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President's Message

Plans are now final for the Club's autumn dinner to be held on Friday November 1, 1991 at the Arts Club of Washington, the home of President James Monroe, 2017 Eye Street, N. W. The cost of this event will be \$36.per person which includes a gourmet's delight buffet. So dress up in your finery(black tie optional) and grace the beautiful historic formal rooms of the mansion as well as the walled garden, weather permitting.This event will begin at 7 p.m. and we guarantee there will be no speeches, slides or choral singing, just good fun and conversation.

Please mail your check payable to Bill Anderson ASAP as payment to the Club must be made prior to October 15.

Bill

Bill Anderson, President

MONTHLY MEETING

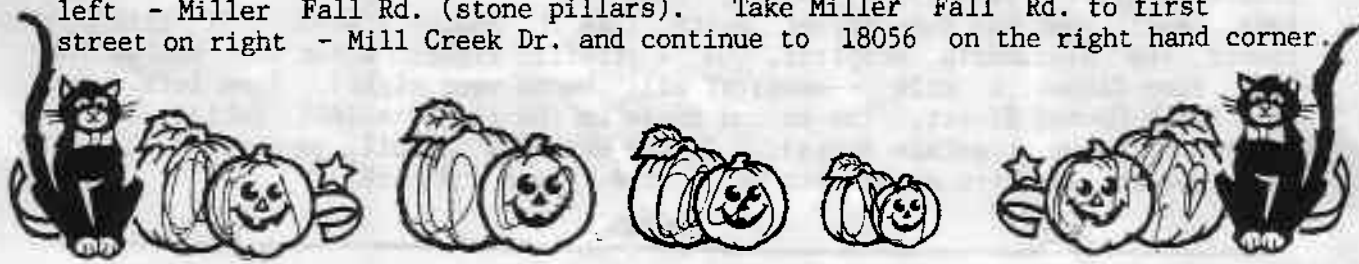
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15 8 P.M.



WHERE: Home of new members Liz and Serge Triaud
18056 Mill Creek Drive
Derwood, MD. Telephone: 301-840-1129

It's a spooky time of year but the Triaus promise no spooks at this party. Just lotsa friends, lotsa snacks and a little bit of business. As usual. CHECK IT OUT!!

DIRECTIONS: Take Beltway to I 270 North towards Frederick. Proceed to Exit 9 for 370. East and Metro Station. Bear to the right and follow 370 East for two miles to Shady Grove Rd.East Exit. Go east on Shady Grove Road for 1.6 miles to intersection of Rte 115/Muncaster Mill Rd. (.Sixth traffic light. Fire house on the right.) Go left on 115 to first street on left - Miller Fall Rd. (stone pillars). Take Miller Fall Rd. to first street on right - Mill Creek Dr. and continue to 18056 on the right hand corner.



COMING EVENTS



Something New--PVS Dining Out Group ("DOGS")

--Monthly

A new idea for getting together is dinner on your own with PVS. Order from the menu at a different restaurant each month alternating back and forth across the river. Reserve the Second Tuesday of the month. So we may give the restaurant an approximate count, call Pat Tengel or John Smith at home 301-299-8376 or Pat at work 301-405-1012.

Note EARLY Date!

The first dinner will be Tuesday, October 8, 1991. We will gather for cocktails in the bar at the entrance of the Verona Ristorante, 1401 Rockville Pike at 6:30 pm and dinner will be at 7:00 pm. Earlybird specials cost \$13.95 for choice of appetizers, entrées and desserts.

Directions: From I-495, to I-270 North to Montrose Road East. Follow Montrose Road to the Rockville Pike, Turn Left. Proceed to Templeton Place, left hand turn at 7th traffic light. After left turn, turn right into shopping center. May be some parking in front, ample parking in rear. The restaurant is in the same building with Joseph Banks Clothier.

From Gaithersburg. Templeton place is the traffic light before Congressional Plaza.

From Bethesda and DC. Wisconsin Avenue to Rockville Pike. Follow Directions above.



AUTUMN DINNER - FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST.

See the President's Message on page 1 and send in your deposit for this gala affair promptly. Bill Anderson coordinating (301-654-4711).

If you have previously left a message on answering machine please call AGAIN as machine didn't work!

