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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

It's here! It's here! As I sat composing my thoughts for this month's epistle to you I looked out on the dogwood tree with its mixed red and green foliage, the tulip tree with its yellow and already brown leaves, and felt the cool, crisp air streaming through the open door. Fall has arrived! And what a great fall it will be for PVS with all the events lined up (see schedule elsewhere) by Program Chairman Ray McKinley.

Even more exciting is the fact that, with the arrival of fall, winter (and our most favorite of all activities) is rapidly approaching. It sounds as if many of you have already made your skiing plans. Based on the reports from our trip leaders, very few spaces remain on some of those trips. For those of you who have not yet signed up, now is the time for the big trips and soon more word will be out on our local expeditions.

Finally, those of you who have renewed your membership read no further. For the rest of you this is the last hooran -er, TOOT - unless Gail Gell hears from you soon. I hope we will be sending you the next issue.

Bob

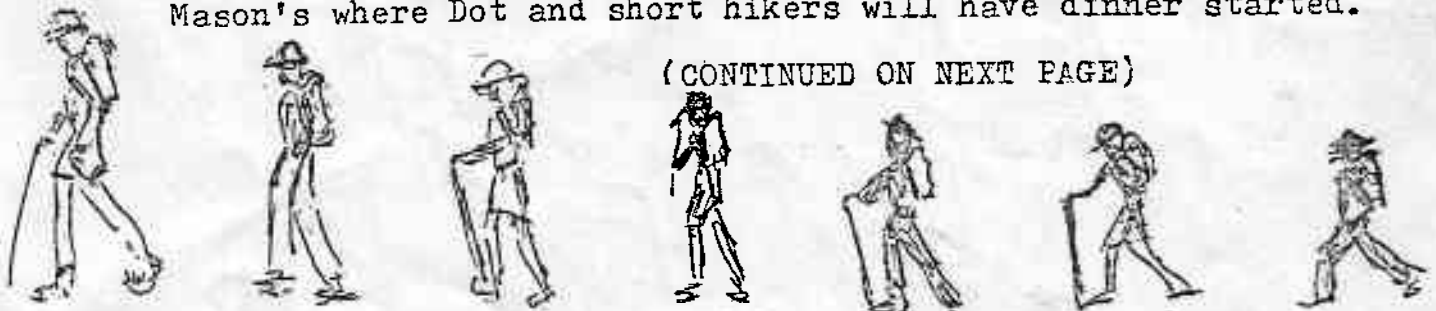
Bob Marx, President

OCTOBER EVENT: FALL FOLIAGE HIKE WITH DINNER AT THE MASON'S

When: October 24. Rain date October 25.

What: Hike in the northern section of the Shenandoah National Park covering 3- 12 miles with four possible dropoffs in between. Starting at Jenkins Gap, we will follow the Appalachian Trail over Compton Mountain. It will be all downhill from here, except for side trips. After lunch we will leave the A.T. and take the Rickey Ridge Trail to its end or your own drop off point. Cold beer available wherever you quit. We'll caravan to the Mason's where Dot and short hikers will have dinner started.

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FALL FOLLIAGE HIKE WITH DINNER AT THE MASON'S (CONTINUED)

Time: 8 a.m. at the Cooper school just inside the beltway at Exit 13, Rte. 193 (Old Georgetown Pike). The school is to right of 193 on Balls Hill Road. We'll arrange carpooling there.

Bring: *Lunch and water for drinking.

*Warm clothing in case it gets cold after sundown (the days will be getting shorter). We always take rain gear as insurance for good weather.

*Money to pay for the share-the-cost dinner (about \$ 5.00) and for sharing the cost of the car.

*A contribution to a once-in-a-life-time green salad (no kidney or lima beans, please!)

RESERVATIONS FOR DINNER A MUST SO THERE WILL BE ENOUGH FOOD.
CALL DOT OR JENCKES MASON (652-4313) BY OCTOBER 21st.

Special NOVEMBER Event

HARVEST DINNER - SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14th

Don't miss it! The PVS Harvest Dinner at Skyline Towers, Bailey's Crossroads, Va. offers a second chance this year to feast in the best PVS gourmet style.

Bette Walker has chosen a tempting menu from our soon to be published PVS Cookbook and suitable libations will be provided.

