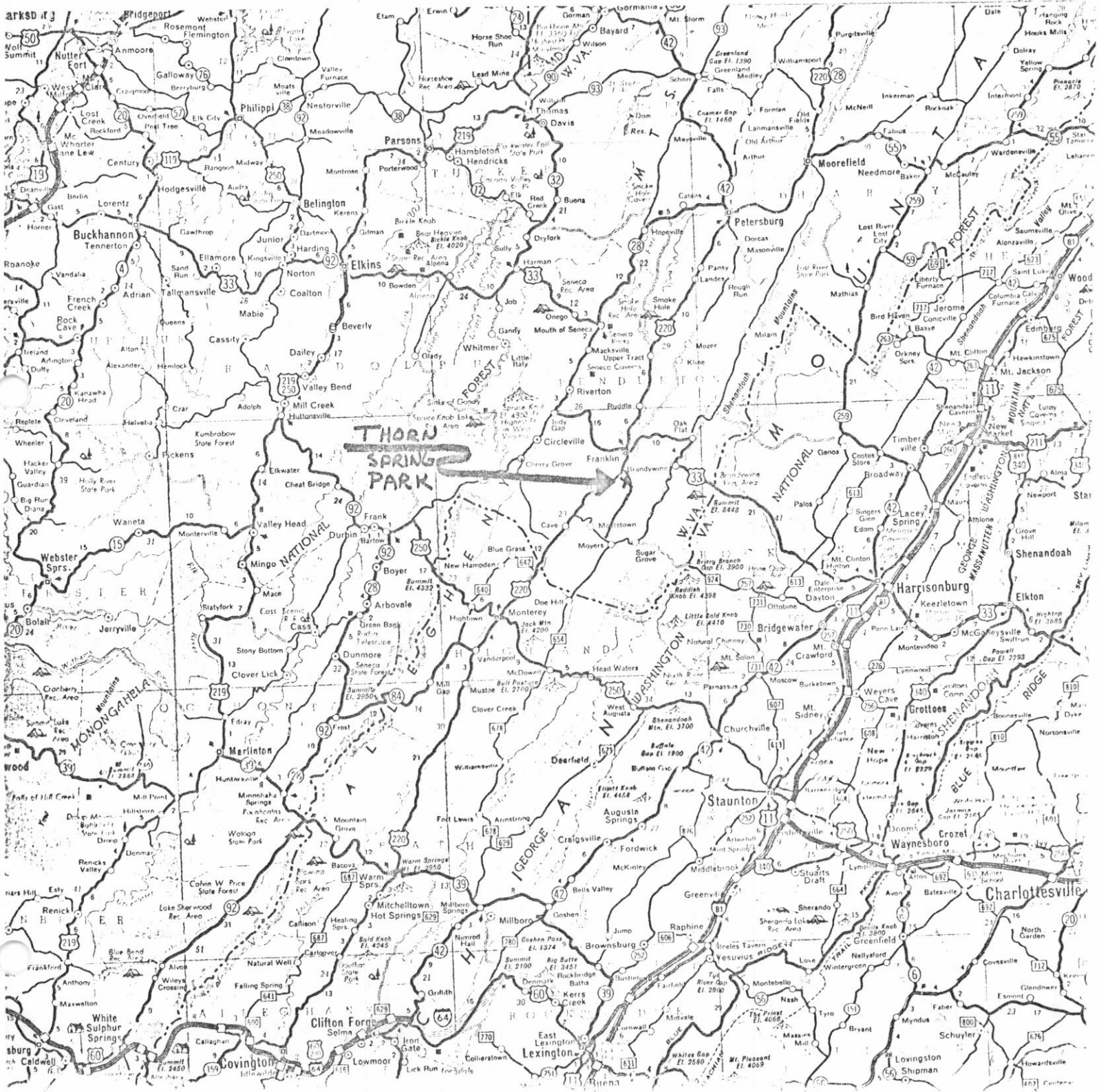


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PRE-REGISTER AND SAVE \$\$\$!
See last page for details

This issue of the IOCA News is devoted primarily to information about the upcoming annual IOCA CONFERENCE, to be held on the weekend of April 18-20 (Fri-Sun) at Thorn Spring Park, near Franklin, W.Va. (See cover for map). This year, the annual meeting and elections weekend is sponsored by the University of Virginia and Madison College Outing Clubs. Although the main reason for this gathering is to hold elections, the fact that all in attendance will be outing club members or affiliates requires that outdoor activities be included in the weekend. There are caves, cliffs, ridgetop trails, and canoeable streams within walking distance of the campground. Within two hours drive of the conference site are some of the best outdoor recreation areas in the east: Dolly Sods and Otter Creek wilderness areas, Seneca, Champe, and Nelson Rocks, Smokehole Gorge, Germany Valley The list is long. Come prepared to enjoy yourself.