AUSTRALIAN WINE TASTING - SATURDAY, October 12, 1991

7:30 P.M. Still space for you on this special limited event hosted by John and Dorie Waddick, 1605 N. Howard St., Alexandria. Delicious wines served with appropriate hors d'oeuvres. Call the Waddicks (703-751-3143)

Directions: From 495 (the Beltway) take exit North 395, Arlington, Washington, DC.

OR:
from Springfield, take 95/395 North, THEN
Pass Edsell Road and Duke Street exits. Take the Seminary Road EAST exit toward the Alexandria Hospital. Go 4 traffic lights after the one at the exit ramp (about 1 mile --hospital will be on your right). Turn left into North Howard Street. The second house on the right is 1605 (white brick house with brown garage doors). If the driveway is full, go another 200 feet on N. Howard and turn right into Maple Tree Court and park.

COMING EVENTS



REHOBOTH/DEWEY BEACH GETAWAY ... October 18-20.

There are still a dozen or so vacancies for the PVS Autumn Beach Weekend at Rehoboth/Dewey Beach, Delaware, 18-20 October. Call Vivian Barry on (703) 560-3127 (home) or (703) 356-0100 (Real Estate Office) to make your reservation. The price is \$65 per person, which includes accommodations, Friday nite welcome party at the Barry Bed & Breakfast Inn, Saturday PM Beach Cookout, Sunday Brunch at the Brown's and Breakfast at individual accommodations. Send your checks to Vivian at 2535 Ogden St. Falls Church, Va. 22043. For those of you who have reserved but not paid yet, please do.

FALL HIKE WITH DINNER AT THE STRASBURG HOME OF SHAHR SAD AND JAMIE MILLER

October 26 --- 9:00 A.M. RAIN or SHINE!

Cost: approximately \$9 per person.

Limited: to 40.

Bring: lunch, beverage, spare drinking water, sturdy shoes/boots, appropriate weather gear and warm clothing in case it gets cold after dark.

For a pre-hike side trip, Jamie has arranged for us to see Cherokee Ski Area. Then our vigorous 8 mile hike takes us along the Massanutten Ridge Trail and to a most memorable dinner à la Shahr sad.

Where: Meet at Cooper School at 9:00 AM to carpool. We will then proceed to Cherokee.

Directions: Cooper School is just inside the beltway at Exit 13, Rte 193 (Georgetown Pike). The school is on the right side of #193 (going towards town) on Balls Hill Rd.

Anyone who does not plan to meet at Cooper School, please call hike leaders Jan and Bob Marx (703-451-9158) to let them know your plans and to get directions.

Reservation and cancellation deadline: October 21.



CYCLING TRIP FROM ANNAPOLIS TO BALTIMORE

Another cycling trip is being planned for Sunday, 27 October at 1000. A new bike path (13 miles one-way) has recently opened and we want to try it out. If interested, call Myra/Ken Evans. They will have maps available at the Oktoberfest. (703-620-0545)

COMING EVENTS

GREAT FALLS HIKE/SUPPER WITH RAY MCKINLEY

Saturday, November 16. 1:30 P.M. Rain or Shine.
Ray says this year's feast will be oriented towards the southwest but may or may not include chili.
Limited to 25 for dinner. (No limit on hikers.) Reserve a place by calling Ray (703-527-7126).
Bring dessert or salad. Check with Ray.
Directions in November TOOT.

DIRECTIONS TO THE OKTOBERFEST AT THE EVANS'



From the Beltway, get on I-66 West. Take the Third Exit--Route 50 (West), Winchester/Dulles. You will pass Fair Oaks Mall on your left then exit to West Ox Road (North) and go approximately one mile to Waples Mill Road. (There will be a sign saying To Vale Road, but sometimes it is hidden by a tree.) Turn Right onto Waples Mill and at the stop sign, turn left. You will go about 100 yards and make a sharp right onto Vale Road. Stay on Vale Road for a mile to Cobb Hill Lane and turn left. We are the second house on the left and the name is on the mailbox. If you are coming from Fairfax, take Route 50 and follow these directions.

SKI TRIPS

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS , COLORADO - DECEMBER 7 - 14.

Still room on this great season-opener popularly known as Wedel Week and led by the Comerfords. Luxurious slope-side accommodations. Give yourself a Christmas present and call Dick (703-777-9374) soonest!