So, mark your calendar for Saturday, November 14 and call coordinator Dot Mason (652-4313) to make your dinner reservations and find out what you should bring. Estimated cost: \$7.50 per person.

Come at 7 p.m. for punch. Dinner at 8 p.m. Bring your own plates and flatware.

ALSO COMING IN NOVEMBER:

Regular monthly meeting at Charlotte Eddy's on November 17th featuring a demonstration of the latest ski equipment by the Ski Center's Adam Kahane. Details in next issue of TOOT.

AND FOR DECEMBER

* LINCOLN MEMORIAL CATACOMBS

This interesting event (limited to 20 participants) announced at the Englemans' Winetasting Party, will take place on December 12th. If interested, call Ray McKinley (790-8812).

* ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

This gala event will take place on December 12th at the Waggaman's. (Details later.)

PAST EVENTS

CRABFEAST by Norma Jean and Edwin Parker

The Gala Crab Feast Festival at the lovely Potomac home of super star hosts Barbara and Jim Wingrove on September 5 was an outstanding occasion.

Thirty five ardent PVSers attacked and devoured several bushels of steamed hard shell crabs along with a variety of individually submitted salads including Malda Elrod's potato salad of which she vowed to bring more next time! Mother Nature was at her best with the corn on the cob yield. Well chilled beer, wine and soft drinks were the nectars of one's choice. The denouement was the dessert table - sweets galore especially for us chocolate loving freaks. The accompanying fresh brewed coffee was a divine finale.

Special kudos to Cam Clark and the Lyon boys as champion crab eaters; Robin Wingrove's fluffy white poodle, Peppy; and Bill Stecher's new Swiss dog, (St Bernard look-a-like) Yuli

Swimming pool spashing, swimming, rubber ball passing and loafing were enjoyed by all participants as well as spectators.

Attendees at PVS's last summer weekend were Wingroves(hosts), Barrys, Clarks, Elrods, Flakes, Grasleys, Lyons, Marx & sons, Masons, D. Nips, Parkers, H. Price, Santoros, A. Swalm, A. Berling, Wyckoffs, Bill Stecher and Yuli. All had a great time. Thanks to the Wingroves!

WINETASTING by Bob Wyckoff

In August we had the warm-up -- the first PVS Winery Tour. Then came September 11th and we had the main event at the Englemans. Mary and Norm had everything arranged - lantern lit patio and garden and, this year, a full moon with no threat of rain. Seventy three persons enjoyed the warm hospitality. This number included several new members and 12 guests. The prize for those traveling the greatest distance went to the Wyckoffs' guests, Ricardo and Coleena Palau, who arrived from Ecuador one hour before the party.

Don and Pat Cope out did themselves once again with their choices of wine and cheeses for the occasion. If any of you connoisseurs want to know what made you feel so happy, here is the list:

WHITE WINES

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| 1. Pedroncelli | French Colombard '80 | Bell | \$5.99 (Magnum) |
| 2. Pere Patriarche | Blanc de Blanc NV | A & A | 2.99 |
| 3. Buena Vista | Pinot Chardonnay '78 | Bell | 4.50 |

RED WINES

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|-------------------------|------------------------|-------|------|
| 1. Ch. Bois de la Garde | Rhone '77 | Bell | 3.60 |
| 2. Bodegas Olarra | Rioja '75 | Bell | 3.50 |
| 3. Pine Ridge | Cabernet Sauvignon '78 | A & A | 7.50 |

CHEESES

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|---------------------|--------------------------|-----------|
| Jarlsberg (Danish) | Potomac Butter & Egg Co. | \$2.69/lb |
| Port Salud (French) | " | 3.20/lb |
| Brie (French) | " | 2.99/lb |

After an appropriately short monthly meeting, a good portion of the group moved inside to watch some fantastic slides of Jack Hadler's raft trip through Grand Canyon on the Colorado River. The quality and excitement of the shots can best be described by quoting audience remarks. A third of the way through, Mort Kuff asked when the show was going to start - all he had seen so far were brochure covers.

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WINETASTING (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3)

A little further along in the show, someone commented that these pictures looked as though they had all come from the National Geographic magazine. Hank Thomas quipped "Where do you think he got them?" The slides were of that caliber and we all enjoyed the trip.