The facilities at Thorn Spring Park include a large pavillion for meals and the square dance, and there are plenty of hot showers and flush toilets (remember last year?) There are regular campsites with fireplaces, etc., and plenty of flat tenting space ~~in~~ in the form of a softball/frisbee field. (The owners of the park come around early in the morning to collect \$1.00 from each camper, so make sure you register and get a tag for your tent before sacking out.) For those who wish, there are motels available in Franklin, as well as grocery stores and a laundromat.

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

- Fri. 5:00 pm Registration opens; at "The Pavillion", the largest one-story building in the park.
- 9:00 pm Impromptu party in the Pavillion. UVAOC will be showing slides.
- 12:00 pm If you can't find anyone in the Pavillion after this, go to Bank Cottage, which is the last cabin before the campground.
- Sat. 8:30 am Breakfast at the Pavillion (People leaving for all-day trips can pack a bag lunch to take with them after breakfast.)
- 10:00 am Committee Meetings and Workshops (see separate listing)
- 12:00 am Lunch
- 1:00 pm General Sloth, Climbing, Caving, Studying, etc.
- 7:00 pm Din-Din
- 8:30 pm Clean-up and IOCA calendar meeting (Bring your schedules!!!)
- 9:00 pm Square Dance, etc.
- x pm/am End of Squaredance and beginning of songfest
- SUN. y am End of Songfest, beginning of new day (YAWN!)
- 8:30 am Breakfast again
- 10:00 am General meeting & Elections (see separate listing)
- 12:00 am Lunch

1:00 pm Break for home; also Blue Ridge Outing Club Association (BROCA) Meeting.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND WORKSHOPS

with a few suggested questions for discussion

I. Conservation Committee

- Prepare an IOCA conservation philosophy statement for presentation at the general meeting
- Re-vitalize the off-road vehicle (ORV) documentation program
- What specific methods should the IOCA Conservation chairman use to further IOCA's conservation interests?

II. Caving Committee

- What should be the relationship between IOCA and the National Speleological Society?
- Where and when should the traditional IOCAving get-togethers be? (Final decision to be made by the new caving chairman)

III. Climbing Committee

- What position should IOCA take with respect to the proposed American Alpine Club Gazetteer?
- What climbing-oriented safety efforts should IOCA sponsor?

IV. Canoeing

- What is IOCA policy towards racing? IOCA is involved in only "non-competitive" outdoor activities:

V. Cycling

VI. Diving

VII. Backpacking

- How should IOCA react to the increasing restrictions on back-country camping?
- What should IOCA policy to campfires in the backcountry be?

VIII. Trophyization (needs no comment)

IX. Outing Programs at Colleges and Universities

- What are the different types of collegiate outdoor programs, and what are their characteristics?
- What should IOCA do in terms of "pushing" one type of program or another?

BUSINESS MEETING AND GENERAL ELECTIONS

The rules governing voting at the IOCA meeting: clubs who have paid dues and who have a delegate (not necessarily from that club) present are entitled to one vote.

AGENDA ITEMS

I. That the IOCA-West "Mountaineers' Weekend" be declared an IOCA traditional. (IOCA-West).

II. That the Exec-Sec be directed to obtain by publication exchange; or, failing that, by payment, subscriptions to various outdoor and conservation publications. The periodicals would be sent to the ~~XXXX~~ IOCA activity chairman involved in that particular field. Further, that subscriptions to newsletters and magazines of local outdoor activity groups be obtained by the Exec-Sec by publication exchange, and that those newsletters or magazines be sent to the appropriate regional secretary. (K. Conover)

III. That IOCA send representatives to the "National Conference on Water" (K. Conover)

OFFICES

CHAIRMEN: Caving, Climbing, Cycling, Trophyizing, Conservation, Diving, Canoeing, Backpacking

Each activity chairman should first be one actively interested and practicing that activity, but more importantly should be intouch with the national "scene" as regards to the activity: for example, the caving chairman should be actively involved in the activities of the National Speleological Society. The activity chairman must be willing to communicate information to the individual IOCA clubs, by way of the News, Bulletin, or a separate newsletter. The activity chairmen should also try to promote inter-club get-togethers relating to their activity, preferably through the different regional secretaries.

Executive Secretary

The exec-sec is the nominal "head" of IOCA; this means he must answer letters, represent IOCA to other groups, maintain the IOCA treasury, keep the IOCA mail list up to date, and publish a monthly IOCA News. Each one of these is a job in itself, so it is important for the Exec-sec to have nothing else to do but exec-sec. If this is impossible then he should have plenty of friends to share the workload. It's good to have an active club to back you up.

Assistant Executive Secretary

This person is nominally supposed to take over if the Exec-Sec is incapacitated. However, it seems only fitting that the asst. exec-sec take part of the duties of the exec-sec. Important among these is filling in for the ritual IOCA exec-sec dunking at Conference.