MONT SUTTON JANUARY 12 - 19, 1992

Y'all Come !!

ATTENTION ALL SUTTONITES PAST AND PRESENT:

This will be the last club trip to Sutton for the next several years so if you have fond memories of all the rollicking good times there, sign up now for one last PJ Party, one last Bingo Bonanza, one last freezing run down Mohawk, Alouette, Miracle, and Sous-Bois, and one last home-coming at the Pampolaise. Call Jack Peoples 301-840-2213 NOW. And remember the \$757 price includes EVERYTHING except lunches.

LECH & ST ANTON, AUSTRIA - 17 Days (January 24 - February 9, 1992)

Leader Gorman Young reports that there are still spaces available on this trip. All those interested must have their applications WITH DEPOSITS in by November. After that hotel reservations may no longer be held. Call Gorman at 202-244-2319.

FEB. 15 - 29, 1992 - ASPEN/KEYSTONE & THE SUMMIT, DINA TAYLOR LEADING.
THANKS FOR YOUR ENORMOUS RESPONSE. A FEW SPACES ARE STILL AVAILABLE IN BOTH PLACES. COME AND SKI WITH US THE FABULOUS ASPEN MOUNTAINS AND/OR THE EQUALLY EXCITING SIX WONDERFUL MOUNTAINS OF KEYSTONE AND THE SUMMIT. CALL DINA IF MORE INFORMATION IS NEEDED, PHONE: 301-663-6089.

In Memorium

Remember when...? How easy it is to conjure up fond memories when the subject of our attention is Hank Thomas. An easy, recent memory is Hank, relaxing waist deep in the Elrod's Jacuzzi, elbow propped on the edge holding an aluminum beverage can, and bantering with all who passed by. For those of us who knew him only through PVS, he has always been there--literally. Hank was a Charter Member and it's fifth President, serving the club he helped to organize.

Helping and serving are important words when remembering Hank for he spent much of his time doing both. As a skier, he was one of the early ski patrollers, working the "big" mountains--Arapahoe Basin--three days per week while he pursued his college degree at the University of Colorado in Boulder. That same helpful spirit was there in the early 70's when he greeted us in front of the lodge at WISF--me with a young man less than one year old in my Gerry Carrier after a run down Squirrel Cage.

A crowded room was never lonely when Hank was present. His gregarious nature and booming voice were infectious. He had at least one story for every occasion ranging in subject matter from his career at the U.S. Weather Bureau (where he helped create those winter snow storms that permit us to partake in our favorite activity), to his skiing adventures (did you know that he spent a year with his leg in a cast--in 1958--to heal a triple spiral fracture?), to the trials of mowing his private ski slope in his yard in Bowie.

Hank referred to himself periodically as a member of the "metallic" generation (you know that joke) but gold and silver are not the words that spring first to my mind. Instead, I classify him as a "gem;" a rare friend whom we all will miss.

We remember.

—by Bob Marx

BLUE RIDGE SKI COUNCIL (BRSC) SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING 9/15/91 by Dina Taylor

Dina Taylor and Jack Peoples attended this meeting as PVS delegates and want to share some points of interest with you.

A new ski area "WHITE TAIL" will open up for the 91/92 ski season. It is located near Mercersburg, PA (10 miles West of Hagerstown) 90 min. from Washington. It features: 935 ft vertical drop & 100% snowmaking. Lift chairs: 1 high speed detachable quad, 2 quads and 1 double. Total uphill capacity: 8,800 skiers/hour.

The BRSC 1993 Western Carnival will be held in Aspen, price \$1090. Group Trips Unlimited, the only bidder, was awarded the contract.

BRSC is working on getting discounts at ski areas and ski shops for card carrying members of BRSC ski clubs. See handout at next meeting.



THE KNEE

by
Ray McKinley

Last month, the Knee discussed PVS friends and caring. How sad our caring came to the fore with the death of charter member Hank Thomas. Continuing condolences to dear friend Aina.

All the remainder of the illnesses reported last month are much improved.

Last month I also became a poetknee and reprinted a verse (or 2 or 3) to spur membership. Some of you weren't listening. If you haven't renewed your membership, this will be your last Knee. Pleezee...I kneed you!

