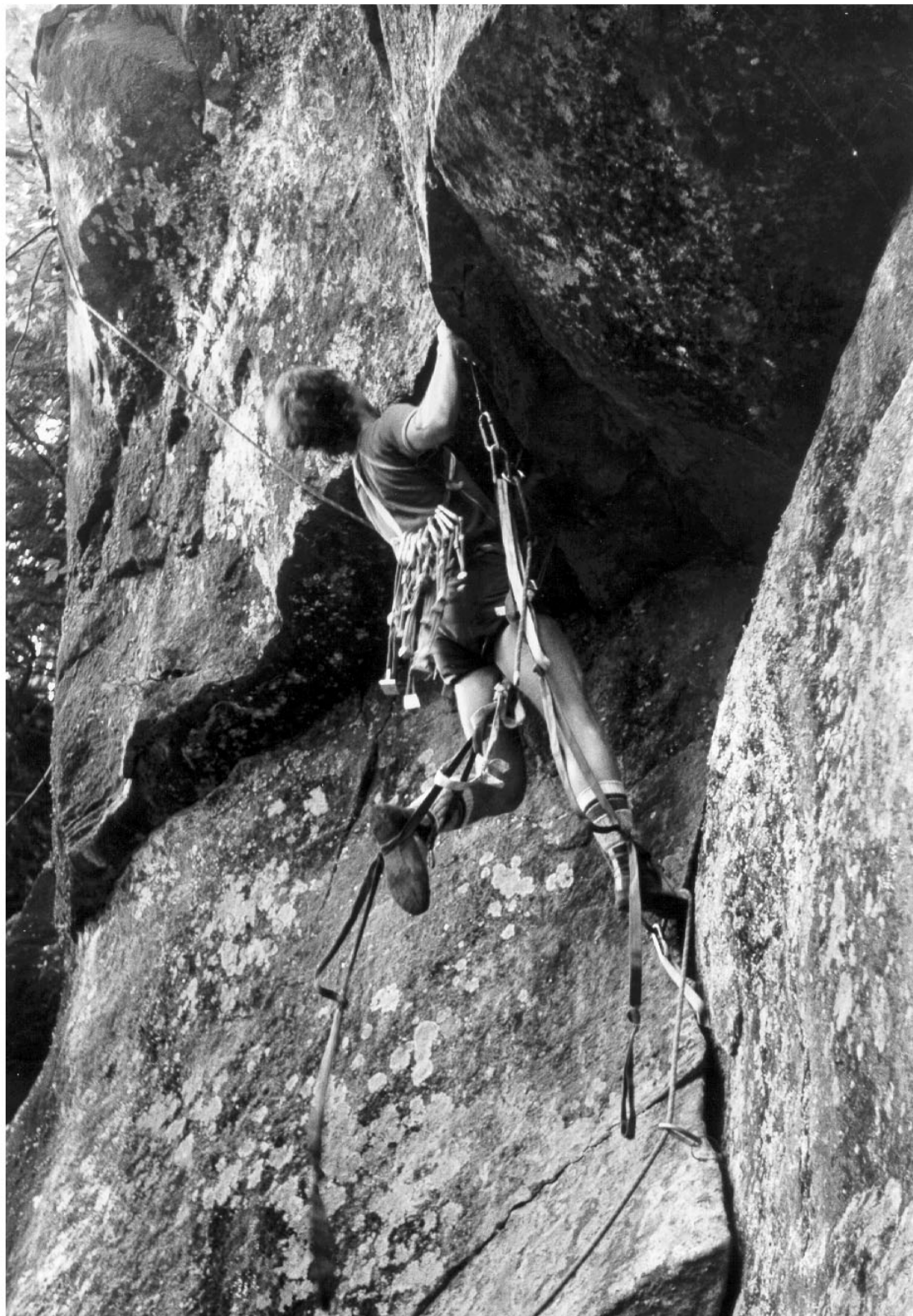


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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

DEAR MEMBERS:

HELLO AND WELCOME BACK. I SINCERELY HOPE THAT EVERYONE ENJOYED A SAFE AND EXCITING SUMMER. AND WITH THE BEGINNING OF A NEW QUARTER, HISTORICALLY OUR MOST ACTIVE, I HOPE THAT THE SAFE PRACTICES AND ATTITUDES OF ALL OF US CONTINUE.

WELL, THE ACTIVITIES SLATED FOR THIS QUARTER NUMBER MANY, AND I'M SURE THAT THESE WILL BE ONLY HALF THE UNDERTAKINGS. AS MANY OF YOU KNOW, SOME KIND OF TALK BY A QUALIFIED SPOKESPERSON HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR EVERY OTHER MEETING, AND SOME FORM OF TRIP HAS BEEN PLANNED FOR NEARLY EACH WEEKEND. ALSO, IT IS MY PLEASURE TO INFORM YOU THAT THE CLUB IS PROVIDING ANOTHER SERVICE TO ITS MEMBERS THIS YEAR BY OFFERING A TRIP FOLLOWING EACH QUARTER FOR 12 PEOPLE -- ALL GAS PAID FOR OUT OF OUR BUDGET!!! SO I HOPE THAT AFTER READING THROUGH THE CALENDAR AND FINDING OUT WHAT'S GOING ON YOU'LL BECOME AWARE OF THE EFFORTS PUT INTO THE CLUB OVER THE SUMMER. I WOULD LIKE TO ESPECIALLY THANK BOB FOR HIS WORK IN REVISING THE BUDGET AND PLANNING MANY OF THE EVENTS.

THIS NEWSLETTER IS ALSO ANOTHER ENDEAVOR TAKEN ON BY ALL OF US TO INFORM EACH OTHER AND THE COMMUNITY OF OUR TRIPS, PROGRAMS AND OTHER RELATED MATERIAL. SO, I WOULD JUST LIKE TO SAY THAT IN ORDER TO MAKE IT WORK FOR ALL OF US, LET'S ALL WORK TO MAKE IT.

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 * ONCE DURING THE SUMMER (TIME AND *
 * MATERIAL PERMITTING). THERE IS *
 * NO CHARGE TO UCMC MEMBERS EXCEPT *
 * POSTAGE TO THOSE REQUESTING MAIL *
 * DELIVERY. *
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FALL HAPPENINGS

OCTOBER

- 1 SUN CAVING - CAVE CREEK SYSTEM
MARK AND BOB
- 4 WED REG. MEETING - SLIDES
- 7 - 8 CLIMBING-JENEGA ROCKS (MARK)
- SAT-SUN BACKPACKING - NEBO RIDGE, IN
(FRANK BERTRAM)
- 11 WED OPEN HOUSE
- 14-15 ROCK CLIMBING COURSE
- SAT-SUN
- 18 WED SEARCH AND RESCUE TALK (MEET)
- 21-22 CLIMBING-CLIFTON GORGE (MARK)
- SAT-SUN BP - ? (RICK FORRESTER)
- 25 WED MEETING - SHENANDOAH SIGNUPS
- 28-29 CAVING - DESTINATION UNIMPOR-
SAT-SUN TANT (MARK AND BOB)

NOVEMBER

- 1 WED GEOLOGY OF GLACIERS TALK
- 4 - 5 CLIMBING- RED RIVER GORGE
(MARK)
- SAT-SUN
- 8 WED MEETING-CAVING SLIDES
- 10-12 CLUB OUTING TO CUMBERLAND
FRI-SUN GAP, KY
- 15 WED WINTER BP & EQPT. (MEETING)
- 18-19 BP TRIP - TAR HOLLOW ST. FOR.
SAT-SUN (ANNA JONES)
- 22 WED NO MEETING
- 23-26 THANKSGIVING BREAK
PLAN A TRIP NOW !!!
- 29 WED FINAL QTR. MEETING
X-COUNTRY SKIING TALK

DECEMBER

- 4-9 FINAL EXAMS
- MON-FRI
- 9-17 CLUB TRIP - SHENANDOAH
SAT-SUN (MARK)

IF YOU HAVE ANY TRIPS OR ACTIVITIES PLANNED THAT YOU WOULD LIKE OPENED TO THE CLUB, SEE MARK AND GET THEM PUBLICIZED. START THINKING ABOUT THOSE WINTER QTR. TRIPS SO WE CAN GET SOME KIND OF A SCHEDULE GOING FOR THAT QTR.

