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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE Fare You Well!

It's time once again to say goodbye and thank you to a departing TOOT editor. Judy and Mike Mealey are leaving this area and we will miss them.

Judy has done a great job with TOOT this past year, maintaining the high standards set by the Kings and adding new features - "The Knee" was her idea.

It's been a pleasure working with you, Judy. Good luck! Come back and join us in PVS activities whenever you can.

*Marilyn J. Clark*

Marilyn J. Clark, President

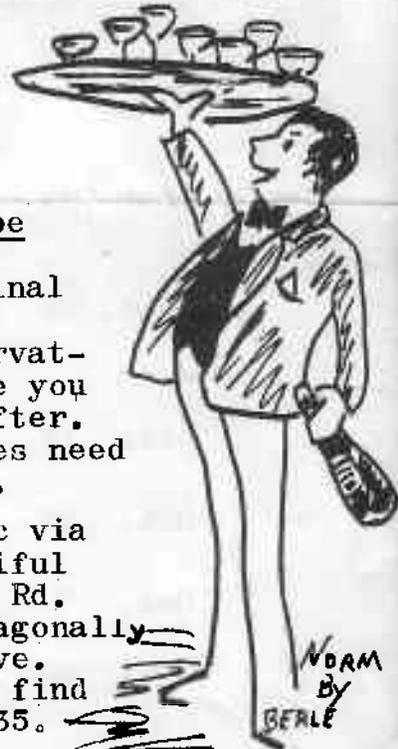
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SEPTEMBER EVENT "Cheese and Wine Tasting Party!"

When September 21st, Friday evening at 8:00 p.m.

Where At the home of Mary and Norm Engleman, 10450 Kentsdale Drive, Potomac, Md. Pat and Don Cope are choosing interesting wines and cheeses for this popular event. There will be a nominal fee of \$5.00 a person. Please call Alice Swalm at 979-6756 for reservations. Alice is the coordinator and would like you to call by September 10 or very soon thereafter. There is no limit on attendance but the Copes need to know how much wine and cheese to purchase.

How to Get There: Take Beltway Exit # 16 for Potomac via River Road (Rte. 190). In the heart of beautiful downtown Potomac turn right (North) on Falls Rd. (Rte. 189). Take the fourth right turn (diagonally across from a cemetery) onto Kentsdale Drive. In about half a mile, on a corner, you will find 10450 (Chez Engleman). If lost, call 299-2635. Come early! Stay late! Enjoy!



AUGUST EVENT REPORT "Summer Fun and Games at the Wingrove's"  
By Bob Wyckoff

Saturday, August 18th dawned like any other Washington Saturday - threatening rain. What a revolting development! President Marilyn and Hostess Barbara kept the phone lines busy between themselves and the Weather Bureau and, I think, with a little praying thrown in. The forecast was dubious but so was it for Sunday, the rain date. The decision - on with the picnic! It turned out to be a fine picnic, even if a semi-private one, with only about 20 PVSers and friends attending. (You can tell who the real skiers are). We drank white wine, rosé, beer and soft drinks. The younger set had a big time in the pool. We all ate and drank and ate. Alice Swalm and Margaret Wyckoff found that noon 'till dark was too long to get by on their own picnic lunches but the Lyon family came to the rescue with extra hot dogs.

As dark approached there was still a tub of beer and plenty of wine left tho we all did our duty. Those who let a little heavy dew scare them off missed a relaxed "fun" day. Many thanks to Barbara and Jim Wingrove for their warm hospitality.

(Editor's note: And thanks to Bob Wyckoff who showed his South American and Galapagos slides. He just "happened" to have them, a projector, and screen in his car trunk! The wild life in the Galapagos, including the giant tortoises, booby birds, sea lions, and ferocious looking iguanas were fascinating to see. Bob was rightly proud of the job his new Pentax ME camera and zoom lens did. He also slipped in some pictures about skiing the French Alps. Natch! )

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SCHEDULE OF FUTURE EVENTS

- Sept. 21 - Annual "Wine and Cheese Party" at the Englemans.  
See separate notice and call coordinator Alice Swalm. Pronto, please!
- Sept. 25 - Excom Monthly Meeting at Barbara Wingrove's home; 9211 Overlea Dr. Potomac, Md. 8 p.m. Call 762-4887 for directions or refer to picnic directions in August TOOT.
- Oct. 16 - Third Tuesday Meeting at Marilyn Clarks . 8 p.m. Directions and entertainment in October TOOT.
- Oct. 25 - Tentative date for Jacques Hadler's Potomac River Hike - this year on the Va. side.
- Oct. ? - Fall Fest! Plans forming. Check this space next issue.
- Nov. 20 - Ski Clinic and Movies at the Marxes. Larry Pease and Bing Poon conducting.