From my Who Skied First and Last Department, several pretenders to the throne: Fred and Barbara Leonhardt were at Mt. Hood, Oregon, on July 1st. There was lots of snow but too much fog and they couldn't ski.

As reported last month, Mary Jane McCarthy visited Alaska in August. On August 29, she bought a lift ticket at Mt Aleyska. There was lots of snow at the base but after riding the chair lift to the top she found there was insufficient snow for the ski down.

The winner? Neither of the above but PVS's Maine man and frequent Mt. Sutton skier Franklin Fiske who is recently back from two weeks of skiing in New Zealand. Right on!

(To reveal a little inside information -which everyone loves to hear - the Knee occasionally uses the phrase "Right on!" at the end of a paragraph when he can't think of anything really clever to say. Right on!)

With all the changes going on in what Dave Barry calls The Union of Fewer and Fewer Socialist Republics, our own Jan Marx attempted a coup of her own. At the start of a recent ExCom meeting, she usurped Pres. Anderson's authority and "forced" all those present to sing Happy Birthday over the telephone to hubby Bob. He can vote now.

Back to the UFFSR (to paraphrase an old Beatles song), the Soviet breakup provides the Knee with enormous opportunkneeties. For instance, in the

Baltics, we now have Estonkneeia and that great capital Villkneeus in Lithuakneeia. And then there is my favorite Ukraikneeian dish - Chicken Kneev. (Yes, I realize these are terrible.. but someone just has to get them out. Right on!)

The Abrahams and the Comerfords are recently back from Israel, the latter by way of London. Ex-Pres Dick reports that SCUD-hit areas in Israel are now among Tel Aviv's chief tourist attractions

My Needle-of-the-Month goes to this selfsame Ex-Pres. Following the rules, Dick had to reimburse PVS for the price of his steak because he forgot the Steak & Swim event. (How could he!!) The previous month, he called the Walns at the last minute to cancel his reservation for the Luau. This was a surprise to the Walns who reported he had not signed up in the first place!

Jack Peoples recently house sat for June Read while she was in London. Going the other way, Carol Parmenter is back from a 6-month rotational stint there. Cheerio. (That's "right on" in Londonese.)

Huey Roberts stopped briefly in Atlanta on a recent trip to Florida. While there he met up with Jack Lilley (aka Jacques Clod Lilly) who took him on a tour of the city and, of course, showed off his new skis with new Esse bindings. No, Jack, I will not repeat your crude line about Comerford skiing on half Esse bindings. Ooops..!

Charlotte Reith is now helping out with the US National Sculling team and is recently back from Lucerne and Vienna. Until Charlotte explained it, the Knee had assumed Skulling was an intellectual activity.

Serge and Liz Triau called Betty Lawrence before the crabfest, volunteered their help and arrived an hour early to set up. All of our hosts for meetings and events might welcome your help. You might give a call and volunteer sometime.

Dorothy Madsen, after a stay in Chicago and a return to D.C., now resides in Colorado.

More next month.
Right on!

PAST EVENTS

THE "SOMETHING" ANNUAL BIKE TREK/DINNER WITH THE COMERFORDS by Irene Farrell

After last year's locked-bike episode, we thought this year's bike hike would be rather humdrum. Dick came to the rescue, however, with a few incidents of his own. Being a good friend, though, I will not mention them.....BESIDES, someone did show up with the key to the locked car with the lemonade inside before we all died of thirst.....AND, the fact that the 21st Street Cafe in Purcellville was closed presented NO PROBLEM! Lu stood in the middle of the main intersection in pouring rain directing everyone to George's Restaurant. (There are still several locals scratching their heads wondering why they spent Saturday night at George's. However, George thanks you for the business, Lu.)

.....OF COURSE, we can't blame the 98 degree temperature on our leader, NOR the rain that came just as we were arriving in Purcellville.PLUS, it did make the return ride so refreshing. We were a little surprised, though, when one person out of the 15-21 bikers (who could keep track of who was biking all the way, part way, walking or driving?) pulled out a tent and set up camp. Would someone tell Shirley Rettig that George's wasn't that bad? THEN, Gorman Young and Helen Price showed up at aforementioned intersection saying that they had been to a plantation, took one look at the group, and elected to drive back.

