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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Skiers' Concerns

It's nearly time to start enjoying our favorite sport again.

Along with the many pleasures of skiing go some concerns about our sport.

Of course we are all concerned about snow conditions, the weather, length of lift lines, and cost of lift tickets. But there are other concerns, too.

One of my special concerns is safety - the safety of the various lifts, safety of my own equipment, safety on slopes crowded with out of control skiers.

What are your concerns about skiing? Why do I want to know?

You answer the first question - let me know in person, by phone or in writing.

Now I'll answer the second one. There is an organization called The American Ski Federation which is working for skiing interests. Right now most of their effort is for the ski industry but they also would like to work on things of concern to skiers if only they could find out what they are.

We are "The Club for Skiers" so let's tell them our concerns. Who knows? It just might do some good.

*Marilyn J. Clark*

Marilyn J. Clark, President

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ONE MAN'S CONCERN!

NOVEMBER MEETING

**When:** November 20th, 8:00 p.m.

**Where:** Home of Jan and Bob Marx  
8312 Oakford Drive  
Springfield, Va. Tel: 451-0185

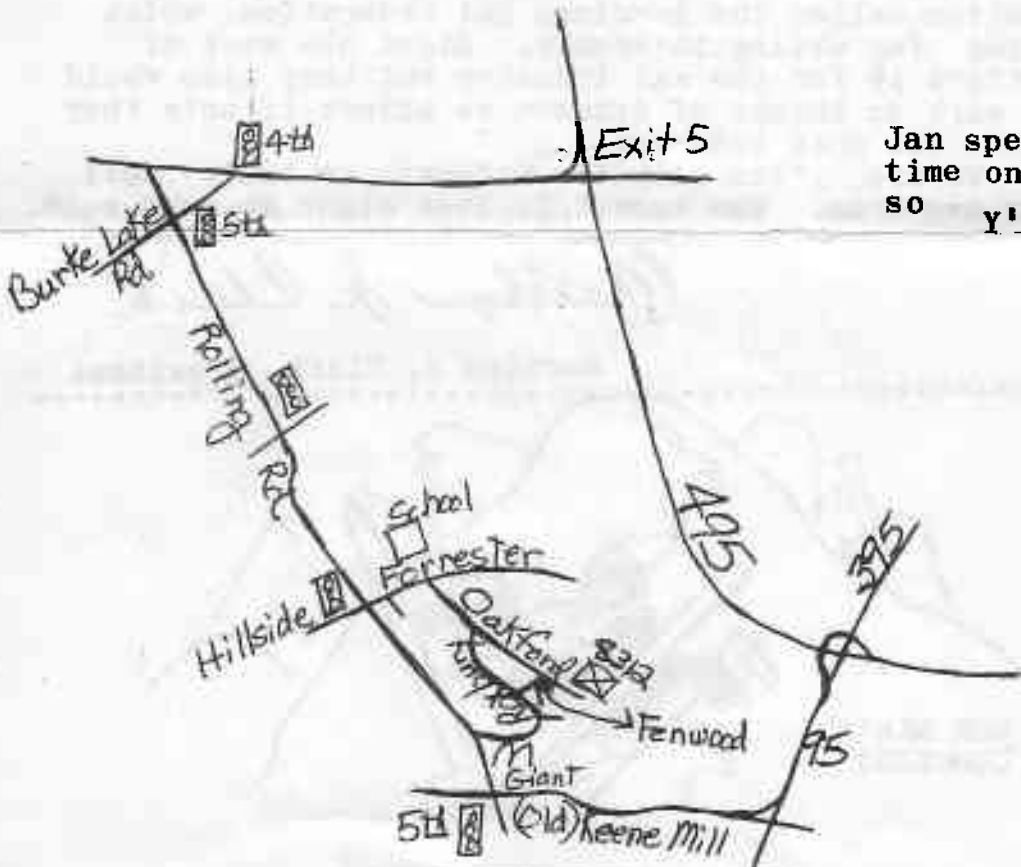
**What:** According to M.C. Larry Pease, there will be the usual high quality movie provided by that purveyor of fine film, Keith Lyon. A feature attraction, Skiing and How to Avoid the Hard Part will be presented by some of the Ski Patrol who have infiltrated the club.

The lively discussions initiated at the October meeting will continue to explore the jungle of bindings and their faults. Opinions and prejudices are welcome and unavoidable.

Questions and suspicions will be deftly parried. Do you want to learn more about your sport? Come anyway - there'll be refreshments and the party is always educational.

