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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

If you opened this TOOT and found a membership application, then you need to send in your dues. November 1st is the deadline for membership for the 1983-84 year. Some ninety people have already signed up so send in yours today.

PVS has the honor of hosting the Blue Ridge Ski Council meeting on October 15th (see separate notice in this TOOT). For those who ask "What is BRSC?", it is an organization of ski clubs that serves the area comprised of Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, and the District of Columbia. It is affiliated with the Pennsylvania Ski Federation and the U.S. Amateur Ski Association. Now that you still don't know what BRSC is, call Bob Grasley to reserve a luncheon place and volunteer to help with registration at the meeting.

Snow has already fallen in the west and there has been frost on the pumpkin locally. Now is the time to get in condition for skiing. Our October meeting will acquaint you with the newest in equipment. See you there.

Gail

Gail Pease, President

OCTOBER MONTHLY MEETING

When: Tuesday, October 18th. 8 p.m.

What: Regular third Tuesday monthly meeting, this time featuring a preview of the latest ski equipment plus a discussion of its merits led by the Ski Center's Brian Eardley. And, of course, the usual good company and refreshments.

Where: At Charlotte Eddy's home. 3413 White Oak Court, Fairfax, Va. Tel: 385-1022



Directions: From Beltway #495, go West on Rte. 50 to Fairfax Circle - (approximately 3 miles). Go three quarters of way around circle and go West on Rte 237, pass shopping center to first street (note Great Oaks sign) where you go right and continue one block to a right on Great Oaks Way. Continue one block to right on White Oaks Court to Number 3413.

Special Events

FALL HIKE WITH DINNER AT THE MASONS

- When: Saturday, October 29. Rain date: Sunday, October 30th.
- What: This time, says Dot, we'll hike a newly laid out section of the Appalachian Trail, north of Route 66 along the Blue Ridge within sight of the Masons' cabin. Gradual uphill. You can amble four miles with Dot, ramble seven with Lu Beale, or scramble fourteen or so with Frank Shelburne. Whatever your choice, there will be a cold beer at the end. From the trail's end it is less than half an hour drive to the Masons' where dinner will be ready.
- Time: 8 a.m. at the Cooper School just inside the Beltway at Exit 13, Rte 193 (Georgetown Pike). The school is on the right side of #193 on Balls Hill Road. Carpooling will be arranged here.
- Bring: Lunch, including beverage and spare drinking water, warm clothing in case it gets cold after sundown, and rain gear as good weather insurance.
- Cost: \$5 - \$6 for the share-the-cost dinner. Also carpooling contribution.
- Reservations: The trip is limited to forty and is already fully subscribed. There is, however, a wait list. If interested, call Dot or Jenckes Mason (652-4313) by Wednesday October 26th. Lu Beale (363-3521) will take calls between October 15 - 22.

BLUE RIDGE SKI COUNCIL FALL MEETING

- When: Saturday, October 15th. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Where: Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza Hotel, 1750 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852. Parklawn Room. Phone: 301-468-1100. (It's right across the street from Congressional Shopping Center.)
- Cost: \$12.95 for lunch. Coffee and donuts/danish in the morning are included.
- What: Hosted by PVS, this meeting covers all aspects of the local ski scene: ski flights, racing, ski patrol activities, new area developments, etc. etc. It is an opportunity to meet representatives of other clubs in Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia and D.C. Generally, Baltimore and Richmond are well represented. It is also an opportunity to see one of the most magnificent hotels in the east. See the 20 foot waterfall, dance at Chasers, attend a luau at Papas Restaurant in the giant atrium. We need some volunteers to assist at this function (welcome guests/collect \$). Call Bob Grasley 460-3167.
- Send Money Send checks in amount of \$12.95 payable to PVS to Bob Grasley, P.O. Box 6365, Silver Spring, Md. 20906
- Deadline: October 7th.

SKI SWAP AT THE SKI CENTER Mass. Ave. & 49th St. N.W. D.C.

- When: Saturday, October 16th.
- What: Buy, sell, trade ski equipment to your benefit and that of the Ski Patrol. Directed by PVS's Jim Wingrove.