All we can say is that Norm and Mary Engleman did it again - and we hope they do it again next year.

1st ANNUAL OLD FASHION REHOBOTH BEACH CLAM BAKE AND PLAYER PIANO SONGFEST

BY Vivian and Bob Barry

The weekend got off to a splashing start as 23 PVSers and guests arrived in the midst of a veritable deluge on Friday, September 18 as 4" of rain flooded the Rehoboth area. Nonetheless, all arrived safely and enjoyed wine, cheese and a roaring fire at trip leaders Bob and Vivian Barry's beachhouse. All guests were given special greetings by two "Dackels" (dachshunds), and Va Tu (a long haired calico cat).

After much good cheer, the Barry's player piano was activated as one way of getting PVS legs in shape for the coming ski season. Many voices were raised in harmony singing the good ole songs of the 30's and 40's. The party ended in the wee hours with all weather forecasters predicting a sunny, pleasant fall weekend.

They were right!! Saturday dawned on three houses packed with PVSers ready to hit the beach - beach shop sales, that is, while others sought the historic sites in nearby Lewes and other area attractions.

By midday, the sky cleared and a cool, windy but sunny day developed. The scene was set for that evening's beach party. Frantic preparations included split second timing to coordinate the arrival of stuffed clams, steamed clams, raw clams, lobster, corn on the cob, plus many other goodies. All the food and PVSers somehow fell miraculously into place.

By sunset, all were busily munching and cracking lobsters. Later, the stuffed PVSers and friends returned to the Barry house for another round of merriment.

Among the notable quotes heard during the weekend were the following:

"One nice thing about PVS weekends is that you never know whom you are going to sleep with."

"Sometimes I can get drunk on one beer but last night I drank and drank and drank and nothing happened -- OH!! (She only broke the player piano.) Guess who?"

Alas, all good things must come to an end. The group hit the beach early Sunday and, under sunny skies, swam, feasted (again) on hot dogs, bouillabaisse, chocolate cake, beans, macaroni salad, and watermelon, etc. etc. until finally it was time to break up and head back to the big city. Except for the Barrys who spent a glorious week recuperating at the beach.

EDITOR'S NOTE: It comes to me on good authority that the Barrys deserve an extra special note of recognition for a super weekend. Not only did they line up housing, plan and cook all the fantastic meals described above, but even wrote up the trip for TOOT. Well done, Barrys!

BIKE HIKE On a sunny, breezy Sat. Sept 26, three Heitchues, Charlie Gordon, Mike Rysavy and Ginny Larson followed leader Thelma Belloli on a 18-20 miles Eastern Shore bike hike. A tire blowout that deposited Jean Heitchue unceremoniously on the road caused a slight delay at the start. Later, antique hunting provided a brief respite from pedaling, as did a 30 minute ferry ride and picnic lunch on the bay. It was a grand day!

The Knee

by
Ray McKinley



It's October, fall is upon us. Can winter be far behind? Out west, some forecasters

are predicting a cold winter with lots of snow. This is based on that great scientific methodology called pine cone counting. A lot of pine cones, so the theory goes, is Mother Nature's (I guess I should use the non-sexist "Parent Nature's") way of telling the squirrels to stock up well, it's going to be a real wingdinger of a winter. Scientists have correlated amount of pine cones directly with amount of snowfall and this year they are counting record numbers.

I checked my young pine tree -- of course it's only knee high (tho not related to the soda). Last year it had no cones and Washington got no snow. Well, this year, its third, it still has no cones. Oh, well ...

Let me switch to a bigger subject. Several weeks ago I hiked the cornice at Mammoth Mountain, California. I was in the High Sierras to do some hiking and it seemed appropriate to do it on a ski slope. Let me give you some advice: Never go from sea level to 9,000' and try to hike up an expert trail on your first day. I did about a thousand vertical feet and damn near died. Now I know why people spend \$20 a day to have ski lifts take them up the mountain.

Notwithstanding my hiking woes, Mammoth appears to be one hell of a mountain. Over 3,000' vertical, 22 lifts and a skier capacity of 18,000 a day. Last year, a bad year for skiing, they had over a million skier days, down 30% from the previous year but more than any other U.S. ski area including Vail and the 4-mountain complex at Aspen. We ought to run a trip there!