**Directions:** From 95 South, Exit West (right) on Keene Mill Rd. Go to 5th traffic light where there is a Giant and Peoples on right. Turn right on Rolling Rd, past McDonalds to the first right which is Roxbury. Turn right. Go to the second right, Fernwood Dr., then right on Oakford Dr. and 8312.

From 495 south, Exit #5, Braddock Rd. Go to 5th traffic light and turn left onto Burke Lake Rd. At next light turn left onto Rolling Rd. At second light turn left onto Forrester Blvd (says Hillside on right side of road.) Turn at second right onto Oakford. Go to 8312 Oakford. Cream and brown house on left.



Jan spent a lotta  
time on this map  
so Y'ALL  
COME!

PAST EVENTS

Oktober Fest by Lu Beale

If you missed the October 13th OKtober Fest you missed an especially happy evening of wining and dining, dancing and singing.

Margaret and Bob Wyckoff hosted the party with only one assist in the food department - hot potato salad from Jan Marx. The Wyckoffs hung a KASSE sign on their den door and 29 PVSers checked in to pay a mere \$5 for a feast of German dishes and unlimited wine and beer.

To background music of Tyrolean songs we dined on sauerkraut, baked beans, hot potato salad, pumpernickel and rye, horseradish and mustard, and - SAUSAGES:30 each of weisswurst, knackwurst, and schublest. (Margaret is now an authority on how to cook and keep warm 90 sausages in a small kitchen.)

After dinner Virginia Lawson demonstrated a Tyrolean dance and was quickly joined by others unable to resist the spirited polkas and Hofbrau House songs. Besides virginia, Helen Price, Malle McKinley, Margaret Wyckoff, Bill Anderson, Bob Grasley and Norm Engleman starred.

PVS is lucky to have so many of its events in private homes - more intimate and convivial settings by far than any restaurant or rented hall could offer. We are all grateful to those members generous enough to make their homes our homes for an evening.

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Autumn Hike by Adele Waggaman

On a truly glorious clear Saturday October 27th, Jacques Hadler led fourteen PVSers on a five mile hike in the Virginia Great Falls Park.

Our trail took us high up on the rocks overlooking the river where we had spectacular views of the rushing water of the falls and the gold and russet October foliage - Autumn's last hurrah. An hour later we found ourselves at the river's edge where the water seemed as still as a lake. We then cut over to Difficult Run trail and found a peaceful spot on the rocks where we had our lunch accompanied by some "bons mots" of Ray McKinley.

When we got back to the highway we decided it was much too beautiful a day to spoil just yet by the noise and fumes of the traffic. Luckily, Max Bunnell was along. He knows the area well and guided us back into the woods on an unmarked trail over a hill to the parking lot.

It was hard to believe such a beautiful area exists so close to downtown Washington. Thank you, Jacques, for organizing such a memorable day.

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PAST EVENTS ( Continued)

October Monthly Meeting by Gail Gell

PVA regular monthly meeting was held at President Mariyln and Dick Clark's house in Annandale, Va. Although attendance was low there was much discussion of several issues during the business meeting.

Geoff' Wadey's report on the American Ski Federation led to an exchange of ideas about how skiing in general can be improved through lobbying efforts.

Dick Clark received the BRSC Safety Award in recognition of his work through the Ski Patrol on the ski binding check program and the Junior Ski Patrol program. During a later discussion Dick gave us the benefit of his experience in the binding check program regarding the safety of some specific binding types.

Gail Gell reported that 87 people were renewed for membership this year. Various PVSers volunteered to call those who had not rejoined to remind them of the November 1st deadline.

While guests nibbled various goodies, the Wyckoffs showed their slides of the Galapagos Islands and the ski areas they plan to visit in France. Keith Lyon presented a movie showing the Aspen ski area whose plot was boy meets girl, they ski and do other things together, boy leaves girl, and later (surprise!) they get back together again.

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MEMORIAL

Don Meek, a member of PVS since 1970, succumbed to illness on October 16, 1979, at his home in Salt Lake City.

A graduate of the Naval Academy, Don retired as Navy Commander in 1975 to pursue skiing challenges in the West and in Europe as a freestyle performer and judge. He served as course setter and jump designer for the Federation of Freestyle Skiing (International.)

During his affiliation with PVS Don joined the Ski Patrol, attained Senior classification, qualified as Senior Examiner and was Assistant Regional Director. He became a Qualified Amateur Ski Instructor, a First Aid Instructor and Eastern Ski Association racing judge.

Don met all challenges with vigor and was happiest when helping people enjoy the sport we all love. His enthusiasm for skiing was matched only by his joy of living.

