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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

GIVE A TOOT!

During my entire tenure in Potomac Valley Skiers, TOOT has been as you see it today. This has been due to our excellent TOOT editors Dick and Julie King. Now, after being our editors for five years, the Kings have notified me of their intent to withdraw as editors effective November 1978. Now, in order to keep TOOT going, I need YOUR help.

The amount of work the Kings have done is truly phenomenal. They collect all the information, write and type the entire TOOT (including calling me to remind me that the President's Message is overdue!), take it to the printers, pick up the individual pages, collate the issue, add in any flyers (like the one in this issue for the Killington ski trip), put on the addresses, the return address and the stamps, and finally post it at the Post Office (when there is no strike going!). For this tremendous service, they are reimbursed the cost of printing, stamps and supplies. Whoppee!

How would you like to do it?? I AM SERIOUS! It is obviously the most important job in the Club — getting our message out to you — the members. Anyone can be President (I am the living proof of that!), but it takes a special dedication to be TOOT editor. I have made it a little easier for you to volunteer. I have broken the task into two parts. Bob and Jan Marx have graciously volunteered to collate and distribute TOOT.

So what we need now is an Editor/Typist. Dick informs me that it takes four to eight hours per month to prepare TOOT. Would YOU be willing to devote that much time and effort to TOOT?? If so, give ME a TOOT on 790-8812! Or, would you be willing to type TOOT if someone else writes it? WE NEED YOUR HELP! Prior experience is not a requirement! Thanks — in advance!

I hope to see you at both of our great September Events. Our first regular meeting at the Wingroves is on the 19th. Then join the Masons and me for a hike in the Shenandoahs on Saturday, the 23rd. SEE YOU ALL THERE!

Ray McKinley

Ray McKinley
President



HAVE YOU READ THE RED BOOK LATELY?



EXCOM REPORT

The August EXCOM meeting was held Tuesday, the 22nd, with Geoff' Wadey as our host. Geoff' served excellent beverages and snacks. Attending were: President Ray McKinley, Vice President Marilyn Clark, EXCOM members Julie King, Kieth Lyon, Gail Gell, Mary Ward and host Geoff Wadey; Secretary Alice Swalm, and TOOT Editor Dick King. Topics discussed were:

1. A lengthy discussion ensued from the announcement by Dick and Julie King about their intent to withdraw as editors of TOOT. See the current President's message for more on this subject.

2. President McKinley has decided to have one EXCOM member act as the coordinator between EXCOM and activity leaders such as Meetings and Events. This will help bridge the gap between Club managers and Club Event leaders. It should be helpful in the smoother running of our Meetings and Events.

3. A possible hike by the Club in October was discussed. Although not firm, there will be further comment in the next TOOT if this Event materializes.

4. The November Meeting will be a Ski Preparation and Clinic Meeting. This meeting was most popular in past years and is timed to help all members get in shape for the coming season. More details later. Date is Nov 21st.

5. EXCOM member Kieth Lyon has arranged for a 90 minute ski movie called SNOW JOB with Jean Claude Killey. There is a substantive fee for this movie so members will be charged \$1.00; non-members \$1.25. See separate notice in this Event.

6. The special P V S Club ski hats, ordered this summer from Moriarty Ski Hats of Stowe, Vermont have been lost by the Post Office due to an addressing error by the firm. They are registered and the tracer (to date) has traced them to Boston. EXCOM is pursuing this matter with Moriarty but regrets greatly the delay in receiving these personalized items.

7. The Club will again host a dinner and dance at the New Mark Commons in Rockville, Maryland. The date is December 2nd. More details and the activity leader and EXCOM coordinator will be named later. RESERVE THE DATE NOW. The Commons Clubhouse IS reserved!

NOTE: Who has more fun? EXCOMers do! We took a "BLIMP BREAK" when the Goodyear blimp flew low over Geoff's house with all its lights blinking!