Special Events

THIRD ANNUAL HARVEST DINNER

Make your reservations now for the Harvest Dinner to be held on Saturday, November 5th at 7:00 p.m.

The beautiful party room at Skyline House East, Bailey's Crossroads, Virginia, is the setting for this PVS gourmet dinner.

Call Marilyn Clark after 6 p.m. at 978-9435 to make reservations. This event is limited to 49 people. Marilyn will let you know what food to bring in addition to your own plates and flatware.

DIRECTIONS TO SKYLINE HOUSE EAST: From I-395 (Shirley Highway) take Rte 7 Exit West to left on George Mason Drive. Take 2nd left from there into Skyline House parking area and get a parking permit at the desk there (they tow without a permit) or park without a permit on George Mason Drive or in the Skyline Shopping Mall parking lot.

In the Skyline House East Building ask at the desk for the Felker Party (not PVS) and take elevator to Penthouse floor party room.

STATE DEPARTMENT TOUR AND LUNCHEON

What: Tour of the ceremonial rooms at the U.S. State Department followed by luncheon at the Foreign Service Club. Bob Brasley says a fascinating speaker has been lined up (subject: Russia) provided travel schedule allows him to be in Washington on that day.

For those who wish to make a full day of it, some afternoon activities are in the planning stage.

When: Thursday, November 10th.

The tour starts shortly after 10 a.m. Those signing up will be given complete directions. Car pooling or metro is recommended.

Cost: \$15.00

Make checks payable to PVS and mail to Bob Grasley
P.O. Box 6365, Silver Spring, Md. 20906

As of now, the tour is limited to 25 persons. If you are serious send in your check NOW. Call Bob or Mary Lee Grasley at 460-3167 for more information.

CRABFEAST by Jean Heitchue

On September 4th the annual Crabfeast was once again held at the home of Barbara and Jim Wingrove in Potomac, Maryland. One couldn't have found a more pleasant spot to spend a hot, humid Sunday afternoon than the Wingroves' large spacious backyard.

While some visited under the large shade trees and sipped cool beer and soft drinks, others found the pool most refreshing.

Bushels and bushels of crabs were served along with corn-on-the-cob and hamburgers. The meal was rounded out with a large variety of delicious salads and desserts made by our good PVS cooks. "Oh, that chocolate mousse!"

Jan and Bob Marx plus Cam Clark were once more "the crab-eating-champs." They made sure Barbara wouldn't have left-overs next night.

Many thanks, Barbara and Jim, for once again welcoming PVS to your lovely home.

CHEESE AND WINE TASTING by Sheldon Drews

The annual PVS cheese and wine tasting party was hosted by Mary and Norm Engleman on a chilly Friday evening September 23rd. A hardy thirty four PVSers and friends attended this unique no-frills affair (no meeting, no slide shows, no wine-rating forms to be completed). Quickly adapting, they resorted to enjoying each other's company, the wine and cheese, and the Engleman recreation room with active fireplace. There was appreciative consumption of the following wines selected by Don Cope:

- 1981 Chablis - Paul Reitz (white)
- 1982 Macon - Villages, Georges Du Boeuf (white)
- 1981 Grenache- McDowell Valley Vineyard (rosé)
- 1982 Fetzer - Mendocino, Johannisberg Riesling (white)
- 1980 Merlot - Boeger, El Dorado (red)
- 1978 Cabernet Sauvignon - Charles Krug (red)

The fine cheeses (Danish, Swiss and French) selected by Pat Cope also disappeared fast - those served inside the house seemed to be the favorites.

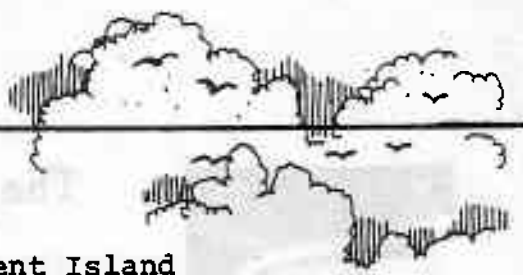
Many thanks to Mary and Norm for hosting this event and to Pat and Don for selecting the refreshments.