BUT, it was great - Karen Felker got to try out her new bike bell, Fumiko Marquardt found a rental bike she really liked. Myron Marquardt and Bob Harmon got some all-weather training for their Holland bike trip. AND, didn't I hear Dick tell Ken Evans the only way to have a good bike trip is to create a diversion and Ken replied, "I already did".

At the Comerfords, we were welcomed by Betty's lovely daughters, Michelle, Debby and Christy, who were our charming hostesses for the evening. Regretfully, Betty had to work and miss all the fun as well as the wonderful Italian dinner with such scrumptious desserts - a delectable apple confection and heavenly cheesecake with blueberry and cherry toppings.

AND, we all had FUN. Thanks Dick and Betty for a great event.



CYCLING TO MT VERNON
by Myra Evans

On Sunday, 22 September, at 9:15, eight hearty PVSers--Lee Coleman, Bob Harmon, Irene Farrell, Huey Roberts, Myron and Fumiko Marquardt and Ken and Myra Evans--set out from Bell Haven Marina to cycle to Mt. Vernon (we later became nine when Gorman Young joined up with the group on the return leg). Since the morning was the coolest of the season, we started out at a good speed, but PVSers don't mind the cold since we know that SNOW and SKIING can't be far behind. Fumiko and Myron came with brand new cycles to break in; Fumiko said her neighbor came over and said, "Oh, I see you bought some new toys." Myron and Ken agreed that at our ages, our toys don't get fewer--just more expensive! Bob and Myron used this trip to get ready for their two-week cycling trip thru Holland where there will definitely be fewer hills. The ride was great and everyone enjoyed the beautiful scenery. When we returned, everyone was hungry--hard to believe for a PVS group--so we quickly adjourned to Copeland's restaurant and filled up on their Cajun brunch specialities.

PAST EVENTS

NO CRABS ALLOWED

by Lu Beale



Tap, tap, tap... rap-a-tap... tap-a-rat... tap, tap, tap...
What is this? Forty PVSers attempting a mass table-tapping seance on a September afternoon on the deck of a Great Falls estate? Forty PVSers sending coded messages to skiers out in Star Trekland? Forty PVSers pounding thumb tacks into a club platform plank? None of the above. Merely forty PVSers having their annual confrontation with hard-shelled crabs - 4 bushels (300 of Cannon Seafood's best!) supplied by super hostess Betty Lawrence along with 40 little wooden mallets to tap away with.

The crabbers sat at paper-covered tables and for over an hour hammered away ... tap, tap, tap... piling up small mountains of emptied carapaces and claws while eight non-crabbers munched unobtrusively on weenies and burgers and such, brought from home, and stared in disbelief as the crabbers kept tapping away. Conversation was minimal.

Betty's Man Friday, Gordon Laggett, kept dumping buckets of crustaceans on each table and hauling away buckets of shells, enough to crush up and pave a driveway if you were so inclined, until finally, one by one, the crabbers put down their mallets, sighed and looked around for dessert.

All but Charlie Taylor who kept at it until he had demolished 14 and was on his 15th before his nearest rival, Jan Marx, with 10 under her belt, threw in her napkins and acknowledged defeat.

Before the main event, there was much else to do: surveying the estate, including tennis court, gardens and riding pastures; socializing (among the too-seldom seen: Carol Parmenter from Baltimore, Barbara Wingrove, a crabfest guest for a change, and Charlotte Reith); and pool-swimming.

At one point a tidal wave appeared to sweep from one end of the pool to the other but it was only Jack Peoples and Dick Comerford entering the water. Perhaps deterred by this threat, Margaret Wyckoff and Barbara Leonhardt contented themselves with sitting on the edge of the pool and toe-dipping while Dick Clark, Bob Wyckoff, Huey Roberts and others, alternated swimming and sunning.

All in all, it was SOME crabfest. (So successful, Charlie Huggins even managed to sell 3 PVS hats!) Thanks, Betty. And thanks, Gordon. And thanks, coordinator Margaret Wyckoff. Thanks to all for a SUPER afternoon.

P.S. And thanks to the trash men who, for an extra stipend, hauled away seven large bags of trash the next day!



SEASON OPENER

On September 17, Myra and Ken Evans hosted the club's Season-Opener with a bang-up end-of-summer get-together and somewhat turbulent business meeting. Despite the rain which arrived in sheets just as the festivities began, some fifty members & guests managed to find their way on the now familiar route to the seemingly tireless and ever-patient Evans' Oakton home (where a visit to the upstairs bathroom is alone worth the price of admission).

