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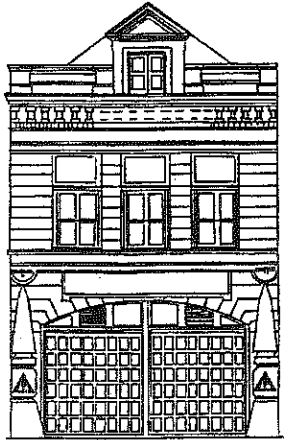
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Front Elevation: Future Hostel
344 Blvd Of The Allies
Downtown Pittsburgh, PA

HISTORIC DESIGNATION SECURED!

History of the Firehouse

by Joe Hoechner

Engine House Number One was built as part of a major effort by the City of Pittsburgh to replace old fire stations and build new ones, in order to service the rapidly expanding city of the turn of the century. When it abolished the older volunteer fire company system in favor of a paid professional City fire department, in 1870, the City of Pittsburgh assumed ownership of the firehouses that those companies had erected in the built-up sections of the city. Pittsburgh's continued use of these structures contrasted with the policy of the city of Allegheny, which appears to have built a completely new set of fire stations during the years from the late 1870's to the beginning of the new century. The accelerating economic and demographic changes of the late nineteenth century, as well as the dilapidation caused by age and use, led the City to replace the older fire stations, while it strove to build new ones in the rapidly-expanding residential sections of Pittsburgh. This building program

began in 1889, but really picked up after about 1895.

The fire station at 344 Boulevard of the Allies and 341 First Avenue was, therefore, part of an effort by the City to eliminate obsolete engine houses and to build new ones to improve the Fire Bureau's capacity to fight fires in Downtown Pittsburgh. The most pressing need at the beginning of this century was to replace Engine House No. 2, which had been built as the home of the Duquesne Engine Company in the volunteer fire company period before 1870. This station was located at 112 Smithfield Street, with a later extension made to Second Avenue (now 408 Boulevard of the Allies). In addition, the City needed to find a house for the new "water tower" that the Fire Bureau wanted to purchase in order to fight fires in tall buildings, which were increasingly being built in the Downtown section and which were very difficult for the Fire Bureau to fight (aerial ladders having not been introduced in Pittsburgh at that time). The water tower, when fully extended, resembled a windmill derrick, and through it water could be delivered to fires in upper stories of buildings.

Upon the approval by the electorate in September 1899 of a major bond issue, which provided funds for buildings and equipment for the Bureau of Fire, the decision was made to demolish and rebuild Engine House No. 2 and build a new house nearby for fire engines.

In October 1899, at the urging of Public Safety Director J. O. Brown, the City entered into an agreement with Pittsburgh architect William Y. Brady to design the Buildings required by the Fire Bureau. The land for the new double engine house at 344 Second Avenue (later, Boulevard of the Allies) was purchased by the City from the National Tube Company on March 29, 1900 for \$58,000. A few days later, on April 2, 1900, the City Councils considered a contact with the firm of Kerr and Fox for the construction of the new double engine house for \$42,978, as well as for the demolition of Engine House No. 2 and its reconstruction as the water tower house and administrative offices for the assistant chief engineer of the Fire Bureau. Two days later, Brady

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Firehouse Approved March 9th.

News Flash.... Pittsburgh City Council voted to designate the Downtown Firehouse No.1 as a local "historic structure". Although this is not a National Designation this will help AYH to secure additional funding for renovation and also help in the marketing of the facility... "sleep in a Historic Downtown Hostel".

As of early March the AYH Board has yet to receive the revised sales Agreement from the city. The City Council must also approve this agreement to "wrap up" the building for Pittsburgh AYH.

Pittsburgh AYH Has 1993 Eurail Passes!

The Pittsburgh Council of the American Youth Hostels now has 1993 Eurail Passes, Student ID cards and International Youth Hostel Cards for those planning their summer travels.

The EURAIL pass is a deal at 15 days of travel for \$460, one month at \$728 or two months at \$998. The Eurail "Flexipass" allows those travelers who want to spend extra time sight-seeing to enjoy extra savings. For example, 5 days of travel within two months costs only \$298 or 15 days of travel within two months costs only \$676.

The Eurail "Youthpass" is a great deal for young travelers under 26; one month of travel at \$508 or two months at only \$698!

Pittsburgh AYH can also provide the International Student ID card at only \$15 and, of course, the International Youth Hostel card at \$25 for adults or just \$10 for those under 18.

For information on these travel items call AYH at 412-422-2282.

- Sneak A Peek -

Sneak preview of the Firehouse Hostel IF we have a key to the building by this time. Sunday, April 25th from 1:00 - 3:00 pm. Call Linda Smithyman at 531-1868 for details. Joe Hoechner plans to do a bike ride and stop here but see cycling section for info.

Coming Next Month!

Special Cycling Edition

The Latest breaking News on the Hostel
Glenn Oster's "The Appalachian Trail" Part II

News on the 1993 "GREAT RIDE"

Special Events Calendar
and MORE!

ATTENTION

PGH COUNCIL ACTIVITIES PROGRAM HARD AT WORK

ANNUAL BANQUET APRIL 17TH

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**SPRING ACTIVITIES
WEEKEND**

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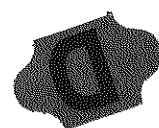
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vacant
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vacant

PITTSBURGH COUNCIL BOARD MEETINGS

March 16, 1993

Love, Scherle and Bauer was selected to audit the Council's financial records for April 1992 through March 1993. * Mark Mistrik and Karen Lukas were approved to attend National AYH's Leadership Training Course. * Sailing was authorized to spend \$280 prior to final budget approval in order to secure a mooring for a sailboat in Moraine State Park. * The Board agreed to re-examine the method of selecting Activity Chairs prior to next year's elections and to address other issues related to Activity Chairs. * The Communications Committee is looking into using a mailing service for printing and mailing the newsletter. * Ohiopyle had 94 overnights in February. Dates will be set soon for Ohiopyle work parties. * A bill from an architect for pro bono services rendered for a prospective hostel site in Squirrel Hill no longer under consideration was discussed. * Fund-raising strategies for the Firehouse Hostel were discussed. * The need for improved maintenance and supervision of the Activities Headquarters was discussed and referred to committee.

The next board meeting will be held at the AYH office on April 12th, primarily to approve the budget for the current fiscal year. Contact Larry Laude for more information.

Larry Laude, Secretary

PRESS RELEASE...BEND ALPINE HOSTEL OPENS IN BEND, OREGON

Location In Central Oregon Is a Great Recreation Area Washington, D.C. - Hostelling International/American Youth Hostels announces the opening of the Bend Alpine Hostel in Bend, Oregon. Located in central Oregon, on the east side of the Cascade Mountains, Bend is an ideal recreation spot, both winter and summer. The Bend Alpine Hostel is conveniently located with ski, snowboard, and mountain bike shops, restaurants, rental hot tubs and the free ski shuttle to Mt. Bachelor all within a few blocks. The hostel has also arranged local, discounts for guests on mountain bike and ski rentals, hot tub and white water rafting trips. In addition to traditional dormitory-style rooms, the hostel also has family/couples rooms which can be reserved in advance. Other amenities include laundry facilities, ample parking, a fully equipped self service kitchen, and secure bike, ski and canoe storage. The hostel can accommodate 40, and groups are welcome with advance reservations. The overnight fee is just \$ 12 for HI-AYH members; \$15 for non-members, space permitting. The Bend Alpine Hostel joins a network of five other HI-AYH hostels in Oregon located in Ashland, Bandon, Cave Junction, Dexter, and Portland. For a free brochure with additional information, or reservations, contact: Bend Alpine Hostel, 19 S.W. Century Drive Bend OR 97702 (503)389-33813

April 1993

Open House Slide Shows

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| 1st | NEW & NATURE: THE ARMSTRONG COUNTY TRAIL
by Susan Torrance |
| 8th | Holiday Weekend OPEN HOUSE, but no slide show
-come and mingle |
| 15th | MAGIC FROM MEXICO Part III
by Steve Poprocky |
| 22nd | WASHINGTON, WYOMMING, UTAH: IN SEARCH OF
KIDS & COUSINS
by Karen Peterson |
| 29th | MOUNT MCKINLEY: CLIMBING TO THE TOP OF
DELANY
by Bob Cent, Proprietor; Mountain Dreams Int. |

About AYH

American Youth Hostels is a non-profit organization which promotes international understanding, educational and recreational travel, good citizenship and an appreciation of America. AYH does this by bringing travelers of all ages, backgrounds and nationalities together in hostels and by providing low-cost travel programs. AYH is the US affiliate of Hostelling International (HI), (Formerly named International Youth Hostel Federation(IYHF)), which coordinates more than 5,400 hostels worldwide-the largest network of accommodations in the world.

