

C&O Canal Association

ALONG THE TOWPATH

concerned with the conservation of the natural and historical environment of the C&O Canal and the Potomac River Basin

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1986 HERITAGE HIKE TO BEGIN AT HANCOCK

Have you ever seen the Devil's Eyebrow? Round Top Cement Mill? Come on the 1986 Heritage Hike and you will be treated to these sights as well as some fine hiking in brisk Fall weather. Look for a bright sparkling day--an antidote to early October's heat.

The annual Heritage Hike will take place Saturday, October 25, from Hancock, Maryland, to Dam 6 (10 miles). A bring-your-own lunch stop will be at Lock 53. Dinner will be served at the American Legion Hall in Hancock at 5:30 PM, with a cash bar Happy Hour preceding dinner.

Hancock (mi. 124.1), where the Heritage Hike commences, is also the northernmost point on the Potomac River. The hike passes Locks 53 and 54 before arriving at Dam 6 (mi 134.05). The 1976 National Park Service General Plan identifies this section as comparable to what the designated wilderness areas are to most national parks. The natural resources are varied--geological features such as a superb anticline named Devil's Eyebrow (mi 127.24); the first stands of American basswood occur at Roundtop, although their habitat is normally in the Ohio Valley. The 15 ridges of the Appalachian Mountains begin in the area between Hancock and Oldtown, further up the canal. The historical resources are all canal oriented; no towns or industries were built in the area other than the Roundtop Cement Mill (mi 127.4). The Park Service has no immediate plans beyond stabilizing the locks, the Cement Mill and Dam 6; restoration is not contemplated.

Tom Hahn's Towpath Guide, 1983 edition, states that the Cement Mill began operations in 1837 and supplied much of the cement and mortar used in the masonry of canal structures. Production gradually fell off and the plant was closed in the early 1900's.

Bill Davies will post detailed signs concerning the geology of the area and the engineering specifications of canal structures for the edification of hike participants. He will be happy to elaborate in response to questions.

Come to the dinner where you can broaden your circle of C&O Canal Association friends and exchange anecdotes about your canal experiences and memories. Members of long standing have many interesting tales to tell those of you more recently-enrolled members. The dinner reservation form appears at the end of this newsletter and includes shuttle and camping options to complete. Volunteers are needed to shuttle hikers back to Hancock. Please indicate on the form if you can help shuttle.

For hikers who would like to camp on Friday night, October 24, arrangements have been made for camping at Four Locks (mi 108.6+); access from Clear Spring exit off I-70. The Ranger in charge would like to have some idea of the number of campers to expect that night. Please indicate on the registration form if you wish to stay at Four Locks.

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

by
Hal Larsen

This has been a summer of work on the C&O Canal: cleaning up, removing trash, cutting underbrush encroaching on the towpath--and guarding lock gates during Concerts on the Canal. Association members participated energetically in the camporee, many volunteering for clean-up and for service as camp directors. Who can forget the scout camps in the early morning, smoke curling from campfires, and tents and troop banners marching in straight lines, adding their color to the vivid green campsites? Camaraderie developed between adults and children working together, each learning from the other, all coming to a better understanding of this historic canal.

Long before anyone expected, the towpath is now open for its entire length for "careful walking." Such progress, impossible without volunteer work, illustrates again what many can do when each makes an effort.

The need for volunteers is by no means over; indeed, it will never be over. Much work is needed to rehabilitate and restore this canal, which is a fragile monument to 19th-century ingenuity and labor. In particular, the man-made structures are constantly at risk and always will be. These houses, locks, culverts and aqueducts must always be cared for if they are to continue to depict an important historical development. So those Association members who have worked so hard must continue to do so. More important, those who have not yet been able to contribute to this effort might consider whether circumstances would now allow them to do so. Everyone--skilled or unskilled, young or old, strong or feeble--can do something.

So I say "well done!" to those who pitched in during the long, hot summer to support the camporee. You have accomplished much, and I hope you feel good about yourselves.



Summer vacations (some spent at the camporee) now over, and fall approaching, we have more opportunities to meet and to address important questions I have raised recently. What should be:

- our membership policy?
- our approaches regarding publicity for the Association?
- our stand on future flood-control projects and the Outer Beltway?

I have appointed committees to consider these questions and to develop positions to present to the Board of Directors. I welcome ideas from all.

Our next major Association gathering will be the Heritage Hike on October 25. Bettyjane Myers and her committee are planning a bit event, and I hope you will all come.



VOLUNTEERS AT VIOLET'S LOCK

Joan Paull reports that 16 volunteers spent a jolly and productive day at Violet's Lock clearing undergrowth, brush, and trees from the Canal prism and towpath bank.

Hard-working participants who enjoyed the camaraderie and satisfaction of accomplishment were: Sally and Jim Bryant, Jean Reese, Pat White and son James, Michelle Carsrud, Bettyjane Myers, Dave Johnson, Bill Speck, Joan Paull, Elizabeth Hackley, Donna Donaldson and son Gregory with friends Mike, Tom, and Andrew.

In her report, Joan says that few work trips were scheduled during the summer so that Association members who wished to volunteer for the Boy Scout/Girl Scout Camporee were free to do so.

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

- Saturday, October 25 - C&O Canal Association Annual Heritage Hike, Hancock to Dam 6; details on page 1.
- Saturday, November 1 - 9 AM - 12 Noon
Work trip; project to be announced. Call Joan Paull at (301) 384-8584 for details.
- Saturday, November 22- Level Walker Hike, Pennyfield to Great Falls. Details elsewhere in this issue.
- Monday, December 1 - Deadline for receipt of material for January 1987 Along the Towpath.
- Saturday, December 6 - C&O Canal Commission meeting in District of Columbia. Call Canal Headquarters for time and specific location. (301) 739-4200.
- Saturday, December 13- 9 AM - 12 Noon
Work trip; project to be announced. Call Joan Paull at (301) 384-8584 for details.



1987 ELECTION PROCESS BEGINS

The Nominations Committee has announced the opening of the nominating process for the election of next year's Association officers. The election will take place at the Annual Meeting in February. Following the procedure successfully initiated in 1985, all members are invited and encouraged to recommend candidates for the positions to be filled.

