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Rain in Jatibonico, Cuba

The bus rocks along
on tough shocks,
a boat at sea.

But my breath
I left behind on
Bahia de Cochinos—

the flamingos
reddening in
the widening sun,

a pair of nesting
yellow warblers
recorded in my camera,

roseate spoonbills
pooling
in mangroves,

a flight of skimmers
over the bay's
shimmering waves,

and the taped call
of the Zapata rail
blasting on the bus,

its taunting cry
over the rain,
goodbye, goodbye.

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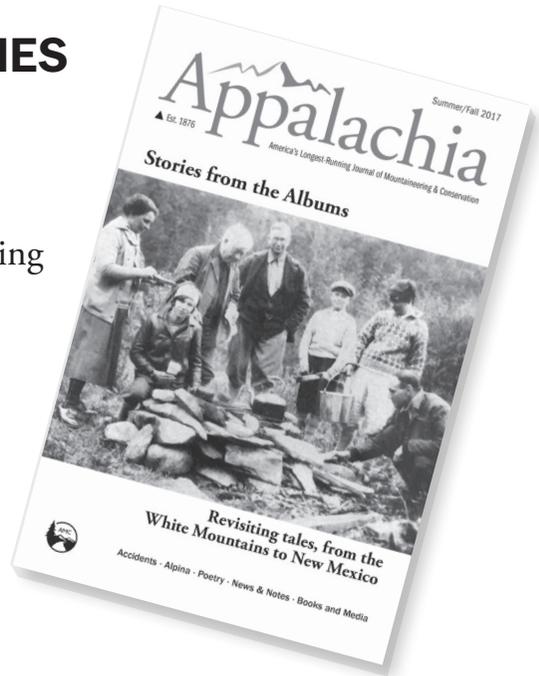
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