Anyway, after my exhausting experience on the hill, I decided I kneeded a hamburger so I went to the first fast food joint I saw. I was somewhat worried because of the scare of kangaroo meat in the hamburgers at some California fast food spots. I asked the manager and he said it couldn't happen there. My suspicions grew when the meat started hopping around in the bun. But I was hungry so I ate it. No ill effects, except the next day I was a bit jumpy.

I understand I missed a real great time at the Wingrove crab feast. To quote Dot Mason and several others, "I made a real pig out of myself." Cam Clark was the biggest eater. He went through 21 crabs. Next year you teenagers will be charged an additional fee. I'm looking forward to a repeat feast next year.

Ditto for the Barry beach party at Rehoboth where the lobsters were delicious. There's something fishy about both of these events.

Check Max Bunnell's hands for blisters. The Knee hears he's been cutting grapes at the Naked Mountain Vineyard. I wonder what their wine labels look like. Don Cope, PVS wine expert, tells me the labels - er - barely fit on the bottle and that the wine is - er - buff colored, a bit raw and goes well with Godiva chocolate.

Speaking of Cope, I understand 9 of the 12 rooms in the Cope house are under construction. I've been that route. I was up to my knees in dust. We all hope to see the results in Don's home at the next international dinner.

The wine tasting at the Engleman's was a - er - smashing success. Norm and Mary even provided excellent weather and the wine and cheese selected by the Copes were superb. I really liked the last red wine. Too bad it's near \$9.00 a bottle. Anyway, hoagies do go better with Gallo port. I mean it - - that's not just sour grapes. My philosophy regarding wine is quite simple: after you are into your second gallon, it doesn't even matter what color it is.

Almost didn't recognize Jan Marx at the wine tasting (and that was before I was into my second gallon!).

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The Knee (Continued)

Jan was sporting a new hairdo and was without glasses. And Jack Lilly who hasn't been to a meeting in ages, was looking unusually dapper. Jack tells me his apartment has just gone condo so he'll (I hope our editor doesn't leave out the apostrophe) be moving soon.

I had a lovely conversation with Tina Farwell and, later, with Charlie and their ravishing guests. They all said they would read my column if I put their names in. So here goes: "Their Names." I also met ex-PVser Nancy Monacelli who did our TOOT Christmas design. It will soon be time to bring that out again. Toward the end of the winetasting, Frank Shelburne suggested that WCTU membership should automatically preclude PVS membership.

Two rhetorical questions: What was Norm doing out in the woods with BW Malle? I don't buy that "looking at azaleas" bit. And what was Jean Heitchue doing with those strategically placed fig leaves (they really don't cover much) especially while husband Reg was off in California? You shoulda been at the wine tasting!

Perhaps the high point of the evening was the showing of Jack Hadler's magnificent slides of his raft trip through the Grand Canyon. As enthusiastic as everyone was, perhaps PVS should sponsor a similar trip.

Finally, perhaps my final set of kneepuns. I'm virtually out of ideas.

Cacaphoknee -- sound from a bad symphoknee

Croknee -- what a crow kneels on
Pu knee -- very small and weak

(Pronounced pugh knee)

Geronkneemo -- what I yell when I start down a ski run

A kneemic .. short for A Knee,
Ray McKinley

P.S. Regarding PVS vacation trips noted in last month's Knee, Carol Parmenter wrote from Baltimore to say she, too, had vacationed on Cape Cod this summer and the Marxes called to say they had taken the same Niagara Falls-Saulte Ste Marie trip as the Elrods but in reverse.

BLUE RIDGE SKI COUNCIL NEWS by Geoff' Wadey

Six PVS members plan to attend the Fall BRSC meeting in Annapolis on October 4th. - our president, Bob Marx, delegates Bob Grasley (with Mary Lee), Geoff' Wadey, and Bob Wyckoff, plus Art Topping.

The 1982 SKI-O-REE will be held at Snowshoe, West Virginia February 5, 6 and 7.

There are presently 4 BRSC sanctioned trips - our two European trips and two one-week SCWDC trips: Kitzbuehl, January 29-February 7 and Sun Valley, January 23-30. In addition, we plan to apply for BRSC sanction for our Utah trip.