In accordance with Association Bylaws, elections will be held to fill one-year terms for the offices of President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Information

Officer. In addition, five Board of Directors members will be elected to three-year terms. A nominating form is included in this newsletter.

The Nominations Committee, which consists of Donna L. Boies, Victor P. Conrad, John H. Chandler, Rockwood H. Foster, and James C. Bryant, will query members whose names are submitted to determine if they will accept nomination. Information received from candidates who accept by the end of November will be published in the January issue of Along the Towpath.

--James C. Bryant

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The C&O Canal Association takes pleasure in welcoming the following members who have joined the Association during the period July-September 1986:

Charles F Ayres, Baltimore, MD
James H. Beardsley, Stockton, CA
Maurice Bolanger, Washington, DC
Frank G J Boyer, Warren, OH
Emily C Cooper, Charles Town, WV
Mr/Mrs H Philip Crabtree, Jr.,
Hagerstown, MD
Joyce E Crow, Hays, KS
Nancy & Jake Eddy, Chevy Chase, MD
Stephen W Gray, Falls Church, VA
James G Hill, Potomac, MD
E Cordell Kelley & Family,
Hampstead, MD
Steve Marshall, Manassas, VA
Sandra H McManus, Gaithersburg, MD
Rosalie Moyer, Falls Church, VA
Robert & Madeleine Oakley,
Rockville, MD
Thomas L Perry, Walkersville, MD
Richard Walter Schwerdt, Damascus, MD
Richard B Taylor, Falls Church, VA
Austin/Mary/Eric Timpson,
Frederick, MD
Robert T Walter, Muscatine, IA

NOTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 20, 1986 ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING.....

The September 20 meeting of the C & O Canal National Historical Park Commission was held at the Mather Training Center in Harpers Ferry, West Virginia. The meeting was preceded by a field trip to the new footbridge which spans the Potomac River parallel to the railroad bridge, and which provides a link for hikers between Harpers Ferry and the Canal towpath. Commission members, park staff, and visitors traversed the bridge to observe work done by Canal staff on the berm-side stone wall along Harpers Ferry Road between Locks 33 and 34. Ed Fisher, supervisor of the project, noted that most of the stone used in restoring the wall came from the Canal bed in this area, with the remainder donated from a local quarry.

A new footbridge has been constructed across the Canal at the point of entry to the Grant Conway Trail on Maryland Heights. It was noted that, in order to reduce hazardous driving conditions along Harpers Ferry Road, approximately 100 unauthorized parking spaces have been eliminated and replaced with 24 established spaces; large boulders have been placed across the entries to former parking sites, and school buses no longer travel on Harpers Ferry Road.

The meeting began at approximately 11 a.m.; discussion and action items follow:

- Chairman Carrie Johnson announced that Commission Member Ted Troxell, representing Allegany County, has resigned because he is moving from the area.
- Harpers Ferry Road -- A local resident said that the new parking arrangement is affecting parking for fisherman (a traditional use) who no longer can find spaces to park. He noted that some parking spots that remain are worse than some that were closed, and that the boulders placed to prohibit unauthorized parking are dangerous. He cited excessive speed as a contributor to hazardous conditions along the road. A representative of the Southern Washington County Citizens Association voiced concern about the placement of the boulders; she said that motorists are parking on the road in front of the boulders. She felt that more National Park Service ranger presence is needed here, especially on heavy visitation weekends. It was noted that Washington County and NPS have concurrent jurisdiction along the road, and either can issue traffic citations, although the Superintendent said he prefers not to have rangers' time spent in court over traffic tickets when their presence is sorely needed on the Canal. The Harpers Ferry Road plan was initiated in May 1986 as an experiment. The following motion was passed unanimously: That the experiment is over, the plan should be confirmed, any problems that may arise can be handled as they occur, and the situation reviewed from time to time. A second motion was also passed unanimously: That the Chairman be directed to write a letter to the Washington County road department to request the expediting of shoulder- and center-line striping along Harpers Ferry Road.
- Brunswick -- Superintendent Dick Stanton reported that the park has been working with Brunswick for approximately three years on a plan for cleaning up and stabilizing the Canal in the Brunswick area. Leona Sauser, chairman of the Brunswick Revitalization Committee, noted that the Canal area is of vital importance to the economic growth of Brunswick. Cooperation between NPS and Brunswick is crucial to the success of the revitalization efforts. (See information elsewhere in this issue concerning this project.)
- Boy Scout/Girl Scout Camporee -- The Superintendent reported that the camporee has been extremely successful thus far. He stated that he intends to institute a program whereby Scout troops will be given responsibility for "perpetual care" of sections of the Canal. This program is envisioned as a self-managing effort with little need for NPS routine maintenance. It was emphasized that no possessory rights would accrue to participants in this program. At the end of the Superintendent's report on the camporee, the Commission presented him with a certificate of appreciation signed by all Commission members. It was moved and passed unanimously that the words on the certificate be entered in the minutes of this Commission meeting. The Superintendent said he would share this recognition with the staff and volunteers, and stated "This makes it all worthwhile."

