH, it was deemed a success. The city chartered 27 Port Authority buses, rented 14 trucks, and utilized all the Parks Department vehicles for the transportation of participants and bicycles from the several pick-up points around the city. Richard Caliguiri, Director of Parks, indicated that information was requested from as far away as West Virginia and Ohio. . . .



Pete Flaherty and one of his three sons who participated in the ride being issued identity tags by Parks employee Len Duncan

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The ride, 9 miles in length, began at 1:30 p.m. with Director Caliguiri, Democratic mayoralty candidate Pete Flaherty and AYH leading the group (Below)



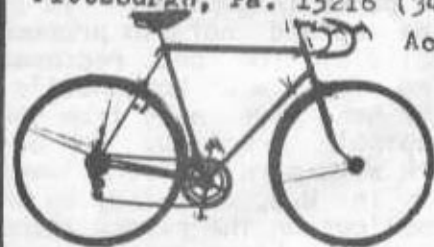
In Schenley Park, at the David L. Lawrence Camp, hot dogs and baked beans were served to the hungry cyclists. The Quaker State Bottling Company donated the coke.



In the North Hills--
Scholls Cycle Center
406 Perry Highway
Pittsburgh, Pa. 15229 (931-6711)

In the South Hills--
Baker's Bicycle Center
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CHEAT CANYON PROJECT UNDERWAY

Cheat Canyon is a rugged and beautiful place; 14 miles long, 1,000 ft. deep, full of spectacular rapids, high rock walls, interesting rock formations, caves, water falls, and other attractions. Rhododendrons carpet much of it and tall trees give it a cathedral-like atmosphere. It's a popular place for A.Y.H.s and others for canoeing, rafting, hiking and spelunking. In a few years a dam at Rowlesburg (upstream of the Canyon) will make it much more popular for canoeists and rafters since the dam will be used for both flood control and low flow augmentation. It would make a great place for back-packing trips since there are delightful camping spots near Jenkin's Bridge (complete with sandy beaches and a swimming hole) and virtually no signs of civilization. The problem is that the trails running the length of the canyon are in poor shape and need to be cleaned up before they can be fully enjoyed by hikers and backpackers. A project is currently under way to clean up these trails. Al Westerlin, Ken Horner, and Bruce Sundquist recently completed cleaning about 4 miles of trail from Jenkin's Bridge to Cheat Lake. More help is needed to clean the trail between Jenkin's Bridge and Albright (about 10 miles). We also want to clear the trail along Big Sandy Creek from Jenkin's Bridge (where it joins the Cheat) to Rockville (about 6 miles). Anyone interested in assisting on this project should contact Bruce Sundquist (327-8737).

ELECTION TIME AGAIN

The following have agreed to serve, if elected, in listed capacity. Additional nominations for any office will be accepted by the nominating committee at any time and will be taken from the floor at the election meeting in Oct. Elections will be determined by majority vote by members at that meeting.

President	Tess & John Henry
Secretary	Abby Geertz
Treasurer	Fred Hall
Membership Chairman	Mary Brincka
Co-chairman	Helen Brincka

Hiking	Clifford Ham
Cycling	Allan Sber, Mike Hurwitz and Vince Warner
Canoeing	Doug Ettinger
Caving	Norm Snyder
Climbing	Walter Eyrich
Winter Sports	Jim Hurst
Baker Trail	Eb Noll
Hostel Development	Henry Fisher
Service	Bob Omlor
Golden Triangle	Judy Miller
Editor & Chief	- Miscellaneous Publications Bruce Sundquist
House Committee	Bob Taylor
Trips & Trails	Don Hoecker
Program & Publication	-- not determined.

Board of Directors to be elected

Fran Czapiewski
Armand Panson

This year's nominating committee

Don Hoecker
Mike Hurwitz
Kay Lew
Kathy Lynch
J. D. Myers

EDITORS NOTE:

Nominees for office of President must have previously served on the Activities Board for six months. President, Secretary and Treasurer must be over 21.

