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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The two-percent solution! No, it's not an Agatha Christy murder mystery; it's a post office mystery. In the last two or three months, we have had one or two or three TOOTs returned each month for a variety of reasons. Just a reminder: If you don't get YOUR TOOT by the 10th of the month, it's probably in that two-percent. Don't fret; just give me a call and we'll send a replacement.

A reminder too -- we send TOOTs to our guests for three months after they attend a meeting so that they may get to know us better. Circulation is down slightly, so why not introduce some of your friends to PVS and all the activities we have lined up for the coming months. Our membership drive is in full swing.  
SEE YOU AT SOME!

*Bob*

Bob Marx, President

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### SEPTEMBER EVENT: CHEESE AND WINE TASTING AT THE ENGLEMAN

When: Friday, September 11th (NOT Sept. 25 as previously stated.) 8:00 p.m.

What: The usual scrumptious wines and cheeses chosen by PVS wine and cheese masters Don and Pat Cope, hosted by Mary and Norm Engleman in their elegant Potomac Maryland chateau.

Cost: Approximately \$6 per person.

What Else? Monthly meeting and Jacques Hadler's slides of his Colorado River raft trip are added attractions.

### Directions:

Take Beltway Exit # 16 for Potomac via River Road (Rte. 190). In the heart of beautiful downtown Potomac turn right (North) on Falls Rd. (Rte. 189). Take the fourth right turn (diagonally across from a cemetery) onto Kentsdale Drive. In about half a mile, on a corner, you will find 10450 (Chez Engleman). If lost, call 299-2635.



OCTOBER EVENT # 1

# Oktoberfest



OOMPAH!  
OOMPAH!

When: Saturday, October 3rd at 4 p.m.

What: October Merrymaking. Plus beer - sausages - potato salad and other German delights. Plus our usual attention-riveting monthly meeting. Plus slides of the Wiese Norwegian cross country ski trip.

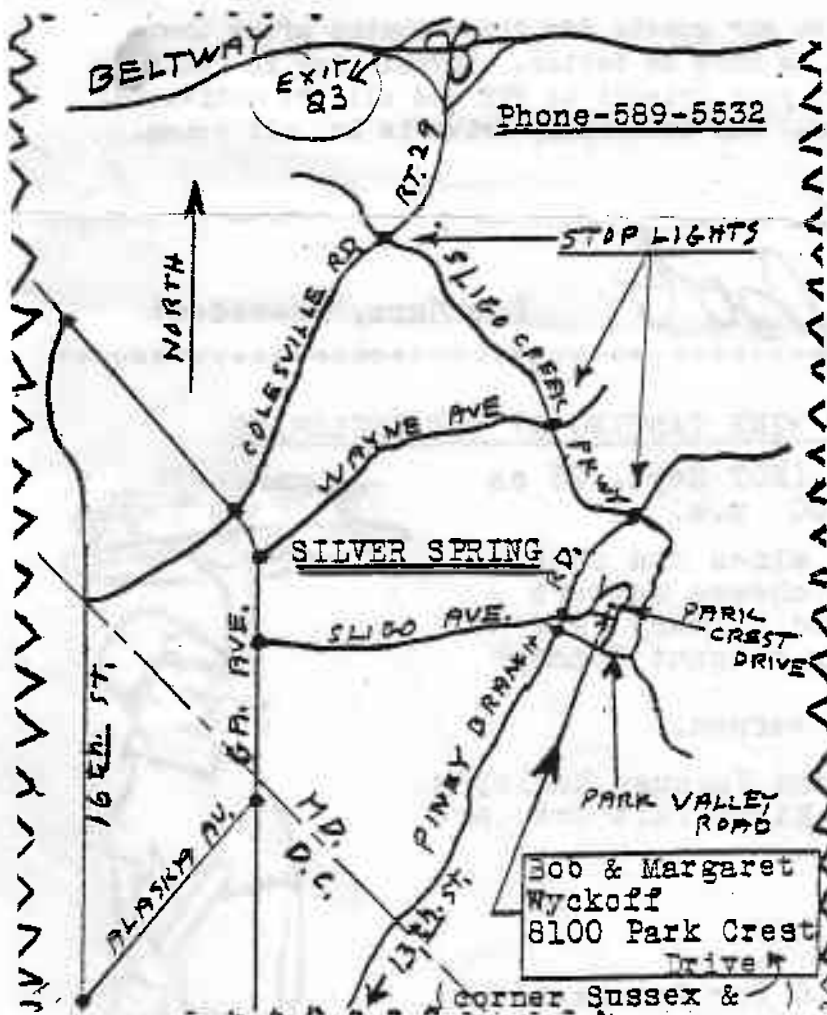
Where: At Margaret and Bob Wyckoff's in Silver Spring.