Direct Mail Chairman

The DMC must ask the clubs which ones do and do not want their addresses included on the mail list. This revised mail list is then to be distributed to those companies, conservation groups, etc. that would like to mail directly to IOCA clubs.

Patch Co-ordinator

The Patch coordinator must keep in stock IOCA patches and decals for sale to qualified IOCA's.

Bulletin Editor and Club

One person is usually elected to the post of Bulletin Editor, but publishing a quarterly magazine requires the efforts of quite a few people. Usually a whole club participates, rather than just a few people.

Directory Editor

The DE is responsible for sending out questionnaires to IOCA clubs, and turning the results into a directory. As the Directory hasn't been published for several years, the directory has no set form.

Buyers' Guide Chairman

This post is only created every 4 or so years, when a new edition of the Buyer's Guide is due. The Buyer's Guide is a listing of companies ~~that~~ and stores that offer discounts to IOCA clubs.

Summer Newsletter Editor

Should publish at least one IOCA newsletter during the summer, which will be sent to those on the latest IOCA mail list as well as the summer list.

Publicity Chairman will work towards publishing a new booklet explaining the purposes, aims, and history of IOCA in brief.

Film Chairman must keep up the copy of the IOCA film, rent it out, and publish a listing of * other films available to IOCA clubs.

OUTGIONG EXEC-SEC'S REPORT

I came into the job of Exec-Sec somewhat unprepared for what I was to encounter. The job of sorting through (and answering) many letters, trying to sort out what to publish as the IOCAalendar, publishing the News, sorting through the mail list, balancing (ha!) the IOCA budget . . . anyway, it's a lot of work, and I don't think I did as good a job as I would liked to have done. However, the job carries with it some nice feelings when you know you've done something to help others.

One complaint I have is that I knew very little about IOCA when I first came into office. It has taken me this long to figure out what IOCA really is (I think). This seems to be a problem--only a few people in each club (if that many) have any comprehension of what IOCA is all about.

There have been a few changes of some importance this year in IOCA. First of all, the decline in attendance at College Week continued as we reached a new low: Nobody showed.. Either we should do something to get more people to come, or scrap it. The IOCA Bulletin is functioning again, thanks to the N.Y.U. Outing Club Publishing Co. and Ellis and Lauren Lader (as previously requested, I am now stating that ELLIS AND LAUREN ARE NOT MARRIED; they are brother and sister who live together) (Isn't that what you said to say, Ellis?) Members of clubs are encouraged to subscribe to the Bulletin (75¢ a year) of all IOCA publications for \$1.50. IOCA has grown tremendously this year; there is an active new region (IOCA-West) and IOCA clubs in Colorado, Texas, Kansas, etc. However, this growth brings with it certain challenges; as IOCA grows, so do the problems of administration. (We should have problems like this more often!)

I will now cut this (what was to be) lengthy report short. In good IOCA tradition, I have contracted Mono, and I'm writing this from my bed. See you all at Conference!

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Blake Bacon sends word that there is a new climbing shop in New Paltz, NY, run by an IOCALum. He offers large (25% off, etc) discounts to IOCA clubs. Write: Bill Gruner, Box 326, New Paltz, NY 12561

In the last IOCA News I put in a somewhat nasty couple of paragraphs about my gripes about IOCA. I got two very interesting replies: one which commiserated but pointed out that things aren't really that bad, although certain of my criticisms were, in fact, legitimate. The other chastised me for hurting IOCA's public image. Both were from previous exec-secs.

In Washington, D. C., on April 22-24, there will be a "National Conference on Water." Many prominent administration officials (Secretary of Interior, heads of the Forest Service and Federal Power Commission, etc.) will be present. IOCA has been invited to attend, and one of the conference sessions "Water and Recreation" sounds like our

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT BEFORE LEAVING FOR CONFERENCE

- 1) Do you have your hats and banners SECURELY chained down?
- 2) Have you brought club and individual dues?
- 3) How about your schedules for this summer and next year? At least bring your school calendar.
- 4) Bring a list of club members and addresses for summer IOCA mailings.
- 5) Make sure at least one of your members is around for the Sunday morning meeting.
- 6) If you've got some Active members, consider volunteering them for IOCA positions.
- 7) If you'd like to sponsor College Week, bring all pertinent information so we can get it out to everyone before they leave.
- 8) Ditto for conference next year.

PRE-REGISTRATION

Send \$5 in advance, and pay \$3 at Conference, or send in \$8.00, or pay \$8.50 at conference. This covers camping (\$1.00/night), Sat. breakfast through Sun. lunch, the square dance, and hot showers and flush toilets. Send to:

Madison Outing Club
Box 420X7
Madison College
Harrisonburg, VA 22801

So long till conference!

IOCA
Box 101x Newcomb Hall
Charlottesville, VA 22903

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NEWS

Please Expedite

Outing Club
MIT
Student Center #490
Cambridge MA 02139

Non-Profit Organization
U.S. POSTAGE PAID
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Permit #114
Charlottesville, VA

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