Moving?

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American Youth Hostels

Letters...

[Letters to the editor are welcome. Letters will be edited to conserve space when necessary. Letters are published at the discretion of the editor.]

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Ohiopyle State Park
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Ohiopyle, PA 15470
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Charleroi Youth Hostel (SA)

Rego's Hotel and Restaurant
601 McKean Avenue
Charleroi, PA 15022
(412) 483-6200

Living Waters AYH Hostel

RD #1 (1 mile west on Route 30)
Schellsburg, PA 15559
(814) 733-4212



HOSTELLING
INTERNATIONAL

Pittsburgh Council Annual Banquet Saturday, April 17th

The annual banquet will once again be held at L. C. Simpsons Restaurant in Dormont at 3220 West Liberty Avenue, next to McMinn Oldsmobile. Dinner will consist of three entrees: Orange Cashew chicken, vegetable lasagna and baked boston scrod; baked cream corn pudding, rice pilaf, fresh veggies, tossed salad, ice cream and plenty of everything. Vegetarian meals are available upon request. There will be a cash bar available beginning at 6:00 pm and the buffet dinner will be served at 7:00 pm. The cost of the dinner is \$15.00 per person.

The restaurant is 2.3 miles from the Liberty Tunnels. Parking is available behind the building and the T (trolley) stops there too. We have had the banquet there for the last two years. Since this is Saturday evening you won't have to worry about rush hour traffic but all of you fishermen know that it is the first day of trout season and if you catch anything please come to the banquet.

This is the only one of the occasions where most AYH members do not wear casual clothes or jeans! Our chance chance to 'dress up' a little bit. We will be having the architect, Susan Lami, working on the Pittsburgh Firehouse Hostel to be there to bring everyone up to date on the plans for the building. Also John Stephen from Friends Of The Riverfront will be speaking. And the council officers will be there to bring participants up to date on the latest developments.

The evening's entertainment will consist of Ron Boone with his trusty guitar with a few pre-dinner melodies and perhaps an after dinner sing-a-long too. Did you know that Ron wrote a song for our AYH club? He will perform it at the banquet.

You will not receive any tickets to the banquet, we will just expect to see you that evening. Bring a friend too if you wish.

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE

Please cut out the form below and send your payment made payable to Pittsburgh Council-AYH in with it by Friday, April 9TH. Call Helen at 422-2282 with any questions.

AYH ANNUAL BANQUET - SATURDAY, APRIL 17TH

Name _____ Phone _____
Address _____

of dinners ____ x \$15.00 per person = \$ _____ enclosed.

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Learn to lead a hiking or cycling trip, develop your outdoor skills, and learn about group dynamics. The AYH Leadership Training Course (LTC) is a one-week session providing participants with the expertise to lead recreational and educational hiking and cycling programs for groups.

AYH provides training in group dynamics, equipment maintenance, low-impact travel skills and hostelling. Each LTC includes hands-on work, theory, demonstrations and discussion, plus a four-day mini-trip on practical experience.

Successful completion of the LTC carries with it official AYH certification in group leadership. Qualified participants will be invited to apply for appointment as a leader of an AYH Discovery Tour.

A course is planned in central Pennsylvania June 5-13, 1993. The course fee is \$350 and includes all meals, lodging, tuition and AYH membership.

For more information contact:

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Mexico now has a toll-free hotline for information on vacation possibilities. Specialized information can be provided with 24 hours and travelers can be put in touch with specialists on Mexican vacations. Call 800-44-MEXICO.

See Alaska on your own with AlaskaPass. It provides unlimited passage on a variety of means of transportation, from trains to buses to ferries. Call 800-248-7598 for more information.

Call 800-468-2665 for a copy of the *Trek New Zealand* guide and general New Zealand vacation information.

Tips for Today's Woman Traveler offers advice on safe travel and hotel security. It's free from Budgetel Inns by calling 800-4-BUDGET.

The Center for Disease Control offers an International Traveler's Hotline. Call 404-332-4559 for health-related information before traveling overseas.

United States citizens traveling among European Community countries no longer need to show their passports at most borders. Most of the 12 member countries have agreed to end passport and customs checks on their borders for people traveling between them. Travelers will have to show their passports only when arriving in one of these countries from a country other than those participating: Belgium, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Portugal, and Spain. None of the European Community nations requires visas for U.S. citizens.

[FROM THE NORTH TEXAS COUNCIL NEWSLETTER, "THE TEXAS TRAVELER"]

FOR A GOOD TIME CALL... THE TRIP LEADER listed within these pages. He or she will tell you the details of a trip, what you need to bring, the level of expertise (because not all trips are for beginners), whether or not to include a lunch and approximately how much the trip will cost. Non-AYH members are welcome to come along but pay a slightly higher fee. We all do this for fun and exercise so come on along. Get involved and have some fun.

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HIKING / BACKPACKING

April 10 Sat Tom Kaveney 276-8044
Quebec Run
 Quebec Run is a Wild Area within Forbes State Forest. This is an intermediate hike of approximately 8 - 10 miles. Meets at HQ at 8:30 am. Call for info / reservations.

April 10 Sat Linda Smithyman 531-1868
Todd Sanctuary
 An easy hike at Todd Sanctuary in Butler, PA. We will meet at AYH headquarters at 10:00 am. I hope to accomplish about 4 miles or so and hopefully the early spring flowers will be out such as spring beauties, bluets, skunk cabbage (yes it is a flower), maybe even early trillium, trout lily and lots of fiddleheads.

April 17 Sat Veronique Scheuers 733-1741
Duff Park
 This is a 4-mile springtime wildflower walk in Murrysville's Duff Park. You will see Trilliums and Dutchman's Breeches among many others. We will stop frequently to identify and enjoy the wildflowers along our way. Meets at 1:00 pm. in the parking lot at the School Road entrance to Duff Park, near Route 22. Call for directions.

April 18 Sun Jim Ritchie 828-0210
Roaring Run
 Walk off all the food you ate at the AYH Banquet last night. This is an intermediate hike, 8 miles, upstream and back downstream in the Roaring Run Natural Area in Forbes State Forest. Meets at HQ at 8:00 am. Call for info / reservations.

April 24 Sat Steve Nydes 661-9357
Laurel Highlands Hiking Trail, Maple Summit Road to Route 653
 Superb hiking atop Laurel Ridge; 7.6 miles, intermediate hiking; lots of hemlocks and rhododendrons along attractive mountaintop streams, rock cliffs, and mountain lakes. Meets at HQ at 8:00 am. Call Steve for info / reservations.

April 25 Sun Leader: Bill lindgen 561-3286
Contact: Pat Tieman
North Country Trail / Allegheny National Forest
 This is an advanced hike of 12-13 miles along the North Country National Scenic Trail through the Allegheny National Forest. The trail explores the Salmon Creek watershed beginning near Kelletville and finishing near Marienville. Call for info / reservations.

May 1-2 Sat-Sun Helen Coyne 776-0678
Beginner's Backpack, Oil Creek Hiking Trail
 On Saturday, pack in from Drakes Well to the Miller Farm site, on the Oil Creek Hiking Trail, about 6 miles. Overnight at the Shelter (no tents needed). Return on the bike trail on Sunday. Easy backpack. Call Helen for info / reservations.

LAND OF ENCHANTMENT

Have you been dreaming about getting back on the road? But you don't have the time or the money to head to the Himalayas or St. Petersburg. Why not take a week's vacation and experience deserts, mountains, forests, rivers, ancient cliff dwellings, natural hot springs, ghost towns, Spanish missions and great food?

All it takes is your hostel card, and head for El Paso, Texas, the largest land-locked port in the world. Ciudad Juarez, Mexico's 4th largest city, lies just across the Rio Grande. A twenty minute walk from the El Paso International AYH-Hostel, located in the historic Gardner Hotel, will have you in downtown Juarez where you can visit city markets and museums or just relax in a local cantina.

A day trip not to miss when staying in El Paso is to visit the world famous Carlsbad Caverns National Park. On your way to Carlsbad, you will pass Hueco Tanks State Park where some of the best rock climbing in the country is, plus ancient Indian pictographs.

Heading north from El Paso, you will want to stop at White Sands National Monument. Be sure to take some flattened cardboard with you to go sledding down the gypsum dunes!

The Riverbend Hot Springs AYH-Hostel in Truth or Consequences should be your next stop where you can relax each night of your stay in a natural hot mineral bath overlooking the Rio Grande river. Enjoy crossing the Rio Grande and hiking up Turtleback Mountain for a view of the lakes and

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MID WEEK RAMBLES

April 7 Wed Dick Fischer 421-9215
 New Developments along Beechwood Blvd.