IMPORTANT: CALL THE WYCKOFFS BY SEPTEMBER 28th(TEL: 451-9158)  
HEAD COUNT IS NECESSARY FOR SAUSAGE ORDERING.

Cost: Approximately \$5.00 per

Note: Bring your own eating utensils and plate and, if you wish, beer mug. Lederhosen and dirndl optional.

DIRECTIONS TO 8100 PARK CREST DRIVE, SILVER SPRING, MD:



OOMPAH!  
OOMPAH!

BEALE



OOMPAH!  
OOMPAH!

# Special Events

## REHOBOTH BEACH WEEKEND

FRIDAY 18 SEPT - SUNDAY  
SUNDAY 20 Sept.

Plans for this fun weekend are all set. Reservations are still being taken in case of cancellations. \$20 per person for board and Saturday night beach party. Call Bob or Vivian Barry for more information.

Office: 351-7167  
Home: 560-3127



## BIKE HIKE -EASTERN SHORE

SATURDAY 26 SEPTEMBER

Eastern Shore loop.  
25 miles. Meet at the Acme parking lot in the Tread Avon Shopping Center at 10 a.m.

Take Rte 50 to Easton, Md. Go past the Easton Airport and take a right onto Rte 332. Go 1.8 miles to Acme on the left. Bring or buy lunch. Call Thelma Belloli for information: 966-3383



## NATIONAL OBSERVATORY TOUR - THURS. OCTOBER 8TH

Those planning to attend this unique nocturnal adventure should be at the Observatory (34th and Mass. Ave. N.W.) by 7 p.m. Drive between the entrance gates (tell guard you are on a tour) and meet in front of the building. There is a parking lot there.

The club has 30 places reserved for the event. There are still places available. As of Sept. 1st only 15 persons have signed on. Unless spots are filled by Sept 17th our reserved spaces will be reduced by half.

Call Bob or Vivian Barry NOW.  
Office: 351-7167 Home: 560-3127

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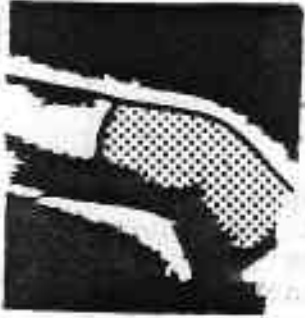


SEE US AT THE OBSERVATORY  
The Observatory is located at 34th and Mass. Ave. N.W.

# The Knee

by

Ray McKinley



Hot diggity, I feel so professional. I just love the new head for my column.

No, it's still the Knee, but look at that kneet type face. Now, if only the writing would improve.

I noted with great interest the locations of members' homes provided in last month's TOOT by "Stat Marx". I don't believe it. If we're so evenly divided, how come so many of our events are in Virginia? Could you say I Question Marx?

Anyway, here're some more goodies for you, "Stat." Did you know that Pres Bob Marx, Veep Mary Ward, TOOT editor Lu Beale, Membership Chairman Gail Gell and Excomers Bob Barry, Dot Mason and Jim Slack each has a total of either 7 or 8 letters in each name? So what? That was a short subject.

Personal to Movie Mogul Keith Lyon: You must be slipping. It's been at least three months since we've seen the infamous lamp movie!