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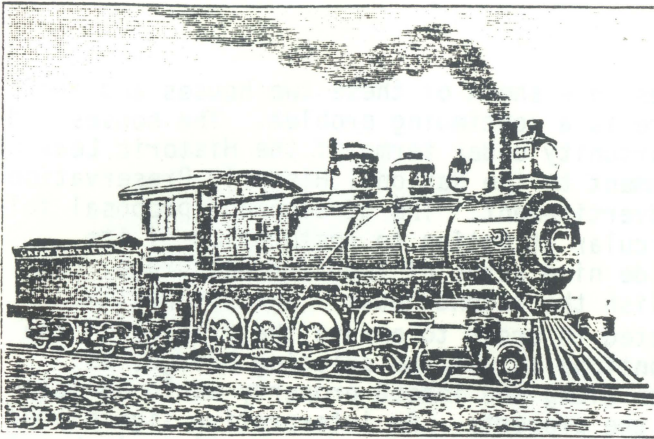
- **Heurich Houses at Pennyfield Lock** -- Slides were shown of these two houses and their surroundings; it was noted that vandalism here is a continuing problem. The houses had been advertised as a private-development opportunity under terms of the Historic Leasing Program, created in December 1983 by an amendment to the National Historic Preservation Act. Only one individual responded to the advertisement. The development proposal follows: To stabilize the main house with particular attention to restoration of its Victorian facade; to build a barn; to set aside nine acres of land for pasturage, creating a "country estate" atmosphere; to demolish the second house. The prospective developer said that the property should be gated in order to ensure the privacy of the tenant. Park and emergency vehicles would continue to use the existing bridge, as would hikers; continuity of the berm-side path along the leased property would be maintained. A bridge would be built upstream of the property. An interpretive sign placed at the property would state that it is a private property used under the Historic Leasing Program. The path and the green space between the path and the Canal would be maintained by NPS; the developer would expect NPS to mow the area, clear out brush, plant trees to soak up excess water, and fill in the land. The initial lease would be for 25 years, with the option to renew for another 25 years. The value of the property, on which the NPS lease fee will be based, will be on an assessment of the property as is; there was no mention that a re-assessment would be made at any time after the property is improved. It was pointed out that a leasehold such as this one can be bought or sold under terms of the Historic Leasing Program. The benefit to the public would be the saving of an 1890s Victorian cottage, an improvement of the appearance of the property, and the presence of people at the property to help discourage vandalism. Ken Rollins inquired whether this proposal represents an appropriate use under the Historic Leasing Program. The answer was "Yes." Nancy Long urged the Commission not to agree to this proposal, and to work instead for amendment or repeal of the Historic Leasing Program; she called it a "give-away of public land." The Commission endorsed the plan for private development of one Heurich house at Pennyfield by a unanimous vote.
- **River Safety** -- A staff member from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources presented a proposal for increasing safety on the Potomac River from Edwards Ferry downstream to the District of Columbia line. Dick Stanton said that he was under no illusion that Maryland would enforce any new regulations since it does not presently enforce existing regulations. He asked if the State has a strategy for enforcement of the new plan; the reply: "Not at this time." He stated further that Maryland is not responding to a regulatory problem. (See article elsewhere in this issue.)
- **Brickyard Road Access** -- A builder began construction of two houses on a tract of land lying between MacArthur Boulevard and the Canal in Montgomery County. To gain access to his property, he required a permit from NPS to cross Canal property. He began hauling building equipment without seeking a permit, and was stopped by NPS. Under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), an environmental assessment must be made before a permit can be issued. Dick Stanton said he would do everything he could to expedite the assessment and permit regulations. Commission Member Carl Shipley opined that NEPA is one of the worst laws ever passed.
- **Other business** -- It was announced that marijuana plants had been removed from the Edwards Ferry area.



OFF THE TRAIL - BRUNSWICK

by

Mimi Eller and Bruce Wood



The towpath around Brunswick may not be too great, but don't miss the town itself -- it's a charmer.

We had driven the seven miles into Brunswick from Point of Rocks on Route 44, an especially scenic drive with long vistas into the lush farmland and distant hills. We were famished after a morning spent walking the towpath out of Point of Rocks to Catoctin Aqueduct and return and were looking forward to lunch.

Brunswick has several restaurants, but a recent article had caught our attention and imagination. A new restaurant and a revived landmark had been dedicated only a few weeks previously--dedicated to the town and to the history of railroading.

Brunswick is and has been for years a railroad town where train crews stay over until their next trip. Until six years ago, the crews put up at the railroad Y, a huge rambling building next to the tracks. So close, one writer who stayed there recalled, every time a locomotive came through the rail yard, it sounded as though it was steaming directly down the hallway. Six years ago it burned to the ground, leaving train crews and the town without its railroad landmark.

Now it's back and better than ever. Two and a half miles out of the center of town, but near the neat new shopping center, is the new transportation Y. A right at the first traffic light as one approaches Brunswick on route 464, onto Souder Road, will take you directly to it just a short distance on the left. In design, it couldn't be more unlike the original. Long, low and built into the side of a hill, it could be any one of several moderately priced motels. But the inside is different. New and modern, light blond wood with rose walls and mauve trim and a restaurant filled with hanging baskets of lush greenery, one might expect quiche, but a look at the menu says this is a no-nonsense eatery. Delmonico steak, salmon cakes, fried whitefish, with nothing over \$3.80 for a dinner including two vegetables, your drink and rolls. The salmon cakes were all salmon, the delmonico was good and the harvard beets were simply the reddest and sweetest yet.

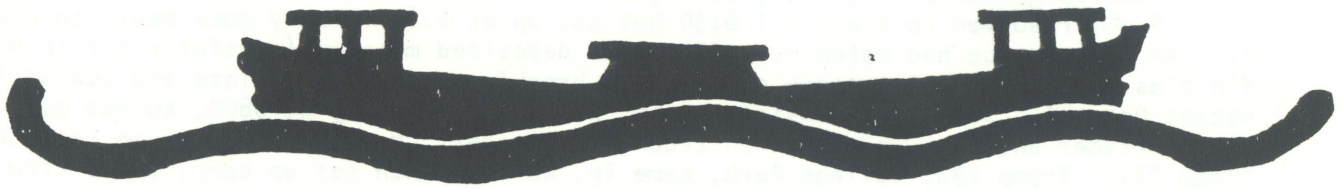
We looked about after paying the bill (\$8.45 for two). The nautilus room contained machines of every description. We were shown the community room which is used by groups for luncheons and dinners which the Y caters. It was large and spacious, if sparsely furnished--an ideal place for an Association after-the-hike meal.