April 14 Wed John & Alberta Hartman 241-5031
 Blackridge area.

April 21 Wed Fred Mauk 361-6299
 Duff Park in Murrysville.

April 28 Wed George Westcott 279-5375
Fred Mauk 361-6299
 Trillium Trail, Fox Chapel area.

NOTES FOR ALL TRIPS: Meet in upper parking lot, Fifth and Shady Avenues, by 10 A.M.

>Trips are subject to change because of weather, conflicts of schedule, and choice of group. We will plan a walk in all kinds of weather; be prepared.

>Please share expenses of transportation when trips exceed ten miles. Suggested: one dollar per passenger.

>Call the leader for further information about a trip or to inform the leader that you plan to attend. Do not call after ten P.M.

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In the "Spotlight"

Know Your Hike Leader: Cliff Ham.

Cliff Ham has been an AYH member for a quarter of a century, 25 years, discovering AYH in 1968 shortly after working with inner city youths in programs designed to bring them into the outdoors, hiking. Finding that not all these young people shared his passion for Penn's Woods, Cliff was thrilled to discover a group of people who did (AYH).

Cliff was born in Lynn, Massachusetts and grew up mostly in Lynnwood, MA where he attended high school. Cliff attended MIT in Cambridge, MA but postponed his education temporarily to serve in the Air Transport Command during World War II. By the end of the war, Cliff had the option of remaining in the service with the rank of Captain but opted instead to return and finish MIT with studies in the area of City Planning.

Not Totally satisfied with his recently-acquired education, Cliff decided to pursue a Master of Divinity degree and subsequently became a Methodist minister, serving churches in Baltimore and Washington, D.C. Cliff worked in inner city churches and in working with the children in his area sponsored hikes on the Appalachian Trail to provide experiences out of the urban environment.

Cliff and his wife, Marilyn, are truly world travelers and number among the most recent travels, travels to Venezuela, El Salvador, Puerto Rico, and the Queen Charlotte Islands off the coast of British Columbia, Canada among many others. Perhaps Cliff's favorite world locale, however, is in the Andes Mountains of South America in which he has hiked twice. Cliff and Marilyn plan to explore the western half of Puerto Rico later this year. In western Pennsylvania, the John Saylor Trail ranks among his top choices for hiking.

Cliff has served in numerous capacities in AYH, among these serving as an officer, board member, and trip leader. He was a prime mover in the development of the Rachel Carson Trail and has worked extensively as well on the Baker Trail. He has initiated in recent years the Mid-Week Ramble program, combining Cliff's enjoyment of leading trips, socializing with friends, history and exploration.

This "Spotlight" was turned on by Jim Ritchie. If you have an outstanding AYH'er you would like to shed some light on please send them to AYH "Spotlight", Pittsburgh Council AYH, 6300 Fifth Ave, Pittsburgh, PA. 15232.

One a month will be chosen; if no entries for a month are received the spotlight will remain dark that month. Please remember if you feel someone is working extra-hard or is extra-special please nominate them, they deserve all the praise that they probable never hear..... the Editor.

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CYCLING

April 24 Sat C+ Fat Tire Wm Eberle 833-9732

Montour Trail Ride, we will pick up the Montour Trail out of Cecil Park on Route 50. and go for a nicely paced 25-35 mile ride. Call for reservations and information.

April 25 Sun A+/C Lou Conley 681-8321

9th Annual Pittsburgh Marathon Bike Ride

Join Lou Conley and friends for their ninth annual bicycle tour of the Pittsburgh Marathon race course. Once again, we will have two separate rides, one in the morning for those who would like to ride at a quicker pace, (don't come on this one unless you can keep up with Lou) and then a leisurely ride in the afternoon for those who would like to take their time and see some sights. Each ride will be about 30 or 35 miles. The race course is relatively flat so this will be a good warm-up for TOSRV two weeks later. Come for either or both rides. Call for reservations and information.

April 25 Sun C Joe Hoecner 242-0781

Sneak Preview Ride - Join Joe For a Headquarters to our Future Downtown Hostel Ride. Meet at HQ at 9 am. Do an easy 25-30 miles, Lunch at Station Square. Bring Flash cameras to take photos of Firehouse interior.

Call Joe to confirm. (editors note, I hope this will become an annual pilgrimage)



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414 South Craig Street, Suite 286
Pittsburgh, PA 15213

Name _____ Date _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Age _____ Sex(M/F) _____ Social Security Number _____

Driver's License# _____ State _____ Exp Date _____

Emergency Contact _____ Phone _____

What positions interest you? (First Come, First Served, Register Early!)

_____ Course Marshal: Make the race safe for spectators and competitors. Over 350 are needed on race day.

_____ Security: Protect valuable race equipment and check credentials for restricted areas. A core of 75 is needed on race day.

_____ Stage crew and site decoration: Help create the look of the race, to be seen by the crowd and the press.

_____ Drivers: Drive a support vehicle in the race caravan and enjoy a unique perspective of the race. Please attach a resume of previous race experience or a driving record.

_____ Motorcycle drivers: Drive the media and VIP guests in the race caravan and enjoy the race from a cyclist' view point. Please attach a resume of previous race experience.

_____ Office assistant: Work "behind the scenes" of a major bicycle race, answer phones, prepare credentials, and other duties during race week. Morning, afternoon and evening hours available.

_____ Hospitality: Enjoy an excellent view of the start/finish area while meeting the needs of the VIPs and race staff, as they enter the exclusive VIP tents.

(If you have any questions about volunteering please contact Bill Eberle at 833-9732. Answers 24 hours.)

MELLON BANK JAZZ FESTIVAL CHALLENGE

You too can compete!

Attention all recreational cyclists! Bring your bike to station Square on Saturday morning, May 22nd for the Mellon Bank Jazz Festival Challenge, the most popular Bike Week activity of Thrift Drug Classic weekend. Registration begins at 8:00 am in the Bessemer Court area of Station Square. Recreational cyclists of all ages will have the opportunity to be professionally timed while riding the toughest climb of Sunday's Thrift Drug Classic, Sycamore Street. Don't miss out on the chance to ride head to head with the hill that the pros climb twelve times during the Thrift Drug Classic. Sycamore Street is the sole reason why the Thrift Drug Classic is known as the toughest single day race in North America!

Everybody wins at the Mellon Bank Jazz Festival Challenge. Food and refreshments will be available on-site for all participants. A Mellon Bank Jazz Festival Challenge cycling jersey will be presented to the top male and female finishers between laps of Sunday's Thrift Drug Classic. Race the clock and your friends to determine who really is the King of the Mountain!

For further information, or to receive an entry form, call Gary Bywaters at (412) 266-1111 or (412) 266-8481.

And Don't Forget!

The Sports Medicine institute of the University of Pittsburgh "Seminar on Cycling", Friday Night May 21st. Featuring "Allen Peiper", stage winner of the Tour De France and the Giro D' Italia, Plus other Special Guests to be Announced.

RAIL TRAILS and TRAIL NEWS CORNER

Montour Trail Update

The Montour Trail Council will be resuming construction of the Trail this Spring with emphasis in the Montour Run Valley from the Airport Parkway downstream to Coraopolis. Much of this work will be done by volunteers. Work parties are currently scheduled for Saturday, April 17 and on two Saturdays in May, the 1st and 15th. Call the Trail Council at 831-2030 for the location that the work party will organize.

The big news for the Trail Council was the \$1,000,000 grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation through monies provided by the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (ISTEA). The Council needs \$250,000 in matching funds. The Council has \$150,000 of the match which was provided by an anonymous donor. The remaining \$100k will be raised from miscellaneous sources.

There are several other events the Trail Council will be holding during the month of April. The general membership meeting will be held in Westland, Washington County in conjunction with the Westland Citizens Group on Monday, April 5th at 7:00 pm.

Two rides will be held on the Trail on consecutive Sundays in April. Dino Angelici will be leading a ride from Cecil Park to Peterswood Park on Sunday, April 18 at 1:00pm. Call Dino at 931-6651 for more info. Paul Mckeown (835-6692) will lead a ride on the undeveloped section from Peters Township into South Park Township on Sunday, April 25 at 1:00 pm. Ride begins at the eastern terminus of the Arrowhead Trail. Mountain or hybrid bikes are recommended, as well as long sleeves and pants.

Don't forget that 4.5 miles of the trail are completed in Cecil Township between Cecil Park on Route 50 to Washington Pike at Hendersonville near the Hendersonville Shoppes. There will be 3.5 miles completed soon in Findlay Township. This section is already usable, it just awaits the finished surface.