FELICITATIONS AND ALL GOOD WISHES TO GORMAN AND CAROLINE YOUNG WHO CELEBRATE THEIR 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY ON OCTOBER 14TH. GORMAN SEZ HE WAS A VERY YOUNG GROOM AND HE JUST DOESN'T KNOW WHERE ALL THOSE YEARS WENT.

CAN'T KEEP A GOOD MAN DOWN DEPARTMENT

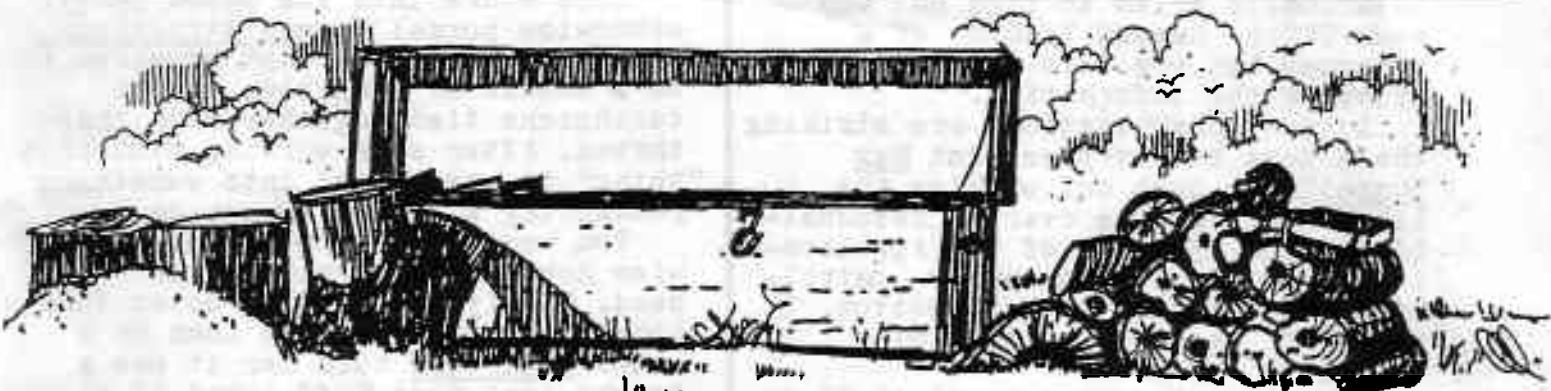
Excomer Reg Heitchue is recovering nicely from a fall suffered while working on his new house. He was knocked unconscious and broke several bones but was ready to climb back up and complete the job a few days after the accident. Whew! Careful, Reg.

PICNIC & SWIM at HADLER'S



- DATELINE: September 10, 1983 Saturday
- EVENT: PVS Annual PICNIC & SWIM
- PLACE: Jacques Hadler's cottage on Kent Island
- COORDINATION: Gail Pease, assisted by Larry & Company
- WEATHER: H H H (Hazy, Hot & Humid) but, beautiful!
- ATTENDANCE: 27 PVS'rs + One and a sixteenth dogs (the 1/16 was Lu Beale's ferocious beast)
- COMESTIBLES: Traditional picnic fare with hot dogs and hamburgers lovingly charred by Alice Swalm...a variety of salads and baked beans, enough for everyone...desserts that were anything but, "just desserts"...what else, for PVS'rs?
- ACTIVITIES: There were expeditions along the newly storm-configured beach, to view the results of the recent storms. ...notably Jack's new rip-rap, installed to buttress his property against future rampages of nature... the trips up and down the stones to the beach, marked by gingerly negotiating the yellow-X'd stepping stones. ...swimming free-style, amongst the friendly jellyfish with tentacles akimbo...boating on the Cat and the Dinks. ...gathering in the rays (Old Sol, not old McKinley)... pondering the potential for snow during the upcoming ski season...socializing...playing catch-up on "How I Spent My Summer...and jes a-sittin around.

Thanks, Jack.



Esoteric sketch of Hadler's boat-box & logs, rendered "live" by Mort Kuff

NEW VICE PRESIDENT

Excomer Sheldon Drews has agreed to serve as PVS Vice President for this year. Congratulations, Shel, and thanks!