NEXT ISSUE (Oct. 25)

- GEAR FOR SHENANDOAH TRIP (ALSO ROUTE DESCRIPTION AND DETAILS)
- MEMBERSHIP LIST (PHONE #'S & ADDRESSES)
- DUES PAID BY OCT. 15 FOR INCLUSION
- TRIP REPORTS
- ETC.....

COVER: MARK HARTINGER AID CLIMBING NEAR CUMBERLAND FALLS (PHOTO - FRED ANDERSON)

THE SECRETARY'S PAGE

HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER

THE MOUNTAINEERING CLUB GETS ITS INCOME FROM THREE SOURCES: UC, THE QUARTERLY CLASSES, AND MEMBERSHIP DUES. THE MONEY WE GET IN DUES IS VERY IMPORTANT, AND SO YOU'LL FIND US ALWAYS PUSHING FOR DUES.

ACTUALLY, THE MONEY YOU PUT OUT FOR MEMBERSHIP IS SMALL COMPARED TO WHAT YOU GET IN RETURN. UCMC HAS A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF OUTDOOR GEAR AND BOOKS THAT MAY BE BORROWED BY MEMBERS. CLUB MEMBERS GET TO GO ON THE QUARTERLY, GAS-PAID TRIPS, WHICH WILL IN ITSELF RETURN DUES. MEMBERS GET THIS NEWSLETTER PLUS ADVANCED KNOWLEDGE OF ANY LECTURES & SLIDE SHOWS OR OTHER SPECIAL EVENTS THAT HAPPEN AT THE WEEKLY MEETINGS.

DUES ARE 7.50 DOLLARS PER YEAR (WHICH INCLUDES SUMMER), OR 3.00 DOLLARS PER QUARTER. YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE A UC STUDENT, ALTHOUGH UCMC MEMBERSHIP MUST BY UC REGULATIONS, HAVE A MAJORITY OF UNDERGRADS IN ITS MEMBERSHIP.

IF YOU'D LIKE TO JOIN, JUST STOP BY AT ONE OF THE WEEKLY MEETINGS AND CHECK US OUT. WE'LL BE ONLY TOO HAPPY TO TAKE YOUR MONEY !!!!

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REMEMBER, MEETINGS ARE EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 7:00 PM IN ROOM 428 TUC. SEE YA' THERE!

WE USE IT --
YOU CLEAN IT !!!

EQUIPMENT MODIFICATION AND BEAUTIFICATION SEMINAR

- LEARN: BASIC KNOT UNTYING
- ROPE UNTANGLING, COILING
- PACK-(UN)ASSEMBLY
- CHEMISTRY OF DRIED CAVE MUD
- FUNDAMENTALS OF WASH MACHINE
- ETC....

-- ATTENDENCE REQUIRED --

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 10:00 AM
(LOCATION TBA AT MEETING)

(LEAVING FOR CAVING TRIP AFTERWARDS, HOPEFULLY???)

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MISSING PERSONS DEPT.

IF ANYONE KNOWS THE WHEREABOUTS & ADDRESSES OF THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE, PLEASE INFORM MARK; THESE ARE HONORARY MEMBERS WHOM WE WOULD LIKE TO STAY IN CONTACT WITH:

- LINDA HENNEMAN
- GRETCHEN BREWER
- BRUCE PERRIANO
- MATT KLUESNER

LIBRARIAN NEEDED

FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR. KEEP TABS ON ALL PRINTED MATERIAL AND BE PART OF THE EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE. SEE MARK IMMEDIATELY. THIS IS A GOOD CHANCE TO GET IN GOOD WITH THE PRESIDENT BY TAKING SOME OF HIS WORK AWAY!

GUIDES AVAILABLE

CLIMBING GUIDES TO LINVILLE GORGE & TABLEROCK MOUNTAIN ARE AVAILABLE TO INTERESTED PERSONS FREE OF CHARGE. SEE LIBRARIAN. THESE ARE A COURTESY OF RON HOENING AND SARAH McDONOUGH.

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JANUARY 1, 1978 EQUIPMENT INVENTORY

CLIMBING AND CAVING EQUIPMENT

ASCENDERS

- 1 JUMARS, PAIR WITH SLINGS
- 1 GIBBS, PAIR

CARABINERS

- 8 "D", BONATI BLUE GATE 2200 KG.
- 6 "D", BONATI " " 2500 KG. (NEW)
- 15 "D", BONATI BLUE GATE 2500 KG.
- 5 "D", BONATI ORANGE GATE 2500 KG.
- 1 "D", BONATI RED GATE 2200 KG.
- 1 LOCKING "D", REI
- 2 LOCKING "D", STUBAI 2200 KG.
- 1 OVAL, CHOUINARD 2100 KG.
- 4 OVAL, REI
- 5 OVAL, R. ROBINS 3000 LBS.
- 2 LOCKING "D", CLOG 3000 KG.

HAMMERS AND HOLSTERS

- 1 CHOUINARD, WITH HOLSTER
- 1 STUBAI, WITH HOLSTER

HELMETS AND RELATED GEAR

- 5 CAVING, BLUE
- 2 CAVING, YELLOW
- 3 CLIMBING, ULTIMATE BLUE
- 5 CLIMBING, ULTIMATE YELLOW
- 7 LIGHTS FOR CAVING HELMETS, JUSTRITE
- 7 BATTERY HOLDERS

PITONS

- 7 ANGLES, CHOUINARD (ASS. SIZES)
- 3 BONGS, " "

ROPE

- 1 BLUEWATER, OLD 165'
- 1 GOLDLINE, OLD 165'
- 1 GOLDLINE, 165'
- 1 GOLDLINE, 165'
- 1 LEAD ROPE, 11MM, 165', EDELWEISS

SLINGS AND PRUSSIKS

- 1 EQUIPMENT, PURPLE TUBULAR
- 1 EQUIPMENT, YELLOW TUBULAR
- 2 PERLON, 6 FT. 5 MM BLUE
- 6 PERLON, 6 FT. 5 MM ORANGE
- 1 FLAT, 1 IN. 3 FT. ORANGE
- 2 FLAT, 1 IN. 1 FT. ORANGE
- 3 TUBULAR, 1 IN. 5 FT. GREEN
- 1 TUBULAR, 1 IN. 3 FT. PURPLE
- 1 TUBULAR, 1 IN. 10 FT. PURPLE
- 19 TUBULAR, 1 IN. 6 FT. WHITE
- 1 TUBULAR, 1 IN. 6 FT. ORANGE
- 1 TUBULAR, 1 IN. 10 FT. WHITE

