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gravity, our most precious terrestrial resource

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Acceleration of Gravity
(U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey, 1912)

Latitude, deg	g		g/g ⁰	Latitude, deg	g		g/g ⁰
	Cm./sec ²	Ft./sec ²			Cm./sec ²	Ft./sec ²	
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MEMORY AID

Some members may have difficulty in remembering that the usually accepted value of the acceleration of Gravity is 32.2 ft/sec². We suggest that if you have this problem you switch to 2.97429 x 10⁹ leagues/fortnight^c. Our lab reports that the figure is accurate, and it may be easier for you to retain.

Use of this figure will immediately reveal to you that if you free-fall in a vacuum for a full fortnight, you will travel terribly far.

RAMBLINGS

The Society headquarters will be closed on Count Zeppelin's Birthday. An emergency number will be posted on the door.

If you would like the real truth about air-travel and it's impossibility, we suggest you send a SASE to "The Man Will Never Fly Memorial Society Internationale" at Box 1903, Kill Devil Hills, North Carolina, 27948. These people know the truth and are not afraid to use it!

We once again remind our readers that Saint Swithun's day is always July 15. Be careful to not spell Swithun with an "I" after the "H"

The committee to manage our annual Conservation of Gravity Week is now meeting on a weekly schedule and is open to suggestions from interested members. If you have a favorite event you would like to see incorporated into the festivities, please send them a card or letter. Use the Schaumburg Headquarters address.

There are still a few copies of "A Layman's Guide to Farkling" available for two bucks, no postage or handling fees. Why not send for one and amaze your friends with your new-found savoir-faire. **THIS IS FOR REAL !!!**

HUMOR OR ??

Thanks to the many members who sent us a copy of this strip. We have sent Mr. Walker a letter pointing out that although his comic efforts are often hilarious, this one is close to sacrilege to many. He has not yet responded.



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As publishers of a nationally renowned magazine, we at the Gravitonian are firm believers in freedom of the press, but sometimes it seems that irresponsible people abuse the right.

This clipping from a Philadelphia daily is one of the most blatant examples we have yet seen of an effort to poison the minds of the young in our country.

Why don't you write someone about this?

This weekend

Overcoming gravity Franklin Institute topic

How are Santa's reindeer able to fly? Find out about the struggle to overcome gravity at the Franklin Institute, where a "Things That Fly" program will blast off Saturday.

Each day through Thursday, the museum at 20th Street and Benjamin Franklin Parkway in Philadelphia will spotlight a different aspect of flight. The following themes are scheduled: "Why Things Fly," Saturday; "Things That Glide," Sunday; "Things That Float," Monday; "Heavy Things That Fly," Tuesday; "Alternative Things That Fly," Wednesday; and "Future of Things That Fly" Thursday.

Featured will be a rocket show, films on flight, a Frisbee demonstration, a kite-making lesson, exhibits, a hot-air balloon launch, lectures and a helium balloon giveaway.

The museum is open Saturdays and weekdays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. There is free weekend parking in the 21st Street lot. Call (215) 564-3375 for a taped listing of admission prices, or the general operator at (215) 448-1000 for a list of specific programs on the day you'd like to go.

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1981, The Year in Review

Those of us who are deeply and proudly involved in Gravity conservation can look back at 1981 with pride and satisfaction on a job well done.

There were some setbacks of course, as there are bound to be in a movement as great as ours. NASA did launch the Columbia despite our best efforts to convince them of their folly. Santa once again held his annual orgy of going down and up chimneys even though we wrote countless letters to him at his North-Pole headquarters, (wrong ZIP?).

Basketball did retain the dribble.

Many Americans continued to ride elevators, but we are confident that our plea to for elevator pools did much to reduce the waste of Our Most Precious Terrestrial Resource by these tools of the Devil.

But, look at the brighter side. During 1981 our in basket was often filled with letters of support and good news from our members.

A fine example of true conservationism was in a letter from Dayton, Ohio. A member there had recently bought a new home, only to find that it had a gravity hot air heating system! After we answered his cry for help, he moved his entire family into the basement, shut the ducts to the upstairs, and bought down-filled parkas for his entire family. A good man, and a fine example for the children.

Looking Back, (continued)

A member in Oklahoma City sent a fine letter outlining his plan to reduce Gravity consumption in his bathroom. He naturally stopped using the shower, but he also vowed to never again stand while at the toilet. "If she can, so can I", he wrote. Inspiring.

Perhaps one of the most widely observed acts on behalf of the Gravity movement was Spider Dan's climb of the worlds tallest abomination, the Sears Tower. Dan proved beyond doubt that the elevator is a non-essential frivolity, and could (and should) be done away with. Thanks Spider Dan. Would that we all had your dedication to the Cause.