The Knee

by

Ray McKinley

It's October and already there's been heavy snow in the Rockies. Time for my perenkneéal question: what PVSer will ski first this season and where?

Lots of kneet stuff to report so let's delve right in. During the past several years, Gail and Larry Pease have strongly advocated having all monthly meetings (but not events) on the third Tuesday of each month. Excom and previous prexies haven't cared so much. When Gail became president, the Knee was certain all meetings would be on Tuesdays. Well, the Wine & Cheese September meeting was scheduled for a Friday and, of course, President Gail had other plans and couldn't make it. Now that's ironknee.

What is POVALSKI? (See nest TOOT.)

Guest limits at both the Hadler and Flake beach parties were 40 because each place has only one bathroom. I tried to find out why each PVSer needed 1/40th of a bathroom but was told I wasn't - er - privy to the information.

Lots of organizations are striking these days but ex-president Max Bunnell is just out walking the line. Seems he has overall responsibility for 8½ miles of the Appalachian Trail and is constantly patrolling and cleaning up his section. I wonder if he worries about pine kneedles.

At a recent summer event in 97 degree temperature, Ginna Larson and Bette Walker were cool and relaxed discussing ice skating.

In previous years, the Heitchues always brought their sailboat, a Hobie Cat, to the Hadler beach picnic. Now they are building a lakefront house in Reston they will be able to use their Hobie Cat all the time, right? Wrong. They tired of it and sold it last month. Hobie they made the right decision!

Some holdover news from Elrods' Steak & Swim: without a doubt the award for the funkneeist line of the day goes to Marilyn Clark.

After all the crabs and corn on-the-cob were consumed at the Wingroves' Labor Day (labor for them, pleasure for us) Crabfeast, Aina Thomas was seen passing out dental floss. I'll have to figure out something to say about that which isn't cornknee. Incidentally, how can champion crab-eaters Bob and Jan Marx and Cam Clark (who started "crabbing" at 4:30 and ceased at 7:30) stay so skinknee?

The funkneeist thing about Jack Hadler's June (delayed until Sept.) beach party almost turned out tragic. We had a closed keg of beer with a spiget but no pump or air pressure. Tragic! But, due to the ingenuity of some PVSers including host Jack Hadler, Bob Grasley and (with all due modesty) the Knee, the problem was solved and eventually the keg's airtight seal was cajoled open. This provided air to let the beer flow (dribble, really) out the top at the bottom. After a while, as thirsts increased, this proved an unsatisfactory solution and the keg was tipped sideways to permit the golden nectar to cascade out the hole in the top which previously had been the airtight seal. After that, boy! did I need a beer!

Some hours into the beach party, otherwise normal Jeanne Strickland took from her purse what appeared to be a bundle of long, blue bamboo toothpicks tied together with thick thread. After some working with this "thing" it was turned into something resembling a bamboo lampshade.

You know what happened next? Otherwise normal Jeanne stuck this on her head. Really. Jack Hadler noted that it looked better on Jeanne than on a lamp. Greg Gell told her it was a bright idea. Mort Kuff asked if it was a levilor.

After listening to all this for a while, Ginny Larson pulled out a similar set of sticks, but white, and turned it into a lampshade which she stuck on her head. Now that's incredible!

Kneedle of the Month is copresented this month with the "Earliest to Arrive at the Crabfeast Award" and goes to Jim Slack and Mary Ward. They arrived, after carefully rescheduling other weekend events, at about 3 p.m. with dessert in hand. Unfortunately, they arrived on Saturday and the Crabfeast was on Sunday.

IMPRESSIONS OF GREECE (WITH A QUICK WINK AT PARIS) by Dorothy Mills

On Sept. 2nd, twenty antiquity lovers and bargain shoppers, including PVSers Margaret and Bob Wyckoff (trip leaders), daughter Patty, Irene Farrell, Jane Miller, Dot Mills, Bob Brock, and Charlie Gordon, took off from Washington via Paris for Greece. First stop, Paris, and a whirlwind bus tour between planes. Then, on to Athens. Overwhelmed by so many activities and sights in a short time, I resort to a kaleidoscope of impressions:

Cruising the Aegean, past myriads of mist shrouded islands, many barren and uninhabited, to Ephesus in Turkey...Munching from a cornucopia of lush, ripe figs as we walked through the ruins of one of the largest cities of ancient Greece - visited by St Paul and St. John in their missionary journeys...On to Rhodes...Swimming in the Aegean beneath the acropolis of Lindos on a 400' hill above us...Visiting the palace and hospital built by Crusaders in the Middle Ages...Then Crete, home of the 2,000 B.C. Minoan civilization...Remains of a 4-story palace which had bathrooms and a plumbing and drainage system that still work.