T R I P S A N D T R A I L S

- SAT 6 CYCLING Bob Omlor (264-4485) leads a Surprise Cycle trip for intermediate cyclists (capable of doing the 25 in 3) about 30 miles. Bring a lunch. Cost about \$2.00 plus rental. Leave Hostel at 8 am.
- SAT 6 CANOEING Hey you guys, come where the gals are! Maxine Lew (531-4703) leads an easy flat water trip this weekend in September. Bring lunch, sunglasses, camera and about \$3.50; leaving 8:30 am at Hostel.
- SUN 7 CYCLING A leisurely 25 mile cycle trip in the Cannonsburg area. Cyclist of all abilities welcome. Bring a lunch. Cost \$1.00 plus rental. Leaves Hostel at 10 am. Call Allan Sher (421-4429)
- SAT 13 CANOEING More, More and more of the same! The gals run the show! Easy White Water on the Middle Yough with Annalee Fitzgibbons (563-1570). Bring kneepads, a change of clothes, lunch and about \$4.50; leaves at 8:30 am.
- SAT 13 CYCLING Cycle near Sewickley with Vince Widmer (339-1165), about 28 miles. Bring lunch; cost \$1.00 plus rental. Leaves Hostel at 8:30 am.
- SUN 14 CANOE SCHOOL Doug Ettinger (523-5883) runs his famous beginners White Water School on the Lower, Lower Yough. Dawson to Layton. A great place to practice crossdraws, pryaways and braces. Call early. The last one was full!! Bring kneepads, a change of clothing, lunch and about \$4.00. Leaves 8:30 am.
- SUN 14 CYCLING Enjoy a leisurely 15 to 25 mile cycle trip with the Brincka Sisters in the North Park area. Bring lunch. Cost \$1.00 plus rental. Leaves Hostel 10:00 am sharp. (381-9510)
- SAT 20 RAFTING Rafting and Closed Boats on the Lower Yough with Gene Cone (621-2600 Ext. 341) Bring a change of clothing, a sweater, a lunch and about \$4.50. Leaves at 8:30 am.
- SAT 20 CYCLING Cycling trip in the beautiful Ligonier area. Option of an easy 15 miles or a brisk 30 mile trip with a couple of classic hills. Leaves Hostel at 8 am. Cost about \$2.00 plus rental. Call Mike Hurwitz 731-1083 or 256-3343.
- SUN 21 CANOEING Easy day's run on the Upper Allegheny River with Don Hoecker (243-8298) in wonderful Indian Summer weather. Bring lunch, ~~some~~ warm clothing and about \$3.50.
- SUN 21 CYCLING Allan Bartholomee (731-2513) leads a trip through the City Parks. Leaves Hostel at 1:30 pm. Please call to reserve bikes.
- FRI 26 Attend the 16th annual Keystone Trails Association Meeting at Camp Michaux.
- SAT 27 Hike on a nearby section of the Appalachian Trail on Saturday. Compete in
- SUN 28 the Orienteering Competition against all the other hiking clubs in Pennsylvania on Sunday. (We finished first and third last year) There will also be a program of interest to hikers on Saturday evening and a business session for those interested. Reserve with Bruce Sundquist (327-8737) by Sept 18. Cost \$13.00 including meals and lodging. Leave Friday evening at 7:00.

AND ITS COOPERATING ORGANIZATIONS

Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania
 Brooks Bird Club
 Canoe Cruisers of Greater Washington, D.C.
 The Explorers Club of Pittsburgh
 Kanawha Trail Club
 National Speleological Society -
 Nittany, Pittsburgh, Monongahela
 and District of Columbia Grottoes,
 and Virginia Region
 The Nature Conservancy -
 West Virginia Chapter
 Pittsburgh Climbers
 Capitol Wilderness Study Committee
 Grafton Business and Professional Women's Club
 West Virginia HILLBILLY
 Izaak Walton League of America -
 West Virginia Division
 Potomac Basin Center
 Potomac Appalachian Trail Club
 The West Virginia Recreation Society
 West Virginia Wild Water Association
 Sierra Club, Atlantic Chapter
 West Virginia Garden Clubs
 The Wilderness Society
 The Mountain Club of Maryland
 Cleveland Mountaineers
 American Youth Hostels, Pittsburgh Chapter
 West Virginia Wildlife Federation
 Appalachian Trail Club.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION and applications for the
 Conservancy may be secured from Mrs. Carolyn Killoran,
 1605 Quarrier Street, Charleston, West Virginia 25311.



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12, 1969

9:00 a.m.

Informal Workshop

This workshop is to discuss plans for the Highlands
 area that are desired by those interested in conser-
 vation and recreation. Meet at the Mouth of Seneca
 Information booth. Leader: Jim Moorman, 3145
 Dent Place, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20007.