These are the things that allow us to smile with inner satisfaction as we walk through a crowded shopping mall, for instance, and see others using escalators, not even aware that they are depriving others of the only thing that really makes life possible on this planet.

We know not what 1982 will bring, but we are serene in our knowledge that the members of our Society will continue to act as the finest examples of peoplekind for their fellow-folks.

KNOW YOUR ENEMY SERIES, #14

Escalators have the advantage of continuity of motion, great capacity, and small amount of space occupied and current consumed for each passenger carried. Escalators are built 2, 3, and 4 ft wide between balustrading geared to move at the same speed as the element. The angle of incline is 30 deg from the horizontal, and the speed is 90 fpm. The normal carrying capacity of 2 (3) [4] ft escalators is 4,000 (6,000) [8,000] passengers per hr.

Co-members, (cont)

Richard and Emily Swarthmore operate a roadside zoo near Pittsburg. The Swarthmores have eliminated all the bad animals from their zoo, and now feature only low gravity using wildlife such as snakes, turtles, ants, fish, and a pet dachshund. The alligator in the childrens petting area is very popular with those who travel by auto and with children.

If you have an accomplishment that you would like to see published in the Gravitonian, send us a brief outline of what you have done to conserve Our Most Precious Terrestrial Resource, you might win an ASCG tee-shirt! all material is subject to review by our editorial board, and will not be returned unless a self addressed, stamped, truck is enclosed. Write today!

To ensure high operating stability under varying conditions of temperature and humidity the microphone diaphragm and housing are made of materials having identical temperature coefficients of expansion, and the back plate is insulated from the housing by means of silicone treated quartz, giving the highest possible leakage resistance in areas of high relative humidity.

WE SUPPOSE THAT SMALLER MODELS USE PINTS

SPOTLIGHT ON OUR MEMBERS

We are often asked "What kind of people join your society? We usually answer "The best!"

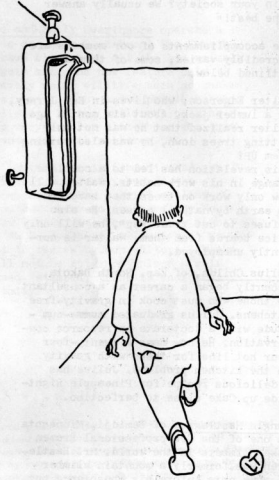
The accomplishments of our members are incredibly varied, some of them are outlined below.

Walter Edgerson, who lives in New Jersey, is a lumber jack. About six months ago Walter realized that he was not only cutting trees down, he was also cutting them UP!

This revelation has led to a complete change in his work habits. Walter will now only work on trees that have come to earth by natural causes. He also refuses to cut trees "up", he will only slice boards from them. Walter is currently unemployed.

Julius Childs, of Zap, North Dakota, recently began a career as a consultant to those who must cook in gravity-free kitchens. Julius graduated summa-cum-laude with a doctorate in resource conservation. He now mans a twenty-four hour hot line for those with gravity in the kitchen problems. Julius has a delicious recipe for Pineapple Right-side up Cake close to perfection.

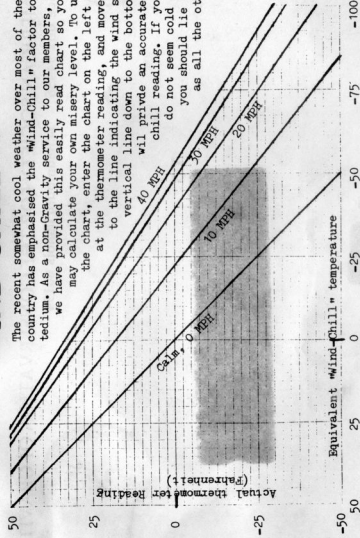
Rungle Hastlegren of Bemidji, Minnesota is one of the few professional Frozen Lake Climbers in the world. Mr. Hastlegren was formerly a mountain climber of some note before his conscience put a stop to that madness. Rungle is the only person thus far, to climb across Lake Woebegone using only one base camp!



WIND CHILL

The recent somewhat cool weather over most of the country has emphasized the "Wind-Chill" factor to tedium. As a non-Gravity service to our members, we have provided this easily read chart so you may calculate your own misery level. To use

the chart, enter the chart on the left scale at the thermometer reading, and move right to the line indicating the wind speed. A vertical line down to the bottom scale will provide an accurate wind-chill reading. If your results do not seem cold enough, you should lie about it as all the others do.



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