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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

During the past few months the Membership Committee has been considering improvements in our requirements for membership. Among the various items discussed none appears to be more important than strengthening the role of sponsor for new members.

There is not only a need for actively recruiting applicants who would be an asset to PVS but also a need for an amount of selectivity for those who ask for sponsorship. Applicants should be provided an understanding of the requirements for full membership. Additionally, sponsors should determine if an applicant has met membership provisions and notify the Membership Chairman so that application can be presented at the Annual Meeting in April.

Any ideas in this area would be appreciated by Marilyn Clark or any of the other members of the committee.

Sheldon Drews, President

SEPTEMBER MONTHLY MEETING: Cheese & Wine Tasting at the Leonhardts



WHEN: Tuesday, September 17th. 8:00 P.M.

WHAT: Monthly meeting and entertainment combined with our annual sampling of fine wines and gourmet cheeses chosen, this year, by Mary Ward and Jim Slack and hosted, this year, by Barbara and Fred Leonhardt in Potomac, Maryland.

COST: Approximately \$7 per person

COORDINATOR: Sheldon Drews (521-5167). Call Sheldon by September 14th to guarantee your share of wine and cheese.

DIRECTIONS to the Leonhardts: See next page.

DIRECTIONS TO THE LEONHARDTS, 9419 Jongroner Ct. Potomac, Md.

From Maryland, take #270 north to first exit (Old Georgetown Rd.). Bear right and go to first traffic light (Tuckerman Lane). Turn left and proceed 3.8 miles to Falls Rd. (Rt 189). Turn left at light and then take first right onto Winterset Dr. Go 2 blocks to end of street, got right onto Winterset Terrace and then right onto Jongroner Court. Second house on left is 9419. Enter there.

From Virginia, take beltway to River Rd. exit. Go north to Potomac Village (about 3.5 miles). Right onto Falls Rd. (Rte 189). Go 2.5 miles to Winterset Dr. (1 block after light at Glen Rd.). Turn left and proceed as above.

Coming Events

BEER TASTING AT THE SWABYS' !!!NEW EVENT!!!

When: Saturday, September 14. 7 P.M.

What: Sampling and identifying various beers selected by Don Swaby..

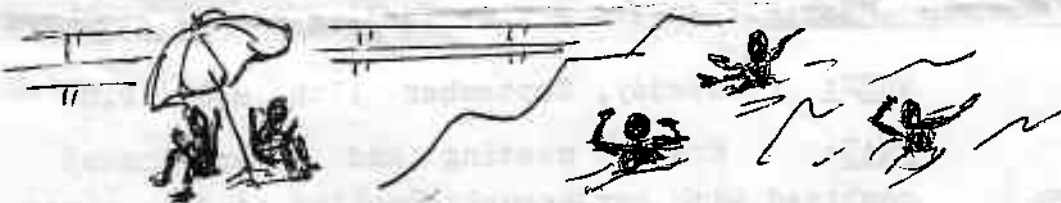
Cost: Approximately \$5 for beer and deli-type sandwiches.

LIMITED TO 30 PARTICIPANTS. CALL DON NOW (978-7764). DON'T MISS OUT. FIRST TO CALL, FIRST TO GUZZLE.

Directions to the Swaby home:

Take Beltway Exit #5 for Braddock Road West. In approximately 2½ miles turn right on Guinea Rd. (Guinea Rd is second light after you pass Kings Park Shopping Center.) On Guinea Rd. take first right and immediate left on King Solomon. Number 4917 - the Swaby domain - is in the second block on the right.)





OCEAN CITY WEEKEND - September 20 - 23, 1985. Friday - Monday.

Spend three nights in luxury beachfront condos (6 per condo)

"Sea Watch" 115th Street, Ocean City.

Price \$50!!!

NOW is the time to act if you are interested. Make check payable to Dina Taylor and send to 8403 Stonehouse Rd., Frederick, MD 21701. For information, call Dina H:301-663-6089, O:301-363-0300, Ext. 2650 Or, locally, Marilyn Clark 978-9435

Oktoberfest

When: Saturday, October 5th. 2:00 P.M.

What: Annual beerfest and Oktober merrymaking at the Wyckoffs'. German sausage...potato salad... pflaumen kuchen... BEER!!!

Where: At Margaret & Bob Wyckoffs' 8100 Park Crest Drive Silver Spring, Md.