The Armstrong Trail

by Jim Ritchie

In February 1992, a group calling themselves the Allegheny Valley Land Trust conveyed a meeting at the Armstrong County courthouse in Kittanning for all persons having an interest in making the dream of a 35 mile long recreational trail in Armstrong County along the shores of the Allegheny River from Schenley to Redbank a reality. The early leaders of the project included Dave Rupert, David Beale, Lee Calarie and most certainly the tireless Susan Torrence of the Armstrong County Tourist Bureau. AYH's know Susan as the person who has organized the Baker Trail Fall Foliage hikes in Armstrong County for many years.

That first meeting was attended by Glenn Oster, the Ashermans, (Jack and Blanche), and me. Courtroom #2 was packed; there may have only been 100 people there but it seemed like 500. What I remember most was the pervasive positive attitude of the residents in attendance. This was something good!!! This was one of the best things that had happened in Armstrong in years. Several citizens voiced their opposition; some voiced their concerns. They were heard; their neighbors listened to them, with respect. But supporters in that room outnumbered the opposition by 25 to 1. The trail was on its way.

The Armstrong Trail starts in the village of Schenley, just across the railroad bridge from Allegheny County, the bridge carrying the Baker Trail across the Kiski River, the bridge that AYH once had to abandon because a Conrail lawyer saw a picture in the Sunday newspaper of a hiker crossing the Kiski on his bridge.

From Schenley, the Armstrong Trail and the Baker Trail run side by side all the way to the end of town called Aladdin, the site of the old Schenley distillery bottle dump. It's rumored that you can find valuable old bottles deep down in the bottle heap. Then the two trails become one all the way up to a place named Godfrey, the site of several nice summer cottages along the Allegheny River. Here the Baker Trail turns right, climbs a long steep hill and heads toward its 130 mile march to Cook Forest.

The Armstrong Trail continues along the River, following dirt roads providing access to camps, trailers and a little bit of everything else, through Kelly Station, Logansport, Ford City, Kittanning, Mosgrove, Templeton, Rimer, and then the Clarion County line. There is abandoned railroad paraphernalia, great hollows cut through rock by sidestreams to explore, and swinging ropes arcing out over the Allegheny.

By June the Armstrong Rails to Trails Association had been formed; the Trail itself was dedicated on June 11, 1992, and brush cutting and litter collecting projects were underway all along the trail. The first annual Fun Day was held on August 8, 1992: hiking followed by a picnic!! The first annual Armstrong Trail Fall Foliage Hike happened on October 11, 1992. Norm Karp became president of the Association; T-shirts were ordered.

The Association continues to sponsor cleanups, is making and posting signs along the right-of-way, is applying for grant money and seeks new membership. You can contribute to the success of the Armstrong Trail which, in turn, encourages others to undertake projects like the Armstrong Trail, benefiting people like you. Do your part and join the Association. It only costs \$10 for you to become an activist in the Rails-to-trails movement; You'll also receive their quarterly newsletter, keeping you up-to-date on all the latest Trail developments. If you are interested, call (412) 548-3226, and ask for an application form to be sent to your home.

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Meet at the ski center and we will head out to the RED TRAIL system to tackle several Projects. For more information please call Bill Kircher (Special Projects Coordinator, Pennsylvania Cross Country Skiers' Association) at 412-283-3893.

Friends of the Riverfront Blaze North Shore — April 17

It's never too early to plan your Spring cleaning, and where better for Pittsburgh residents to begin than along the riverfront — on the City's North Side — where volunteers are invited to join the friends of the Riverfront for "The North Shore Trailblazing" on Saturday, April 17, from 10:00 am. to 2:00 pm. (rain or shine).

The North Shore Trailblazing will prepare the next segment of the Three Rivers Heritage Trail, an 11.5 mile greenway, hiking path and bicycle commuting path. The Trail Stretches from Washington's Landing on the Allegheny River to Sandcastle Waterpark on the Monongahela.

Two years ago, the Friends organized a similar clean-up and Trailblazing along the South Side Riverfront, brining together some 250 volunteers to mark the first segment of the Three Rivers Heritage Trail extending from 10th through 16th Streets on the South Side. This year, the North Side Riverfront extending from the 7th Street Bridge to the 16th Street Bridge will be cleaned up.

Families are welcome. All children under the age of 14 must be accompanied by an adult. Cold refreshments will be provided for all volunteers.

Come dressed to work: long pants, durable shoes and work gloves. The City of Pittsburgh will provide hand tools trucks and manpower to haul away debris. The check-in and staging area will be on the riverfront, across from the Riverside Commons Building. Free parking will be provided in the North Side Civic Development Corporation's auxiliary lot next to the Riverside Commons Building.

If you have any questions, please call John Stephan, Friends of the Riverfront at 471-7719.

REFLECTIONS

Allegheny National Forest

Tree trunks
groan and creak

Frosted branches
crack sudden reports
of fractured sapwood

As the echoes fade
punch rhythmic notes
in the white palimpsest

Push left
glide right

Slide through silence
as fresh powder waves
crest on your gaiters

Push right
glide left

Break trail
through oak and elder
fir and hemlock
layered with hoarfrost

Glide glide

over crystal brilliance
through fragile ice fingers

Chime the branches
that reach for warmth

brush the curled leaves
of hugging rhododendron

Rest
on the wooden bridge
as clouds from exhalers rise
then dissipate

See the shawled creek flow
between and under
frozen lace

A chickadee flits
in the safety of laurel
then whispers away

Toes and fingers
sting pinprick warnings
to move on
to warm numbed cheeks

pushhh and glide
pushhh and glide

Grouse
snug in white blankets
sleep as air from the surface
flows through tiny air holes

The vibration of skis
triggers a vibration of wings

Explosive thrums
spray snow in all directions

It falls again, quietly,
melts on your cheeks
as distant feathers whirr

At the edge of the meadow
behind the hemlocks

Light tinder
watch wet kindling smolder
dry
and blaze

The kettle bottom blackens
as water boils for soup or tea

Cheeks flush
as the flame dances

As the liquid
in your cradle cup
feeds the cold

Place your lips
on the rim
your nose
in the billow

Savor the last warm swallow

Draw the cords of the
mummy bag tight

Wear it
as the grouse wear snow
a tiny space for air

Then listen
to fresh flakes falling

to the groan of trees
in a winter fist

to crystals distant
from dying embers

crystals that grow
as you dream dream

hawks

in thermals

circling circling

"Allegheny National Forest"
describes events of actual trips,
although it combines some elements
from a trip to Blackwater
Falls and a trip to Allegheny
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THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL A FEW OF ITS MANY FACES

By Glenn Oster

Every person who hikes the Appalachian Trail for a mile or a thousand miles sees it in a different way—a different face. In my limited exposure to the trail, I always see something that registers, be it weather, walking surface, ascents, descents, fellow hikers, wildlife, vegetation—you get the drift. Hopefully, you will find some of my observations useful or at least informative.

This year, 1992, I took two bites out of the Appalachian Trail apple (hikers refer to it as the "A T"), the first for three weeks in June, and the second for two weeks in September. These "bites" took me from the start of the trail at Springer Mountain, Georgia to Hot Springs, North Carolina. However, I'm a bit of a wimp and my distance hiked was a modest 270 miles. Sure, I encountered hikers, super nice people, whose goals were five to eight miles a day—and the latter when "all systems were go", and I did average more miles than that. But many of you who read this can cover much more ground than I; so I make no pretense at being macho. If I were to have had any such illusions, a pin would have been stuck in my bubble by two people who shared one of my campsites a day's climb south of the Nantahala River. They were averaging sixteen miles per day—the man was age 64, his grandson companion, age 14, — and they were both energetic and enthusiastic upon their arrival at the campsite just before dusk. What a humbling realization. Why did they have to push so hard? They were driven — would have felt unfulfilled to have done less. As the old saw goes, each of us marches to a different drummer.

As if the grandfather and grandson hadn't humbled me enough, I came across a scout troop of 15 or 20 little boys struggling up the south slope of (would you believe) Blood Mountain. The map profile shows the Blood Mountain climb as a succession of ups and downs totalling 2200 feet of elevation gain (about five times as high as Mount Washington in Pittsburgh is above the Monongahela River); however, for reasons that I'll discuss later, the climb had to be much greater than 2200 feet. Well, these scouts looked to me like more than their anchors were dragging, and when I eventually came upon the scout leader I learned why. The scouts were all small, ranging in age from 9 to 12, clipping off fourteen miles a day for the last five days. Seems the assistant scout leader is a macho man with a sadistic bent who believes this will make men out of them. The scout leader was not sure that he himself was going to survive it, and he was concerned that the little guys would remember this backpacking experience with horror rather than to generate a great sense of pride in their manly accomplishment. Guess I'll never know how that played out. At any rate, they were covering much more of the trail each day than I.

