

Club Activities

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A.A.C., Blue Ridge Section. In 1982 this smallest section of the Club was undoubtedly the most active in proportion to its size. Section-sponsored outings were held in the Potomac Gorge and at Seneca Rocks, West Virginia. Members also climbed in the Alps, California, the Sawtooth Range of Idaho, the Cascades, the Wind Rivers of Wyoming, the Canadian Rockies, and British Columbia. Meetings featured a wide variety of speakers including Al Rubin's description of his experience on the Club's exchange with Poland; Gaston Rébuffat's film, *Les Horizons Gagnés*, (co-sponsored with the Union des Français à l'Étranger); and Doug Scott's slides of three Himalayan expeditions (co-sponsored with the Smithsonian Resident Associate Program).

Conservation was also a major Section effort. Together with the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club, the Section sponsored the Carderock Conservation Project, chaired by Janet Young, which has put hundreds of hours of work into halting and reversing erosion at Washington's nearest climbing area. Because of its location at the seat of government, the Section has assisted the Club's Conservation and Use Committee in pressing to prevent clearcutting in the Menagerie climbing area in Oregon.

With the loss of officers Will Davis to the Alaska Section and Vivian Mendenhall to Australia, Francis Soges was elected treasurer and Joe Wagner secretary for the remainder of the year.

GEORGE R. MERRIAM, *Chairman*

A.A.C., Cascade Section. During the year the Section sponsored several slide programs featuring local, national, and international climbers. In June Stephen Bezruchka described his 1981 ascent of Mustagh Ata in Western China. In the fall Doug Scott gave a program on climbing Kangchenjunga, Shivling, and Xixibangma. Later in the fall Jim Dockery presented a show that included slides of many major climbs in North America that he has done over the past years.

Our annual banquet was held in December. The program featured two local climbers who participated in the A.A.C.-sponsored climbing programs in Europe. Kjell Swedin showed slides of the men's rock climbing meet he attended in Britain at the invitation of the British Mountaineering Council. Matt Kerns described his trip to East Germany and Czechoslovakia on an A.A.C.-sponsored climbing exchange.

STEVE SWENSON, *Chairman*