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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

It is a pleasure to announce that Jan Marx has agreed to serve as your Vice President. Jan is concurrently a member of EXCOM, which our by-laws indicate to be the preferred situation. She, with four and two sons, is also co-producer of TCOF. TCOF is delivered to you about ten days after the editor's deadline for material, an accomplishment shared with few similar clubs. This brings to mind other PVS accomplishments which we may take for granted:

Membership continues to grow and the annual membership roster is available before the ski season. Only budget surpluses are found in the annual financial reports. The minutes of EXCOM meetings show coherent discussions and rational resolutions, even when the color of PVS sweatshirts to be ordered requires a decision.

Hostesses and Activity Leaders combine to provide a full calendar of events year round. And, finally, there is a growing number of PVS ski trips being offered by experienced trip leaders who plan their own trips and sometimes make down payments from their own funds to hold reservations.

Sheldon Drews, President

JULY EVENT: STEAK & SWIM AT THE ELRODS

What: Annual cookout and swimming party at the Elrods' home in Triangle, Va. Bring your own plate, eating utensils, and salad or dessert. (Check with coordinator.)

When: Saturday, July 20th. (Rain date: Sunday, July 21.)
2:00 until dark.

Cost: Approximately \$8.50 a person will get you a delmonico steak, potatoes, potables, plus salad & dessert contributed by guests.

RESERVATIONS: Call coordinator Sara Huggins (424-5725) to reserve a place. No limit but head count necessary for the purchasing of steaks. No-shows will be responsible for the cost of their steaks.

DIRECTIONS: Take Route I-95 south towards

Richmond. Take the Dumfries/Manassas Exit for Route 234. Go left on Rte 234, then right on old Route 1 to left on Virginia Route 1107 at the Triangle Plaza sign. Follow 1107 to a T type deadend and bear right on Cabin Road and continue about 3/4 mile to No. 18510 on the right. (It's the only all stone house.) Phone: 703-221-6364.



Coming Events

AS HAS BEEN THE CUSTOM FOR THE PAST THREE YEARS , THIS ISSUE OF TOOT IS A SUMMER ISSUE COMBINING BOTH JULY AND AUGUST. THE NEXT ISSUE WILL NOT APPEAR UNTIL THE FIRST WEEK OF SEPTEMBER.

BEARING THAT IN MIND, PLEASE NOTE AND SAVE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION REGARDING OUR TWO UPCOMING SUMMER EVENTS. THIS IS THE LAST TIME DIRECTIONS, ETC., WILL BE PRINTED.

DO PUT THEM ON YOUR CALENDAR AND MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS NOW!

SWIM SAIL PICNIC

762-6890

BIG DAY WITH THE FLAKES IN ANNAPOLIS !!

When: Saturday, August 24. (Rain date: Aug. 25.)
Anytime after 1 P.M. Supper will be around 5 P.M.

Where: The Glade Flakes' home in Annapolis.

Instructions: Bring your own hamburger, weenie, t-bone, whatever, to grill. Plus a dessert or salad to share. Bring your own cooler to keep goodies fit, if necessary. Bring blankets, chairs, etc., as you wish. BRING YOUR OWN ROLL!!

Cost: For a small fee, potables, charcoal grill, cooking and eating utensils, condiments will be provided.

Coordinator: The formerly designated coordinator has temporarily skipped town. (We hope there's no connection.) New coordinator is Betty Comerford (860-4927).

Reservations: Numbers are limited due to shortage of sanitary facilities. This event is fast filling up so call Betty now if you are interested. If you must cancel later let her know so someone on the wait list can come.

Bring: Salad or dessert. Consult with Betty.

Warning: Don't park on the street. The Flakes will direct you to safe nearby parking so the Annapolis fuzz won't ticket or haul your car away.

Directions: From Highway #50 exit at PAROLE Exit (first exit for Annapolis) take left turn on West Street and go to second stop light where turn right on Solomon Islands Road. Go one long block to first stop light and take a left on Forest Drive and proceed about 5 miles - (name of Drive will change to Bay Ridge Rd and, then, to Farragut Avenue). Enter gates which have a sign "Bay Ridge" and take first left on East Lake Drive. Bear to right and continue around lake until reaching Number 40 - the Flakes!