IMPORTANT NOTICES

IMPORTANT NOTICE #1 DON'T FORGET, November 1st is coming up FAST! And that is the date of cutoff for 1978 members who have not renewed their membership in P V S. Our new membership list will be activated and anyone not renewing will no longer receive TOOT or be kept on as P V S members. A Membership Report from our Membership Chairlady:

P V S once again has responded to the renewal of membership in a big way. As of August 22nd, 71 people have joined up by paying their dues. Of that number, four are new applicant members. Our total membership last year was 126 -- so more than one-half of you have renewed already! That's good work! Keep those renewals coming!

IMPORTANT NOTICE #2

New Applicant Members:

Claude and Denise Alexander
2016 Virginia Avenue
McLean, Virginia 22101
Tel. 534-5307 (home)

Stratton McKillop
5169 Tilden Street, Northwest
Washington, D. C. 20016
Tel. 244-5771 (home)

Bernard Schuchner
2525 North 10th Street
Arlington, Virginia 22201
Tel. 525-1023 (home)
281-8338 (office)

Address changes for current members:

Betty Bayhulle
3701 South George Mason Drive, # 2318-N
Falls Church, Virginia 22041

Sheldon Drews
1101 South Arlington Ridge Road, # 1209
Arlington, Virginia 22202

Mike Rysavy
9610 Deumar Lane
Kensington, Maryland 20795
Tel. 933-3482

IMPORTANT NOTICE #3 - For EXCOM members: The September EXCOM meeting has BEEN CHANGED to Wednesday, September 20th. It is still at Marilyn Clark's at 7:30 P.M. but, for this time only, will be the day following our regular monthly meeting. See You'all there.

The September Meeting

Our first regular meeting of the new year! And it will be a good one! Our cordial hosts will be Jim and Barbara Wingrove at their home, 9211 Overlea Drive, Potomac, Maryland. Our EXCOM meeting coordinator is Marilyn Clark. Weather permitting, we will swim in the Wingrove pool beginning at 7:00 P.M. Following the swim (bring your swimsuit, towel and change, of course), we will see Art Topping's slides of his trip to Spain last year (with P V S trip leader Bob Grasley). Art's slides are ALWAYS outstanding; and this will reflect areas many of us have not seen. So, everybody come, take a delightful swim to cool off, and then enjoy the beautiful ski slides. President Ray McKinley may even have some business to conduct!

HOW TO GET THERE: North on Route 270 to Rockville exit, Route #28. Exit on Route #28 and go west toward Darnestown. Go 1.4 miles to left on Glen Mill Road. Go .8 mile to left on Viers Drive on the southeast side of Lakewood Country Club. A sign should be there pointing left to Robert Frost Junior High School. Go .5 mile on Viers to Scott. Bear right on Scott .3 mile to Overlea on the right. Turn right and go to the first driveway on the left which should be 9211 and the Wingroves! You are there! Go on in and join the group! In case of trouble finding it, Jim's number is: 762-4887.

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August Event Report - The Burns Gala

Whether or not we have Weather, We sure had Weather! On both the 12th and the 13th! The 12th was the original date planned but rain threatened as much as 80% or more. As a result, many P V S members called in and Kirk planned the Gala for Sunday, the 13th. But, there are always those who don't get the word (including your TOOT editor!). So a small group of six or eight P V S ers showed up and had a swim and a picnic on the Burns porch. IT DID NOT RAIN! We had a lovely evening! We also had the P V S Tee shirts to try on and buy. We did that, too.

On Sunday, the 13th, we had The Burns Gala, Part II by Ray McKinley
After a wet Saturday and Sunday morning and early afternoon, the skies finally cleared sufficiently to begin about 3:00 P.M. Kirk and Peggy Burns, our cordial host and hostess had a fine selection of activities to keep us busy. There was swimming (with a great water sliding board!), canoeing, sailing, rowboating, etc. to keep us all busy. Dinner was "bring your own" but there was much sharing of food and drink. After dinner there was singing and disco dancing (why did Kirk end up on the floor??). Everyone had a lot of fun and an enjoyable day despite the Weather! Our Thanks to Peggy and Kirk.