Afterwards, we drove into town to the Brunswick Museum. The main attraction is on the third floor where a huge HO gauge model railroad layout of the B&O line between Washington and Brunswick as it appeared in the 1950s occupies the entire space. On the elaborately landscaped model, the Canal is displayed as a low water ditch but without towpath. Catoctin Creek is shown together with the railroad bridge but the aqueduct is already missing so the Canal simply skips the gap. The Canal is done better service in the museum one floor below. There are to be found perhaps a hundred photographs depicting and describing many aspects of the Canal and an excellent exhibit explaining the operation of the Canal itself. Other exhibits include antiques in excellent condition that reflect life in Brunswick over the years. This city museum is one that larger communities would be proud to have. It is well worth a stop for anyone with an interest in the C&O Canal, railroads present and past, or the history of our area. The museum is open weekends from mid-April through mid-December.

And while you are still engrossed in the past, step next door into Cheers Ice Cream Parlor, an old-fashioned setting with old fashioned hospitality and service.

You can help make our
River and Canal area a great place
for recreation — hiking, biking, fishing,
boating, picnicking, camping, or just
sitting and enjoying the beautiful view.

SUPPORT THE BRUNSWICK WATERFRONT PROJECT



Project Goals:

- Clear the riverfront and canal area of debris, underbrush and selected trees
- Make the riverfront visible to the downtown
- Further improve the Brunswick Camp Site as a recreational attraction
- Improve access to the river for fishing and boating
- Decrease and control vehicular traffic on the C&O Canal towpath — preserve this historic walkway
- Increase maintenance and security patrols



Your show of support will make this a reality.

- Give this leaflet to your neighbors
- Sign the large board declaring your support for the Brunswick Waterfront Project
- Join your friends and neighbors in the Brunswick Revitalization Committee who are working to achieve these goals
- Contact the National Park Service about their Canal cleanup campaign

Sponsored by the Brunswick Revitalization Committee
Call 834-7057 for information

DIARY OF A CAMP DIRECTOR, WHITE'S FERRY, 1-15 AUGUST 1986

by Bill Speck

- 1 August - Arrived at White's Ferry at 11 AM, NPS Ralph West explained facilities. Rode bike to meet Scoutmaster Deerkoski and six from Troop 3, returning from work south on Towpath. Site very hot and dry. In afternoon helped three scouts qualify in map orientation, citizenship, and map reading. Supper after dark of English muffin, hot chocolate, granola bar. Meanwhile Keith Kridenoff and Charles Ayres came in, and nine from Troop 771, Annapolis, all ably setting up camp in complete darkness. Troop 3 leaves after campfire, with cheerful comments to newcomers about not knowing what they were getting into. Awakened in night by scrunching at table; turned light on large creature recognized as ferry's straying dog. Rest of night quiet, cool, moist.
- 2 August - Had forgotten alarm, but gray light and chorus of birds woke me at what proved to be 5:30; resolved to sleep til 6:30 but got up at 6:15. Ferry does begin to operate at 6 AM. Found dog had eaten my muffins and deposited matches (carefully put in muffin plastic) in dew. Got stove started for breakfast of hot chocolate and Quaker Instant Oatmeal. Scouts and assistants up, we raised the flag at 0800, turned to find NPS Ed Fisher and West waiting with trucks and loader. Maurice Rankin came in late for Troop 771. Troop 298, College Park, came in, worked, then set up camp; troop from Silver Spring came in just for day. Worked pulling brush piles up on towpath, cutting up, loading on trucks in dust, weeds, poison ivy. Pieces always seemed too bit for lopper and too small for chain saw. After 4 hours, bath with thorough soaping first in river and then at Water Buffalo. In afternoon took Silver Spring troop to culvert 34.82, which had been repaired by NPS forces and showed decorative stone work on faces. In evening joint campfire Troops 771 and 298.



- 3 August - Slept like a log; awakened by gray light and birds at 6:15. No disturbance this night. Troop 771 had invited me to breakfast; enjoyed bacon, scrapple, French toast, orange juice and milk. Raised flag 0800. Fisher had to take truck and crew to Brunswick. Troop 298 cut weeds on shoulder and Troop 771 hauled up brush and loaded one truck left us. In waits for truck to return from dump we began setting up big logs and cylinders inside tree line as "771 Rest Area" for hikers wanting to sit down but not sure they could rise from ground, and carrying light brush back to piles by cornfield and loading trucks more compactly. Canal and shoulders looked great, for a half mile up to 36.5; less than 150 miles to go to Cumberland. Troop 298 left; Troop 771 invited me to supper after which we chatted about their camping experiences (slept on Mt. Washington).
- 4 August - Troop 771 left late morning. Camp deserted no one expected. Watched NPS put a Bush Hog on a backhoe/loader. Then 18 from Maryland Conservation Corps came in unexpectedly and went south to load brush for half a day. Hiked north to Woods Lock in morning and south to MP 33 in afternoon.

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- 5 August - Dog visited again last night, fled in flashlight beam after chase, but found instant oatmeal with nuts and raisins chewed up on ground. Two volunteers due in today: Marshall and Johnathan Dick from Potomac. NPS Lorrington drove us down between MPs 33 and 34, left us with a water barrel, loppers and brush wackers to clear canal shoulder. Brutal work: poison ivy 3 feet tall, clumps of prickly wild rose stems, logs, small trees, dust; we tried to cut everything 1 inch and smaller and cast into canal prism--some real contests between you with the lopper and the tree stems. By noon we had cleared 75 yards. Lorrington went back in case the conservation corps came and then cut off "bird perches" with a chain saw. The Dicks left.