40 East Lake Drive, Bay Ridge. Telephone 301-267-0729)

CRAB FEAST

Coming EVENTS

AT THE WINGROVES

When: Sunday, September 1st. 2 P.M. (Rain date:Monday, Sept.2nd.)

Pack up your swim suits, kids, eating utensils, beach chairs, crab hammers,(and folding table, if your have one), and head on out to the Wingroves' beautiful Potomac estate for a fine pre- Labor Day outing. The pool is now heated so you'll have no excuse to stay dry!

Crabs, beer, and soft drinks will be provided. Guests will bring salad or dessert. For the non-crabby set, a grill will be at the ready to broil whatever you want to bring and cook on your own.

The cost will be approximately \$8 for the crab eaters; \$4 for those who bring and cook their own burger or whatever.

Call coordinator Dot Mills (527-5036) by August 26th to reserve a place and to indicate whether you are bringing dessert or salad.

DIRECTIONS TO THE WINGROVES (9211 Overlea Drive):

Take Beltway 495 north to 270N.
Take Montrose Road Exit. At light at exit, turn left on Montrose Road. Next traffic light, turn right on Seven Locks Rd. Proceed through next traffic light and take second left onto Ritchie Parkway. Go through next traffic light and take the 4th left onto Scott Drive. A sign will say



no trucks - restricted bridge ahead. (If you pass the high school, you've gone too far!) Go over the wooden bridge (single lane) to next stop sign. Turn left onto Overlea Drive to 9211. (First driveway on left.)

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WINE & CHEESE PARTY: September 17th. Coordinator:Sheldon Drews(521-5167)

OCEAN CITY WEEKEND: September 20-23. 1985.

Cost: \$50 per person. Three nights, Friday - Monday.

Time to again enjoy the beach and ocean in autumn - sharing a luxury condo (6 per condo) at the oceanfront highrise "Sea Watch", 115th Street and Ocean Highway, Ocean City.

Make check payable to Dina Taylor and send to 8403 Stonehouse Rd., Frederick, MD 21701.

For more information, call Dina, H=301-663-6089.C=301-363-0300,ext.2650. Or, locally, call Marilyn Clark (978-9435).

OCTOBER GLIDING EVENT: Watch this space.

PAST EVENTS

PVS FISHING TRIP by Charles Gordon

On Saturday, June 1st, one other PVS member and two guests joined me for a beautiful day aboard the El Toro party boat out of Point Lookout, Maryland, fishing for blue fish on the Chesapeake Bay.

The trip left the dock at 8:15 A.M. and returned at 3:30 P.M. with superior weather all day. The fishing was mildly successful with our party of four catching five fish. Others on the party boat had about the same success with two people catching 14 fish between them and some not catching any.

I frequently fish on the Bay and would welcome other interested PVS members who would care to join me (530-3762). I hope to try another PVS trip in the fall.

"Fishermen never die, they just smell that way."

PICNICKING AT HADLER'S by Lu Beale

The June 15th picnic at Jacques Hadler's cottage dawned an "iffy" day in Washington with drops of rain already falling. But, from Kent Island, where the Peases had spent the night, word came that all was fair weather there and the outing would go on as planned.

Thus reassured, 40 men, women and children began arriving around noon. Instead of congregating in the shade of "the Tree" as in past years, most adults gathered around a roaring fire in the living room while the junior members of the group swam and sported in the chilly bay waters.

Fortified by the freely flowing beer and wine, the grown ups gradually strayed from the fireside to outdoor grillside to enjoy the view. Some strolled as far as the marina and Jan Marx even went shivering off for a sail with Sailor Greg.

The Wyckoffs, arriving late, proudly displayed their new Oldsmobile only a few hours out of the dealer's shop. Ray McKinkey arrived just in time for burgers & doggies expertly prepared by Gail and Larry. The salads and desserts were delectable and many went back for seconds and- O, shame!- thirds.

As darkness came, so did the rains, finally. It didn't matter. Thanks to Jacques and the Peases, we'd already had the best of everything for that day.