- 1 TUBULAR, 1 IN. 11 FT. GREEN

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- 1 TUBULAR, 1 IN. 4 FT. BLUE
- 3 TUBULAR, 1 IN. 5 FT. BLUE
- 1 TUBULAR, 1 IN. 6 FT. BLUE
- 2 TUBULAR, 1 IN. 7 1/2 FT. BLUE
- 1 TUBULAR, 1 IN. 10 FT. BLUE

SLUNG CHOCKS

- 1 HEX, CHOUINARD #4
- 2 HEX, CHOUINARD #5
- 2 HEX, CHOUINARD #6
- 2 HEX, CHOUINARD #7
- 2 HEX, CHOUINARD #8
- 2 HEX, CHOUINARD #9
- 1 HEX, CHOUINARD #10
- 1 HEX, CHOUINARD #11
- 1 HEX, SMC #1
- 1 HEX, SMC #2
- 1 HEX, SMC #3
- 1 HEX, SMC #4
- 1 STOPPER, CHOUINARD #6
- 2 STOPPER, CHOUINARD #7
- 2 TITON, FORREST #6
- 2 TITON, FORREST #7
- 2 TITON, FORREST #8
- 2 TITON, FORREST #9
- 2 TITON, FORREST #10
- PERLON, 80 FT. 9MM RED
(FOR SLINGING CHOCKS)

WEBBING

- 5 TUBULAR, 1 IN. 20 FT. GREEN
- 1 TUBULAR, 1 IN. 12 FT. RED
- 1 TUBULAR, 1 IN. 15 FT. RED
- 13 TUBULAR, 1 IN. 16 FT. RED
- 1 TUBULAR, 1 IN. 80 FT. WHITE

FRICTION DEVICES

- 4 FIGURES EIGHT RINGS, CMI
- 2 BELAY PLATES, STICHT

WIRED CHOCKS

- 6 COPPERHEADS, FORREST
(1 EA, #2,3 ; 2 EA, #4,5)
- 3 FOXHEAD, FORREST
(2 EA, #2; 1 EA #3)
- 1 HEX, CHOUINARD #1
- 1 HEX, CHOUINARD #2
- 1 HEX, CHOUINARD #3

EQUIPMENT INVENTORY

- 2 HEX, CMI #620
- 2 HEX, CMI #630
- 1 HEX, CMI #640
- 1 HEX, CMI #650
- 1 HEX, CMI #660
- 1 HEX, CMI #670
- 1 HEX, CMI #680
- 1 STOPPER, CHOUINARD #3
- 1 STOPPER, CHOUINARD #4
- 1 STOPPER, CHOUINARD #5
- 1 STOPPER, CHOUINARD #6

BACKPACKING & COOKING EQUIPMENT

- 3 COMPASS, POLARIS 7
- 4 COOK KIT, SIGG TOURISTER w/STOVES
- 3 ENSOLITE PADS, 56 IN.
- 2 FIRST AID KITS
- 3 FUEL BOTTLES, 1 QT.
- 1 BACKPACK, FULL FRAME GREEN
- 2 BACKPACK, FULL FRAME RED
- 4 BACKPACK, KISPOKO BROWN, LARGE
- 2 BACKPACK, KISPOKO BROWN, MEDIUM
- 1 DAYPACK, KELTY RED
- 1 PACK, MILLET CLIMBING PACK RED
- 1 KLETTERSACK, BLUE
- 1 KLETTERSACK, GREEN
- 2 POURING CAPS, FOR FUEL BOTTLES
- 1 SLEEPING BAG, SNOW LION MTN. LIGHT BLUE
- 2 SLEEPING BAG, " GREEN
- 6 STRAPS FOR BAGS, 40 IN.
- 2 SPADES, REI
- 2 TARPS, BLUE
- 2 TARPS, YELLOW
- 3 TENTS, REI-CRESTLINE EXPEDITION
- 1 WOOLITE, CAN

LIBRARY

- 1 ADVANCED ROCKCRAFT R.R.
- 1 BASIC ROCKCRAFT R.R.
- 1 BACKPACKER, #20 - PRESENT
- 1 BACKPACKING: ONE STEP AT A TIME
- 1 CLIFTON GORGE CLIMBING GUIDE
- 1 CLIMBERS GUIDE TO THE RED RIVER GOR.
- 1 CLIMBERS GUIDE TO SENECA ROCKS, WV
- ? CLIMBERS GUIDE TO TABLE ROCK & LINVILLE GORGE
- 1 COMPLETE WILDERNESS PADDLER
- 1 GREAT SMOKY MTNS. NAT. PARK BOOK
- 1 GUIDE TO WEST VIRGINIA WHITewater
- 1 HIKERS GUIDE TO THE GREAT SMOKIES
- 1 MEDICINE FOR MOUNTAINEERING
- 1 MOUNTAIN SEARCH & RESCUE TECHNIQUES
- 1 MOUNTAINEERING-FREEDOM OF THE HILLS
- 1 OFF BELAY #31 - PRESENT

NEW MATERIALS FOR '78 - '79

EQUIPMENT

- 3 SLEEPING BAG LINERS
- 1 COLEMAN 3 BURNER CAMP STOVE
- 500' 1/8" NYLON CORD
- 1 CABLE LADDER, 10-M
- 1 BLUEWATER III CAVING ROPE, 165'
- 1 GOLDLINE, 165'
- 2 ROPE SACKS
- 25 BONATI "D" CARABINERS
- 100' WEBBING, RED TUBULAR
- 100' WEBBING, WHITE TUBULAR
- 30' PERLON ACCESSORY CORD, 7MM

LIBRARY

- AMATEUR'S GUIDE TO CAVES AND CAVING
- BE EXPERT WITH MAP AND COMPASS
- CIRCUIT HIKES IN SHENANDOAH NAT. PARK
- CLIMBERS GUIDE TO THE ADIRONDACKS
- CLIMBERS GUIDE TO THE COLORADO MTNS.
- CLIMBERS GUIDE TO ROCKY MTN. NAT. PARK
- THE CLIMBERS SOURCEBOOK
- DESERT SURVIVAL
- KENTUCKY'S LAND OF THE ARCHES
- MOUNT MCKINLEY CLIMBER'S GUIDE
- MOUNTAINEERING FIRST AID
- THE NEW COMPLETE BOOK OF BICYCLING
- THE ONE-BURNER GOURMET
- RAND McNALLY NATIONAL FOREST GUIDE
- STANDARD FIRST AID AND PERSONAL SAFETY
- JELLY JAGGERS (RED CROSS)

(THE ABOVE EQUIPMENT WILL BE PURCHASED OVER THE COMING YEAR AS SOON AS IT IS POSSIBLE IN REGARDS TO AVAILABILITY AND FINANCIAL STATUS)

TO SIGN OUT EQUIPMENT, CONTACT THE EQUIPMENT MANAGER AND ARRANGE A CONVENIENT TIME AND MEETING PLACE. IN THE EVENT THAT THE EQUIPMENT MANAGER IS UNAVAILABLE OVER A PERIOD OF TIME, THE PRESIDENT MAY BE CONTACTED. ONLY UOMC MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING MAY SIGN OUT EQUIPMENT, AND ARE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY EQUIPMENT THEY SIGN OUT. IT IS ALSO THEIR RESPONSIBILITY TO RETURN THE EQUIPMENT IN ITS ORIGINAL CONDITION.