- 6 August - No volunteers Wednesday and Thursday. 2 days off; went home.
- 8 August - Returned to empty campsite, but about noon two adults and two scouts from Troop 874 Ellicott City came in. The five of us cleared another 50 yards of shoulder, leaving a 5-yard patch untouched in middle where bees contested way; hiked 2 miles to and from. Then, thick and fast, volunteers came: 11 girl scouts from Alexandria, 16 scouts from Baltimore, 5 from Towson, 18 from Fort Eustice, all hours later than predicted, the last at 11:30. In middle of night a leader asked me to quiet another noisy group at a fire.
- 9 August - More volunteers showed up, so now we had 86. NPS came with two buses--one group taken to Monocacy and the other to Edwards Ferry, one clearing south and one loading north. Stood around waiting for a day group due from Laurel but at 10:30 headed north on bike. Passed loading group one mile up; saw wacking group two miles up; met bus returning Monocacy group five miles up and found aqueduct in good shape and grounds clean. Returned, drank water and more water, had lunch and roamed camps. In evening Ft Eustice troop organized a campfire: skits, songs, cheers, and a few words from me.
- 10 August - Preparing and eating big breakfasts with style and trimmings, bacon smells, French toast, couldn't get everybody started at 0800; three troops leaving before work, one after, so much packing up. NPS took one group to Lock 27 above Monocacy, rest north on Towpath to load brush and cut weeds. Patrolled grounds; departing troops had left me garbage cans to empty (who else?) and a leaking propane bottle ('wedged' in tree crotch with "Danger" sign). Hung around looking at birds and flowers waiting for two VIPs Bob Stanton (deputy NPS) and J.D. Young (deputy NPS CEO) who came at 12:30 and two volunteers who came at 2 PM. Jim Stallings and Jim Komarinski will camp and work all week. Herb Geisler, who will be director next week, dropped by and I showed him around, told of experiences, found he could and would come Friday so he could start and finish weekend. That evening I, two Jims and girl scouts watched a spectacular light and noise show of fireflies, lightning, and thunder.

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- 11 August - This morning we were ready, NPS was late. Two Jims went south cutting brush with MD Conservation Corps, I went north with Brian, Mariane, and 5 girl scouts cutting weeds between MPs 37 and 38. Developed a scheme of wacking downhill and rolling creepers, nettles, roses, vines, ragweed, everything up like a carpet and rolling, pulling, pushing the cylinder down to the canal bottom. Delighted girl scouts by finding a garter snake and a turtle carapace. Girl scouts packed up, leaving 2 Jims and Bill as volunteers until Friday, and I can leave Wednesday with NPS permission. I biked to Edwards Ferry, Jim and Jim rented bikes and went to Monocacy; routed out a barred owl on my way. A cyclist rolled in a nightfall, asked about campsites, told him towpath camps closed, could camp with us for 4 hours volunteer labor or just camp and be out by 8 AM.
- 12 August - Ready again before NPS. Jim, Jim, Bill, and Philip (a cyclist on way from Pennsylvania to Georgia on \$5/day) wacked and lopped canal shoulder between MPs 33 and 34; got a good quarter mile done. Philip cycled in sandals and worked in his "church shoes." Met a score of MD Conservation Corps on way back who had been loading brush. NPS ranger Ed Frye came by. Jim, Jim, and Bill rented a canoe, went upriver, landed on lower Mason Island (disgustingly trashed with beer cans and paper) and returned without wetting a foot. Barred owls "whoo-uh" to each other from island to mainland and down river. Campfire with Jim and Jim.
- 13 August - Up, packed, turned over flag and fire extinguisher to Ralph West and left. Good show.



POTOMAC RIVER HYDROELECTRIC PLANTS PROPOSED

Two sites along the Potomac River have been proposed as locations for hydroelectric plants -- one near Key Bridge in Georgetown, the other at High Island near Lock 6.

Permits to study the feasibility of these power plants have been requested by C & O Hydro Associates and by Potomac Hydropower Company. The former has received a preliminary permit from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the latter is awaiting a decision from the commission on its study permit request.

Opposition to the two proposals has been filed by the Department of the Interior. Both facilities, if approved for operation, would impact the C & O Canal National Historical Park. Dick Stanton, Superintendent of the C & O NHP, said of the High Island proposal, "The issue is dead, I hope."

Maryland's Department of Natural Resources has informed the commission that the State opposes the High Island plant because of its probable adverse effect on fish populations in the Potomac. The State of Maryland has jurisdiction over the Potomac with the exception of those waters along the District of Columbia boundary.

The Washington Post reports that Rep. Bruce Vento, chairman of the House subcommittee on National Parks and Recreation, indicates that it is not clear which agency - Interior or the FERC - would have jurisdiction on National Park land in cases such as these. It is possible, he continued, that a court challenge could be initiated by a prospective developer if rejected by the FERC due to Interior opposition.

FROM THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 24, 1986 ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING . . .

• Leasing of Pennyfield Houses -- Dave Murphy, Chief Ranger at the C & O Canal National Historical Park headquarters, and Bob Greenberg spoke on this subject. Greenberg voiced an opinion in opposition to the leasing if it denied public access at the lock. Dave Murphy described the leasing policy with respect to the Pennyfield houses. He said a public announcement for bids to lease the property received response from only one bidder. He exhibited to the Board drawings showing how both houses would be restored and delineating the property to accompany the leasehold. In addition, he submitted to the Board a letter received from the bidder describing his intentions. Greenberg and Murphy discussed at length what they understood to be the proposed lessee's intentions based on conversations each had had with him, resulting in diametrically opposed impressions. Murphy said the lease would be reviewed yearly for compliance with its terms. Greenberg submitted the following resolution:

1. The C & O Canal Association is opposed to reducing public access to the C & O Canal's berm side in the Pennyfield Lock area;
2. As the Association understands it, a proposal to reduce such access is considered necessary to provide enough privacy to House No. 2 and to enable its rental as a restored structure under the Historic Structures Act;
3. The Association has learned the following about House No. 2: a) The lessee would have to replace 80 to 90 percent of the present structure in a restoration; b) If privacy was provided to House No. 2 by restricting public access, this structure would be virtually invisible to the public from both the berm side and the towpath side; c) By contrast, House No. 1 is in a less deteriorated state, may be more easily restored, has historical antecedents and already has privacy through fencing and existing road structures;
4. To restrict public access at Pennyfield across the Canal from a testimonial to Justice Douglas would be unusual and deplorable;
5. The C & O Canal Association therefore urges the National Park Service to adopt Section 1 above as its policy, and with this understanding the Association supports plans to restore House No. 1 as proposed.

After instructions from the President, the Board voted on the motion, with three in favor, seven opposed, and one abstention.