WHITE WATER RAFT TRIP by Nancy Garrett

"Rafting is FUN" and 21 PVSers who survived the mid-June 3rd Annual Raft trip on the Youghiogheny will attest to that. The Swallow Falls hike and visit to Falling Waters mansion consumed most of Saturday. Comments from those who ate dinner at Penn Alps varied. Mary Jane McCarthy: "Soup and bread were delicious and under \$5." Ken Evans: "I've had better and I've had worse." "Not this year" from Myra Evans.

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PAST EVENTS (CONTINUED)

WHITE WATER RAFTING TRIP (Continued from previous page.)

Sunday we got down to serious business. A sumptuous buffet breakfast at 7:00 A.M. and on the road by 7:45 to Chiopyle where we started going in circles - with Norm in the lead who would doubt it? We have to wonder about all those of us who followed him around that circle. We finally parked and then the fun began.

Brian was our lead guide. He told us about paddles (oars are found in row boats and on London street corners), described friendly and unfriendly rocks that we would meet and told us to lean toward the unfriendly rocks and try to make friends. Some of us had the opportunity later to wish we had listened a bit more carefully.

Our able boat captains (dictators) were Mary Jane's brother Jerry and his 5 garden club ladies - Dot Mills, Mary Jane and three of her friends. They can be recognized by the lack of blisters since they wore garden gloves. Their boat spent a good bit of time on the friendly rocks who wanted them to stay and "visit".

Jack Peoples with Sally Finan and the Evanses became the water battle ring leaders. They could not stand to see anyone still dry. Eventually we all had our "neutron dippers" at work and everyone had a chance to cool off.

Dean Worcester's crew was composed of Irene Farrell and Dean's daughter and her husband. With an able captain like Dean, the rapids were a piece of cake. They got wet only because of the warfare described in the previous paragraph.

Norman Engelman's boat with the Garretts and trip leader Dina Taylor thought they were the best on the river until they encountered the unfriendly rock at the Dimple. Such a humbling experience to be dumped into a frothing river! One gets an entirely different perspective on the whole affair when shooting the rapids IN the water instead of ON it. My whole life flashed before my eyes: It began when I was just an infant and ended with me impaled on a rock in the Yock!

One learns from experience. On the next rapid when Ray unexpectedly left us our able crew had him back in the raft in 15 seconds and we shot the rest of that rapid with all aboard. The last boat was led by a "real guide" named Dave and included Charlotte Reith, Bob Grasley, and Charlie Farwell. They stayed out of trouble and always seemed calm and unperturbed thanks to Dave's expert advice.

The understatement of the day was during lunch when I spied a copperhead coming to join us and one of our guides said "Look out for snakes." This was an unfriendly snake and quickly crawled under the lunch rock.

The day was sunny, the water cold and the scenery magnificent. Thank you, Dina, for leading a super trip. We look forward to next year.



The Knee

by

Ray McKinley

Well, we are past the longest day of the year (June 21). Thus, even though it may not appear that way by the weather, it's all downhill (to coin a term) from here to winter and next ski season.

Speaking of next season, did you see the line up of trips and potential trips we've made available for you? Last month's TOOT listed seven - and that doesn't include local trips. Maybe we better rethink renaming ourselves PVE & S.

One of the really great things about PVS is that it's basically a group of friends. At meetings we all get a chance to see people we haven't seen in a while and it's really fun to talk to them. However, because of this it is often difficult for newer members to become part of the group. I've heard PVS described as cliquish or, worse, snobbish and that's unfortunate. We can all help to alleviate this problem. Maybe, at the next meeting, if you see a face you don't recognize, take a few minutes to go up and introduce yourself. You might make a friend.

Condolences to Sara Huggins whose father died at the end of June.

And congratulations to Betty Comerford who just began a new job with Piedmont Airlines. Betty says that although the job doesn't pay very well, the perks are wonderful. Free travel for the family anywhere Piedmont flies and extremely reduced rates on many other airlines. Indeed, hubby Dick is champing at the bit to try to get to Italy inexpensively and join Dina Taylor's trip.

A committee is studying PVS bylaws about limiting membership and, at the same time, reexamining some club history. It's interesting that as we've matured (a euphemism for getting older) our tastes have changed.

We used to be almost exclusively beer drinkers. Now, it's mostly wine - and mostly red wine at that. (With, of course, a few exceptions like the Fursterberg Beer meeting at the Heitchues a couple of years ago for which they got 6 cases of beer (and nothing else) into the refrigerator.) As to the change from beer, well, wine not?