PACK TALK

THE SHINING ROCKS WILDERNESS ,

LOCATED OFF THE BLUE RIDGE PARKWAY IN WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA'S NANTAHALA NAT. FOREST, OFFERS 25 MILES OF TRAILS FOR HIKING AND BACKPACKING. LAST SPRING BREAK ONE UCMC MEMBER AND TWO FRIENDS MADE A VERY LEISURELY, TWO-DAY BACKPACKING TRIP ALONG THE $8\frac{1}{2}$ MILES OF OLD BUTT KNOB AND SHINING CREEK TRAILS THERE. THE REQUIRED PERMITS WERE OBTAINED THROUGH:

DISTRICT RANGER
P.O. Box 8
PISGAH FOREST, N.C. 28768
704-877-3265

HIKING THE SHORT LOOP IN THE SHINING ROCKS WILDERNESS, BACKPACKERS CAN ENJOY A WIDE VARIETY OF CLIMATES AND TERRAINS, ESPECIALLY IN THE EARLY SPRING. THE TRAIL FIRST CLIMBS STEEPLY UP TO THE NORTHERN RIDGETOP LEADING TO SHINING ROCK, A KNOB OF GLISTENING WHITE QUARTZ. FROM THERE IT CURVES AROUND TO THE SOUTHERN LEG OF THIS U-SHAPED RIDGE, DESCENDS SLIGHTLY, AND MEANDERS ALONG THE PROTECTED, NORTHERN MOUNTAIN-SIDE. THEN THE TRAIL ZIGZAGS DOWN TO THE BOTTOM OF THE NARROW VALLEY BETWEEN THE RIDGES AND FOLLOWS THE CREEK BACK TO THE ENTRANCE. AS THE TRAIL CHANGES ELEVATION GOING FROM THE RIDGETOP, TO THE HILLSIDE, TO THE VALLEY, IT PASSES THROUGH THREE DISTINCT ZONES OF CLIMATE AND VEGETATION.

AS THE TRAIL CLIMBS TO AND RUNS ALONG THE NORTHERN RIDGE, IT REVEALS AN AREA OF INTERESTING GEOLOGY AND VEGETATION. THE TRAIL SCRAMBLES & STRAIGHT ACROSS EXPOSED BEDS OF MICA-SCHIST AND GNEISS THAT SHIMMER IN THE BRIGHT SUNLIGHT. EMBEDDED IN THESE ROCKS ARE CRYSTALS OF QUARTZ AND GARNET. THESE WEATHER OUT OF THE ROCKS, MAKING THE TRAIL A SPARKLING RIBBON OF MICA SAND AND CRYSTALS THAT ALMOST NEVER BECOMES MUDDY. THIS DRYNESS CONTINUES ON ALONG THE RIDGE, AS EVIDENCED BY THE VEGETATION.

IN THE SEVERAL SMALL DEPRESSIONS IN THE RIDGE, WATER AND SANDY SOIL HAVE COLLECTED, ALLOWING THE GROWTH OF THE EVERGREEN MAGNOLIAS AND RHODADENDRONS. THE PATH WINDS BETWEEN THESE DENSE, SHOULDER-HIGH HEDGES LIKE A WILD THROUGH A FORGOTTEN FORMAL GARDEN.

UPON REACHING THE OTHER RIDGE, THE ENTIRE MOOD OF THE TRAIL, THE VEGETATION, AND THE CLIMATE, CHANGES DRASTICALLY. WHEN YOU STEP INTO THE DARK, COOL PINE FOREST, THE BRIGHT SUNSHINE THAT SHOWN OUTSIDES SEEMS TO SUDDENLY SWITCH OFF. HERE, PROTECTED FROM THE WIND, LARGE, STRAIGHT PINES GROW TALL. ON THIS NORTHERN SLOPE PROTECTED FROM THE SUN, LARGE PATCHES OF WINTER'S SNOW REMAIN UNMELTED ON INTO APRIL. ABOUT HALF WAY AROUND THE SOUTH RIDGE, THE TRAIL TURNS AND SLITHERS BY SWITCHBACKS DOWN ALONG THESE TRIBUTARIES TO THE MAIN STREAM, SHINING CREEK, BETWEEN THE RIDGES.

AT THE LOWER ELEVATION OF THE MAIN STREAM, A DISTINCTIVE NEW PLANT GROWTH AND TOPOGRAPHY EMERGES. IN THIS AREA, PINES HAVE BEEN REPLACED BY A VIRGIN FOREST OF OAK, BEECH, AND OTHER BROAD-LEAFS. THE TRAIL RUNS RIGHT ALONG THE CREEK, TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE SMALL, FLAT BANKS. THIS AREA, WITH ITS LARGE, WELL-SPACED TREES AND LEVEL STREAM BANKS MAKES ONE OF THE BEST CAMPING AREAS IN THE PARK.

ALL OF SRWA, WITH ITS VARIED TERRAINS AND CORRESPONDING ENVIRONMENTS, PROVIDES A GRAND AREA FOR ENJOYING BACKPACKING. HIKERS CAN EXPERIENCE A DRY, WINDY RIDGELAND; A DARK, DAMP PINE FOREST; AND A VALLEY OF VIRGIN TIMBER, ALL IN ONE TRIP!

ANNA JONES

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TRAIL MARKERS !#*&@*!

WHEN YOU ARE HIKING THROUGH THE NATIONAL FORESTS, AND YOU SEE THOSE BLAZES PAINTED ON THE TREES, THEY INDICATE A TRAIL. RIGHT? THEN HOWCOM SOME-TIMES YOU CAN ONLY FIND ONE OR TWO, AND CAN'T FIND WHERE THE TRAIL GOES? IS IT BECAUSE YOU'RE A DUMMY? WELL, MAYBE, BUT THERE IS ANOTHER EXPLANATION ACCORDING TO A STANTON DISTRICT RANGER.

THE FOREST SERVICE MARKS THEIR BOUNDARY LINE WITH RED BLAZES ON THE TREES OR POLES. THIS IS REQUIRED BY LAW. THEY DO NOT USE RED FOR TRAILS. IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THIS MAY BE A RECTANGULAR BLAZE OR A RING AROUND THE TREE. THEY MAY APPEAR TO BE TRAIL BLAZES WHEN THE TRAIL PARALLELS THE BOUNDARY. BLUE BLAZES ARE USED TO INDICATE A TREE WHICH IS TO BE SAVED. A NATURALIST OR BOTANIST HAS DECIDED THAT THERE IS SOMETHING SPECIAL ABOUT IT, AND THE BLUE MARK TELLS THE WORKERS NOT TO CUT IT. ORANGE IS USED TO INDICATE A TREE WHICH IS TO BE TAKEN DOWN. THE FOREST SERVICE WORKERS WILL INJECT IT WITH A POISON TO KILL IT, AND THEN REMOVE IT. IF YOU SEE A TREE MARKED WITH BLUE, AND A FEW OTHERS AROUND IT MARKED WITH ORANGE, THEY ARE TRYING TO GIVE THE SPECIAL ONE ENOUGH ROOM, AIR, AND LIGHT SO IT CAN LIVE AND DEVELOP.

