

ALONG THE TOWPATH

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GOODBYE FLYASH!

The Potomac Electric Power Company (PEPCO) recently, at NPS urging, completed repair and restoration of a mile-long segment of the C&O Canal at and above their Dickerson Generating facility. This area has long been the subject of dispute between PEPCO, private citizens, and the NPS regarding the flyash which filled the canal prism. PEPCO is reported to have spent a million dollars repairing a damaged culvert, excavating several tons of flyash (which washed down from their storage area both before, during, and following Tropical Storm Agnes), relining the prism, and resurfacing the towpath. They have rewatered the section from Lock 27 to the generating facility with cooling water from the facility. That area is a most attractive portion of the Canal thanks to the work by PEPCO and supervision by the NPS.

FOR YOUR CALENDAR

- November 16 - Geology Study Hike - Leader: Bill Davies. Meet 9:30 a.m. at Oldtown parking lot. Bring lunch. Optional camping afterwards at Spring Gap - no water. See August newsletter for details. Anyone is welcome to attend.
- November 23 - C&O Canal Advisory Commission Meeting - 9:00 a.m. Mather Training Center, Harpers Ferry. Anyone is welcome to attend.
- December 6 - Level Walker-National Park Service Meeting - 8:00 p.m. Glen Echo Town Hall. This meeting is for all Level Walkers living in the D. C. area. We will discuss activities along the entire canal. Whether your section is in Georgetown or Oldtown, please attend if you live in the D.C. area. This meeting will be much like those we held at Antietam and Great Falls in the past. Anyone is welcome.
- December 14 - Botany and Birds Study Hike - Leader: Ed Smith. Meet 9:30 a.m. at Great Falls Tavern parking lot. Bring lunch. Optional camping afterwards at Marsden Tract. See August Newsletter for details. Anyone is welcome to attend.
- January 10 - Level Walker-National Park Service Meeting - 8:00 p.m. Antietam Park Visitors Center. This meeting is for all Level Walkers living upstream (i.e. Harpers Ferry-Frederick and upstream). Whether your section is Harpers Ferry or Cumberland, please plan to attend if you live outside the D.C. area. This meeting will be much like the December 6 meeting and those previous. Anyone is welcome.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Ever wish you could see more of our Canal but don't have your own transportation? Marilyn DeLoach is in that position and has done something about it. She has compiled the following listing of how to reach various parts of the Canal by public transportation. Sorry, no schedules -- they change too frequently -- but here's how:

Georgetown Area: From downtown D.C. take any #30 Metrobus marked Friendship Heights and get off at 28th Street (or any other stop before Wisconsin Avenue). Walk one block south to the Canal (Wisconsin Avenue goes over the Canal - walk back to 31st Street).

Fletcher's Boathouse: Take a D-4 bus along MacArthur Boulevard to Reservoir Road. Walk down Reservoir to the Canal.

Chain Bridge: Take a D-4 bus along MacArthur Boulevard to Arizona Avenue. Walk down Arizona to Canal Road, along Canal Road West to Chain Bridge (no footpath along Canal Road).

Willard's Lock (Lock 5): Take a D-4 bus to Sibley Hospital (end of the line) and connect with a Cabin John bus (N-8). Take the Cabin John bus into Brookmont and get off at the footpath to the Canal (approximately three blocks after turning onto Ridge Drive).

Sycamore Island: Follow instructions for Willard's Lock but continue on bus through Brookmont to the Sycamore Store (Walhonding Road). Walk down footpath to Canal.

Glen Echo: Either as above for Willard's Lock continuing to where G.W. Parkway access connects with MacArthur Boulevard or to Cabin John Aqueduct. Walkdownhill from either stop. Caution: no footpath on G.W. Parkway access. Alternative: take N-4 (Glen Echo) bus to end of line. Walk south to G.W. Parkway access or north to Cabin John Aqueduct.

Great Falls (Md.) Park: Take a T-2 (Normandy Farms or Rockville) bus and get off in Potomac. You will have a 3 mile walk to Great Falls over Falls Road. Walking back to Glen Echo will give you a ten mile hike.