Have you kept track? The last five PVS presidents (yours truknee, Marilyn Clark, Bob Marx, Gail Pease and Sheldon Drews) have all been from Virginia. Aren't you overwhelmed? Aren't you, at least, whelmed?

Speaking of presidents, I've told you my favorites are Richard Kneexon and John Kenkneedy. I now must add Ronknee Reagan.

Roy and Malda Elrod are off to their home town, Muleshoe, Texas, (love that name!) for their 49th high school reunion (returning for the Steak & Swim). Roy tells me they were aiming to go to their 50th but they didn't teach math all that well in Muleshoe. (Feeling like a veritable spring chicken, the Knee has decided to skip my 25th this summer.)

Margaret Wyckoff, describing a BRSC meeting: "Be sure and bring along a good book."

Hooray! The club finally has a new vice president. Congratulations, Jan. Wish you were shorter because the club actually needs a little vice.

At a recent event, new member Jack Peoples was sporting a kneet baseball type cap. His cap had two bills pointing in opposite directions. On it was written "I'm your leader - which way do we go?"

Last month I told you of the Heitchues' new Mercedes 450SC. Maybe I shouldn't have used the plural since my spies tell me Jean has yet to drive it.

As usual, Jack Hadler's beach party, was splendid. One brief minor problem was a group of gnats around the food. Reg Heitchue was commenting on the number. Bob Grasley commented "Why worry? They don't eat much anyway."

And they were, after all, gnatily attired.

!! SKI TRIPS !!

AUSTRIA - January 24 - February 9 BRSC SANCTIONED
Bob Wyckoff reports this trip is basically full but could accomodate up to six more. Call Bob or Margaret (589-5532).

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SKI BEST OF THE WEST - February 8 - February 22. BRSC SANCTIONED
Norman Engelman leading. (299-2635). See flyer in this TOOT.

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STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, COLORADO - February 22 - March 1.
Jim and Barbara Wingrove leading. (762-4887). See flyer in this issue.

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ALTA-SNOWBIRD - February 28 - March 10
Gorman Young says plans for this trip announced in the June issue of TOOT are still firm; however, he must have in hand deposits of \$100 per person not later than July 23 in order to hold reservations. After that those wanting to join him will have to take their chances on availability of rooms in the Peruvian Lodge at Alta. Chances may be good for a while although March is the most popular month of the season and usually fills up early.

The prices of \$82 and \$103 per person per day, double occupancy, include 3 meals a day, lift tickets, all taxes and gratuities. This is a quality ski experience at a quality ski lodge.

Call Gorman Young at 244-2319 or Helen Price at 333-0154.

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SKI CORTINA D'AMPEZZO, ITALY - March 7 - March 22. BRSC SANCTIONED
See flyer in this issue of TOOT. Dina Taylor leading.

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SWITZERLAND - Late March or early April. Vince Macaluso coordinating.
Vince is still planning to do some ski mountaineering next spring in the Valois region of Switzerland with Hermatt as the probable homebase. Call Vince (265-4903).

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MT SUTTON, CANADA - Still in planning stage. Call Jack Peoples (840-2213).

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CALENDAR

- July 20 ... Steak & Swim at the Elrods
- July 23 ... ExCom at Sheldon Drew's. 7:30 P.M.
- Aug. 24 ... Beach party at the Flakes' Annapolis home.
- Aug. 27 ... ExCom at Charlie Huggins. 7:30. P.M.
- Sept. 1 ... Crabfeast at the Wingroves.
- Sept. 17 ... Wine & Cheese Party. Place to be announced.
- Sept. 20 - 23 - Ocean City Weekend. Dina Taylor coordinating.
- Sept. 24 ... ExCom at the Heitchues. 7:30 P.M.

PVS IS ORDERING ITS VERY OWN POLO SHIRTS - NAVY BLUE WITH PVS LOGO. SEZES FOR MEN AND WOMEN. REASONABLE PRICE. SHOULD BE AVAILABLE AT THE ELROD STEAK & SWIM IN JULY.

EARLYBIRD SKIERS : Kirk Burns offers his chalet in Mt Sutton, Canada, for rent over Thanksgiving. Sleeps 10 - 20. Call Kirk (256-4443).

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