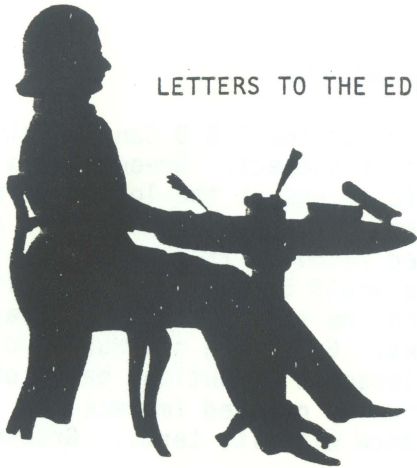
• Brochure -- Anne Korff reported on progress in developing a new brochure for the Association. She described two proposals, one being a brochure similar to the present one, the other being a more comprehensive brochure designed for national mailing. Bill Speck indicated that \$500 is in the budget for brochure production. Bill Davies mentioned the scientific area as something to be included, noting how few people know about the C & O Canal National Historical Park. Korff was authorized to discuss the production costs with a commercial printer. The number to be produced would depend on decisions made with respect to membership expansion.

• Level Walker Report -- Lyman Stucker announced that 30 names have been removed from the Level Walker roster, and that 15 have been added. He drew attention to the small representation from the upstream communities among the Level Walkers.

• Other Business -- The President announced that he had formed a committee to formulate policy positions for the Association with respect to future flood control proposals for the Potomac River and its tributaries. If the outer beltway question should become pertinent in the near term, this committee would also consider a position for the Association to take with respect to this thoroughfare's impact on the Canal. The policy positions developed by the committee would be submitted for the Board's consideration. The following Association members were appointed to this committee: Dave Johnson (Chairman), Bill Davies, Bill Failor, Gilbert Gude, and Elise Heinz.

The President said he had visited Williamsport to attend Canal Days there and found little in the main celebration at Byron Park to even hint at the Canal. The crowds were largely at the park, while the Canal area itself was almost deserted, although park volunteers were conducting various exhibitions, such as blacksmithing, mule-tending, and a display on Canal history. The celebration had nothing whatsoever in its theme to suggest the Canal,

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

C & O Canal Association:

When I was vacationing in Hagerstown this August, I learned about the Canal. Had opportunity to visit headquarters at Sharpsburg, the lock and aqueduct at Antietam Creek, the lock and liftbridge at Williamsport and along the Canal at Hancock. I think all we missed was the tunnel at Paw Paw. What a national treasure, and no one west of the Mississippi River knows about it! Too bad; but now I do and will sure spread the word.

Do you know we have two big canals in California? Both carry water to southern California. They say there are only two manmade things the astronauts see from space...the Great Wall of China and the California Aqueduct.

Do you have literature I can send to my Congressmen and Senators? We have a good magazine out here called Sunset. Often they do articles on places to visit. The C & O would be excellent. I think you would pick up a hundred new members!

I'm off to the library to see what I can find about this interesting subject in old issues of The National Geographic. And to think I never agreed with a single thing Justice Douglas ever did! Keep up the good work.

A California C & O Canal Booster,
Jim Beardsley
Stockton, California

Dear Editor:

On behalf of the Williamsport C & O Canal Club, Inc., I certainly agree with the statements made by Nancy Long to the Advisory Commission on May 17. Who are these people advocating the moving of Justice Douglas' bust? Surely they haven't been members of the Association very long or familiar with what Justice Douglas did for the Canal in helping to make it a part of the NPS system. The bust is in the setting where Justice Douglas wanted it to be, and up here we hope that everyone who attended the dedication will let out a roar of disapproval. For an outdoorsman like the Justice, to move his bust would be the same as a fish being out of water. Let us hope the NPS will put a big veto to the idea.

Melvin I. Kaplan
President, Williamsport C & O Canal Club
Williamsport, Maryland

Dear Editor:

I really don't think you "welcome communications from the membership" of the C & O Canal Association unless they are of the self-serving type as published on page 11 of the July Along The Towpath.

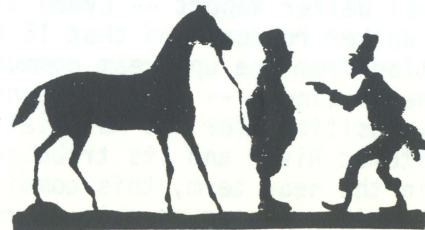
However, I'm writing one final letter to give you an example of what I had in mind in my letter of 7/25/86 wherein I recommended a "Letters to the Editor" section. My suggestion is clearly expressed in the attached sheet* from Hiker High Points published by the Mountain Club of Maryland.

Now, one additional comment on the level walking program. For such a program to be effective, it would seem logical to me for the Association to distribute a list of the sections with the corresponding responsible level walker to the general membership so that any one of the members walking the towpath could report any significant observations to a responsible person.

Warren H. Raab
Dover, Pennsylvania

* Section from Hiker High Points referenced by Mr. Raab and written by Terri Wetzel-Eckard, Editor of Hiker High Points: "The Newsletter will be news as submitted to me. But anything labeled "editorial" will be my views, definitely not always in agreement with the President, Council, or anyone else. I want Hiker High Points to be an open forum. Please send me your comments. I'll print all I receive, as space allows, in the "Letters to the Editor" section. I hope to stir up controversy. From controversy comes change and growth; the fertilizer for a successful future."

(Ed. note: A roster of Level Walkers and their sections is published periodically in Along The Towpath.)



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except a banner across the main street proclaiming "Williamsport Canal Days." Bill Davies thought the Association should get together a film and/or slide show for the next Williamsport Canal Days. He said this could be done at the Cushwa Warehouse. Dave Murphy felt it was hard for the National Park Service to weigh in on a local event such as this and needed a catalyst for this purpose. He thought the Association would serve as an excellent catalyst to bring public attention to the Canal.

Bill Davies reported on the Committee of Thirty, announcing that \$1800 in contributions had been received from 17 donors. He said he expected to reach the \$3000 figure. He said the Committee of Thirty, as a voluntary group not officially affiliated with the Association, could function as a lobbying organization. He thought the committee could perhaps be incorporated as such.

