

Club Activities

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A.A.C., Blue Ridge Section. This is a new Section of members living in Maryland, portions of North Carolina and Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia and the District of Columbia. In October 1976 at an informal meeting in Washington D.C. members asked the Board of Directors to approve the Section and on 19 January 1977 we held our first meeting. Since then we have met three times to discuss and act on such Club issues as membership and nominating procedures, local access to climbing areas, and to enjoy various slide programs on expedition climbing. During the year members climbed in the Rocky Mountains of Canada and the U.S., on Denali (McKinley), Grand Tetons, Yosemite, the Alps of Austria, Germany and Switzerland, in the Garhwal Himalaya and in the Eastern U.S.

JOE H. WAGNER, *Chairman*

A.A.C., Cascade Section. The Section began the year with the "First Annual Cascade Section Bash" on January 29. The change from a sit-down dinner to a buffet was well received, and we had almost 300 members and guests. The "Bash" went over so well we are planning another in January 1978. Chris Chandler showed his climb of Everest, and our Section's annual meeting and dinner was considered a great success. On March 2 we co-sponsored, with the Swallow's Nest, a local mountaineering store, and the University of Washington Climbing Club, Martin Boyson with his show "Everest—the Southwest Face." At a Section meeting on March 11, Alex Bertulis discussed the AAC climbers trip to Russia in 1976, and showed some of his slides.

On May 15 the Russian climbers arrived in the U. S. for 45 days, to climb on McKinley and, as it turned out, in our North Cascades. AAC member Mike Helms and Riley Moss accompanied them on McKinley. Alex Bertulis acted as host in Washington State, and with Mark Shielding, showed the Russians the Northern Pickets. Chuck Kroger climbed Liberty Bell with them.

In the interim, on April 11 we entertained Professor Noel Odell with a dinner at a local restaurant, where he was able to talk with Unsoeld, Hornbein, Emerson and Chandler, all Everest people themselves. Professor Odell spoke to the Section after dinner, giving us much interesting information on the early attempts at Everest and showing some rare old pictures.

When the Russian climbers had completed their 45 days of climbing,