Grant County

Falls Cottages, Routes 5 and 28, 1½ miles west of Petersburg.
 Phone 257-8272
 Hermitage Motor Inn and Dining Room, Virginia Avenue,
 Petersburg. Phone 257-8141
 Park Motel, 34 North Main Street, Petersburg. Phone
 257-9621
 Sites Cottages, Route 4 and 28, 7 miles west of Petersburg.
 Phone 257-6805
 Ty's Motel, Routes 4 and 28, west of Petersburg. Phone
 257-7921
 Lindy's Drive In, Keyser Avenue, Petersburg. Refreshments
 and meals.
 Sites Restaurant, Main Street, Petersburg. Phone 257-9951
Hardy County
 Harper's Motel, 508 North Main Street, Moorefield. Phone
 538-6213
 McNeill Camp, Route 220, 4 miles north of Moorefield.
 On the South Branch at the head of the Trough. Phone
 538-2801

Pendleton County

Hedrick's Motel and 4-U Restaurant, Mouth of Seneca.
 Phone Macksville 19F3
 New Frontier Restaurant and Motel, Franklin. Phone
 358-2366
 Thompson's Motel, Franklin. Phone 358-2331
 Yokum's Motel and Restaurant, Mouth of Seneca. Phone
 Macksville 18F56

Randolph County

Many fine motels are available in Elkins should any of
 the participants desire to stay there. As is normal at this
 season, reservations should be made well in advance.

Tucker County

Blackwater Falls State Park Lodge and Cabins, Davis.
 Phone 259-5216
 Stone Motel, Davis. Phone 259-3245
 Golightly Motel, Davis. Phone 258-3966

CAMPERS will find numerous opportunities for
 their accommodation in the region of the Review
 Weekend activities. Please consult the official map
 of the Monongahela National Forest, available from
 the forest Visitor Information Service, Elkins, West
 Virginia 26241.

The Conservancy expresses its appreciation to the West
 Virginia Departments of Commerce and Natural Resources
 and photographers David Cruise, Arnout Hyde, Jr., and
 Gerald Ratliff for the illustrations used in this folder.

HIGHLANDS WEEKEND REVIEW

MOUTH OF SENECA, WEST VIRGINIA

October 11-12, 1969



PRESENTED BY

THE WEST VIRGINIA
 HIGHLANDS CONSERVANCY

FEATURING A HIKE WITH U.S. SECRETARY
 OF AGRICULTURE CLIFFORD M. HARDIN ON
 SPRUCE MOUNTAIN

INFORMATION BOOTH

The Conservancy will maintain a public infor-
 mation booth at the Mouth of Seneca crossroads of
 U.S. 33 and W.Va. 28. This booth will be open from
 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Saturday, October 11; and
 from 8:00 a.m. to 12 Noon, Sunday, October 12.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 1969

6:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

(also on Sunday, October 12) BIRD BANDING DEMONSTRATION at Red Creek Campground.

Licensed bird banders will maintain mist nets. Sunrise to 8:00 a.m. most active period. Sponsored by the Brooks Bird Club and the Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania.

8:00 a.m.

SEVEN MILE FLOAT TRIP through The Trough of the South Branch of the Potomac River. Rafts and all necessary equipment are supplied by our outfitter. Wear wading shoes, bring lunch and water. Assemble at McNeil's Campground, 4 miles north of Moorefield on Route 220 at 8:00 a.m. Participants will be back in time for dinner at Mouth of Seneca.

Paid in advance reservations are required. Send \$7.50 check or money order payable to Edward G. Coleman, 307 South Thirteenth Street, Indiana, PA. ZIP-15701. Deadline, October 1, 1969.



CHOICE OF FOUR HIKES IN AREAS OF SPECTACULAR BEAUTY.

1.) Hike with the Honorable Clifford Hardin, U.S. Secretary of Agriculture.

Seven mile hike on West Virginia's highest mountain, Spruce Knob. *For this hike only - advanced reservations are mandatory. Deadline is October 1. Mail check or money order for \$2.50 (bus fee) payable to Dr. Thomas E. King to him at 120 East Main Street, Bridgeport, West Virginia 26330.*

(Hikers will assemble at Mouth of Seneca Pavilion. Bring lunch and water.)

2.) Rugged Wilderness of Red Creek.

Strenuous, but inspiring country. Leader: Charles Carlson, P.O. Box 131, Charleston, W.Va. 25321

3.) Otter Creek.

Another unspoiled stream of outstanding beauty. Leader: Sayre Rodman, 32 Crystal Drive, Oakmont, Pennsylvania 15139.

4.) Dolly Sods, Cabin Mountain.

Leisurely four mile walk to view bogs and beaver ponds. Leaders: (Botanist) Dr. Roy Clarkson, & Helen McGinnis, 1511 Madison Street (Apt. 201), Hyattsville, Maryland 20782.