Bill Speck reported that the insurance premium for the Association's liability insurance had been increased from \$540 to \$1065. This figure is the minimum premium. The deductible amount was raised from \$300 to \$500. The coverage is \$300,000. Bill Speck thought the President should have this protection because he was the one likely to be sued if anyone in the Association was. The President said he was adequately covered by his own insurance. He reminded the Board that the insurance protection extended to all officers, Board members, and any Association member acting for the Association. Bill Speck was authorized to pursue the matter further. Meanwhile, the Association's coverage has lapsed.

Karen Gray reported on the proposal for the Association to sell paintings by Barbara Hails to raise money for Canal rehabilitation. Hails was not satisfied with the Association's publicity measures, it was reported. Hails would be willing to give the Association ten copies of a painting to be sold for the Canal's benefit; Hails said she would deliver the copies before the Heritage Hike.

(Minutes prepared by Hal Larsen; they are not reported here in their entirety.)

MARYLAND PROPOSES POTOMAC RIVER ZONES

The State of Maryland has proposed a program of water safety for recreational uses of the Potomac River from Edwards Ferry downstream to the District of Columbia line. The program seeks to provide maximum safety, but does not rigidly restrict the use of the river.

The plan recommends that this river stretch be divided into the following zones: Zone A -- Identified as an area where hazardous conditions are continuous; recommends total prohibition of tubing, swimming, and wading.

Zone B -- Identified as an area where hazardous conditions exist at certain river flows. Caution signs would be posted at access points.

Zone C -- Identified as a potentially hazardous area, but with unrestricted access.

Zone D -- Identified as a "safe water" area for swimming and other river activities.

The plan includes provision for signs with maps describing the zones, and informing visitors of their locations.

Maryland's Department of Natural Resources, the agency proposing the zoning plan, intends to hold public hearings along the Potomac in the area recommended for zoning.



ATTENTION! ATTENTION!

ASSOCIATION MEMBERS -- REMEMBER THE
HERITAGE HIKE ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25!



LEVEL

WALKER

NOTES

FROM


LYMAN STUCKER

Fifteen C&O Canal Association members enjoyed a beautiful walk downstream from Point of Rocks on September 13th. It was great to see some new members on the walk. Many of us appreciated the luscious, ripe pawpaws.

Very few level walker reports were submitted during the summer, perhaps because many were busy with volunteer work on the Canal. No reports will be published in this issue but you will find an updated roster of Level Walkers. Please save this list for future reference. Thanks to "Butch" Henley for her assistance in printing it.

It is important that you walk and report on your Section this Fall. We need your visual evaluation of present conditions and of the summer clean-up efforts.

- * Next Walk: Saturday, November 22
- * Meet at Pennyfield Lock - 10:00 AM - We'll walk downstream, possibly to Great Falls. This will give us an opportunity to look at the houses at Pennyfield.
- * EVERYBODY WELCOME!



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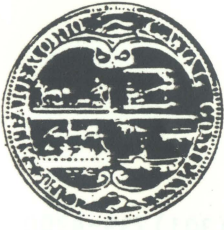
LEVEL WALKERS DIRECTORY - AUGUST 86

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1	0	<u>TIDAL LOCK TO OLD BOAT INCLINE</u> Carrie Johnson, 3219 1st St., N. Arlington, VA 22201 522-8940 Carl Linden, 6406 Ridge Drive Brookmont, MD 20816 301-229-2398	16	39.4	<u>LOCK 26 TO MONOCACY AQUEDUCT</u> C. H. Breedlove, Jr., 14417 Oak Vale St. Rockville, MD 20853 301-871-6081
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3	5.0	<u>LOCK 5 TO CABIN JOHN CREEK</u> Bill Kugler, 6924 Woodside Place Chevy Chase, MD 20815 301-652-0132	18	44.6	<u>NOLAND FERRY TO POINT OF ROCKS</u> Ray Seward, 5103 Acacia Avenue Bethesda, MD 20814 301-530-6709
4	7.5	<u>CABIN JOHN CREEK TO LOCK 14</u> Nancy Long, 6001 Bryn Mawr Avenue Glen Echo, MD 20812 301-229-0196 Dale Jackson, P.O. Box 2125 Silver Spring, MD 20902 301-593-6977	19	48.2	<u>POINT OF ROCKS TO CATOCTIN AQUEDUCT</u> Lyman Stucker, 2811 Farm Road Alexandria, VA 22302 703-549-3527
5	9.4	<u>LOCK 14 TO CROPLEY</u> Robert Greenberg, 7012 Braeburn Place Bethesda, MD 20817 301-229-5644	20	51.5	<u>CATOCTIN AQUEDUCT TO BRUNSWICK LOCK 30</u> Bob and Donna Boies, 6201 30th St. NW, Washington, DC 20015 202-966-0358
6	12.3	<u>CROPLEY TO GREAT FALLS</u> Helen Johnston, 4909 Bayard Blvd. Washington, DC 20816 301-229-7443	21	55.0	<u>BRUNSWICK TO WEVERTON LOCK 31</u> Dave Johnson, 9211 Wadsworth Drive Bethesda, MD 20817 301-530-7473
7	14.3	<u>GREAT FALLS TO SWAIN'S LOCK</u> Arthur & Ann Korff, 3705 Calvert Place Kensington, MD 20895	22	58.0	<u>WEVERTON TO HARPERS FERRY LOCK 33</u> Harry L. Raney, 900 Sheridan Ave., Martinsburg, WV 25401
8	16.6	<u>SWAIN'S LOCK TO PENNYFIELD LOCK</u> Al Stanley, 9935 Cottrell Terr. Silver Spring, MD 20903 301-439-4769 Joan Paull, 14908 Flintstone Lane Silver Spring, MD 20904 301-384-8584	23	60.7	<u>HARPERS FERRY TO DAM 3</u> Susan "Butch" Henley, 2713 Youngs Drive Haymarket, VA 22069 703-754-4321
9	19.6	<u>PENNYFIELD LOCK TO SENECA</u> William Clague, 4701 Sangamore Road Bethesda, MD 20816 301-229-5633	24	62.3	<u>DAM 3 TO DARGAN QUARRY</u> Dot Geary, 4302 Bel Pre Road, Rockville, MD 20853 301-460-4378
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12	27.2	<u>SYCAMORE LANDING TO EDWARDS FERRY</u> Charles Otstot, 5124 N. 33rd Street Arlington, VA 22207 703-538-5446	27	69.4	<u>ANTIETAM AQUEDUCT TO SHEPHERDSTOWN</u> Kenneth Rollins, Rt. 4 Box 107, Ruther Glen, VA 22546
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- 39 102.3 PINESBURG STATION TO OLD RR STATION
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- 40 105.0 OLD RR STATION TO DAM 5
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- 41 106.8 DAM 5 TO LOCK 47
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- 42 108.6 LOCK 47 TO MCCOYS FERRY
- 43 110.4 MCCOYS FERRY TO FORT FREDERICK
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- 47 120.0 MILE 120 TO HANCOCK
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- 48 124.1 HANCOCK TO ROUNDTOP HILL
- 49 127.3 ROUNDTOP HILL TO LOCK 53
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- 50 130.0 LOCK 53 TO DAM 6
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- 51 134.1 DAM 6 TO SIDELING HILL AQUEDUCT
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- 52 136.6 SIDELING HILL AQUEDUCT TO LTL ORLEANS
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- 53 140.9 LITTLE ORLEANS TO LOCK 59
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- 56 151.2 GREEN RIDGE STATION TO LOCK 61
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- 58 154.5 LOCK 63-1/3 TO PAW PAW (MD 51)
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- 63 167.0 OLDTOWN TO KELLYS ROAD CULVERT
- 64 170.8 KELLYS ROAD CULVERT TO SPRING GAP
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- 65 173.4 SPRING GAP TO NORTH BRANCH
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- 66 175.5 NORTH BRANCH TO MEXICO FARMS (pipeline)
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- 67 177.7 MEXICO FARMS TO EVITSS CREEK AQUEDUCT
- 68 180.7 EVITSS CREEK AQUEDUCT TO WILEY FORD
- 69 182.6 WILEY FORD TO INTAKE LOCK (CUMBERLAND)



