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IS THIS YOUR LAST IOCA NEWS?

"Oh, these vast, calm, measureless mountain days, inciting at once to work and rest! Days in whose light everything seems equally divine, opening a thousand windows to show us God. Nevertheless, however weary, should one faint by the way who gains the blessings of one mountain day; whatever his fate, long life, short life, stormy or calm, he is rich forever." --John Muir

IOCA NEWS

Rejoice! You now have an on-time IOCA newsletter. Now, after you've stopped lau hing hysterically.... Those of you out there that have been good boys and girls (ha!) have got a present coming. That is to say those of you having paid your dues will be receiving with this newsletter a copy of the March-April 1974 IOCA News, with its eight pages of winter mountaineering expertise. Eat your hearts out, laggards! Pay up! If you want to check for sure, there is a list of paid-up clubs and individuals appended.

CONFERENCE

Moving rapidly along, we find that 1975 IOCA Conference is pretty definite for the beginning of April, near Franklin, V.Va. And the reason that you're hearing so much about it is because it looks like I'll be Conference Chairman as well as Exec-Sec. Oh, well. But don't expect too much...I'm only sub-human.

NOTICE

By the way, this is the very last (honest!) IOCA News to be mailed out to those who haven't sent in dues, or at least sent me something. And to those of you who haven't paid...I hope you go on a week-long trip with nothing to eat but oatmeal, Spam, Vienna sausages, and baked beans.

IOCA

I've had an inquiry: what do we do to get accepted as an IOCA club? and I suppose I might as well put in a blurb here as to what IOCA is. IOCA (the Intercollegiate Outing Club Association) was formed in 1932 by a group of college Outing Clubs in the North-East. The purposes were to promote fellowship among the members of the various clubs, to organize a few group trips, and to exchange information. Since 1932, IOCA has grown and changed, but those purposes still hold true.

Through the years, the unique un- (not dis-) organization of IOCA has acquired some traditions (not rules ...IOCA has no rules, nor any constitution). Some of those traditions are the closest thing IOCA has got to rules. Those deal with conduct on IOCA get-togethers.

No alcohol or drugs; you will find most experienced outdoorsmen and -women agreeing that the out-of-doors is not a safe place to be drunk or stoned. We've lost several IOCA's that way. You shouldn't need such things to have fun on IOCA trips, anyway. No firearms: dangerous. No pairing off to the detriment of the group: IOCA trips are where you get together to have fun with others, not just other. 'Officially', IOCA can do one thing about 'infractions' of the traditions....the Exec-Sec can refuse to allow clubs or individuals to join IOCA, and to ask they be banned from all IOCA activities. However, traditionally, IOCA's themselves enforce the traditions in the traditional ways...usually by immersion in a large, cold body of water.

Not all traditions are restrictive, however; IOCA songfests, trophyizing, and square dancing are justly famous. Traditional IOCA and regional trips emphasize group trips, mostly on a fairly basic level. IOCA does no technical training in outdoor sports; it is expected that experienced clubs and individuals will teach others. These are just a few of the IOCA traditions; one is forever discovering new ones. That's the best thing about IOCA...there's always something new to discover.

I suppose that the main justification for IOCA (although it doesn't need one) is keeping clubs and individuals in touch with each other, through this publication, the IOCA directory, and IOCA get-togethers. Through the Bulletin and other occasional publications, some information of a technical nature is published to the general outing club public.

Going back to the original question, all you need to do is send in your dues (\$.5 for clubs and \$1.50 for individuals), your name, address, phone number, and any trophies you have.

DIRECTORY

I've got some other news; just today I got a letter from Tom Koup, IOCA Directory Chairman, and the questionnaires should be reaching you soon. This means the Directory will be out fairly soon.

PATCHES

IOCA patches, that is, are still available. Send in a list of the three IOCA trips (one traditional) you've been on, your name, address, phone, and \$1 per patch to: Ric Spengler 211 Chancellor #3 Charlottesville, Va. 22903. Make the check payable to either Ric or IOCA.

ST. LAWRENCE VALLEY

IOCA has a new regional secretary: Al Levine is moving to Ottawa, and will become the new St. Lawrence Valley Outing Club Association Exec-Sec. (That is, if someone doesn't kill him first....his sense of humor needs an amputation. You ought to see the strange letters he writes.) His address for now:

Al Levine
155 Balliol St., Suite 1713
Toronto, Ontario, Canada
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BUYER'S GUIDE

Al Brooks writes from the IOCA-West, and says some people out there would be interested in working ~~xxx~~ on a new 'IOCA Buyer's Guide'. If you don't know what a buyer's guide is, it's a listing of all stores, suppliers and manufacturers that will grant a discount to IOCA clubs. If you'd be interested in working on this new one (the last one was 5 years ago) send me your name, address, & phone.

SEARCH AND RESCUE

One thing for clubs in the IOCA/ILAC area: there is now a mountain/cave rescue organization for this part of the country. If you want information, write them and request to be put on the mailing list.

Appalachian Search and Rescue Conference
c/o PATC
1718 N St. NW
Washington, DC 20036

COLLEGE WEEK

Some of you were aware of what happened to college week last summer: nobody came. In order to have a college week next summer, I'm asking all clubs who might sponsor college week to bring all the information for a newsletter so it can be copied and distributed during conference.