After considerable background investigation, the Knee is now able to reveal the story that your ExCom has tried to hide from you for over three years! I call it The Great Stamp Caper. Do you recall several years ago, when the postage rates went up, the "A" stamps were created? Your TOOT was delivered with these stamps for over a year, long after the last stamps had disappeared elsewhere. The reason is simple. A long time PVSer (and perhaps Mafia member) came to ExCom with a proposal to sell PVS some 900 "A" stamps at a 10% discount. Now, everyone knows that no one buys stamps at a discount so ExCom debated this for some time. Could this be a Mafia plot to dump hot or counterfeit stamps? In the end, ExCom decided "to hell with it", it would save some money. So we bought 900 of the stamps, all from postage meter rolls, with no questions asked.

Just think if it, trading our corporate soul for a few bucks!

There is more to this seemingly sordid story. Have you checked the last couple of issues of TOOT? Right, they were mailed using "B" stamps, all off stamp machine rolls. The same Mafioso type offered to sell us 800 "B" stamps at a 5% discount. And once again, ExCom bought with no questions asked.

Well the Knee had questions. Did we dare let our club fall into criminal hands? How does one buy (or steal?) stamps at a discount? Can I do it? All of these questions were resolved with one call to our Mafiosa Member (I'll call him MM for short). It seems that MM is a philanderer - er - philatelist - a stamp collector. MM tells me that when rolls of stamps are put into a machine there are special counting symbols at some of the perforations. The stamps with these symbols can be valuable. So MM starts with about 8 million quarters and feeds them into the stamp machine. He keeps the stamps with the special symbols and sells the rest to the club at a discount. So everyone comes out ahead.

Everyone but the Knee that is. I was hoping it was a Mafia plot.

Question for Larry Pease: I belong to Potomac Valley Skiers (PVS). The updated membership list you put out last month indicated that I (and many of my friends) belong to Potomac Valley Ski Club (PVSC). ¿Que pasa, baby?

Seems everyone has been vacationing. To name a few: Hank and Aina Thomas to the Eastern Shore, likewise Bette Walker; Malda and Roy Elrod just back from Niagara Falls and Saulte Ste Marie; Dick and Marilyn Clark returnees from Lake Cayuga, N.Y.; and the Heitchues and the Waggamans from Cape Cod (Oh my Gawd, not Cape Cawd...).

Well, guys (and gypersons), for the first time in years I'm not envious. You missed probably the best August, weatherwise, that Washington has ever had. It was downright nice. Perhaps this was due in part to hurricane Dennis (hisacane would be more appropriate surely!)

THE KNEE (Continued)

I understand that Thelma Belloli, Gorman Young and Helen Price spent the summer golfing. I always thought that required fore people. (Note that I didn't use the term fore players. That's a whole different game.)

A tip of the ol' knee cap to Terry Morton. She just received the 25 year service award for her work with the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

One brief defikneeshun:

Gekneeous ... me

And now to the Kneedle of the Month which goes to our Program Chairman (who shall remain nameless to protect me). It seems that he managed to badly screw up the date of the Engleman/Cope Wine-tasting event. It's really scheduled for Sept. 11th NOT the 25th as listed in last month's TOOT. With the help of ExCom, everyone was informed of the flumox in time. Sorry 'bout that.

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MEMBERSHIP

Membership Chairwoman Gail Gell reports that, so far, 79 people have signed up for the 1981-82 season. This includes 10 new applicants. The cut off for renewal ( to be included in the next roster and telephone tree) is November 1st.

Please send renewal now to Gail Gell, 2408 Albot Rd. Reston, Va., 22091. Office phone:924-5000

Please refer to the present roster and check your telephone no. and address. If there is an error, call Gail at once so correction can be made in next roster.

Meanwhile note these changes:

- 1. Thelma Belloli: Home 966-3383  
Off. 235-1800
- 2. Ray McKinley: Off. 351-5603
- 3. Bernie Schuchner: Home 998-5565

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!

Knox and Karen Felker  
3709 S. George Mason Dr. #1506 E  
Falls Church, Va. 22041  
Home Telephone: 931-6843

Dave and Babs Gaillard  
4010 51st St. N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20016  
Home Telephone: 966-2566

John Pulos  
11526 Pinecone Ct.  
Reston, Va. 22091  
Home Telephone: 476-4992

Kathleen Imdahl  
9524 Wandering Way  
Columbia, Md. 21045  
Home Telephone: 596-0819 (301)

Morton and Suzanne Stimler  
19 Watchwater Way  
Rockville, Md. 20850  
Home Telephone: 340-1633

Pat Cricenti  
9621 Dilston Rd.  
Silver Spring, Md. 20903  
Home Telephone: 439-2479

Jane Restani  
4330 S. 36th St.  
Arlington, Va. 22206  
Home Telephone: 931-0896

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BEST BUY IN TOWN

Membership in PVS 12 years ago, according to an application form in the June 1969 TOOT, was \$10 single, \$8 spouse.