Don Meek, "Red", we miss you. by Larry Pease

SKI UTAH UPDATE

Norm Engleman reports Ski Utah Powder still has openings. However, there has been a fare increase of \$50. New cost: \$725. There may be further increases so, if interested, get your money in now to preclude paying later price hikes.

Norm is away until Nov 22. During his absence call Alice Swalm (979-6756).



## THE KNEE

by

Big Foot

The end is in sight, we've damn near made it! No, not

the end of the Knee . The knee ends at the hip and the world certainly isn't sufficiently hip. I'm talking of the end of the non-season and the beginning of the ski season. We've made it through the summer and now the frost is on the pumpkin (to coin a phrase.) Let's get out there and ski. I'll start with some material that will snow you.

At the meeting at the Clarks Dick Clark was presented with the Blue Ridge Ski Council Safety Award. In accepting the award, normally quiet Dick put together two or, might be, three sentences. That's more than any one has heard him say in two or three years. A hearty tip of the old Knee pad anyway, Dick. It was a very well deserved award. Dick was presented a plaque at the meeting. Several days later, at a Ski Patrol event, he was presented with the perpetual trophy and a second, identical plaque. Maybe PVS resident dentist, Aina Thomas, can remove some of the plaque.

Our humble apologies to Mert Huff for incorrectly spelling her name Mert Kuff last month and Mort Huff the month before. Nice write up on the Wine and Cheese party last month, Mert. However, as an expert (that's someone who used to be a pert!) I find some of your humor is lacking in sophistication.

Speaking of the Wine and Cheese, our host and hostess - (shouldn't it be hopersons?) Norm and Mary Engleman were

cleaning up around 2 a.m. after the event when the police called. One of the guests, Charlotte Reith, could not drive herself home and was being brought back. After spending the night, Norm, Mary, Charlotte and the man from the service station finally got Charlotte's car started.

From the better-late-than-never-department: This summer PVSers Dean Worcester and Tony Soler participated in a sailboat race to Norfolk aboard Dean's boat REBEL. How did this crack team do? Well, you see it was like this: The wind died and REBEL never did cross the finish line. The Knee wonders why the winner wasn't also becalmed.

The American Ski Federation (see President's message) points out that ski areas are able to get certain grants because most are in rural areas. Next thing you know they're going to tell us that ski areas are near the mountains.

It was so cold at the start of our hike with Jacques Hadler that they were calling Max Bunnell the Blue Max. We understand that Jacques made a special trip down from New York to lead this trek. We appreciated it.

If you didn't renew your PVS membership you didn't get this issue of TOOT and probably are not reading this. Lucky dog.

At the Oktoberfest at the Wyckoffs Bob Grasley and partner were polka-ing a bit too close to the record player and literally stopped the music. Mike Rysavy was elegant in his shirt of many colors. Ginny Larson and Adele Waggaman were dressed appropriately in dirndls. Ginny, who brought some great German records, asked if a dour German was a sauerkraut. And Adele said that the German sausages were some of the wurst ever.

Needle of the Month goes to the PVS EXCOM. After years of free rides we must now pay for drinks at meetings. Boos for the booze policy!

EXCOM REPORT by Bob Marx

Eleven members attended the October 23rd EXCOM meeting at Lu Beale's home.

Agenda:

1. Membership Chairperson Gail Gell reported we have 87 current membership. Ended with 130 last year. Need to get "old" members signed up!

2. Treasurer Margaret Wyckoff gave a brief report on current funds.

3. Nov. EXCOM meeting scheduled for 7:30 p.m. at Gail Gells, Nov 27th.

4. Next club meeting: Nov 20 8 p.m. at the Marx home.

5. PVS will compile a list of "skiers' concerns" for the lobbying group: American Ski Federation. This organization was important in working for the National Ski Patrol Charter.

6. Discussion of fee for refreshments at meetings - 50¢ for each can of beverage/glass of wine which will also cover other items (chips, etc.) This is a return to earlier practice which has not been used in the past 12-18 months.

7. Discussion of guidelines for PVS trip leaders. Strong sentiment for asking leaders to contact previous successful leaders. Handbook does not seem practical since trips take so many different forms.

8. Art Topping discussed Pennsylvania Ski Federation -its history and functions, e.g. push for a Skiers' Responsibility Act to prevent unjustified law suits. PSF currently not very active and is trying to re-organize.

9. Geoff' Wadey reported that the Blue Ridge Ski Council will be publishing a consolidated list of trips run by member clubs. This is as a result of a suggestion made by PVS.