Discussing motivation further, I'm hiking the AT in "fits and starts", sort of pecking away at it. I've never had an overwhelming desire to do the entire 2143 miles, but I surely get a kick out of doing it in sections and have covered something in excess of 800 miles. Looks like I've come to the point of deciding that I will complete all of the AT - if I live long enough (the first person to finish the trail at age 96). However, let's get down to a couple examples of true motivation.

One example is Eugene Tailor, an attorney from Dalton, Georgia, who shared my stay at Cold Spring Shelter. Gene was age 64, had only recently recovered from a stroke and has had by-pass heart surgery within the past two years. He was determined to hike from Springer Mountain to Harpers Ferry, West Virginia (about half the trail's length). It's simply something he had to do, and his family was beside themselves trying to talk him out of this madness. Saw him later at Fontana Dam, and he was doing great. Surely admired his spunk and determination and hope that he completed his trek as planned.

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Paddling season 1993

Introductory sea-kayaking evening trips will begin in April and are usually scheduled weekday evenings to small local lakes. These trips are ideal for beginners since there is no destination and no group to keep up with- you may paddle straight and efficiently, carve turns, brace or roll the kayaks at your own pace. We paddle through sunset, and frequently see such wildlife as beaver, waterfowl, and deer and will return to the AYH by 11:00 p.m.

This year, we should have daytrips ranging from urban sea-kayaking around Pittsburgh to paddling to Pittsburgh along the beaches of Presque Isle on Lake Erie- with a barbecue at the end of the day. Two or three weekend trips planned for the Chesapeake Bay, the islands around Sandusky, Ohio and Assateague Island National Seashore, as well as joining two canoe camping trips this spring. Generally longer trips combine combine sea-kayaking with other activities, such as hiking, fishing, or sightseeing.

Sea-kayaking is at its best on the longer, more advanced trips. Paddling a sea-kayak allows you to work less, see more, and enjoy places that hikers, motorboats and even canoes cannot penetrate, Isle Royal National Park in Ontario are being planned. Finally, the lobster lovers special: We should be returning to Maine in July for the East Coast Sea-kayaking Symposium, followed by a week of paddling in Acadia National park and visiting the coaster towns of Downeast Maine.

To find out more, please call. Mark Mistrik 441-8293

April 14 Wed Mark Mistrik 441-8293.
and May 4 Tue

Into to Sea-Kayaking evening to Glade Run Lake.

Easy trip is a very good way to get acquainted with the sea-kayak. Basic instruction, and overview of the sport, and actual paddling on the lake will be covered. This trip is a prerequisite for the weekend camping trip April 17-18, for anyone who has never sea-kayaked before, and recommended for anyone who hasn't been in one lately. Please call to reserve.

April 17-18 Sat-Sun Eve Mark Mistrik 441-8293(h) or 647-7609(w)
Easy Sea-kayak touring and camping down the Allegheny River, Kittanning down to just above Lock 5. We will be joining canoers for this trip, paddling an easy 8 miles a day, camping on an island Saturday night, and have time Saturday afternoon for a short hike. Plan to visit a Rock shelter once used by Native American Indians, and a burial mound (Site later used by the Murphy family). Sea-Kayaks and even camping gear are available from the AYH. Call for more detailed information and to reserve a sea-kayak. Leaving: 7:30 HQ am Saturday in Shadyside.

April 20 Tue Diane Bialecki 885-1074
Mark Mistrik 441-8293(h) or 647-7609(w)

Monthly easy paced urban hike and dinner. In an effort for the sea-kayakers to live up to our reputation for eating well, tonight we'll walk through the Southside then critique Pittsburgh's new "Mallorca" Spanish restaurant. Generally we walk for half an hour or so. Dinner conversations range from hiking and sea-kayaking trips to what-it-is-you-think-your-eating. Everyone welcome. Please call a day ahead so we can make reservations. 6:10 pm at Shadyside HQ or 6:30 pm on the South Side.

April 24 Sat Ted Self 733-7802
Sea-Kayak Pittsburgh! Easy trip downriver to the Point, open to everyone. Call Ted for details and to reserve a sea-kayak. And note the decadent, post-Friday night leaving time. Leaving: 10:00 am. Saturday at Shadyside HQ.

May 1 Sat Mark Mistrik 441-8293(h) or 647-7609(w)
or May 2 Sun
Very probable day or afternoon trip this weekend to Loyalhanna Lake. This is a scenic, quiet lake surrounded by farms and woodlands. Trip level will be easy and open to everyone. Call for details. Leaving: ??? HQ in Shadyside.

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The second example is Bob Gallimore from Salinas, California. He volunteered the information that he had weighed 300 pounds prior to this hike, was age 53, smoked heavily, had been married and divorced four times, was a self-styled escape artist, i.e., fled from anything difficult, had generally been considered to be the black sheep of the family and hadn't seen his parents in some fifteen years. As it turns out, Bob's folks live near Harpers Ferry and he reasoned that if he hiked the nearly 1000 miles to Harpers Ferry, he would have one major accomplishment in his life, a current one at that, and would feel more self assured as he showed up for a surprise visit with his mom and pop. To add to the stage setting, Bob's method of selecting backpacking gear for this odyssey was to tell a clerk in an Army/Navy surplus store in Georgia to pick out whatever he thought Bob would need while Bob was nearby getting a much needed cup of coffee. More to that point, when I met him at Neels Gap - he was wearing sneakers! To us equipment intense backpackers, his was surely a blueprint for failure. As luck would have it, I had the pleasure of meeting Bob two more times, the first at Bly Gap, where we stood in a torrential rainstorm and talked for half an hour, and we met again at Rainbow Valley Campground, where he was relaxing for the day, and I, coincidentally, stopped with my mini-van to retrieve gear and excess food that I left there when I did that section of the trail. We became good friends, and I became less skeptical that he could make it — and make it he did! He wrote to me several times, had a great reunion with his parents and has a new lease on life. How's that as an example of motivation. He hasn't yet told me how much weight he lost.

During my first week of hiking, I enjoyed the company of two Pittsburgh Council AYHers, Helen Coyne and Kirk Slater. They were more than just company to me; they provided a welcome measure of security. To elucidate, I had had a serious bicycle accident two months earlier and was laid up for six weeks, unable to do anything physical. But as soon as I could, I got busy and got in shape, or so I thought. Turned out that once on the trail, I really had to grunt and groan to make each day's schedule. Having Helen and Kirk along to bail me out if I got in trouble was a real plus. I didn't actually have to be bailed out, but they represented reassurance, a real plus. I toughened up somewhat during that first week and was on my own throughout the following four weeks, admittedly not the wisest course of action, but if you want to do something badly enough you'll rationalize it somehow. I reasoned that you're likely to see other hikers on the trail almost every day, and they constitute messengers for your evacuation in event of a mishap.

As matters unfolded, there were occasional sections where I would not see another hiker for a day or two. However, with few exceptions I spent the nights in Adirondack type shelters, and in most of them I had company. In addition to the hikers I mentioned earlier, several

sheltermates stick in my memory. I enjoyed a group of five men, ranging in age from 25 to 50, all sons or nephews of the 50 year old. They teased and kidded each other incessantly. And, incidentally, they made great campfires. They take a "family" backpack trip each summer and have grown much closer for the experience. Had the pleasure of sharing shelters with them on two successive nights.

Continuing on the subject of sheltermates, I couldn't help being impressed by a young woman from Detroit, named Theresa. She was on her first backpack trip and had joined her friend, Scott, for a week in the Smokies. The weather that evening was cold and rainy, the shelter was dismal and the area in front very muddy, her feet were a mass of blisters and she had an assortment of aches, pains and sore muscles. When I offered sympathy and asked if she would ever want to backpack again, her response was, "How could I think of not doing this again; it's so wonderful." Then, at another shelter there were two men by the names of Tom and Keith who joined me. They were good buddies who each drive a UPS route out of Fort Lauderdale, Florida. They take backpacking vacations each summer and had lots of good UPS stories to tell — super guys. Without question, the other hikers play a major role in my enjoyment of the trail.

My favorite sheltermates were Missy Vogel and Dave Burgess. They had been classmates at Georgia Tech and had just graduated the previous weekend. I was well settled in at Roaring Fork Shelter late one afternoon when they arrived in heavy rain. They had only intended to wait for a let up in the downpour, but we quickly became friends, and they decided to remain with me. This was great; they encouraged me to tell them stories of backpacking, bicycling and bear encounters -- and that doesn't require much encouragement. Next morning, Missy gave me a big bag of gorp, and nothing would do but that she take a picture of me and a self-timed picture of the three of us. She promised to send me copies, and surely enough they were in my mailbox along with a nice note from her and Dave not long after my return from the hike.