Today, more than a decade later, the fee is \$12.50 single, \$7.50 spouse. Postage on that 1969 TOOT was 6 ¢. Today it's 18¢. Maybe you can't get a 5¢ chocolate bar any more but you can still find a bargain. PVS is it.

IN VINO VERITAS by Mary Lee Grasley

On Saturday August 22nd a busload of PVS wine connoisseurs descended on the beautiful Maryland countryside in quest of winery adventure. The search was rewarded at our first stop - the Berrywine Plantations.

The group became quite boisterous after checking out 23 different wines including dandelion - in spite of the disbursement of cheese and crackers.

Surprisingly, the lunch that followed at Mealey's was quite orderly. This 200 year old inn made a very interesting lunch stop.

Copious amounts of wine were provided for tasting at our next stop - Byrd Winery. It was probably fortunate that only four types were presented. A visit to Montbray Winery followed and all agreed that Dr Mowbray (owner) had a fine selection. It was necessary to forcibly remove some of the participants from the tasting room to adhere to our "schedule."

The charming guests of the Thomas's (from Riga) remarked that the countryside reminded them of their native Latvia. A handsome bachelor was observed to have that "far-away look" in his eyes - (3000 miles to Copenhagen) while a certain trip leader and wife were second-honeymooning in the rear of the bus.

It was so nice to have the Newdorps aboard. The entire event went smoothly. At departure time we were found to be short two people. Tension mounted. Then a white mercedes roared into the parking lot, disgorged the two, and away we went on our great adventure.



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CLUB OFFICIERS

- President ..... Bob Marx
- Vice President ..... Mary Ward
- Secretary ..... Irene Farrell
- Treasurer ..... Margaret Wyckoff
- Membership ..... Gail Gell
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- BRSC Reps. .... Bob Grasley
- Geoff' Wadey
- PSF Representative. Art Topping
- Answering Service . Jan & Bob Marx  
(451-9158)
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- Jean Heitchue
- Jim Slack
- Adele Waggaman

First Term

- Bob Barry
- Dorothy Mason
- Charlotte Reith

Ex Officio

- Marilyn Clark

# what & when

- Sept. 11 ... Wine Tasting at the Englemans & Monthly Meeting. 8 p.m.
- Sept. 18 ... Rehoboth Weekend. Barrys leading.
- Sept. 22 ... ExCom at Lu Beale's. 7:30 p.m.
- Sept. 26 ... Eastern Shore Bike Hike. Thelma Belloli leading. 10 a.m.
- Oct. 3 ... Oktoberfest at the Wyckoffs & Monthly Meeting. 4 p.m.
- Oct. 8 ... Natl.Observatory Tour. Barrys leading. 7 p.m.
- Oct. 4 ... Ski Swap at Alpine Ski Center in Oakton, Va.
- Oct. 18 ... Ski Patrol Swap at Ski Center in Washington. (9 to 5).
- 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. Details later. Skyline Towers, Bailey's Crossroads.

## SKI TRIPS

- 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)
- Early 1982 ... Cross country ski in Montana with the Wieses.(320-3155)

Note: SCWDC is sponsoring a trip to Sun Valley, Idaho Jan 23-30 for a U.S. Ski Assoc. Ski Week. Cost of approx. \$ 780 includes air and bus fares, 6 day lift tickets and 7 nights lodging.  
Contact Tom Rollow 703/ 684-7154

Deadline for each TOOT issue is the first day of the month. This means material MUST be in the hands of the editor and not in the hands of mailman on that day. Material mailed on 30th or 31st probably will not arrive on time. So mail EARLY to Lu Beale, 4040 51st St. N.W. Washington, D.C. 20016