The Ski Patrol is sponsoring five ski swaps:

- Oct. 4 Alpine Ski Shop, Oakton, Va.
- Oct. 10 Potomac Ski Shop, Kensington.
- Oct. 10 Ski Chalet, Arlington, Va.
- Oct. 11 Cabin John Ski Shop
- Oct. 18 Ski Center, Wash. D. C.

The Amateur Ski Instructors Association (ASIA), the unofficial successor to QASI, now has 473 members and will hold a precourse training session in this area on January 9, 10 at Round Top. The nearest exams will be given at Jack Frost January 23, 24. (For details, contact Gene King of SCWDC - 978-1225)

Two ski resorts in our area have substantially expanded their facilities. Snowshoe has a new triple chair and two miles of new slopes. Ski Liberty has opened four new steeper slopes and a new chair lift on the Northeast side of the mountain.

Trip

SKI SUTTON 1982

When: March 13-19

Approximate cost: Under \$200 including lodging, lifts, food and transportation

Trip Leader: Gerry Deighton. Call as soon as possible because space is limited. (424-5707)

MEMBERSHIP NEWS from Gail Gell

Our 1981-82 membership renewal period is about to end. Those people not signed up by October 31 will not be included in the roster that is published in the November TOOT.

As of September 20th, 103 people have joined or renewed their membership. There are 11 new applicant members.

There have been a number of incorrect phone numbers and changes in address and phone numbers among our membership. PLEASE send Gail any corrections so the new roster will be as up to date as possible. We also plan to have a new telephone tree in the December TOOT.

P.S. If there is an application form with this TOOT, you have not yet sent in your renewal.

what & when

- Oct. 8 ... Natl. Observatory Tour. 7 p.m.
- Oct. 4 ... Ski Swap at Alpine Ski Center in Oakton, Va.
- Oct. 10 ... Potomac Ski Shop, Kensington, Md.
- Oct. 10 ... Ski Chalet, Arlington, Va.
- Oct. 11 ... Cabin John Ski Shop
- Oct. 18 ... Ski Center, Washington, D.C.
- Oct. 24 ... Hike and dinner with Masons at Front Royal
- Oct. 27 ... ExCom at Charlotte Reith's. 7:30 p.m.
- Nov. 14 ... Harvest Dinner. Skyline Towers, Bailey's Crossroads. 7p.m.
- Nov. 17 ... Monthly Meeting. Charlotte Eddy's home. 8 p.m.
- Nov. 24 ... ExCom Meeting. Ward/Slack home. 7:30 p.m.
- Dec. 12 ... Lincoln Memorial Catacomb visit. 2 p.m.
- Dec. 15 ... Christmas Gluwein Party at the Waggaman home. 8 p.m.
- Dec. 22 ... ExCom Meeting at Marilyn Clark's. 7:30 p.m.
- Jan. 19 ... Monthly Meeting at Glade Flake's home. 8 p.m.

SKI TRIPS

- Jan. 9 - 10 ... Wisp. Gail Gell leading. More info in December TOOT.
- Jan. 22 - Feb. 7 ... Ski Austria with the Wyckoffs. (589-5532)
- Jan. 23 - Jan. 30... SCWDC sponsored trip to Sun Valley Idaho.
Call Tom Rollow (703/ 684-7154)
- Jan. 26 - Feb. 9 ... Spain/North Africa with the Grasleys. (460-3167)
- Jan. 29 - Feb. 7 ... SCWDC sponsored trip to Kitzbuehl, Austria.
Call John Holt (703-534-2512)
- Mar. 6 - Mar. 20... Ski Utah Powder with the Englemans. (299-2635)
- Mar. 13 - Mar. 19... Ski Sutton, Canada with the Deightons. (424-5707)
- Early 1982 ... Cross country ski in Montana with the Wieses. (320-3155)

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SPAIN/NORTH AFRICA SAFARI by Bob Grasley

We are fortunate to have some foreign language experts joining the group. Three can speak French, and one has Spanish as her native language. These languages are very useful both in Spain and North Africa.

One member of our group, Charlotte Reith, plans to extend the trip about five days or one week. If anyone else is interested in extending please call Bob Grasley at 460-3167. The extra time could be spent in the south - along the Sahara or in some of the northern cities of Morocco.

A pre-trip party is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 7.

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