CONSERVATION

In regards to the IOCA conservation and population limitation policy, I got an interesting note from Al Brooks (IOCALum & IOCA-West Co-ordinator). Al believes that a primary cause for destruction of wilderness, etc. is government ownership of land. He thinks that...well, here's his proposition.

"WHEREAS, government-sponsored and tax-financed wilderness conservation and natural resource conservation programs have demonstrated overall inefficiencies and outright anti-conservation practices; and . . .

WHEREAS, such government conservation programs have been given low priority due to the government's habit of catering to special interests groups and corrupt industry officials; and . . .

WHEREAS, true wilderness and natural resources conservation will never be possible as long as such resources as air and waterways are held in the "public" domain where no real ownership is possible, and where no one is morally or legally responsible for their polluttional actions;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Intercollegiate Outing Club Association and its affiliate organizations shall encourage all conservation-minded individuals and businesses to work toward absolute control of our nation's wilderness areas and natural resources by those willing to practice conservation through direct ownership and control of such resources by the product of an individual's own labor and/or finances, and to severely limit the Fed-



eral, state and local governments and their affiliate agencies, in their control and theft of citizen's right-ful properties and resources, both natural and material.

As far as population limitation, I feel that there are four major (or three are major and one minor) reasons for overpopulation, and these need to be removed.

1. Present discriminatory tax structures
2. Biased welfare programs

(Both of the above give monetary bonuses to those with large families)

3. Religious pressure
4. The desire of women to be mothers

(Perhaps there is now social pressure not to be a 'not-mother'? --kc)

IOCAalendar

- Dec 27-Jan 5: CSU backpacking to Grand Canyon.
 Dec 30-Jan 2: Adams State climbing Long's Peak, Colorado
 OK Jan 1-?: UVaOC Winter Miasco, Presidential Range, N.H.
 Jan 19: IOCA Meeting, Loeb Center, Rm 517, NYU, 8pm
 Jan 24-26: IOCA Surprise Lake weekend. Cost (\$16.50)
 includes 4 meals in dining hall, sleeping
 cabins. \$8.50 deposit by above IOCA meeting
 ? Feb 7-9: UVaOC ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Sponsored X-C ski
 race, Spruce Knob, W.Va.
 ? Feb 21-23: UVaOC Square Dance Weekend
 Mar 2: UVaOC Pool Slalom Canoe Race, 9:30 am
 Mar 19-31: Chadron State Canoeing, Grand Canyon
 April 4-6: Colorado State Square Dance weekend
 April 7: IOCA CONFERENCE Thorn Spring Park, W. Va.
 May 2-4: IOCA-West Conference, Rocky Mtn. Nat. Park.
 That's all, folks

List (by name only) of paid IOCA's & paid clubs.

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| Steve Allard | Allan Levine | N. Saunders |
| Alan Brooks | Yolande McCurdy | Bill Sydor |
| Wayne Coste | Bruce Molin | Ted Tolkoff |
| John & Linda Dixon | Peter Nelson | Roland & Ann |
| Mr & Mrs Robert F Gill | Lt. Bruce Randall | Vinyard |
| Donna Heller | Athos Rosselli | Dean Wallace |
| Ellis Lader | | Charlie Woodward |
| | | OK, JUST PAID |
| Athens Academy Group | Adams State Coll | U of Delaware |
| U of British Columbia | Allegheny Coll | Princeton Coll |
| B.C. F.T. | Arizona Coll | Duke |
| Catonsville Comm Coll | Brooklyn Coll | Gettysburg Coll |
| College Alumni Hiking Club | U of Arizona | Yodl Coll |
| Dartmouth Coll | Chadron State | U of Hartford |
| Johns Hopkins U | CCNY | Johnson St Coll |
| Ketawampus U Mass | Colorado State U | Lehman Coll |
| Prescott Coll | Columbia U | U of Maine |
| Rock Coll | U of Conn-Waterbury | Long Island U |
| Simon Fraser U | U of Conn | Larry Baldwin Coll |
| Sherst Coll | St U Coll of Ed. | Madison Coll |
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Virginia Tech

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As a final postscript, I'd like to express my thanks to the person that typed this for me. Her name is Betty Thomas, she's a UVAOC member, and sometime in the not too distant future, she will be Betty Conover. Sorry, girls. We're still not sure where we will take our honeymoon. The Tetons? High Sierra? Maine?

Well, so much for now. Please keep sending in all the fan mail. Expect your next NEWS sometime around the beginning of February. Oh, some last minute news about Conference. It seems the camp is reserved for the second weekend in April, so it'll have to be the first or third weekend, but the guy isn't sure that it will be open by the first weekend in April. Oh, well.

In the next News, I'd like to publish some of the controversy concernin the "Co-operative Wilderness Adventures" program started by the University of Oregon Outdoor Program. Please send in any comments you might have. If you'd like some information about the controversy, look up the past two years' worth of "Summit" and "OffBelay" magazines. And it is now ten minutes until midnight. Good-night.

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