Seneca: Take a T-2 bus to Potomac. Walk to Great Falls and along the Canal for eight miles. Stay at American Youth Hostel near Seneca. Walk back the next day. Marilyn calls it a "good weekend hike."

Upstream: These are overnight trips, preferably with good backpacking equipment.

Whites Ferry: Take Greyhound bus to Leesburg and walk the 6 miles to White's Ferry crossing of the Potomac. Cross on the Ferry. Camp at Whites Ferry, hike in either direction. A 20 mile hike downstream would take you to Great Falls, 20 miles upstream would get you to Brunswick from which train service back is available. 20 miles would not be a bad weekend hike.

Dickerson-Monocacy Aqueduct: the 6:15 p.m. commuter train weekdays stops at Dickerson (according to Marilyn - check when you get ready to go). Return train service is early morning Monday through Friday. From Dickerson walk along Route 28 to the Monocacy Aqueduct road. There is a hiker-biker a short distance upstream of the Aqueduct. 20 miles upstream would put you in Harpers Ferry from which there is also weekend train service.

Point of Rocks: The 6:15 p.m. commuter train stops at Point of Rocks, also the early a.m. commuter train stops there. There is a hiker-biker not far from the station.

Brunswick: Ditto on the 6:15 p.m. commuter train. Other trains also stop here, including weekend service.

Harpers Ferry: Ditto on the commuter train and weekend service. The train lets you off on the West Virginia side of the river. It is illegal to walk across the river on the railroad bridges. You have to walk to the highway and across the two rivers on the U.S. 340 bridges. There is a hiker-biker near the Potomac highway bridge.

Antietam-Sharpsburg-Shepherdstown: Take Greyhound to Frederick. Transfer to a local bus for Pittsburg. Purchase a ticket for Boonsboro, get off there. Walk 8 miles to the Canal via the Antietam battlefield. Camping is available at the Antietam campground two miles downstream from the Shepherdstown bridge.

Williamsport: Take Greyhound to Hagerstown and transfer to a bus marked Williamsport. The Williamsport bus does not run on Sundays or holidays but a bus for Martinsburg, W. Va., may stop in Williamsport - check first.

Hancock: Take Greyhound to Hancock. The train to Cumberland also stops at Hancock, on the West Virginia side of the river, a couple miles from Hancock, Maryland.

Cumberland: Greyhound bus or the train will take you here. Sorry, there are few good roads connecting the area between Hancock and Cumberland with the Canal and therefore no public transport. The train does go through Paw Paw, W.Va. but does not stop there.

A D V I S O R Y C O M M I S S I O N

The C&O Canal Advisory Commission met on August 24 in Harpers Ferry. Various NPS activities and policies were discussed. A two million dollar, three year stabilization program for the Monocacy Aqueduct was described. Work is to begin on this in December. A slide show of the areas needing work was presented at the meeting. A list of repair priorities was presented for utilization of the FY 1975 funding. At that time a total of \$4.25 million was being requested for FY 1975. 947 ownerships out of a total of 1159 have now been acquired by the NPS without a single condemnation. The Commission was advised that the Western Maryland Railroad trackage between Hancock and Cumberland is being proposed for abandonment. The results of the logging operation injunction in the Paw Paw Bends were discussed by those involved in the research.

S O L O N G

The Association Board of Trustees accepted the resignation of Smith Brookhart, who is moving to Colorado to be with children and grandchildren. We say, "So Long, but not forever." Smith, as most of you know, has long been an active member of the Association as our legal advisor, Trustee, and President and sometimes all three. We will miss him and hope he can come back East occasionally to join us on our annual reunion hikes.

S T U D Y H I K E S

The Association has now sponsored three special study hikes since June. Response has been mild to date, about a dozen hikers each time, but repeaters are beginning to show up, indicating that they are finding these hikes enjoyable. We have two more study hikes scheduled (see the calendar on Page 1) this year. We expect not to schedule hikes in January and February, but we will have them again in the Spring. The annual reunion hike will be held, as usual in late April or early May, but we will have three study hikes besides that one. Are there any volunteers for leaders or suggestions for sections to cover? Ten miles ^{one way} appears to be a good distance, although the last one, five miles each way, also proved to be quite enjoyable.