FUTURE AVAILABILITY OF SKIING

(Former PVS President Geoff Wade has sent some thoughtful comments on the future of skiing. Below TOOT prints the gist of Geoff's message. All skiers should take note.)

Recent events, the ESA Convention and a BRSC/ASF meeting, have made me realize how much the world has changed for skiers. The issue is no longer the cost or convenience of skiing but the AVAILABILITY.

Gas and fuel oil shortages threaten not only the skier's ability to get to a ski area but the ability of the area to serve him.

For example, there is a serious lack of buses to move people from the Denver airport to ski areas on weekends; jet fuel is so tight airlines are no longer interested in charter business or extra ski loads; possible negligence suits threaten the existence of some ski areas.

Many ski organization officials still think it is enough to get us a 10% midweek ticket discount at, say, Mahoney Mtn in Keokuk, Iowa, when there may not be a resort there next time we try to get to it and we may not be able to get there anyway.

All is not hopeless. Things can be done through our existing ski organizations, drastically modified, if necessary, or through new organizations if we need them. Each issue must be tackled separately by working cooperatively with airlines and bus companies, changing our weekend ski habits, political action on the state and Federal levels, and pressuring regulatory agencies.

The USSA and its divisions, our clubs and area councils, manufacturers' assocs., the Natl. Ski Patrol and the lobbying and marketing organization in Washington, the American Ski Federation, must work together for ALL skiers.

Each of us, individual and association, must help to identify

problems and make constructive suggestions for solving them.

Those of us in contact with congress, state governments or regulatory agencies must alert our organizations to the existence and status of problems and suggest how influence can be exerted in order to keep skiing AVAILABLE.

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SKI THE FRENCH ALPS UPDATE

By Bob and Margaret Wyckoff

Plans for the January 25th to February 9th trip to La Flagne

and Val Thorens are proceeding nicely. Interest has been excellent and a number of applications have been received already.

Reservations for the group have been made with SWISSAIR which had the best schedules and in the past provided us with excellent flights. We will be using the G.I.T. (Group Inclusive Tour) fare which is now the lowest. This means we will have to travel over and back as a group. If anyone wishes to go ahead of the group or come back later, he should promptly call the trip leaders concerning possible options.

We are still optimistic about holding the \$995 package price although, to be realistic, a small adjustment may be necessary. In setting this price we anticipated a 5% rise in air fares. Because of fuel costs the fares are, instead, going up approximately 10%. The future status of the dollar (stable at present) will determine whether we'll have to increase the over-all package price.

Call the Wyckoffs  
589-5532

with any questions

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EXCOM REPORT By Alice Swalm

The August 23rd ExCom meeting was held at the home of Alice Swalm. Attending were: Marilyn Clark, Gail Gell, Bob Marx, Larry Pease, Mary Ward, Jim Slack, Margaret and Bob Wyckoff, Bing Poon, Barbara Wingrove, Lu Beale, Art Topping and Alice Swalm. Items discussed were:

1. Lu Beale was welcomed as the new editor of TOOT.
2. No further action is to be taken at this time regarding the purchase of a typewriter since the new editor believes her machine will be adequate.
3. The new deadline for submitting items to be published in TOOT will be the first day of each month.
4. The report of Geoff Wadey, who attended the ASF /BRSC meeting on behalf of President Marilyn Clark, was accepted. Excerpts are printed in this issue of TOOT.
5. Plans were made for forthcoming PVS events. See Schedule of Events.
6. Gerry Deighton's offer to lead the car pool ski trip to Sutton was accepted. Jergen Pohl, who also volunteered, will be asked to assist. Further information about this popular family trip will be published later.
7. SKI-O-Ree will again be held at Snowshoe, W. Va. this winter. Dates: Feb 1 through Feb 3. This is an annual BRSC effort to get various club members together for good fellowship, good skiing, and a good time all around. If any PVSer will coordinate for our club please call Marilyn Clark, 978-9435.
8. On behalf of PVS, Marilyn expressed appreciation to Barbara and Jim Wingrove for hosting the rainy day picnic on August 18. PVS will reimburse them for the expense of liquid refreshments and will enjoy the leftovers at future meetings.