With Ken sharing equally all the details of cooking, serving and clean-up, the two hosts kept the group fed and watered (dig those pigs in blankets!) before and after the unusually lengthy business meeting conducted by Pres. Anderson.

Some weighty matters were considered by the assembly, notably whether Sutton or the Tyrol or Colorado offered the most for the least (Ray McKinley suggested Liberty as a viable alternative), and whether the upcoming November 1st dinner should be designated Harvest, Fall, Anniversary or just plain Good Eats Dinner.

With fisticuffs narrowly avoided during the heated debates, the meeting ended amiably enough, probably much to the relief of the guests, including Charles E. Smoot, one of the 1936 founders of SCWDC and Don & Marjorie Harper who first skied on a 1965 Jamie Miller-led SWDC trip to Canada.

Driving home in the rain, some drivers (notably Pres. Anderson) got confused and spent an extra hour touring Oakton and environs. Or were they just hanging out killing time before the Oktoberfest which will again be hosted by the generous Evans, this season's Hosts with the Most! Can't wait to come back, Myra and Ken. Thanks!!

COOK'S CORNER

by

Nancy Garrett



September meeting at the home of Ken and Myra Evans provided lots of goodies that are absolutely grand.

Myra, as always, is most gracious in sharing several of those with us. One of the recipes (Baked Brie) was served to the ExCom and was consumed to the last crumb.

SHRIMP DIP

Cream together well:

- 1/2 cup milk
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 2 teaspoons horseradish
- 8 oz. package cream cheese

Add, mixing well:

- 1/2 cup green onion
- 1/8 teaspoon tabasco
- Dash Worcestershire sauce

Add:

- 1 can (4 1/2 oz.) shrimp (drained)

Place in serving dish and sprinkle with paprika. Serve with chips and/or crackers.

SAUSAGE BALLS

Mix together and shape into 1-inch balls:

- 1 lb. hot sausage
- 1 lb. sharp Cheddar cheese
(Myra uses Cracker Barrel Extra Sharp)
- 3 cups Bisquick

Place on ungreased baking sheet and cook at 350° about 15-20 minutes. About mid-way through cooking, flip them so they cook evenly on both sides. Recipe can easily be doubled for a crowd.

When I bake these, I grate the cheese in the food processor. Then add the sausage and Bisquick using the plastic blade for mixing. I would do this for only one recipe at a time.

BRIE BAKED IN PUFF PASTRY

- 1 wedge or round of Brie (1-2 lbs.)
- 1 package frozen puff pastry shells, defrosted
- 1 egg, lightly beaten

Roll out one pastry shell to about 1/4 inch thickness. Cut the pastry in a shape to totally enclose the cheese. Enclose the cheese, brushing the edges with egg to seal if necessary. Use any leftover puff pastry to make decorative cutouts if desired. Brush with egg and bake in center of oven preheated to 350° for 25-30 minutes or until pastry is golden brown. Serve with apple or pear slices or crackers.

NOTE: WHILE THE CHEESE SHOULD BE BAKED JUST PRIOR TO SERVING, THE PASTRY CAN BE ROLLED AND THE CHEESE COVERED UP TO 2 DAYS IN ADVANCE.

HOT ARTICHOKE DIP

Chop and mix together:

- 1 (8 1/2 oz.) can artichoke hearts, drained
- 1 (6 oz.) jar marinated artichoke hearts drained

Distribute over bottom of baking dish or 9-inch pie plate.

Sprinkle mixture lightly with garlic salt.

Scatter over top of artichokes:

- 1 (4 oz.) can diced green chilis

Over chilis, spread:

- 6 Tablespoons mayonnaise

Sprinkle with:

- 2 cups grated Cheddar cheese

Cover. Bake in 350° oven about 20 minutes or until hot and bubbly.

Can be made ahead and chilled until ready to bake. Cooking time will be extended to about 30 minutes if chilled.

HAVE A WONDERFUL OCTOBERFEST
AND A HAPPY HALLOWEEN!!!!

CALENDAR

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- Dec. 10 ... DOGS
- Dec. 17 ... Glühwein Meeting at the Heitchues'.



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