10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Hawk Watching at Bear Rock (also on Sunday). Park where Route 75 makes a hairpin turn north of Red Creek Campground and leaves the top of the mountain. Bring your binoculars. Sponsored by the Brooks Bird Club and Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania.

12:00 Noon

Cave Trip into Cave Mountain of the Smoke Hole. Assemble at Mouth of Seneca Pavilion. Clothes and shoes may get wet. Bring your flashlight. Sponsored by our cooperating grottoes of the National Speleological Society. Leader: Victor Schmidt, 5336 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15232.

1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Rock Climbing Demonstrations.

Conducted on the south and west faces of Seneca Rocks at Mouth of Seneca. Cross swinging bridge below the rocks and follow road to stream crossing. The path up the rocks will be marked. Binoculars are suggested. An experienced climber will describe proper climbing techniques. Leader: Bob Broughton, 2377 Jenkinson Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15237.

6:00 p.m.

GIANT OUTDOOR CHICKEN BARBECUE.

At Mouth of Seneca Pavilion. Over 400 joined us last year. Paid in advance reservations - no later than October 1, 1969 - must be made with Mr. W.C. Harper Moorefield Lions Club, Moorefield, West Virginia. *(Remember - ADVANCE RESERVATIONS !)*

Reservations will cost \$3.00 for each dinner.



8:00 p.m.

Dialogue between local citizens and conservationists on plans for the area.

This panel program will be held in the Seneca Rocks Elementary School, a short walk from the pavilion. Exhibits and photographs will be on hand. Due to the length of the program, individual discussion will be reserved until after the formal part of the meeting.

T R I P S A N D T R A I L S (Contd)

SAT 27 CANOEING, RAFTING AND CYCLING Weekend. Enjoy the fall Season. Canoe and raft
 SUN 28 the Cheat Canyon, water level permitting, on Saturday. Stay at
 Kingwood Inn, Kingwood W. Va. Saturday night. Cycle Sunday in
 Monongahela National Forest near Parsons W. Va. White Water
experience necessary. Fast energetic cycling. Come one day or both.
 Meet at Hostel Saturday 8 am. Depart 8:30 am. Cost between \$5.00
 and \$25.00 depending on expense of participation. See Jim Hurst on
 Thursday night or send a note to him at 1261 Raven Dr. Pgh, Pa. 15243.

HIKING Please call Doug Ettinger in regards to hiking trips (523-5883)

CLIMBING Please call Bob Strong in regards to climbing trips (327-6267)

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 September. Being sold by Dr. Feredoon Behrozi
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FOR THOSE WHO CARE

Feredoon Behrozi has completed his studies
 here in America and will be leaving for his
 home in Persia come September. Feredoon
 wishes to say good-bye to everyone and states
 he will always remember his hostel friends.
 He is going to teach in the Physics Dept. at
 Pahlavi University in Shiraz, Persia. He also
 plans to chase girls. Feredoon says "don't
 believe the rumors, it is true". He is get-
 ting married.

We Hostel members extend our best wishes to
 Feredoon and his bride, whose name he would
 not divulge.

O P E N H O U S E F O R S E P T E M B E R

Sept. 3 Sue Simler shows "a little bit
 of this and a little bit of that"
 or a "bit of Cape Cod".

Sept. 10 Bob Strong presents techniques
 and safety on Rock Climbing.

Sept. 18 "Our Gang" AYH member in the
 movies by Doug Ettinger.

Sept. 25 Sid Ness has a fine collection of
 wildflower slides taken in Ireland,
 Pennsylvania and Montana.

Too Late to Classify:

Fri. Sept. 5: Ice Skating at the new and
 beautiful Monroeville Mall. Mary
 Brincka leads. (381-9510). Admiss-
 ion: \$2.00.

Mon. 1	Tues. 2	Wed. 3	Thur. 4	Fri. 5	Sat. 6	Sun. 7
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8	9	10	11 OPEN HOUSE	12	13 <u>CANOEING</u> <u>CYCLING</u>	14 <u>CANOE SCHOOL</u> <u>CYCLING</u>
15	16	17	18 OPEN HOUSE	19	20 <u>RAFTING</u> <u>CYCLING</u>	21 <u>CANOEING</u> <u>CYCLING</u>
22	23	24	25 OPEN HOUSE	26	27 WEEKEND OF CANOEING, RAFTING & CYCLING 28 KEYSTONE TRAILS ASSOCIATION MEETING	
29	30				SEPT.	

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