Be sure to read next month's issue of the Golden Triangle, as we will run part II of Oster's 4 part series "The Appalachian Trail"

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Footnotes

Hiking and Backpacking news for April 1993

by Jim Ritchie

The month of April brings April showers and then come the May flowers. Veronique Scheuers will be looking for April flowers in Duff Park. The trilliums and the Dutchman's breeches will be obvious. But if you have sharp eyes, you should be able to spot bloodroot, spring beauty, violets in three colors: purple, white and yellow, and my favorite, trout lily. Take your wildflower book with you.

Helen Coyne will be leading a beginner's backpack group to an overnight shelter in Oil Creek State Park. Helen plans to go in on the Oil Creek Hiking Trail and come out on the Oil Creek Bike Trail. By the Time Heln gets to Oil Creek, it will be Spring even that far north.

Bill Lindgren and Clare Bunker with some assistance from Pat Tieman, who co-chaired AYH hiking and backpacking for several years, will go for an unlisted Appalachian Trail backpack early in April (it's all filled up — thus unlisted) and then switch gears to go on the North Country Trail later in the month. They plan to hike through the Salmon Creek Valley, one of the prettiest, slightly wild areas in the Allegheny National Forest. The hike begins near Kelletville, along "the Branch" (see if you can figure out what "the Branch" is), in the area where a tornado devastated the ANF more than a decade ago. The trail ascends through old oil fields with many old riggings left abandoned along the trail.

Jim Ritchie And Tom Kaveney will be hiking the "runs": Tom the Quebec, Jim the Roaring. Both are parcels of the Forbes State Forest. Roaring Run is a state Forest Natural Area while Quebec Run is a State Forest Wild Area.

The Keystone Trails Association is holding its annual Spring meeting at Bear Creek, a YMCA camp near Wilkes-Barre on April 2-4. If you have nothing to do this weekend, and you get this newsletter in time, you may be able to make last minute arrangements to attend (all are welcome) if you act quickly. The KTA is a splendid organization, referred to as an "umbrella organization", that is, it oversees the activities of all Pennsylvania hiking organizations and solicits their assistance with its projects. If you are interested in going, you may want to call Glenn Oster (364-2864) to arrange for a carpool. Glenn will be attending. There is a charge for sleeping quarters, meals and registration. Call Glenn for registration information.

Steve Nydes is leading his second hike on the Laurel Highlands Hiking Trail this Month, going from Maple Summit Road to Route 653 near the cross country ski area. Last month, Steve did the boot- and back-buster from Ohiopyle to Maple Summit Road, perhaps the most difficult 12 miles you'll ever do in Western Pennsylvania. Granted, Steve did it in the general downhill direction, but even that is tough. With some encouragement, Steve will continue hiking the LHHT all summer, giving all the opportunity to see the full 70 miles of this wonderful trail this year.

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Red Cross Instructor Class

We will also coordinate a Red Cross Sailing Instructor Certification Class. This is for people with significant sailing experience and who want to be certified as Red Cross Sailing instructors. Instructors must also be in good physical condition and able to pass a basic swimming test. This course usually costs \$60 to \$100 but we will charge a \$25 class fee to AYH members who assist in our Sailing Classes. This will also fulfill the Red Cross requirement to teach at least once each year. There will be three required textbooks that can be purchased for approximately \$20 (or they can be borrowed). There will be one evening classroom session (date to be announced) and two full days at Lake Arthur on May 22 and 23. Contact Bob Zavos at 241-0659 for details.

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Learn advanced sailing techniques and how to race. This course will be offered Aug. 6 to Aug. 8. Details will appear next month.

Introductory Classes	Introduction	Shore School	On-Water Class
	AYH HQ 7pm-9pm	AYH HQ 7pm-9pm	Lake Arthur 9am-5pm
Class 1	Tue., June 1	Fri., June 4	Sat., June 5
		Tue., June 8	Sat., June 12
Class 2	Tue., June 1	Fri., June 4	Sun., June 6
		Tue., June 8	Sun., June 13
Class 3	Tue., July 13	Fri., July 16	Sat., July 17
		Tue., July 20	Sat., July 24
Class 4	Tue., July 13	Fri., July 16	Sun., July 18
		Tue., July 20	Sun., July 25
Red Cross Instructor Course		TBA	Sat. & Sun., May 22 & 23
Racing/Advanced Sailing		Fri., Aug. 6	Sat. & Sun., Aug 7 & 8

SAILING CLASS REGISTRATION

Name: _____

Address _____

Phone No. _____

(you may use this form for multiple registrations)

Check class(es) desired:
Intro. (\$80) Class 1___ Class 2___ Class 3___ Class 4___

Can you take an alternate class if one of the above is filled? _____

Red Cross Instructor Class (\$25)___

Racing/Advanced Sailing (\$80)___

Class fees: _____ x _____ = _____

Textbooks:(Intro. \$9;Instructor \$20) _____ x _____ = _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED _____

make check payable to Pittsburgh Council AYH

YOU MUST BE AN AYH MEMBER FOR ALL CLASSES - See membership info elsewhere in this issue or contact the AYH office for information send registration and fee to: Joel Hough, AYH Sailing, 100 Bryn Mawr Ct. Apt. E113, Pittsburgh PA. 15221

1993 Sailing Schedule includes the following:

Apr. 17 & 18 Sailboat Maintenance Weekend. Learn and help with fiberglass repairs, rigging maintenance, etc. Contact Bob Zavos 241-0659 or Joel Hough 371-4986

Apr. 24-May 2 Florida Cruise (TRIP FILLED)

May 8 Moraine Sailing Club (MSC) Mini-Regatta at Lake Arthur.

May 15 MSC Challenger Races

May 16 3 River Sail: People-Powered Regatta. Sail from Herr's Island to the point and back again (if wind and current conditions are favorable) Contact Bob Zavos

May 29-31 AYH Activities Weekend. (see details elsewhere in this issue for accommodations, fees, other activities) Sail 3 lakes in 3 states in 3 days. Sat: Heritage Reservation Lake, PA; Sun. Deep Creek Lake MD; Mon.: Cheat Lake, WV; Sailing fees will be \$12 daily for AYH boats, somewhat less for Heritage Reservation sailboats

June 5 MSC Challenger Races

June 26-27 Detroit, Michigan: Lake St. Clair and inland lakes Bob Zavos

July 3-5 Lake Pymatuning, PA Contact Joel Hough

Aug. 14-22 Crystal Lake, Michigan Contact Joel Hough

Sep. 4-6 Lake Chautauqua, New York

Oct. 8-10 Annapolis Boat Show

We are also considering extended live aboard cruises (usually 1 week) to the Maine Coast and the Chesapeake Bay later this Summer or Fall. If you have any interest contact Bob Zavos as soon as possible.

Planned Giving Part III Life Income Gifts To Pittsburgh AYH

As *contradictory as it may seem*, life income gifts allow you to give and receive at the same time. Such a gift can often make it possible for you to give what you would like to give, rather than what you feel you can afford, because you actually receive income from the gift. Life income gifts include annuities, annuity trusts, unitrusts and pooled funds.

A trust is a legal arrangement that creates a fiduciary relationship in which the legal owner of the property (*the trustee*) holds and manages the trust's property (*the corpus or res*) for the use and benefit of someone else (*the beneficiary*). The property is transferred to the trust from an individual (*the grantor or trustor*) and is held by the trustee for the specific purposes outlined by the grantor in the *trust agreement*.

A personal trust may be set up during your lifetime by a transfer of property to the trust; this is known as a *living* or *inter vivos* trust. If a trust is created by Will, or by transfer of property upon your death, it is known as a *testamentary trust*. You may set up a trust to achieve or carry out almost any legal purpose, distribution or activity.

Charitable Gift Annuity

A charitable gift annuity is, essentially, an annuity contract. You transfer assets to Pittsburgh AYH; in return, we agree to make regular, fixed payments to you for the rest of your life. The transaction is both a purchase of an annuity and a charitable contribution.

Your benefits include guaranteed, specified, regular income, part of which may be tax-free; an immediate income tax deduction; possible estate savings; and, if appreciated property is given, favorable tax treatment on the gain.

The amount of the income tax deduction depends on the amount of the gift, the age when the gift annuity is purchased, life expectancy, and whether the annuity is for one life or two.

EXAMPLE: Mr. and Mrs. Dillard, both age 70, donate \$50,000 cash to AYH for a gift annuity. They jointly, and the survivor, will receive lifetime annual payments of \$3,550, paid quarterly. Of this amount, \$1,388 is excluded from their gross income: it is, in essence, tax-free and it does not fluctuate. The Dillards' income tax deduction is \$21,530.