O R V I L L E C R O W D E R

As mentioned briefly in the last newsletter, Orville Crowder died on August 6, 1974 at the age of 70. Following are excerpts from the obituary appearing in "World Nature News," which is published by the World Nature Association, which he founded.

"This world traveler's wanderings began in the 1920's with a trip to the western United States. Out of this trip grew his great interest in mountains, mountaineering, and hiking. He eventually climbed to the highest point in every state of the union except Alaska and Hawaii. Pursuing these interests, he founded the Mountain Club of Maryland in 1924 and served as its first president. Active in the early years of the Appalachian Trail Conference, in 1937 he became the third person to hike the entire length of the trail, from Maine to Georgia.

"Another great interest was the C&O Canal. He served in various capacities in the Canal Level Walkers and the C&O Canal Association, and, as co-author of Section 1, he helped Thomas F. Hahn in writing Towpath Guide to the C&O Canal."

The "News" also notes that Crowder was a prime mover in American Youth Hostels, Maryland Ornithological Society, and his nature tours organization. A memorial service and Canal hike were held the weekend of October 12 and 13.

W E ' R E I N P R I N T

Bill Spanke, a free-lance writer and photographer, who accompanied us much of the way down the Canal in April, has written an article about our hike in Camping Journal, November 1974. He mentions a number of the hikers and some of the pictures with the article show our camps and blisters (not really the blisters, just how we got them). To obtain copies of the magazine, write to: Camping Journal, P. O. Box 2600, Greenwich, Connecticut 06830. Copies cost \$1.00 each.

L E V E L W A L K E R R E P O R T S

2.3 Old Boat Incline to Willard's Lock, Marilyn DeLoach led an interesting study hike on her section on October 19. Fletcher's Boathouse has a new telephone number - it is 244-0461. Antiques and Artisans is a new snackroom and antique store at Key Bridge and the Canal. She has added to her flora and fauna lists again. The section has again been watered. She suggests not carrying sweets or wearing sweet smelling deodorants and colognes to avoid having yellow jackets congregate around you. Carl Linden notes the concentration of users on weekends, now that repairs are completed. The surface, of sand-based fill and river run gravel, is holding up well, except under Chain Bridge where D.C. is supposed to correct the drainage problem. He notes that he has met bicycle-mounted policemen on the towpath - a great way to patrol!

7.5 Cabin John Creek to Lock 14, Dulany Davidson notes the repair of the footbridge across the canal at Cabin John Creek, as well as footbridges at Locks 8, 10, 11, 12 and 13. There is some erosion of the bank at Lock 8.

9.4 Lock 14 to Cropley, Bob Greenberg advises that the surface of the towpath has been greatly improved recently. He suggests raising the water level about a foot to improve the canal-like appearance and to permit passage by canoes.

22.8 Seneca Aqueduct to Tenfoot Island, Joseph Paull and Russell Baker, new Level Walkers, have submitted two reports since the last newsletter. A least bittern was spotted in July in this area. They report much trash and hauled out two bags of junk, mostly beverage cans. Russell suggests signs reading, "Please don't make other people remover your trash."

25.0 Tenfoot Island to Sycamore Landing, Alan and Becky Hedin report that campfires at Horsepen Branch Hiker-Biker have not been confined to the fire pit and that trees have been chopped and tent sites cleared north of the campsite. They report seeing a loon in May on the Potomac, among other birds listed. They also have a flora list.

30.8 Edwards Ferry to Ft. Harrison Island, Napier Shelton, who is working on a natural history of the canal, notes repairs and good towpath. He reports hunters on the river side of the canal in this area. More flora and fauna lists!

33.2 Ft. Harrison Island to White's Ferry, Morris Green notes a bad washout at a culvert at 34.8. This was reported to NPS and action was promised. Otherwise all's well.

