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THE 1980 REUNION HIKE APPROACHES

The 26th annual C & O Canal Association reunion hike will take place on Saturday, April 26, 1980. The hike will begin at White's Ferry and proceed downstream to Pennyfield lock (Lock 22), in order to include the late level walker William O. Douglas' level (Pennyfield). The distance is just under 16 miles. Lunch will be available at Sycamore Landing, about halfway.

Drivers are requested to park at Pennyfield lock. There will be bus transportation in the morning (before the start of the hike) from Pennyfield to White's Ferry. A social hour with a cash bar will be held at the termination of the hike—at Pennyfield, weather permitting, otherwise at a nearby sheltered location.

Camping will be available on the night of April 25th, probably at the Izaak Walton League, or at White's Ferry, or both.

There will be a banquet on Saturday evening, at a location near the route of the hike. Persons close to Douglas' private and professional life have been invited to speak at the banquet.

Complete details and reservation forms for lunch during the hike and the evening banquet will be provided in the next issue of Along the Towpath.

Members and telephone numbers of the 1980 reunion hike committee are Barbara Yeaman (301-229-6147), John Chandler (301-229-5948), Emmie Johns (703-241-1741), Nancy Long (301-229-0196), Carl Linden (301-229-2398), Ken Rollins (301-229-1513), Bill Davies (703-532-7588), Tom Hahn (304-876-2464), Lyman Stucker (703-549-3527) and Midge Heimer (301-428-3977). Anyone wishing to provide comments or suggestions concerning this year's reunion hike is encouraged to call a member of the committee. All telephone numbers (except Tom Hahn's West Va. number) are in the Washington metro area.

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ASSOCIATION BUSINESS MEETING

The Association will hold a business meeting on Friday night, April 25, 1980 (the night before the reunion hike) probably at either White's Ferry or the Izaak Walton League. The meeting will include the election of the following officers for one-year terms:

President
First Vice President
Second Vice President and Level Walker
Chairperson

Secretary
Treasurer,

five board members for 2-year terms (unfinished elections carried over from 1979) and five board members for regular 3-year terms. The five board members whose terms expire in 1980 are Ralph Donnelly, Carl Linden, Gilbert Gude, Barbara Yeaman and Bonnie Troxell.

President Nancy Long has appointed a nominating committee for the selection of nominees for these positions. The chairman of the nominating committee is John Chandler (telephone 301-229-5948). John would welcome comments and suggestions from members on the nomination process as well as names of potential nominees.

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Association Dues: One year \$8, patron \$15.

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WILLIAMSPORT CANAL BOAT REPLICA PROPOSED

Following the lead of Cumberland, the C & O Canal Club of Williamsport and the Williamsport town government are interested in building a canal boat from the authentic plans of such a boat. The Association, which gave \$500 in support of the Cumberland effort, may again be called upon to help out. After the boat is finished, perhaps the town would be interested in re-enacting the Conococheague aqueduct collapse?

LEVEL WALKER NOTES

Level walker chairman Lyman Stucker notes that the reports he has been receiving are valuable because they enable him (and the Park Service to whom he forwards them) to keep abreast of changing conditions in the Park. Lyman encourages those level walkers who have not submitted a report recently to start writing again. To those who missed the last level walkers meeting at Ferry Hill: come to the Spring meeting (date to be announced) and talk about your level.

The following persons have become level walkers since April 1979:

Pat Arthur, Helen Glazer, Susan Hensley, Sylvia Heflin, Dale Jackson, Barbara Nickerson, Orrin Long, Muriel Olszewski, Howard Thornhill, Robert Woodall.

Two veteran level walkers—Lee Lovell and Morris Green—are moving from the area, Lyman reports regretfully. Thanks, Lee and Morris for your dedicated contributions to the C & O Canal Park.

The following level walkers have submitted the most recent reports: Philip Stone(level 3), Bob Greenberg(level 5), Charles Otstat(level 12), Anson Courter(level 16), Jean Fulton(level 18), Betty Bushell(level 22), Sam Brown(level 23), Dot Geary(level 24), Randolph Wilson(level 25), Terry Haddy(level 26), John Frye(level 28), Harold Cramer(levels 30 and 31), Marvin Wilkerson(level 32), Lee Lovell(level 35), Howard Thornhill(level 36), A.K. McGraw(level 42), Harold Larsen(level 44), David Palmeter(level 50), Robert Woodall(levels 54 and 55), Bruce Wood(level 62) and Leo Rowan(level 67).

Excerpts from level walker reports will be resumed in the next edition of Along the Towpath.

THE NEXT BIG THING

SPRING WALK

Level walker chairman Stucker has scheduled a towpath hike from Williamsport(mile 99.8) to Four Locks(mile 109.0) on Saturday, March 22, 1980. Step-off time from Williamsport has been set for 10:00, rain, snow or shine. All members and friends of the Association are invited and urged to participate in this hike, the first of several planned for 1980.

Carpools to and from Williamsport are encouraged. In the Washington metropolitan area, the following level walkers have volunteered to serve as carpool coordinators:

Helen Glazer (Md. and D.C. carpoolers). phones: home 301-229-0187,
office 301-530-9000.

Mr and Mrs James Bryant (Va. carpoolers) home phone 703-256-4161.

If you have extra room in your car for riders or if you need a ride, please call one of these coordinators as soon as possible.

Cars will be required at Four Locks to shuttle walkers back to Williamsport at the end of the hike. Drivers willing to help with the shuttle are asked to contact level walker Orrin Long(703-560-5433). They should plan to be in Williamsport at 9:00.

POTOMAC RIVER LEGISLATION

US Congressman Fisher(VA) is sponsoring a bill to provide protection from development for the Potomac River shoreline. The latest version of the bill doesn't include West Virginia, and favors federal initiative in protection. In a meeting on February 10, 1980, Association officers and board members voted to empower President Long to recommend to Congressmen Fisher and Barnes(MD), that, if a federal bill emerges, it be aimed at convincing local governing bodies to protect their portions of the Potomac shoreline. This approach was felt more likely to gain the cooperation of West Virginia, where the shore is in most danger of development.

C & O CANAL NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULE

The following is the schedule of the next several meetings of the Commission. Dates and general location are given, and interested persons are welcome to attend. Persons interested in attending are asked to write to the National Park Service, C & O Canal National Historical Park, P.O. Box 4, Sharpsburg, MD 21782, for specific locations and times as each date approaches.

May 17, 1980 - Virginia
July 19, 1980 - Washington
October 18, 1980 - Maryland(Montgomery County)
December 6, 1980 - Maryland(Frederick County)
January 3, 1981 - Maryland(Washington County)

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