FRANK BERTRAM

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WHAT YOU MAY NOT KNOW ABOUT
POISON IVY

ALTHOUGH MOST PEOPLE HAVE HAD A CASE OF POISON IVY RASH AT ONE TIME OR ANOTHER, IT IS AMAZING HOW LITTLE THEY KNOW ABOUT IT. EVEN MORE AMAZING YET ARE THE FALLACIES AND MISCONCEPTIONS IN THE MINDS OF THOSE WHO THINK THEY DO KNOW ABOUT IT. FOR EXAMPLE, MOST PEOPLE DO NOT KNOW THAT THE ONLY WAY TO CATCH IT IS THROUGH CONTACT WITH BROKEN PARTS OF THE PLANT, OR THROUGH ARTICLES WHICH HAVE TOUCHED BROKEN PARTS OF THE PLANT. SOME THINK THE RUNNING SORES CAN SPREAD THE POISON TO OTHER PARTS OF THE BODY, OR TO THE BODY OF ANOTHER PERSON. THIS IS WRONG. THE CONTENT OF THE BLISTERS IS BODY

POISON IVY
FLUID; IT CONTAINS NO POISON. THE NEW BLISTERS YOU SEE POPPING UP AFTER THE INITIAL RASH HAS APPEARED BECAUSE OF ONE OF TWO THINGS. EITHER YOU REINFECTED YOURSELF FROM CLOTHES, SHOES, ETC. HAVING THE POISON ON THEM, OR THE NEW BLISTERS ARE A RESULT OF A LESSER DEGREE OF CONTACT WITH THE POISON, CAUSING A DELAYED REACTION. MANY PEOPLE ALSO BELIEVE THAT A GOOD SCRUBBING AFTER CONTACT WILL WASH OFF THE POISON. NOPE. THE POISON COMBINES WITH THE SKIN PROTEINS IMMEDIATELY, AND WASHING WILL ONLY SERVE TO REMOVE SOME OF THE EXCESS POISON. AFTER CONTACT, THERE IS NO KNOWN CURE FOR POISON IVY. THE LOTIONS AND CREAMS ON THE MARKET ARE SYMPTOMATIC ONLY. INTRODUCTION OF THE TOXIN INTO THE SYSTEM A FEW MONTHS BEFORE THE SEASON TO BUILD UP RESISTANCE TO THE POISON HAS ONLY BEEN MILDLY EFFECTIVE. THE ONLY REAL PREVENTION IS FOR YOU TO BE ABLE TO RECOGNIZE THE PLANT, AND AVOID IT!!!

KATHY MURPHY

REFERENCE: POISONOUS PLANTS OF THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA BY JOHN M. KINGSBURY.

POISON IVY: ANYWHERE FROM SMALL SHRUB TO A WOODY VINE; THREE LEAFLETS PER BRANCH; POSSIBLY SMALL, GREENISH-WHITE FLOWERS OR BERRIES.

POISON OAK: SIMILAR TO IVY, HAVING THREE, OR SOMETIMES FIVE LEAFLETS SLIGHTLY LARGER THAN THOSE OF IVY.

POISON SUMAC: A SHRUB GROWING UP TO FIFTEEN FEET HIGH; SEVEN TO ELEVEN SMOOTH LEAFLETS (THOSE WITH TEETH ON EDGES ARE NON-POISONOUS SUMAC); POSSIBLY FLOWERS AND BERRIES.



POISON IVY



POISON OAK

POISON SUMAC



ASK
THE



QUACK ...

ALMOST EVERYONE HAS GOTTEN BLISTERS, AND USUALLY, THEY FORM ON THE MOST TENDER PART OF THE FOOT OR WHERE YOUR HIP STRAP RIDES ON YOUR HIP BONE AND INEVITABLY, YOU HAVE SEVERAL HOURS OF HARD WALKING AHEAD OF YOU UNTIL YOU SIT DOWN TO A LUXURIOUS MEAL OF RICK'S ROMANOFF OR MARK'S SPAGHETTI A LA BUGS. ANYWAY, THE QUACK'S READERS WANT DESPERATELY TO KNOW ABOUT WHAT TO DO WITH THE LITTLE BUGGERS. FIRST, BEFORE YOU LEAVE ON THE TRIP, YOU SHOULD PREPARE YOUR FEET FOR THE ORDEAL AHEAD BY WALKING OR JOGGING IN THE SHOES ~~XXXXXX~~ YOU'LL BE USING ON THE TRIP. THIS HELPS BREAK IN THE SHOES IF THEY ALREADY AREN'T, AND IT GIVES YOUR FEET A CHANCE TO TOUGHEN UP. COLIN FLETCHER, "THE NEW COMPLETE WALKER," SAYS ALCOHOL WORKED INTO THE SKIN OVER A SEVERAL DAY PERIOD WILL TOUGHEN IT SUBSTANTIALLY; THE QUACK TRIED THIS METHOD, AND IT DID APPEAR TO WORK AND THE ALCOHOL TASTED QUITE GOOD ALSO. WEARING TWO PAIR OF HEAVY SOCKS HELPS GREATLY. (ED. NOTE: THE FRICTION IS AGAINST THE OTHER SOCK INSTEAD OF YOUR FOOT)

BLISTERS, CAUSED BY FRICTION, DO NOT ERUPT INSTANTANEOUSLY, OR FOR THOSE WHO DO NOT KNOW WHAT INSTANTANEOUSLY MEANS... IT TAKES A WHILE FOR FLUID TO LOCALIZE ITSELF IN THE EPIDERMIS (OUTER) LAYERS OF SKIN. A COMMON SENSATION OF HEAT CAN BE FELT IN THE AREA BEFORE THE FLUID-FILLED BLISTER PRESENTS ITSELF. IN THIS STAGE, A PIECE OF MOLEFOAM OR MOLESKIN MAY BE APPLIED TO THE AREA AND THE CHANCES ARE GOOD THAT THE BLISTER MAY NOT FORM UNLESS YOUR NAME IS RICK FORRESTER IN WHICH CASE THE BLISTERS STARTED FORMING WHEN YOU FIRST HEARD ABOUT THE TRIP.

MOLESKIN, OR MORE PREFERABLY, MOLEFOAM (DR. SCHOLL'S ADHESIVE FOAM "SOFTER THAN MOLESKIN" No. 37) ARE LA TEX FOAM PADS WITH AN ADHESIVE BACKING WHICH CAN BE PLACED DIRECTLY OVER THE HOT SPOTS AND WHICH WILL STAY PUT QUITE RELIGIOUSLY EVEN ON THE BALLS OF THE FEET. A 4 AND 3/4 BY 5 INCH PIECE COSTS ABOUT 70¢ AT THE GREATER PISGAH PHARMACY. THE QUACK WILL BE SELLING HIS USED PADS AFTER THE MEETINGS AT A REDUCED PRICE OF 69¢. THE FOAM CAN BE CUT TO ANY SIZE OR SHAPE, THUS, YOUR 70¢ ACTUALLY GOES QUITE A LONG WAY IF YOU DON'T SPLURGE ON YOUR DIMENSIONS.

ONCE FLUIDS BEGIN FILLING AREAS IN THE EPIDERMIS, THE PAIN INVOLVED WITH CONTINUOUS FRICTION ON THE BLISTER WILL INCREASE DRASTICALLY; ALSO, THE SIZE OF THE BLISTER WILL ALSO INCREASE. IF THE BLISTER HAS REACHED THIS STAGE, STOP HIKE RIGHT THERE, EVEN THOUGH MARK MIGHT START CRYING. IF THE BLISTER IS SMALL AND THE TRAIL NOT TOO DEMANDING, ~~XX~~ A PIECE OF MOLEFOAM MAY BE CUT IN SUCH A WAY AS TO SURROUND THE BLISTER ON ALL SIDES AND NOT TOUCH IT. THE PURPOSE IS TO KEEP ANY FRICTION OFF THE AREA AND TO KEEP ~~XXXX~~ THE SKIN FROM BURSTING.