Deferred Charitable Gift Annuity

The deferred charitable gift annuity, an excellent retirement program, makes it possible for you to get an immediate income tax deduction, yet defer the receipt of income for a term of years. You determine the date the annuity payments start. When payments begin, they will be at a much higher level than for an annuity that is not deferred. This plan can have the advantages of a shelter, because you can receive your deduction in a high-income year and defer income until your income and tax bracket are lower.

EXAMPLE: Mr. Fauber, age 55, makes a gift of \$50,000 cash to a deferred payment gift annuity. He requests that at age 65, he will begin receiving his annual payments of \$5,650, paid quarterly.

Of the total yearly payout, \$723 is excluded from taxes or is considered tax-free. He is able to claim an income tax charitable deduction of \$35,488.

When Mr. Fauber becomes 65, his taxes should be significantly lower, because his income will likely be lower.

If, instead of cash, Mr. Fauber had chosen to donate appreciated property worth \$50,000 with a cost basis of \$25,000, the results of his gift would have been as follows:

As in example above, he would receive an income tax deduction of \$35,488, and annual payments of \$5,650. Of this amount, \$362 would be excluded from taxes or considered tax-free.

He would have a gain of \$7,256 (as opposed to a \$25,000 gain should he decide to sell the property) or \$362 a year beginning at age 65.

Should he die before the entire is reported, the gain not reported would be forgiven.

Article based on information provided by National AYH edited by Joe Hoechner, Member Board of Directors.

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mountains surrounding this small, friendly town whose local museum houses one of the largest collections of prehistoric Mimbres pottery in the world.

Rafting and canoeing on the Rio Grande are favorite activities as well as exploring the tiny ghost town of Cuchillo and the nearby ancient petroglyphs, or magnificent Monticello box canyon with its natural hot springs, home of the Warm Springs Apaches.

From Truth or Consequences cross the Black Range mountains, past the old mining towns of Hillsboro and Kingston to Silver City, gateway to the

Gila Wilderness Area and National Forest. After settling in at The Carter House AYH-Hostel, set off to explore the Gila Cliff Dwellings National

Monument. Numerous hiking trail heads begin from the road to the Cliff Dwelling

Another favorite day trip from Silver City is the Catwalk trail along Whitewater Creek which flows through very narrow, steep cliffs as it exits the Mogollon Mountains. If it's the desert you want to experience, then you will want to spend time at City of Rocks State Park. Combine any these outings with a visit to the local museums to see the famous black and white Mimbres pottery and the town's galleries where you will quickly discover that Santa Fe isn't the only center for artistic talent in New Mexico.

If you would prefer to explore this area on an organized tour, consider signing up for AYH's Discovery Tours trip, "Enchanted New Mexico - South", a nine day trip. For more information on this organized trip, contact Pittsburgh Council AYH at 422-2282.

COUNCIL LEADERSHIP SEMINAR MAY 5

Are you interested in finding out more about AYH and Pittsburgh Council? Larry Laude, past president of Pittsburgh Council, will present an informational seminar on AYH at 8 pm on Wednesday May 5th to preview what's involved in hostel development and operations, Council finances, regional and national organization, special events management, volunteer development, activities management, Council leadership and the Board of Directors. If you think you may be interested in a leadership position with the Council, either as a volunteer or on the Board of Directors, or if you'd just like more information on AYH, plan to attend. No obligations. Call Larry evenings at 412-665- 9554 for more information.

SPRING ACTIVITIES WEEKEND 5/28 - 5/31/93

As we go to press, the plans for the 1993 Spring Activities Weekend are being finalized. The weekend will be held at the Heritage Scout Reservation which is located on Dinner Bell Rd. a few miles off Route 40 in Farmington, PA (near Ohiopyle). Two lodging options are available for the weekend: tent camping and the rental homes. The rental homes have three bedrooms each and additional sleeping space in the basement. They also have equipped kitchens, fireplaces, and 2 bathrooms. Recommended occupancy is 6-10 people per home. There are 10 homes available and they will be assigned on a first come first serve basis. Meals will be available in the dining hall. Please see the reservation sheet (on page 11, next page) for a description of the meal plans. The Reservation has a lake of over 200 acres. Swimming, canoeing, rowing, sailing and fishing are available on the lake. Each day of the weekend we will be offering a wide variety of activities, including: canoeing, sailing, hiking, sea kayaking, whitewater kayaking, cycling, rafting, caving, climbing, and much, much more. There should be something for everyone! Please see the reservation form for a description of the activities. In addition to the lodging and food fees, there is a fee associated with each activity. On Saturday and Sunday evenings there will be a campfire. We are encouraging everyone to bring musical instruments and a snack to the campfires. **THIS PROMISES TO BE A GREAT WEEKEND. YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS IT! SIGN UP TODAY** by filling out the reservation form located on this page and mailing it with your check for lodging and meals to the AYH OFFICE. Note: Activity and AYH registration fees will be collected at the weekend. If you have questions or would like more information, please call Jon Maiman at 441-2306.

Premier Nature Photographer to present Sierra Club Spring Show

For an ordinary mortal, illustrating a book on the habitat and behavior of the bears of the world would be a life's work. Art Wolfe, one of the world's premier nature photographers, has done that project already... and he has also done a similar work on owl's! And he has illustrated the Sierra Club's large format book on Alaska ("Alakshak: The Great Country"). And the Nature Company's 1993 calendar features his wildlife photographs. And he has four books in production this year!

This amazing man is brining an hour-an-a-half two-projector slide show to Chatham College's Chapel on Earth Day, Thursday, April 22, at 8pm as the featured attraction at the Sierra Club's Eighth Annual Spring Show. A reception to meet the Artist will precede the show at 7pm in the adjacent Music Building at Chatham. Tickets are \$8 for the Show and \$3 for the reception. Write for tickets, enclosing a stamped, self-addresses envelope, to Sierra Club, 205 Elysian Street, Pgh, PA 15206. Deadline: April 12. Tickets also available at the door.

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delivered a letter to the Councils, certifying that he had prepared the plans for the new double engine house and the water tower house, and asked for payment. The construction of the stations was probably completed by the end of the year, since they were listed in the 1901 City directory of active stations. There are references to alterations made in 1926, under the direction of a City architect, Richard Neff, which apparently consisted of changes to the interior layout and the apparatus doors to accommodate the change from horse-drawn to motorized equipment. Little else has changed over time, however, and the building virtually retains its original appearance. It was abandoned as a fire engine house in 1992, and offered for sale to the general public.

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All trips and products listed here are private and are not sponsored or endorsed by American Youth Hostels. Non-commercial ads are free for members. Contact the Editor for more info on Ads for Members and Non-members.

Female looking for roommate - professional, 30's and up - to share expenses. Get a nicer home (townhouse? apartment?) for less money. Leave message between 9 and 5:00 p.m., weekdays, at: 421-1433.

For Sale: Woman's Blue Ross Eurosport Bicycle, Racing Style, 26", Good condition, \$75 or Best Offer, 571-1848.

HEALTH & FITNESS catalog. Hundreds of items: meals, snacks, desserts, exercise equipment, shoes, fashion clothes, etc. Items are ordered direct by 800 number with visa/mc. Call Rodney at 412 339-0944 for free catalog.

PICNIC-Sunday, June 27th Settlers Cabin Park EVERYONE'S INVITED. Call Linda Smithyman for details. 531-1868.

Anyone interested in traveling to AUSTRALIA for about 1 month in Sept 93 please contact Jan 921-3565(h) or 777-6478(w). Leave message on recorder after multiple beeps and clicks. Traveling in Melbourne, Adelaide and Great Barrier Reef.

Camp Employment Opportunity: Custaloga Town Scout reservation, located in Carlton, PA. Hiring for instructors for rifle range, archery, waterfront, scoutcraft, aquatics, and ecology/ conservation. Camp dates are from June 20 through Aug. 14, 1993. Some positions may require council paid camp school for one week. Please request a camp staff application from The French Creek Council B.S.A., 1815 Robison rd. West, Erie, PA. 16509. 814-868-5517.

Ellen Dolinar in memory of Claire Dolinar.

Phyllis A. Heller, Rita S. Rosenson, Sandra Schwartz, Judy D. Feldstein and Joel Pirchesky in memory of Louis Cohn.

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5/28/93 - 5/31/93 Activities Weekend Reservation Form

In order to reserve your space for the Activities Weekend, you must complete this form and include a check for your lodging and food fees. The fees for individual activities as well as AYH registration fees will be collected at the weekend. All deposit fees are transferable, but nonrefundable! If you have questions or need more information, please call Jon Maiman at 441-2306. RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN 5/17/93!