9. It was decided that a minimal charge will be made for drinks served at future meetings.

10. Gail Gell, Membership Chairman, announced that 50 persons have renewed membership in PVS.

11. Reservations have been made for lodging at Wisp for the January and February trips. Gail will lead the January trip but needs a volunteer for the February outing.

12. The September 25th EXCOM meeting will be held at the home of Barbara Wingrove at 8 p.m.

13. EXCOM discussed the need to conduct a PVS meeting on each regular meeting night regardless of scheduled social events. It was also decided that whenever possible meetings will be held in members' homes rather than in public rooms.

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BIKE HIKE

Kudos to Thelma Belloli, Helen Price and Alice Swalm. When the gas shortage monkey-wrenched the July Eastern Shore Bike Hike this determined trio settled for a bicycle tour of Washington from Thompson's Boathouse to Pierce Mill to Columbia Marina to the Mall, with picnic lunch under pleasant skies en route.

Proving once again - a skier with a will can always find a trail!

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Norm Engleman reports that the Ski The Utah Powder trip is shaping up nicely and all arrangements have been completed. (See application flyer in this issue.)

THE KNEE

By  
Big Foot



Dear Readers, I have really done it this time. After less than a year I drove out

our TOOT editor. A month ago editor Judy Mealey said to me: "Knee, one more bad pun and it's you or me." Now, I ask you, was there a bad pun in last month's KNEE? Of course not. But after the column Judy asked me if I planned to continue. How could I possibly stop? So it's goodbye, Judy. Now that's the real story.

Seriously, or as seriously as I can get, we all wish Mike and Judy Mealey the best of luck in Pa. Judy's done a great job as TOOT editor - we'll miss her. But we also look forward to working with new editor Lu Beale. Dare I say that TOOT has gone from an editor with a -er - mealey mouth to one who is a lulu? No, even I don't dare say that.

Question from the Archives: What recently married PVS couple used to work together in managing PVS?

Big Foot was pleased to hear that ex-TOOT editors Dick and Julie King are alive and well in Denver. We were amused at their guess as to who the Knee really is.

All above information came from one of the Knee's unreliable sources. Wouldn't you, would you like to be one? If you have any information on a PVSer's coming, goings, foibles, etc., send or phone it to Big Foot care of TOOT editor. Lord knows, it doesn't have to be funny. It certainly isn't funny that Barbara Wingrove is now suffering from tennis foot!

Nor is it funny that club secretary Alice Swalm got lost on her way to the last PVS meeting and finally arrived in Potomac, Md. (from Arlington) via Gaithersburg and Frederick!

On the other hand, it seems to me that it should be funny, or, at least punny, that at the Wingroves

swim-in (and, unfortunately, rain-in) the Wyckoffs showed slides of their vacation in the Galapagos Islands. Now, there's got to be a great pun somewhere in the word Galapagos but I'll be damned if I can think of it. Mort Huff, where are you when I need you? How about "They Galapoed off on vacation"?

Two Excom meetings in a row were without verbose Ex-presidents McKinley and Wadey. Again, everyone expected a short meeting (last months' certainly didn't turn out that way). This one was shorter - (last months' sticky problem was resolved - thank you, Judy Mealey) but everyone stayed around anyway and enjoyed hostess Alice Swalm's excellent dips accompanying the liquid refreshments.

Last month Big Foot reported that good ol' BM left for Minnesota rather than put together another issue of TOOT by himself. Well, some PVSers now know why. As reported, TOOT was put together by an ad hoc committee consisting of Judy Mealey, Lu Beale, the KcKinleys, Larry Pease and Greg and Angela Gell.

First, after everyone figured out where the pages were to be stapled, they had to learn how to properly fold them (space for the address MUST go on the OUTSIDE!) Finally, about 150 copies were folded, stapled and stamped when someone realized there were only 90 or so address labels. So all of the extras had to have the stamps removed - what a job! Then someone found an entire list of new addresses so stamps had to go back on. But, of course, the glue was no longer on the stamps. So those of you who got a TOOT with the stamp taped on, now know why. (In case you wondered.)