IF THE BLISTER IS VERY PAINFUL AND TRAIL DEMANDING, THE BLISTER MAY BE BROKEN OPEN ~~XXXX~~ ONLY IF YOU CAN TREAT THE WOUND PROPERLY. THIS MEANS USING DISINFECTED MATERIALS AND HAVING AN ANTI-BACTERIAL OINTMENT PRESENT. THE CORRECT PROCEDURE IS AS FOLLOWS. CLEAN THE FOOT WITH SOAP AND WATER OR A DISINFECTANT SUCH AS BETADINE WHICH CONTAINS IODINE AND IS SOLD IN MOST PHARMACIES (AND BOY IS IT EXPENSIVE !) AND THEN DRY THE FOOT. USING A STERILIZED NEEDLE (BETADINE, FLAME, BOILING WATER) LANCE THE BLISTER AT THE BASE IN SEVERAL PLACES SO THAT THE FLUID WILL DRAIN OUT. NEXT, AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, THE LOOSE SKIN MUST BE REMOVED TO PREVENT INFECTION FROM STARTING IN BETWEEN THE MOIST LAYERS OF SKIN. INFECTION IS THE MAIN CONCERN WHEN LANCING BLISTERS BUT IF PROPERLY TREATED, THE OPEN WOUND WILL NOT BECOME INFECTED. AFTER THE SKIN HAS BEEN REMOVED, AN ANTI-BACTERIAL OINTMENT SUCH AS NEOSPORIN, POLYSPORIN OR MYCITRACIN (\$1 - 2 FOR 1/2 OUNCE OR 23 BLISTERS, WHICHEVER COMES FIRST) SHOULD BE APPLIED TO A PIECE OF GAUZE AND PLACED DIRECTLY OVER THE WOUND AFTER WHICH MOLEFOAM SHOULD THEN BE APPLIED OVER A SLIGHTLY LARGER AREA THAN THE WOUND TO KEEP THE ENTIRE BLISTERED AREA CLEAN. AFTER YOU'VE FINISHED, GO OUT AND JOG 15 MILES DOWNHILL. JUST KIDDING, FOLKS!!! OF COURSE, THE AREA WILL BE TENDER FOR A DAY BUT IF YOU BABY THE FOOT FOR A WHILE, THE TRIP MAY BE ENJOYABLE AS LONG AS YOU DON'T EAT THE ROMANOFF.

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A TALE OF THREE BIKERS AND A DATSUN

ON SATURDAY MORNING, AUGUST 12, ANNA JONES, BOBBIE HALL AND MARK HARTINGER LEFT FOR WHAT WAS ESSENTIALLY THE CLUBS FIRST ORGANIZED BIKE TRIP. THINGS STARTED OUT SOMEWHAT DISORGANIZED AS THE ROOF RACK JUST DIDN'T WORK OUT ON MARK'S DATSUN, SO THE WHEELS CAME OFF THE BIKES AND ALL THREE SOMEHOW WERE SQUEEZED INTO THE BACK, LEAVING 3 PEOPLE TO SHARE TWO BUCKET SEATS. WITH MARK DRIVING AND ANNA SHIFTING, THOUGH, THE GROUP ARRIVED AT ROCKY FORK LAKE AROUND 1 PM; THE BIKES WERE REASSEMBLED AND THE TRIP SET OUT.

THE ROUTE TAKEN PROBABLY COULDN'T HAVE BEEN PICKED ANY BETTER, AS THE ROAD WAS MOSTLY WITHOUT BUMPS, FOR EVERY UP THERE WAS A DOWN, AND THE SCENERY WAS UNBEATABLE. THE LOOP FOLLOWED RT. 50 TO RT. 41 SOUTH, THEN TO RT. 73 NORTH TO 50. ALL IN ALL THE TRIP TOTALLED ABOUT 75 MILES, WHICH WAS EASILY COMPLETED BY SUNDAY AFTERNOON. PEDALLING DOWN RT. 41 PROVIDED SOME OF THE MOST ENJOYABLE AND SCENIC PARTS OF THE TRIP, AS MINIMAL TRAFFIC AND PLENTY OF THE SURROUNDING PIKE ST. FOREST MADE FOR A RELAXING AND MELLOW ATMOSPHERE.

FORT HILL ST. MEMORIAL, AN ANCIENT INDIAN BATTLE GROUND, SAW OUR THREE INTREPID MEMBERS FOR DINNER, AND THE PERFECTLY SERENE AND BEAUTIFUL AREA CONVINCED THEM THAT THIS WOULD BE A GOOD SPOT FOR THE NIGHT. HAVING ALONG ONLY A TWO-MAN TUBE TENT WAS ALSO QUITE PERSUASIVE, AS THE AREA'S PICNIC SHELTERS WERE VERY ACCOMODATING.

SUNDAY MORNING SAW THEM LEAVE ABOUT 7:30, WITH ONLY ONE MAJOR DESTINATION-SERPENT MOUND. THAT MADE FOR QUITE AN INTERESTING STOP. THE REST OF THE TRIP WAS JUST "MOVING ON" BUT IF I CAN INSERT A LITTLE FIRST PERSON INTO THIS, I MUST SAY THAT IT WAS PROBABLY THE MOST ENJOYABLE TRIP I'VE BEEN ON ALL YEAR. THE MILES CLICK BY IN NO TIME AT ALL AS COMPARED WITH PACKING, AND DESTINATIONS WERE SOMEHOW MADE A LITTLE MORE ENJOYABLE GETTING TO. HMMMM.... I MAY GIVE UP PACKING ALTOGETHER AND START BIKING! NO, JUST KIDDING, BUT I DO PLAN ON AT LEAST ONE MORE TREK THIS YEAR. BY THE WAY, OF THE 3 BIKES, NOT ONE SINGLE PROBLEM OCCURRED FOR THE WHOLE WEEKEND!

***** A LABOR DAY SASSAFRASS ***** TEA PARTY

OVER THE PAST LABOR DAY WEEKEND, FIVE CLUB MEMBERS AND RUSTY THE DOG DECIDED TO HEAD FOR THE HILLS OF KENTUCKY FOR CLUB OUTING #2 OF THE SUMMER. WELL, RICK FORRESTER, FRED ANDERSON, STEVE KRAMRECH, KATHY MURPHY AND MARK HARTINGER CERTAINLY DIDN'T REGRET THAT TRIP.

IT WAS THE TYPICAL START OF A GOOD TRIP, WITH PLANS TO LEAVE AT 6 PM ON FRIDAY, AND HITTING THE ROAD FINALLY AT 7:30. RICK'S SPORTY VEGA SPOTED A FAULTY ALTERNATOR WIRE, CAUSING A RATHER LATE ARRIVAL OF 3 AM THE NEXT MORNING FOR WHAT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE A 4 HOUR DRIVE. BUT A FEW HOURS SLEEP WAS ENOUGH, AND IN THE MORNING THE CREW PLUNDERED SOUTH TO CUMBERLAND FALLS ST. PARK FOR SOME CLIMBING. MARK LED A SHORT CLIMB ON THE TOURIST SIDE OF THE FALLS WITH STEVE SECONDING, RICK THIRDS AND FRED TRAILING IN WHAT WAS HIS FIRST ROCK CLIMB. MARK DID IT TO HIMSELF LATER WHILE AID CLIMBING OVER A TRAIL (SEE COVER), WEARING HIMSELF TO A FRAZZLE KEEPING THE CLIMB "CLEAN." SOME BOULDERING WAS ALSO DONE IN THE CUMBERLAND RIVER BELOW THE FALLS, BUT WHAT PREOCCUPIED THE DAY WAS SWIMMING.