10. Gail Gell described availability of chalet sleeping eight for a 3-day weekend at Snowshoe, W.Va. for a total cost of \$125. Great way for two families to pool resources. If interested, call Gail.

11. Geoff' Wadey discussed how much snow must be melted to flush a toilet - based on his past experiences. He reports it's a lot!

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WISP WEEKENDS by Gail Gell

Timberlake Chalet is again available to us on the 1980 weekends of January 11,12,13 and February 8,9,10.

This large house on Deep Creek lake about 5 miles from Wisp ski area sleeps 12 adults with no problem. The cost of the weekend, usually \$25 per person, will include lodging plus Friday night snack, Sat. and Sun. breakfasts, lunch fixings for 2 days and Sat. dinner.

Lift tickets and transportation are the individual's responsibility. Information on the area as well as lift ticket prices will be available at the next meeting. Ski School is also very good here - especially for beginners.

Call Gail Gell (924-5000 work or 620-4573 home) for the January weekend.

Call the McKinleys (790-8812) for the February weekend.

A \$20 deposit is required.

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Dates for the  
Mt Sutton Trip  
are now firm  
MARCH 1-8 1980  
Call the Deightons  
424-5707

NEWS BRIEFS

Blue Ridge Ski Council

PVS delegates Art Topping, Geoff' Wadey, and Bob Wyckoff, attended the Blue Ridge Ski Council meeting in Baltimore Sept 13. Excerpts from Geoff's report to the President follow:

The local Qualified Amateur Ski Instructor pre-course will be given at Roundtop Jan 5 and 6 with the exam there the next weekend Jan 12 and 13 (dates of our first Wisp trip).

The Ski Patrol will continue binding checks this winter. Last winter they checked 3000 and found two thirds outside limits with 1/4 not releasable!

The Senate Judiciary Subcommittee held its hearings on the Ski Patrol Charter bill. It probably will be heard in the full Senate in this session. The House bill, HR 2279, may be harder to push because of the many representatives interested only in local votes.

ESA has trimmed its staff but still has drastic financial problems. John Newdorp is heading a Committee to study the dues structure.

ESA has obtained a real bargain on Stowe lift tickets at \$12 instead of \$18! You must buy in advance. Contact Larry Thain, 939 E. 9th St. Brooklyn, N.Y. 11230. Tel 212-258-9314.

1980 Olympics news: skating and hockey tickets are scarce; write to the Chamber of Commerce. Only 20% of the tickets were sold as of Sept.30. Travel will be difficult; you will only get to Lake Placid by bus from Montreal or Albany and you won't get into Lake Placid without an event ticket for the day.

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TOOT

If you ever wondered how TOOT got its name here's the lowdown from Mike Rura, the original editor and founder:

"TOOT got its name from the chance appearance at one of our meetings of a boxful of little plastic horns that were handed out to members for no other purpose than to liven up the sessions with some noise. (It turned out to be a real tootin' party.)

"The name caught on and subsequently was adopted for our monthly newsletter. It seemed just right for a perky little ski club."

Agreed!

Word from the Kings

President Clark received a letter from Julie and Dick King who report they are very much alive and thriving in Colorado. They have a brand new home in Denver and have taken a number of brief trips - once meeting the McKinleys at Vail on a one day excursion.

Dick is an Administrator for Martin Marietta Corp while Julie, besides finding and settling in a new home, has taken up glass cutting.

"We feel very fortunate and happy," she writes. "We love new adventures - and we have it."

Carry on, Kings. We envy you!

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NOVEMBER  
ALREADY!

GOOD TIMES  
ACOMING!

SCHEDULE OF FUTURE EVENTS

November 20 - 8 p.m. - Monthly Meeting at the Marx.  
 November 27 - 7:30 - EXCOM Meeting at Gail Gells. Call for directions (home 620-4573. Off. 924-5000)  
 December 18 - 8 p.m. - Christmas Cheer party at Penny Wiederhold's (See next issue for more details)

PLUS

Jan 11-13	<u>Wisp Weekend I</u>	Call Gail Gell (620-4573)
Jan 25-Feb 9	<u>Ski the French Alps</u>	Call the Wyckoffs (589-5532)
Feb 8 -10	<u>Wisp Weekend II</u>	Call the McKinleys (790-8812)
Feb 21-Mar 3	<u>Ski the Utah Powder</u>	Call Norm Engleman (299-2635)
Mar 1 - 8	<u>Ski Sutton</u>	Call the Deightons (424-5707)

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