Next the picturesque volcanic island of Santorini where we rode donkeys up the steep path to the town built on the volcano's rim.

Back on the mainland, driving past the plain of Marathon, site of one of the most famous battles of antiquity...through cotton fields (being harvested by hand) and olive groves studded with beehives to magnificent Delphi, the center, "navel", of the Greek world, dedicated to Apollo.

The ancient Greeks were workaholics. Nearly all their fabulous architectural creations were built on the highest point of land available to which they hauled untold tons of marble. Leaving aside the artistic realization, the physical accomplishment is unbelievable!.. A pair of donkeys huddled in the sparse shade of an olive tree...Feet always hot, tired, and dusty (you understand the Biblical custom of washing a guest's feet!)...Athens' awe-inspiring acropolis with its Parthenon and other temples and museum which shelters sculpture and movable objects from the destructive pollution of the pall of smog that hovers over the city.

Soldiers in traditional Greek dress changing the guard at the Unknown Soldier's Tomb in a ceremony that looked more like folk dancing than military marching...Walking in the footsteps of Plato and Socrates in the Agora of Athens...Watching a performance of Euripides in the 3rd century B.C. outdoor theatre at Epidaurus...From the lowliest village home to the fanciest restaurant - patios roofed and draped in vines shading from the summer heat...Dining outdoors midst the scent of jasmine or in a taverna by the sea with waves lapping at one's feet...Climbing to the Temple of Poseidon, a spectacular sight on the rocky, windswept promontory of Cape Sounion...Lounging at the hotel pool under a grape arbor - picking the grapes and admiring the lemon trees.

Joining the waiters in folk dancing after lunch...Driving through groves of lemon, apricot, and pistaccio trees...Windsurfing...Shopping in the flea market of Athens and the hundreds of tiny shops in the ancient Plaka Busy, noisy downtown Athens with its horrendous traffic and ubiquitous outdoor cafes buzzing with activity...Street vendors roasting corn over charcoal fires...Piles of dusty rubble that seem to have been there forever.

Back to Paris...Greece is brown-France is green...A boat trip on the Seine at dusk...The Moulin Rouge...The Tuileries gardens with the rosy light of dawn still in the sky...An avenue of trees stretching from the Louvre to the l'Arc de Triompe.

And so back home...After all these wonderful things, there's no place like it!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Oct. 15 ... BRSC Fall Meeting. See page 2.
- Oct. 16 ... Ski Swap at Ski Center. See page 2.
- Oct. 18 ... Monthly Meeting at Charlotte Eddy's. 8 p.m.
- Oct. 25 ... ExCom at the Wingroves. 7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 29 ... Hike/Dinner with the Masons. See page 2.
- Nov. 5 ... Harvest Dinner. See page 3.
- Nov. 10 ... State Department Tour. See page 3.
- Nov. 15 ... Montly Meeting at the Marxes. 8 p.m.
- Nov. 22 ... ExCom at the Wyckoffs. 7:30 p.m.
- Nov. 26 ... Great Falls Hike with the McKinleys.
- Dec. 20 ... Monthly Meeting at the Heitchues. 8:00 p.m.
- Dec. 27 ... ExCom at the Clarks. 7:30 p.m.

Trips

- Jan. 13 - Jan. 29 : Austria. There are still a few spots open.
Call the Wyckoffs. (589-5532)
- Jan. 20 - Feb. 4: Switzerland. Filled. Waitlisters accepted.
Call Gorman Young. (244-2319)
- Feb. 11 - Feb. 25: Utah. Space available.
Call Norm Engleman. (299-2635).

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