35.5 White's Ferry to Woods Lock, Russ Brown submitted a very good and comprehensive report. Seneca sandstone in the old highway bridge at White's Ferry, remains of a canal warehouse, status of culverts, flora and fauna, etc. are well covered in his report. Woods Lock has a dam at the upper end - put in by PEPCO to rewater their restored section (see Page 1 item)?

LEVEL WALKERS DIRECTORY - OCTOBER 1974

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35.5 WHITES FERRY to LOCK 26

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Section 65
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Section 67
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182.6 WILEY FORD to INTAKE LOCK
Section 69 (Cumberland)
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39.4 Woods Lock to Monocacy Aqueduct, Anson Courter reported before PEPCO's work had been completed. He noted the progress of the work, which had completed flyash removal. The Aqueduct looks little better (or worse) than before.

48.2 Point of Rocks to Catoctin Aqueduct, Lyman Stucker suggests that "Mother Nature can do so much if man doesn't 'help' too much." The buildings near Lander have been auctioned off and most should be gone soon. He suggests the NPS headquarters in the Lander lockhouse has had a "guardian" effect on activities there.

60.7 Harpers Ferry to Dam 3, Fred Nolte reports a 36' span of cement bridge at the break above Lock 34. The top of Dam 3 was dry and makes for easy passage to West Virginia as well as an interesting study item.

62.3 Dam 3 to Mt. Lock, Dot and Jack Geary say lockhouse 36 is being repaired and that the area around all locks is well maintained. Their reports of the flora and fauna simply glow with the wonder of the beauty described. The Richard Wilson Family (Dam 3 to Dargan) also marveled at the construction of Dam 3. They provided a good detail description of the conditions of Locks 35 and 36. Randolph Wilson (Dargan to Mt. Lock) wrote of a weekend bicycle trip from Big Pool to Whites Ferry, mostly alone. It sounded like fun except that his co-biker hurt his knee at Dam 4. He notes attractive rock formations at 65.8. He implies that bicycling over that route was no problem, taking only the Dam 4 detour, for the most part.

72.8 Shepherdstown to Lock 39, John Frye reports a baby being pushed in a buggy on the towpath - a first? The river was low so all was quiet and peaceful along the section, which he describes as being very attractive in August.

81.1 Charles Mill to Lock 43, Charles Otstot hiked with one of his co-Level Walkers, Lee Lovell, and they highly recommend that everyone visit the section, especially in October (it is very pretty in Spring, also). He reports heavy use of the trail to Dellinger's Cave, a good towpath for the most part, and that the road off Falling Waters Road leading to Lock 43 is now posted as private - can someone check the legality of this signing?

105.0 Old Railroad Station to Dam 5, Hooper Wolfe advises that all culverts are all right, the towpath is good for bicycling, there is an earth dam in front of the Dam 5 guard lock to keep the river out of the canal, and that fishing was excellent in October.

108.6 Lock 47 to McCoys Ferry, A. K. McGraw submitted several excellent photographs of the fill work at Lock 48, which was done to keep the lock from collapsing. Four Locks and McCoys Ferry were both very full on summer weekends this year.

114.5 Ernestville to Licking Creek, John Beck waxes poetic while reminding us that I-70 is not far away - an attractive and interesting section anyway. He had good information on the current status of culverts and other structures.

140.9 Little Orleans to Lock 59, John Urquhart took his hike in heavy rain and reports slow going as a result. Lock 59 is in great disrepair, towpath is muddy.

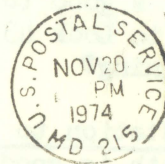
159.7 Culvert Opposite Little Cacapon Creek to Town Creek, Edith and Marvin Wilkerson have made the first report on this section it has had in years! They report generally good conditions with fine flora and fauna. A good report and very welcome.

162.1 Town Creek to Cumberland, Don Ramsey, finishing up missing sections of the canal, noted some items of interest at the upper end. There are beavers just upstream of Town Creek. He shared a hiker-biker with, by coincidence, a couple he shared another with three years ago. He notes that the completion of the canal in 1850 was accompanied by a brass band; his arrival in Cumberland, completing his coverage of the canal, was met by a rehearsing high school band!

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