Answer to our question: Several years ago (actually more than several now) Hank Thomas was president of PVS and his lovely new wife was Aina Hertelis - a very active member of excom.

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CLUB OFFICIERS

President . . . . . : Marilyn Clark  
 Vice President . . . . Bob Marx  
 Secretary . . . . . Alice Swalm  
 Treasurer . . . . . Margaret Wyckoff

Membership . . . . . Gail Gell  
 TOOT Editor . . . . . Lu Beale  
 TOOT Production . . . . Jan & Bob Marx  
 USSA - Eastern Rep .. Art Topping  
 BRSC Rep. . . . . Bob Wyckoff  
 PSF Rep. . . . . Art Topping  
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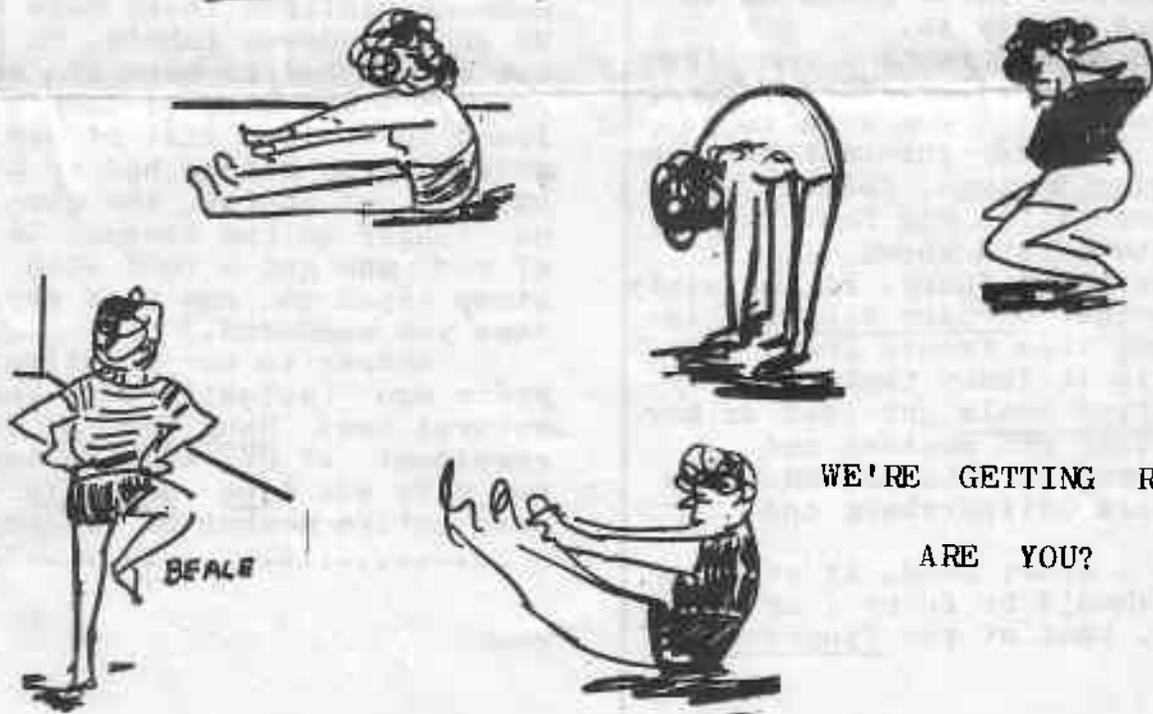
Second Term:  
 Gail Gell  
 Geoff Wadey  
 Mary Ward

First Term  
 Keith Lyon  
 Bing Poon  
 Barbara Wingrove

Deadline for each TOOT issue is the first of following month. Please submit contributions by phone or mail to Lu Beale, 4040 51st St. N.W. Wash. D.C. 20016. Tel: 363 3521

DON'T FORGET

Jan. 25 - Feb. 9 Ski The French Alps Call the Wyckoffs 589-5532  
 Feb. 21 - Mar. 3 Ski the Utah Powder Call Norm Engleman 299-2635  
 Jan. and Feb. Family Weekends at Wisp Call Gail Gell 620-4573  
 Late winter Ski Sutton Call Gerry Deighton 424-5707



WE'RE GETTING READY!  
 ARE YOU?

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