ON THE WAY BACK TO FIND A CAMPSITE FOR THE REST OF THE WEEKEND NEAR THE CAVE CREEK RECREATION AREA, STEVE "QUASIMODO" KRAMRECH SPOTTED SOME SASSAFRASS, AND THAT DID IT FOR THE REST OF THE WEEKEND, AS PRACTICALLY NOTHING WAS DRUNK EXCEPT SASSAFRASS TEA.

TOURISM WAS THE THEME, AS A BRIGHT FLUORESCENT CAMP LIGHT HUNG OVER THE CAMPSITE WHILE RICK RENDERED QUASI-TERRIFYING GHOST STORIES AND JOKES WERE MADE ABOUT THE SQUIRREL HUNTERS CRAWLING AROUND THE WOODS WITH CANNON-LIKE SHOTGUNS TO PROTECT THEMSELVES FROM THE FEARSOME NUTEATERS.

RUSTY THE CAVE DOG MADE HIS DEBUT THE NEXT TWO DAYS AS NEARBY FRED'S CAVE WAS PUSHED (NOT SUMPED UNDER AS WAS EXPECTED), AND A BRIEF TRIP TO SMITH RECLUSE CAVE PUT THE GROUP INTO THE UNDERGROUND SPIRIT

BOTH DAYS CAVING WAS FINISHED OFF WITH A DIP IN THE CUMBERLAND RIVER, AND EVEN A LITTLE RAFT-BUILDING WAS CHANGED FOR A CUSTOM RAFT RIDE --- ALL FIVE ABOARD THE USS UNSTABLE. ANYWAY, A REALLY GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL, EVEN THOUGH RICK'S HUMOR MADE THINGS A BIT UNBEARABLE.

"THAT WAS A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOR," RIGHT

"WE DO IT ALL FOR YOU"

THE U.C. MOUNTAINEERING CLUB IS GLAD TO ANNOUNCE TO ALL ITS MEMBERS OF AN ALL NEW MEMBER SERVICE FOR THE COMING YEAR. OVER THE SUMMER MUCH DELIBERATION WAS DONE AS THE THE CLUBS' PRESENT COURSE AND HOW IT COULD BE IMPROVED, AND IT WAS DECIDED THAT IN ORDER TO SERVE THE MEMBERS IN SUCH A WAY SO AS TO BENEFIT THEM IN RETURN FOR THEIR DUES, THEY COULD HAVE THE OPPURTUNITY TO TAKE A TRIP DURING A QUARTER -- WITH ALL OF THEIR GAS PAID FOR!!! So ONE TRIP WAS PLANNED FOR EACH QUARTER IN WHICH 12 MEMBERS COULD TRAVEL EXPENSE FREE. AND HERE IS THE TRIPS PLANNED:

1) THE CLUB WILL IN THIS QUARTER HAVE ONE MEMBER BACKPACKING IN SHENANDOAH NAT. PARK. AS PART OF THE CLUB'S BUDGET ALL GAS WILL BE PAID FOR. THE TRIP IS LIMITED TO 12 MEMBERS ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE BASIS. SIGNUPS WILL START AT THE MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, OCT. 25. A 10 DOLLAR DEPOSIT (REFUNDED AT DEPARTURE) WILL BE REQUIRED TO SIGN UP. THIS IS TO INSURE THAT THOSE WHO SIGN UP, GO! THOSE WHO BACK OUT ARE 10 BUCKS SHORTER, THAT MONEY GOING TO THE TRIP PARTICIPANTS. ALSO REQUIRED

WILL BE CERTAIN WINTER GEAR (LIST TO BE POSTED). NO EXCEPTIONS AS SHENANDOAH RANGERS MAY INSPECT EQUIPMENT..

TENTATIVE DATES:

LEAVE CINCY SAT., DEC. 9
START HIKE SUN., DEC. 10
FINISH HIKE SAT., DEC. 16
ARRIVE CINCY SUN., DEC. 17

TRIP LEADER: MARK HARTINGER 481-8149

FOR MORE DETAILS,

COME TO THE MEETINGS!!!!!!!!!!!!

2) DURING SPRING BREAK, A TRIP WILL BE SPONSORED TO OKEEFENOKEE SWAMP IN GEORGIA. THE TRIP WILL BE CANOEING-ORIENTED, AND PERMITS FOR OVERNIGHT CAMPING WITHIN THE PARK HAVE ALREADY BEEN OBTAINED. SAME RULES APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY.

TENTATIVE DATES: FOR THE WHOLE WEEKEND!

MARCH 17 - 26

TRIP LEADER: BOB KESSLER 574-8080

3) THIS IS SUPPOSED TO BE A COMBINED CLIMBING TRIP TO SENECA ROCKS, W.VA. AND LINVILLE GORGE -- TABLEROCK MTN., N.C. BUT, IF THE EXTRA FUNDS CAN BE RAISED BEFORE THE SUMMER, THE POSSIBILITY OF GOING TO COLORADO OR WYOMING EXISTS!

TRIP LEADER: MARK HARTINGER

TENTATIVE DATES: JUNE 9 -- ?

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THE EDEN PARK RESERVOIR WALLS -- A BRIEF HISTORY (PART 1)

MANY OF US ARE AWARE OF THE UNIQUE CLIMBING OFFERED TO US IN CINCINNATI BY THE EDEN PARK OLD RESERVOIR WALLS, BUT HAS ANYBODY EVER THOUGHT ABOUT SOME OF THE PARTICULARS OF THE WALL? LIKE THE WHEN, WHY, WHO, HOW, ETC.

WELL, I DID, SO I TOOK A COUPLE OF DAYS TO RESEARCH THE ALMOST ANCIENT STRUCTURES, AND FOUND OUT SOME VERY INTERESTING THINGS ABOUT IT.

FOR INSTANCE, DID YOU KNOW THAT THERE WERE ACTUALLY TWO RESERVOIRS, AND THAT ONE OF THEM IS STILL IN ITS ORIGINAL LOCATION, EXCEPT NOW IT HIDES UNDERNEATH THE GUISE OF MIRROR LAKE.

WELL, IT ALL STARTED BACK IN 1853 WHEN THE 3RD ST. RESERVOIR WAS COMPLETED AND DID NOT FILL THE NEEDS OF THE HILL-TOP RESIDENTS. SO IN 1864 PLANS WERE REVEALED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW

RESERVOIR, AND ON APRIL 9, 1866, GROUND-BREAKING WORK STARTED. THE RESERVOIR WAS TO CONSIST OF TWO BASINS EACH HOLDING 1 MILLION GALLONS OF WATER. THE COST OF THIS WAS TO BE 4 1/2 MILLION DOLLARS (AND IN 1866 THAT WAS A LOT OF MONEY!). THE TOTAL AREA COVERED BY THE TWIN BASINS WAS TWELVE ACRES. AT THE TIME OF THE INITIAL PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION, THE ENGINEER IN CHARGE OF THE JOB WAS HARRY EARNSHAW, A HYDRAULICS ENGINEER FOR THE WATER WORKS.