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August Event Report - The Canoe Trip

The annual P V S Canoe trip, although not a sellout, was a delightful time for those who went. The weather could not have been better — sunny, with a cooling breeze — and the water actually covered the rocks this year! The first set of rapids (Class III) came upon us before we had our Canoe "legs" in condition. As a result, two canoes overturned in shallow and warm water. Noone was hurt; in fact, we thought about doing it again! Wellpacked lunches were only slightly damp and still tasted terrific to the hungry canoeists!

The trip was so much fun that several of the participants are thinking of making another trip this year, perhaps in October when the leaves are changing colors. That should be Beautiful! Contact Malle McKinley (790-8812) if interested.

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Voices from All-around!

TOOT editors received a report on a recent retirement party for Jack Lilley. Although unsigned, the report is believed to have come to TOOT from Mr. Ron Fett. It reads as follows:

It's "Tiger Lily From The Lily Pod" from now on for Jack Lilley who celebrated his 60th birthday and his retirement from the Department of Transportation (tire safety/defects Division) in August. Contests to name his new van, and to give him his new "Handle" for his birthday gift (a C B radio) were among a heap of highlights at the week-long gala at 23 Robins Lane, North Shores in Rehoboth, Delaware. Among distinguished guests were P V S charter members Packard and Meg Anderson, and Eric, Susan and Brian Anderson, all of Littleton, Colorado. It was actually a duel event for them; it was the 20th anniversary of another group they helped found, the Beach House Gang, whose current members favor the title of: "39 and Holding." Other out of towners included Norma Gentle Rice of Hartford, the Bill Lindsays of Pittsburg, the Bill Mansons of Annapolis, the Bill Browns of Potomac, the Bill Willises of Arlington, the Bill Johnsons of Ocean City and Annapolis. Other gifts included a three-dimensional skier mounted in the blasphemed back bowls (bowels) of Vail from Tah Takakjian (New York sports illustrator and former SCWDC magazine art editor), a left-footed aphrodisiacal horseshoe from Oregon (Doug Toone), a handportable vanjohn. Other highlights included Lindsay in tutu popping out of a birthday cake (the latter an artifact left over from the gay neighbors' homo summit weekend), This Is The Life That Jack Built in limericks (A skier by name of Jack Lilley

Aspires to be Jean Claude Killy
He gets down the hills
With minimum spills
But a racer? Egad, don't be Silly!

the first greater Rehoboth Closed Tennis Tourney (won by Shirley Manson and Ron Fett), the Great Monacelli Finger-Painting contest (won by Louise Stephens), movies of the Great Davis Parachute-Ski Race (circa 1960, courtesy of Lindsay films), marathon volleyball, and even poker. Plans for the 65th/25th extravaganza are already underway! Contact Tiger Lily for reservations!

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An August 1978 letter from Bill Hager:

I am still reading TOOT with nostalgia, and sadness that there is no snow in the Philippines. Both the European trips look marvelous, and Killington will be an enjoyable addition to Sutton for local skiing. I still hope that the season after this, I can swing a trip to Europe for about 3 weeks of skiing -- I certainly don't want to forget how!

After 3 relaxing days on Waikiki, we arrived in Manila on June 29th. Traffic is unreal! Though hot, it is not at all unbearable due to frequent monsoon rains. We are in a pleasant 4 bedroom house in one of the several "villages" at the edge of Manila -- where high fences and guards protect residents from burglars. Latter are far less prevalent now, under martial law, than before. Our car should be through Customs next week, and two weeks after that our household effects ought to arrive. Now if I can just get this cast off of my foot, we will be ready to swing -- tennis is a very hazardous sport, I want to mention! Kids began school on August 7th, they go from 0715 to 1245, which gets us up awfully early. The hours are so that the low paid teachers can hold second jobs.

Aside from tennis, scuba diving is popular and I plan to take it up. Micronesia and its coral reefs are too far away, but they entice me for a vacation. This is also a beer drinkers paradise, and the locally brewed San Miguel has got to be one of the world's great beers! I've heard about the Tee shirts and would like to order one. We hope all is well with you all and we extend our Best Regards to our friends in P V S.

Signed: Bill.

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Sept. 23: Hike the Appalachian Trail. Start ~~getting~~ the legs ready for skiing.