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FALL HIKE - OCTOBER 23, 1976 - WHITE'S FERRY TO MONOCACY AQUEDUCT

Level Walker Beverly Rhodes will lead a fall hike along her level, White's Ferry to Lock 26, and beyond to the Monocacy Aqueduct. She has asked Kit Franklin to be a co-leader and describe the history of the many Indian people who lived in the Potomac Valley long before the European settlers arrived. For several years Kit has been doing graduate work in archeology at The American University, and is now writing her Masters Thesis based on a dig she and Alan have been exploring on an island in the Potomac near the White's Ferry - Monocacy area. She knows more about Indian history in this middle Potomac region than she could ever tell you in one day. Come and be prepared for a fascinating walk.

Meet at 9 a.m. at White's Ferry, Saturday, Oct. 23. Bring lunch and fair weather. Cars will shuttle back from the Monocacy Aqueduct after the 7 mile hike. For more information, call Beverly Rhodes, 202-363-8187.

WINTER HIKE SCHEDULE

Lyman Stucker plans to schedule a winter hike during January and an additional early spring hike late February or early March. More information in the next newsletter.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

The next Executive Board meeting will be held at 10 a.m., November 11 in Williamsport. Any interested member is welcome to attend board meetings. One important topic for discussion will be plans for the next Annual Reunion Hike in the spring of 1977.

STATUS OF DOUGLAS' BILL

The legislation that proposed dedication of the C & O Canal Park to Justice William O. Douglas went down in the rush of business during the last week of this Congressional session. A compromise measure failed, but hopefully further action will be taken next year. One of the compromise measures asked that the canal towpath be called the Justice Wm. O. Douglas Trail. The Douglas Trail could be so designated by the Park Service without Congressional action, but we would like to see Congressional recognition of Douglas' lifetime efforts toward conservation as well as preservation of the C & O Canal.

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NOMINATIONS FOR ELECTIONS TO BE HELD AT THE 1987 ANNUAL MEETING

To the Nominations Committee:

I nominate the members named below for the offices indicated.

PRESIDENT _____
1st VICE PRESIDENT _____
2nd VICE PRESIDENT _____
TREASURER _____
SECRETARY _____
INFORMATION OFFICER _____
BOARD MEMBERS _____

Please mail this form by November 1, 1986 to: James C. Bryant
7115 Wilburdale Drive
Annandale, VA 22003

The members nominated above will be queried by the Committee, and if the nomination is accepted, will be included on the official ballot at the Annual Meeting.

RESERVATION FORM FOR HERITAGE
DINNER AND RELATED ACTIVITIES, HANCOCK, MARYLAND

DINNER RESERVATION: Please reserve _____ dinners at \$7 per dinner. Total enclosed \$ _____

Name _____
(please print)

SHUTTLE SERVICE: I will help shuttle hikers back to Hancock. I can carry _____ hikers.

Name _____ Telephone () _____

CAMPING RESERVATION: I plan to camp at Four Locks on Friday night, October 24. _____

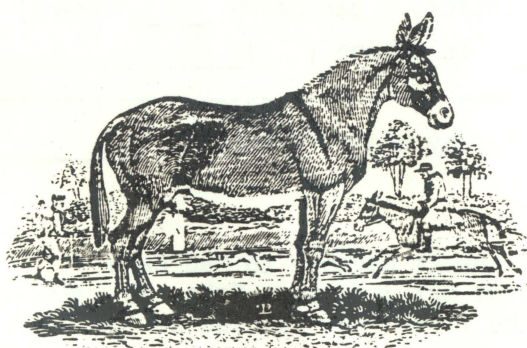
There will be _____ persons in my party.

Reservations are due NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 15. Make checks payable to C&O Canal Association and mail with this form to the Association at Box 366, Glen Echo, MD 20812-0366. Reservations will not be acknowledged; your name will be listed and checked at the door.

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FIRST CLASS MAIL



1 The Mule

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