NOTE: ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE PROHIBITED ON THIS TRIP

Please mail Reservation Form and Checks made out to Pittsburgh Council, AYH to:
 AYH Activities Weekend
 5604 Solway Street.
 Pittsburgh, pa 15217



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Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

For each activity you would like to sign up for, please indicate the number of people in the line to the left of the Activity. Note: The Saturday & Monday rafting trips require a Non-Refundable deposit of \$5/person.

Saturday

_____ Cycling
 _____ Whitewater Kayaking Intro at Heritage (Afternoon)
 _____ Rafting - Lower Yough. (\$5/person deposit)
 _____ Climbing - Cooper's Rocks
 _____ Caving - Laurel Caverns

_____ Sea Kayaking Intro at Heritage (Afternoon)
 _____ Hiking - Quebec Run
 _____ Sailing - Intro at Heritage
 _____ Family Activities - Nature Walk (Morning)
 _____ Swimming, Canoeing, Rowing, & Sailing at Heritage

Sunday

_____ Cycling Ohiopyle
 _____ Hiking - Ravens Rock
 _____ Climbing - Cooper's Rocks
 _____ Family Activities - Lake Walk (Morning)
 _____ Swimming, Canoeing, Rowing, & Sailing at Heritage

_____ Sea Kayaking - Day Trip to a Lake.
 _____ Sailing - Deep Creek Lake
 _____ Canoeing - Class I-II Trip
 _____ FallingWater Tour & Bear Run Walk (Afternoon)

Monday

_____ Cycling Ohiopyle
 _____ Family Activities - Fort Necessity Tour (morning)
 _____ Whitewater Kayaking - Class I-II Trip
 _____ Swimming, Canoeing, Rowing, & Sailing at Heritage

_____ Hiking - Fort Necessity to Lick Run
 _____ Sailing - Cheat Lake
 _____ Rafting - Leader Training Clinic (\$5/person deposit)

Meal Plans:

Please place check in the line next to the meal option(s) you want and indicate the number of people for each option:

Breakfast & Dinner:	Number of People		Subtotals
_____ Sat _____ Sun	X _____	# Adults @ \$7.00/Person/Day	_____
_____ Sat _____ Sun	X _____	# Youth (3-8) @ \$3.50/Person/Day	_____
_____ Sat _____ Sun	X _____	# Infant (Under 3 Free)	_____

Breakfast:	Number of People		Subtotals
_____ Mon	X _____	# Adults @ \$2.75/Person/Day	_____
_____ Mon	X _____	# Youth (3-8) @ \$1.40/Person/Day	_____
_____ Mon	X _____	# Infant (Under 3 Free)	_____

Lunches:	Number of People		Subtotals
_____ Sat _____ Sun _____ Mon	X _____	# Adults @ \$3.50/Person/Day	_____
_____ Sat _____ Sun _____ Mon	X _____	# Youth (3-8) @ \$1.75/Person/Day	_____
_____ Sat _____ Sun _____ Mon	X _____	# Infant (Under 3 Free)	_____

Total Meals: _____

Lodging Options:

Please place check in the line next to the Lodging option(s) you want and indicate the number of people for each option:

(Camping)	Number of People		Subtotals
_____ Sat _____ Sun _____ Mon	X _____	# Adults @ \$5.00/Person/Day	_____
_____ Sat _____ Sun _____ Mon	X _____	# Youth (3-8) @ \$2.50/Person/Day	_____
_____ Sat _____ Sun _____ Mon	X _____	# Infant (Under 3 Free)	_____

(Potomac Houses)	Number of People		Subtotals
_____ Sat _____ Sun _____ Mon	X _____	# Adults @ \$8.00/Person/Day	_____
_____ Sat _____ Sun _____ Mon	X _____	# Youth (3-8) @ \$4.00/Person/Day	_____
_____ Sat _____ Sun _____ Mon	X _____	# Infant (Under 3 Free)	_____

_____ Please select housemates for me.

_____ I would like to share the house with (maximum of 10 people):

Total Lodging: _____

Rafting Deposit (@ \$5/person/day): _____

Grand Total: _____

AYH Products and Membership Application

Outdoor Recreation Books

- ☐ **Allegheny National Forest Hiking Guide** describes more than 250 miles of trails for hiking, backpacking and ski touring in the 800-square mile Allegheny National Forest. It also describes ski touring opportunities and points of scenic interest. Published by the Allegheny Group of the Sierra Club. 192 pages, 49 maps, 33 photos. Third Edition (1990) \$8.00
- ☐ **AYH Outdoor Food Book** contains menus, recipes, food preparation tips and food planning ideas for canoeists, bicyclists, backpackers, ski tourers and other outdoor-oriented people. 144 pages, 25 photos and illustrations. 1st Edition (1981) \$3.00
- ☐ **Baker Trail Guide** describes the 141 miles of the Baker Trail from Allegheny National Forest to Freeport PA. 38 pages with complete topographic maps. Published by AYH. 35th Anniversary Edition (1987) \$4.00
- ☐ **Canoeing Guide to Western Pennsylvania and Northern West Virginia** contains information on 270 canoe trips on 3,040 miles of streams in western Pennsylvania and northern West Virginia. 480 pages, illustrated. Published by AYH. 8th Edition (1991) \$13.95
- ☐ **NEW! Fifty Hikes in Western Pennsylvania** by Tom Thwaites describes 50 of his favorite hiking trails in western Pennsylvania. Fifty Hikes contains lots of interesting background material on the history and geology of each area. 206 pages, 60 pages of maps, 48 photos. 2nd Edition (1992) \$11.95
- ☐ **Hikers Guide to Laurel Highlands Trail** describes the 70 miles of the trail from Ohiopyle park to Conemaugh Gore atop Laurel Ridge. Published by the Allegheny Group of the Sierra Club and the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy. 128 pages, 24 pages of maps. New 4th Edition (1992) \$5.00
- ☐ **Hiking Guide to Western Pennsylvania** describes over 2,000 miles of hiking trails and dozens of other areas for hiking in and near western Pennsylvania. Published by AYH. 290 pages, 53 pages of maps, 47 photos. 5th Edition (1986) \$7.00
- ☐ **Monongahela National Forest Hiking Guide** describes more than 160 Forest Service trails in 1,350 square miles of the Mon National Forest - one of the best areas for hiking, backpacking and ski touring in this part of the country. Published by the West Virginia Conservancy. 320 pages, 60 maps, 39 photos. 5th Edition (1988) \$9.95
- ☐ **Pennsylvania Hiking Trails** describes more than 290 trails and hiking areas throughout Pennsylvania. Published by Keystone Trails Association. 224-pages, 94 maps. 10th edition (1987) \$5.65
- ☐ **Rachel Carson Trail Guide** describes the Rachel Carson trail from North Park to Freeport in Allegheny County. Published by AYH. (1991) \$4.00

Travel Books (10% discount for members)

International Hostel Handbooks A complete listing of the Hostelling International Youth Hostels with descriptions, prices, addresses, and phone numbers

- ☐ **Volume I Europe and the Mediterranean** \$10.95
- ☐ **Volume II Asia, Africa, Americas, Pacific** \$10.95

Ordering Information

Include 10% for postage (\$1 minimum). Pennsylvania residents must also include 6% sales tax. Postage and taxes not required for AYH memberships and Eurail Passes. Memberships and merchandise also available at AYH Headquarters and the AYH office. Cash or money orders required for Eurail Passes.

Please allow two weeks for delivery of mail orders. For faster service, visit the office or call for a membership sales agency near you. Collect 2 day delivery by UPS available for additional charge.

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Total

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Valid for 12 months from date of purchase. Renewals valid for 12 months from expiration of current pass and include book of discount coupons for U.S. hostels. Provides access to 6,000 Hostelling International hostels around the world. Includes free handbook of North American hostels and 12 month subscription to Pittsburgh Council newsletter.

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5604 Solway Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15217



The AYH Office is open from 9 am to 2 pm on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, and from 1:00 to 6:00 pm on Tuesdays. Call 412-422-2282 for more information.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

(day)

(eve)

Birthdate: _____ **Sex (M/F):** _____

Please send me Additional info on: _____

AYH Weekly Open House

Pittsburgh Council has a weekly open house every Thursday evening from 8 pm to 10 pm at Fifth and Shady Avenues in Shadyside. Look for us next to Pittsburgh Center for the Arts. A slide show at 8:30 pm is followed by announcements of the weekend's trips. Hostel Passes, guide books and more available.

Council Office and Travel Store

The Pittsburgh Council office is open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm, and Tuesdays from 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm. We're in Room 204 of the Wightman School Building at 5604 Solway St. in Squirrel Hill, near the intersection of Wilkins and South Negley. All passes, ID cards, Eurail Passes, and books are available. Call 422-2282.