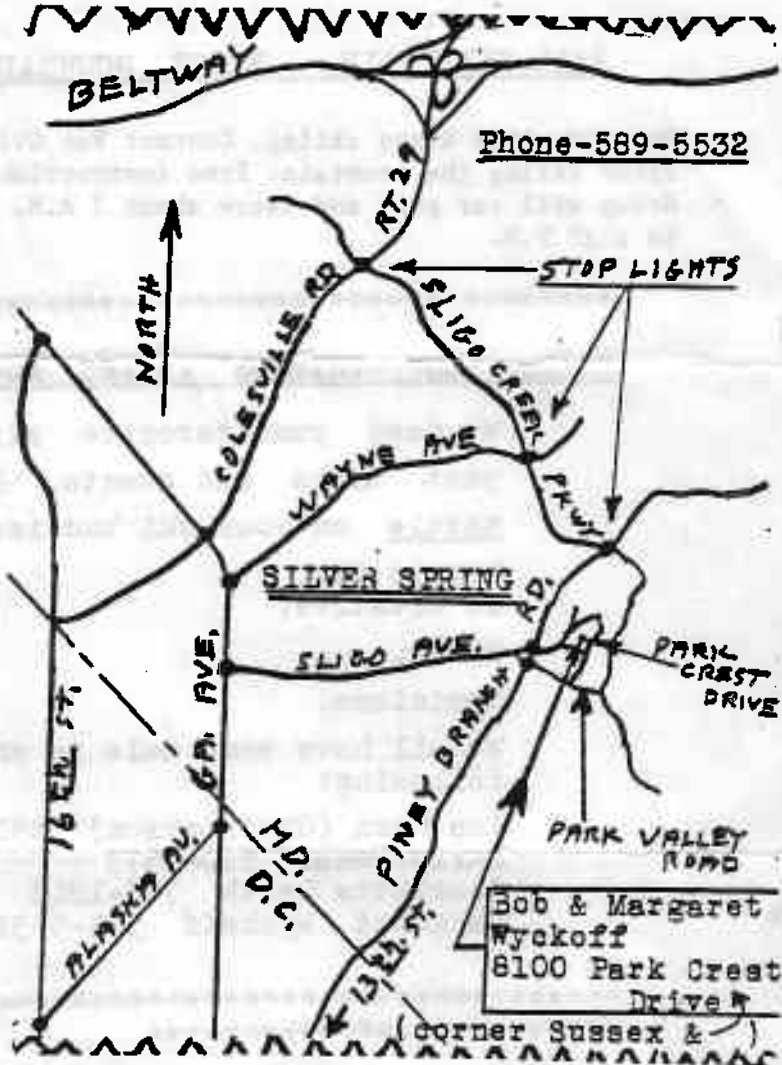
Cost: Approximately \$7 a person

Reservations: A MUST.

Limited to 60. Call Margaret (589-5532) by the September 28th cut-off day.

Note: Bring your own plate and eating utensils. Your personal beer mug welcomed. Lederhosen/dirndl optional.

Phone-589-5532



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THE JOY OF SOARING

WHAT: The sport of "soaring" or "sailplaning" or "gliding." It is similar in some respects to skiing and sailing and will provide you with an unforgettable experience gliding above farms and forests in the Blue Ridge Mountains near Warrenton, Va.

During the flight you will sit in the front seat and experience the enjoyment of motionless flight. Federal Aviation Administration pilots will fly you in safe, certified, two-seat sailplanes. So don't hesitate. Sign up early, bring friends, picnic lunches, cameras and binoculars.

WHEN: Saturday October 19, 1985

WHERE: Warrenton Soaring Center

COST: \$35 for a flight of approximately one half hour.

Send checks to Mary Jane McCarthy, 3703 Farragut Ave. Kensington. Md. 20895 by October 9th.

For information call Mary Jane (H) 949-3703. (O) 443-6520

DIRECTIONS FOR CARPOOLING TO SITE WILL BE IN OCTOBER TOOT.

Coming Events

FALL SKI TRIP - BRYCE MOUNTAIN

Oct. 20, 1985 Grass skiing. Contact Pat Cricenti Tel. 439-2479 6-9PM. Picnic supper after skiing the mountain. Free instruction from Pat on grass skiing. Ski rental \$7.00. Group will car pool and leave about 7 A.M. and return Sunday nite. Skiing from 11:00 to 2:30 P.M.

ROAST YOUR FRIENDS AT THE NOVEMBER 10th ANNIVERSARY PARTY

We need your favorite slides, movies, stories from past trips and events. Here is your chance to tattle on your ski buddies or to tell about that heroic day.
Be Creative.

Think.

Reminisce.