Where: We will hike from Elkwallow Picnic Area on Skyline Drive over Hogback Mountain with good views to the west, down to Gravelly Springs Shelter, over South and North Marshall with views to the east, about 9 miles. Speedsters may want to go another 4-5 miles. Those wanting something less strenuous can drop off after 4½ or 7 miles. We'll plan to be off the Trail about 4 o'clock to enjoy cold beer before taking off for the Mason's cabin north of Front Royal where dinner, complete with wine and more beer, will be all ready except for finishing touches. (Those who cannot stop for dinner can return to town from Front Royal.)

Starting time: 9:00 a.m.

Starting place: Cooper School, just inside the Beltway at exit 13.

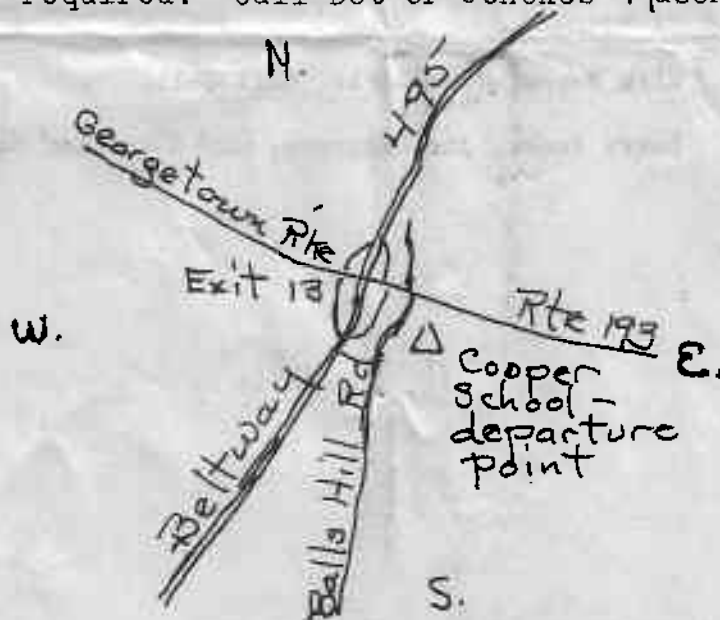
See ~~the~~ sketch map. Carpooling will be arranged here.

Rain date: Sept. 24. Same time, same place.

Cost: A charge will be made to cover cost of food and drinks. This will be figured and pro-rated at the cabin. It will probably be between \$3.50 and \$4.00.

Bring: Your own lunch and water for the hike. We ^{suggest} ~~always~~ carry ^{ing} some protection against rain because the weather can change fast in the mountains. Wear sturdy shoes.

Reservations required: Call Dot or Jenckes Mason, 652-4313.



The Ski Patrol Needs Your Help. That group of dauntless defenders of the public safety can't do it alone, and asks PVS to assist in operating two ski equipment sale/swaps this year. The dates are Saturday, October 7, at the Alpine Ski Shop in Oakton, Va. and another on Sunday November 5, at the Ski Center, in Bethesda. Both sales will run from 10:00 AM to 5:00 MP. The assistance required is two fold. You are invited to attend the sales, to buy or sell as you desire. More importantly, you are requested to ~~give some of your time to help move the gear.~~ Many hands are necessary for a successful activity, and this is an easy (and potentially advantageous) way for you to support the Ski Patrol.

A couple of hours of your time, while you wait for your own equipment to be sold, can mean more financing for ski safety programs such as ski binding checks, improved First Aid training and development of a Junior program. PVS is for skiers, and the Ski Patrol has provided us with peace of mind, and sometimes actual rescue services on the slopes. Can you give some of it back? Contact any of the patrollers in PVS to learn when you can help.

Kirk Burns, John Gable, Gail Gell,

Larry Pease, Jim Wingrove, *Dick Clark and Marilyn Clark.*

TOOT TIDBITS

-- TOOT wishes to report that P V S summer Events impact far afield. Mary McCalla of Jenkinstown, Pennsylvania (near Philadelphia) has travelled to join us on two separate weekends this year (and last!), the Hadler cottage Event and the Elrod Steak and Swim. Mary learned of P V S via her participation on a Wychoff European trip. She has attended these Events with her close friend and P V S member, Betty Walker. Congrats to Mary for her long distance friendship!