THE MATERIALS FOR BUILDING OF THE RESERVOIR WERE TO BE OBTAINED IN OR NEAR THE EDEN PARK AREA. GEOLOGICALLY TYPICAL OF THE CINCINNATI AREA, THE LIMESTONE BLOCKS CONTAIN MANY FOSSILS FROM AN ANCIENT SEA FLOOR. THE ACTUAL WATER-TIGHTNESS OF THE WALL WAS TO COME FROM A LAYER OF CONCRETE ONE FOOT THICK AROUND

IT. THE ACTUAL DEPTH OF THE WATER WOULD BE 25' IN BOTH BASINS.

ON OCTOBER 19, 1874, THE WATER WAS BEING PUMPED INTO THE UPPER BASIN (IN THE LOCATION OF THE PRESENT ONE), AND IN 1874, THERE WAS ENOUGH WATER TO LAST THE CITY FOR 6 DAYS. BY 1878, THE LOWER BASIN WAS COMPLETED, AND FINALLY IN 1880 THAT ONE WAS FILLED.

NOW SOME MEANS WAS NEEDED LATER TO PUMP THIS WATER IN SOME FAR AWAY PLACES, SO IN 1894, THE FIRST PUMP STATION WAS OPENED. ITS LOCATION WAS JUST ABOVE WHAT NOW EXISTS AS A SEMI-CIRCULAR "CAVE" NEAR ONE END OF THE WALL. THIS HISTORIC STATION WAS ABANDONED IN 1907 FOR BETTER PROPOSALS, AND PARTLY BECAUSE OF OTHER PECULIAR REASONS.

IT SEEMS THAT AT THE TIME, QUITE A FEW SUICIDES WERE OCCURRING FROM PEOPLE ENDING IT ALL WITH A JUMP FROM THE CARRIAGEWAY ALONG THE TOP INTO THE DEEP POOL. DEMANDS FOR COVERING THE WATER OR ERECTING A SPIKED FENCE WERE IGNORED BECAUSE THE ORIGINAL PURPOSE OF THE 28' WIDE WALKWAY AND THE WATER WERE MEANT TO BE A SCENIC ATTRACTION. THE PUBLICS' REACTION TO THE FREQUENT DEATHS (AS MANY AS 12 SUICIDES A YEAR) CAUSED A LOSS OF SUPPORT TO THE PROJECT OF THE VAST WATER SUPPLIES.

PEDESTRIANS WERE ALLOWED TO WALK OR RIDE ATOP THE MAIN RETAINING WALL, WHICH WAS DONE IN A DAYTON-STONE TRIMMING STYLE, HAVING 8 ELLIPTICAL ARCHES WITH A SPAN OF 55 FEET EACH! PARTS OF 3 OF THESE ARCHES ARE STILL VISIBLE TODAY. THE TOTAL LENGTH OF THE RATHER ODD-SHAPED WALL WAS 1,250 FEET. THE BASE OF THE WALL IS BUILT MUCH THICKER THAN THE TOP, MORE NOTICABLE ON THE WALL SUPPORTING THE MIRROR LAKE SIDE, BEING 48 1/2 FEET WIDE AS COMPARED TO 28 FEET AT THE TOP. IN RELATION TO THE OHIO RIVER - OVERFLOW LEVEL OF THE RESERVOIR IS 238 FEET ABOVE THE LOW-WATER MARK OF THE OHIO.

IN PART 2, WE'LL TALK ABOUT THE DESTRUCTION OF THE WALL AND THE IMPACT ON US TODAY.

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A RECENT ATTEMPT TO GAIN PERMISSION FROM A GRAYSON Co., KY. CAVE OWNER TO ENTER AND SURVEY A CAVE ON HIS FARM PROVED WORTH IT FOR FRED ANDERSON OVER THE WEEKEND OF SEPT. 15 - 17. SO DID EFFORTS IN BRECKENRIDGE Co.

AFTER SOME PHONE CALLS AND LETTERS WERE WRITTEN, PROPER PERMISSION WAS OBTAINED, AND ON FRIDAY NIGHT, FRED, DAVE WEBER, RICHARD BOSIEN, BOBBIE HALL, AND MARK HARTINGER LEFT FOR WHAT IS NOW "DECKER CAVE" IN GRAYSON Co. A 1:30 AM TRIP INTO THE CAVE WAS THE FIRST ENDEAVOR AFTER MOSQUITOES OBLITERATED ANY HOPES OF SLEEP, AND SOME OF THE MAJOR LEADS WERE EXPLORED THROUGH THE MORNING. MOSTLY THE CAVE IS A SERIES OF VERTICAL PITS, CABLE LADDERS BEING USED FOR RIGGINGS. ANOTHER TRIP LATER IN THE MORNING FOR A FEW HOURS PRETTY WELL FINISHED MOST OF THE LEADS, MOST OF THE WORK BEING DONE IN SOME OF THE APPROPRIATELY-NAMED "MOUSESHIT CRAWL." A FEW DROPS OF UP TO 25' FEET WERE NEEDED TO PLUNGE THE CAVE, AND TIGHT CANYONS LED OFF THESE PITS. A SMALL CAVE, BUT DEFINITELY WORTH THE EXPERIENCE OF RIGGING PITS AND ORGANIZED EXPLORATION.

LATER IN THE AFTERNOON THEY SET OUT FOR LOCUST HILL CAVE IN BRECKENRIDGE Co., A LARGE "TOURIST" CAVE, BUT ABOUNDING IN LENGTHY, SINUOUS SOLUTION TUBES PERMITTING ONLY A DUCKWALK IN UP TO A FOOT OF WATER. PERMISSION WAS ALSO GRANTED TO ENTER ONE OF THE LARGER KNOWN ENTRANCES;; THE ONLY GROUP WITH SUCH PERMISSION. A LOT OF FUN AND DEFINITELY WORTH A RETURN TRIP FOR POSSIBLY PUSHING SUMPS.

TO FINISH THE TRIP ANOTHER EXCURSION INTO DECKERS WAS MADE BY FRED, BOBBIE AND JOHN DECKER. WHICH EXTENDED INTO THE EVENING. THIS CAVE IS JUST ONE SMALL PART OF THE POSSIBILITIES EXISTING IN THE SURROUNDING SINKHOLE PLAIN. MORE WORK IS INTENDED IN THE AREA, THANKS TO THE GRACIOUSNESS OF THE PROPERTY OWNERS.

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MOUNTAINEERING CLUB SEARCH AND RESCUE
TEAM. A GROUP OF DEDICATED MEMBERS
WHOSE FUNCTION IS TO PROVIDE SEARCH
AND RESCUE ASSISTANCE IN TIME OF NEED.

THIS IS A NEW IDEA FOR THE COMING
YEAR, AND THE INTEREST GENERATED IN
MAINTAINING AN ADEQUATELY EQUIPPED AND
TRAINED CREW WILL DETERMINE THE FUTURE
OF THIS PROJECT. MEMBERS MUST BE
WILLING TO SACRIFICE AS MUCH TIME AS
IS CALLED UPON THEM TO FULFILL THE
NEEDS OF THE GROUP. EMPHASIS ENOUGH
CANNOT BE PLACED ON THE NEED FOR THIS
GROUP TO BE ORGANIZED AND READY FOR
AN EMERGENCY, SO ONLY EXTREMELY INTER-
ESTED PERSONS SHOULD CONSIDER BEING
A PART OF THE TEAM.

PLEASE CONSIDER THE IDEA AND YOUR
OWN POSITION, AND CONTACT MARK
HARTINGER IF INTERESTED. THANK YOU.

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