We all have some tale to share. Please call one of the following:

Jan Marx (Chairperson) 451-9158
Larry Pease 620-4573
Charlotte Reith 765-1810
Margaret Wyckoff 589-5532

CALENDAR

- Sept. 14 ... Beer Tasting at Swabys. (See page 2)
- Sept. 17 ... Wine & Cheese Meeting. (See page 1)
- Sept. 20-23 . Ocean City Weekend. (See page 2).
- Sept. 24 ... ExCom at Heitchues. 7:30 P.M.
- Oct. 5 ... Oktoberfest. (See page 3).
- Oct. 15 ... Monthly Meeting at the Marx. 8:00 P.M.
- Oct. 19 ... Soaring.Mary Jane McCarthy coordinator.(See page 3)
- Oct. 20 ... Grass Skiing at Bryce Mountain. (See page 4)
- Oct. 22 ... ExCom at the Wyckoffs. 7:30 P.M.
- Oct. 26 ... Hike & Dine with the Masons. Details in Oct. TOOT.
- Nov. 10 ... Anniversary Dinner. Details in October TOOT.
- Nov. 19 ... Monthly Meeting.Equipment Talk. Adele Waggaman's.
- Nov. 23 ... Special Wine Tasting at the Copes. Limited to 20.
- Nov. 26 ... ExCom at Mary Jane McCarthy's. 7:30 P.M.
- Nov. ? ... Great Falls Hike/McKinley Supper.

PAST EVENTS:

SPLASH AT THE ELRODS by Rosemary Soler

The proverbial July scorcher, Saturday the 20th, found all 58 of us at the Elrods' where these indomitable hosts held forth on their beautiful poolside patio for the 18th time (there is also a winter event) with Delmonicos grilled to order. In view of the 90 degree heat you might say that "Chef Roy" is a glutton for punishment, but you might also say that the PVS&ERs are just plain gluttons as we stored away these delicious steaks plus prodigious amounts of baked potatoes, tossed salads, and sinfully rich desserts. We didn't earn the "E" in PVS for nothing! Wine, beer and soft drinks flowed freely as the little kids and "big kids" splashed noisily in the pool.

At this particular gathering you tend to see people you haven't seen in a while, such as Cecil and Lois Rose who have a horse farm in Spotsylvania County, Va. Needless to say, they are pretty busy with 15 quarter horses. Lois says riding a spirited horse is harder than skiing a black trail. John Pulos, recovered from recent surgery, was there, plus Jim Arnold, a sometime attendee at club functions, and Bob Grasley whom we are happy to see more of since he was a real regular in the past. Dena Drews came from Connecticut for the occasion and Dad, President Drews, made a brief announcement regarding the club's new polo shirts on sale at the party.

Heard on the Slopes (as told to me by Malda Elrod while discussing the great qualities of their fairly new French skis):

Skiers were wending their way homeward at quitting time from the slopes of Shawneeland, Pa. (where they have a condo) and Malda was ahead of two young jocks who, though they were in earshot, were not aware of it. One said to the other "There goes that old lady that skis so good." Malda turned around and looked and he quickly recovered with "There goes that nice lady that skis so good."

If there was an Oscar awarded for pool parties, the Elrods would be a shoo-in. Thanks again for a super day and thanks to Sara Huggins for her expert coordinating.

A GRAND DAY AT ANNAPOLIS

There was a 34' sloop, a 3-passenger catamaran, a motor boat, wind surfers, water skis, row boat, inner tubes. All this and more were provided, captained, and crewed by the fabulous Flakes for 45 lucky PVSers who on August 24th enjoyed what has become one of the club's outstanding-can't-get-along-without events - an August day at Annapolis.

There was something for everyone. 25 or so took turns making sweeps into the bay on "The Snowflake" under full sail. Several had a water drenched sail in the hobie. Others water skied, wind surfed, rowed, strolled the beaches or just sat and sunned.

And everywhere there were the indefatigable, cheerful, hospitable Flakes - Joan and Glade and the four youngsters- making us all feel welcome and at home.

After the water sports came the main land event - the charcoaling of ones own steak, burger, furter, chicken, whatever, and the sharing of home prepared salads and desserts.

At dusk, storm clouds gathered and the suntanned guests reluctantly snatched up the now empty Igloos and Playmates and ran for the cars. But not before enthusiastic thanks to Betty Comerford for so ably coordinating the event and, of course, to the incomparable hosts.



The Knee

by

Ray Mckinley

A whole month off, now what is it that I'm supposed to be doing? Ah yes, the Elbow. You know what that is - it is the spanish term for the front of the boat. The back is called elsterno which is also a hononym for the can with fire in it.

No, that's wrong. I'm a little disjointed -- and I promise not to ankle for any more names although that may be sticking my neck out.

Anykneeway, a special thanks to the Marx for sending me the Dennis the Menace cartoon with the caption "If kids have kidneys, do bugs have bugknees?"

What a lovely summer it's been - reasonably cool and lots of well attended events. I remember several years back when we tried biking on the Eastern shore and a total of 5 people showed up. And a canoe trip on the Shenadoah with a total of 3 people! It's much preferable to have 50 or 60 people at the beach.

The Wingroves, just back from hiking in Vermont, report some 20 people have already signed up for their February Steamboat trip.