-- for Bill Hager. Did you know there is a Hager Lane in Bethesda, Maryland?? TOOT editors found it by accident recently.

-- for Hank Thomas. For a long time, we have known Hank as a devoted skier and good friend of P V S. This summer, we learned his true identity. That is: Baby Brother! That's right, Hank's older sister visited him this summer and several P V S members had the honor of meeting her when Hank and Aina brought her to P V S activities.

-- TOOT was pleased to learn of the Packard and Neg Anderson visit to this area. We hope all goes well with this eastern family which now resides in the Denver, Colorado area.

-- What is one of the most unique wedding presents of late? Why, membership in P V S, that's what! Jim Pinkham selected this unusual gift for his friends, Claude and Denise Alexander. Our congratulations to the newlyweds and we hope they have many years of happiness. We look forward to their participation in P V S activities.

-- Ray McKinley reports the following leftover items from the Elrod Steak and Swim party:

- 1 beach chair, gray canvas with stripes
- 1 beach towel, white with red sailboat
- 1 serving spoon, by Rogers

Contact Ray (790-8812) to claim these items.

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SKI TRIPS

Jan 13-14, 1979! A Carpool trip to Wisp in western Maryland. Trip Leader is Gail Gell (924-5000).

Feb 1-18, 1979 - P V S SKI AUSTRIA, with Trip leaders Bob and Margaret Wychoff. Seven nights in Innsbruck and eight nights in Zurs for 13 full ski days. Call Bob (589-5532) for full details.

Feb 10-25, 1979 - P V S EUROPEAN SKI ADVENTURE, with Trip Leaders Bob and Marylee Grasley. Seven nights in Cervinia and seven nights in Courmayeur for 13 full skiing days. Call Bob (460-3167) for full details.

Feb 23- March 3 - Mt. Sutton, Canada car pool trip. Don and Pat Cope (836-5436) are the Trip Leaders. Some reservations are already in! Sign up early for this popular trip.

March 11-17, 1979 - Killington, Vermont by bus. P V S will be running a one week trip to Killington, Vermont. We will leave by charter bus on Sunday, March 11, 1979 and return early Saturday morning March 17th. Included will be round trip bus fare, five nights lodging, five dinners (Sunday-Thursday), five breakfasts (Monday-Friday), and five days of lift passes and other goodies. Cost will be \$175.00 for P V Sers and \$185.00 for others. For more information, see next month's TOOT or call Trip Leader Norm Engleman (299-2635).

? ? ? - Weekend carpool trip to Canaan Valley. Trip Leader needed! Please see our President if you are interested in running this easy and fun trip.

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FOR SALE:

PVS T-SHIRTS

\$5. 50

CLUB PINS

\$1. 00

COMING EVENTS

- Sept 19 - P V S Meeting. First regular meeting of the new season! See separate notice of the meeting at Wingroves.
 - Sept 20 - EXCOM Meeting, 7:30 P.M. at Marilyn Clark's house. This is a change from our usual time so note it carefully on your calanders.
 - Sept 23 - Shenandoah Hike with Jencks and Dot Mason. See separate notice in this issue of TOOT.
 - Oct 7 - P V S supports the National Ski Patrol Ski Swap at the Alpine Ski shop in Oakton, Virginia. See separate notice this subject.
 - Oct 17 - P V S Meeting. A Wine Tasting meeting run by Don Cope, hosted by Norm Engleman, EXCOM coordinator is Mary Ward. Further details will be in the October TOOT.
 - Oct 24 - EXCOM meeting. Details later.
 - Nov 5 - P V S supports the National Ski Patrol Ski Swap at the Ski Center in Bethesda. See separate notice.
 - Nov 21 - P V S meeting. A ski repair and readiness clinic. A popular event. More details in a later TOOT.
 - Dec 2 - P V S Dinner Dance at New Mark Commons Rec Hall. PUT IT ON YOUR CALANDER, N O W!
 - Dec 19 - P V S Meeting.
 - Dec 25 - CHRISTMAS! And that means: S N O W.
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