There is quite a revolution under way to get pockets back on the men's polo shirts. Many men are being forced to glue their pens and pencils to the front.

Quoted without comment: Both Mary Jane McCarthy and Marilyn Clark were detected coming out of men's restrooms.

The same Marilyn Clark and Dot Mills recently discovered that they were both class valedictorians. But, different classes, different schools.

At a recent ExCom meeting, club secretary Irene Farrell admitted that when she takes insufficient notes, she makes up the minutes of ExCom meetings.

After the Steak and Swim, the Elrods report only one thing left: a set of white men's underwear kneetly folded on a hanger in the closet. The embarrassed owner can claim them from the Elrods.

Second quote without comment (this one from new Veep Jan Marx): "People are fuzzy during the summer."

Received a letter from ex-pres Max Bunnell providing addresses for some of our missing ex-members. Sure hope Max can make it for our November 10th Twentieth Anniversary party. Hope you can make it, too, dear reader.

I don't know what to make of it, but I've been threatened with Kneegate. More later?

Dot Mills just back from 2 weeks tour of Scandinavia. Adele Waggaman not yet back from summer spent at Martha's Vineyard. Many of us, including the Knee, Bette Walker and the Solers stayed mostly around Washington saving ourselves for winter (although Bette leaves October 1st for a 3-week photo safari in Africa).

The newest thing in skiing this year is quad chairs. Aside from those in Breckenridge and Park City, there are 4 new ones at Vail, 3 going in at Aspen and 3 in Monmouth. Could these result in quadriplegics?

While I'm reluctant to mention it, I must report the Huey Roberts story. While at the Flakes' Annapolis picnic, Huey's wind surfer "broke down" (mechanical failure, says he) and he had to be rescued by Patty Wyckoff and Joan Flake. (Those two can rescue me anytime!)

Finally, my very personal Kneedle of the Month to Larry Pease. Seems a band of us are reworking the club bylaws and a meeting had been scheduled for a Tuesday night at my place. Larry called to say he couldn't make it and requested a shift to Thursday. Okay, tho I was forced to sell my Wolf Trap 1812 Overture tickets.

Well, the Thursday meeting was a tremendous success with one exception. Larry Pease forgot about it and didn't show! X?#&!

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!! SKI TRIPS !!

MONT SUTTON, QUEBEC - SKI TRAIN - Jan. 11 - 18, 1986. (BRSC Sanction Applied For)

PRESENTED BY POTOMAC VALLEY SKIERS AND THE SKI DOCS

6 nights lodging..7 dinners with wine..7 breakfasts..6 days lift tickets good at four big mountains (Ski East)..round trip ski train coach ("the Montrealer)..round trip bus (from train to Mont Sutton). Total price for ALL of above - \$414!! a person (two to a room).

SEE FLYER IN THIS TOOT FOR DETAILS AND CALL JACK PEOPLES(301)840-2213

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As an adjunct to the "ski train", the Potomac Valley Skiers and the Ski Docs present a FAMILY SKI OPPORTUNITY for an estimated \$200 a week per person occupying Kirk Burns' (or other) chalet at Sutton.

If interested, call Jack Peoples (301) 840-2213 for a flyer detailing accomodations and transportation alternatives for the chalet dwellers.

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, COLORADO - February 22 - March 2, 1986

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The Wingroves report that, due to overwhelming response, they have only 5 - 7 more rooms available.

Changes in air fare and schedules have caused a slight modification in plans. New schedule: Saturday, Feb. 22 through Sunday March 2. The lift ticket is good for six out of the seven days.

The new total price (including the new air fare and the extra night's lodging in Denver) is \$760 a person.

Please call Barbara Wingrove soon if you would like to join this group or would like more information. (762-4887 or 670-1050).

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AUSTRIA - January 24 - February 9, 1986 (BRSC Sanctioned)

There are still a few places left on this exciting trip to Zurs and Zell am See. Call the Wyckoffs (589-5532).

SKI BEST OF THE WEST - February 8 - 22, 1986. (BRSC Sanctioned)

Still places available on this two week trip to all the famous ski areas in Utah. Call Norm Engelman (299-2635).

SKI CONTINA D'AMPEZZO, ITALY - March 7 - 22, 1986. (BRSC Sanctioned)

Places still available for this trip to glamorous Cortina. Call Dina Taylor 301-663-6089 (O)301-363-0300 Ext2650. Or, locally, call MaryJane McCarthy (H)949-3703. (O)443-6520

SWITZERLAND - Vince Macaluso still plans to do some ski mountaineering in Switzerland after the Cortina trip. If interested, call Vince(265-4903).

ALTA-SNOWBIRD - February 28-March 10, 1986. Due to a lack of response, this trip has been scratched and accomodations at Alta canceled. Any Questions, call Gorman Young (244-2319)

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