

THE ROC CAIRN



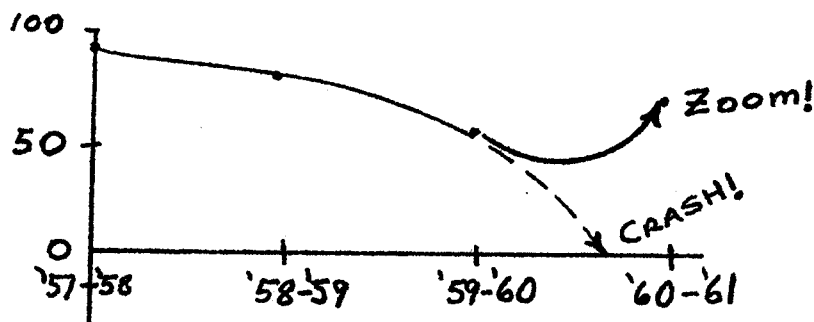
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RENSSELAER OUTING CLUB, INC. — 15TH ST. LOUNGE, R. P. I., TROY, NEW YORK

EDITORIAL

Greetings! Here is your long awaited Cairn! To you new members, this sheaf of papers stuffed in your hands or mailboxes may be a suprise, but it isn't half the suprise it is to the older members. In previous years the Cairn has been issued on a bi-intermittently format. Due to the change in the editorial staff¹, the format has been switched to semi-intermittently. Again for new readers, sun light will fade the profound words on these pages, so, hide your copy or paste it on your window and destroy the evidence!



Our predecessor seemed to believe that the R.O.C. going downhill with declining membership. Above is his graph, his extrapolation, and the actual figures. We believe this radical change was due to the fine work of the editorial staff, i.e. me. Consequently, we believe we should get our patch or we will let this rag go out of print. Then what will you do with the Cairn appropriation? Ooops! Forget the whole thing.

1 Included in this issue are late election returns (Very Late).
See: "How to waste another page".

COLLEGE WEEK

Although it was apparently a secret to the R.O.C. throughout the summer, I would like to reveal that there was a College Week this year. It was held at Mont Tremblant Park, in the Laurentians about 75 miles north of Montreal. Some where in the order of 70 IOCA'ites spent from one to fourteen days there. U.Va.O.C. (although they made the most complaints about the lack of lean-to's) had the largest representation there (seven guys and two dolls). The second largest group was from U. of Toronto (four and four). The R.O.C. was represented by Jim Achilles and Don Beck (it says here on my ID card) plus four alumni in the form of Bert Raefiel, Pete Himit, Aaron Schafeder, and Andy Monjan.

The Park, which is still relatively virgin, since it hadn't been opened to the public until 1958, had an abundant supply of lakes, rivers, and underbrush, and scattered cliffs which make rock climbers drool. Hindered by the presence of only five canoes and one kayak, lake travel was limited. Never-the-less, a group of 12 of us were camped on an island about five miles north of the main flock. Much communication existed between two groups: we went south for square dances, and many visitors came north to scrounge mid-afternoon snacks.

Island living was high. Standards were set by fresh eggs for breakfast, fresh clam chowder curiously¹ of the lake, a birthday cake and candle one night, and everything else topped off by caviar.

Aside from the usual activities pursued by OC'ers, exercise was provided by a rumble instigated by U.Va. in a rather unsuccessful attempt to regain Roger Stafford's hat which had made the scene after its very strange disappearance at conference.

When time had come for people to go,

Some signs of sadness began to show,

For many new friends had been made by all,

The only solution: "Lake George in the Fall"

Tune in next Cairn for the "Lake George Story".

1 That's how Beck spells it.

Have you seen Calhoun?

EDITORIAL

by Klaus G. Thomas - Ski Chairman

As a result of having gotten stuck printing this scandal sheet, I thought I'd take the opportunity to get my two cents worth in. (The editor is supposed to print it).

As you may by this time know, I am the Ski Chairman - (main function to promote skiing). I just ask of you (loyal readers of the Cairn) to take time out to fill our and mail the enclosed question sheet. You've got to pay your own four cents.

The first question is to fathom out feeling on the following: It would certainly be nice if the ROC - like many other Outing Clubs had a cabin. Cabin fever has raged violently within the club in the past. However, due to certain time limitations, financial problems and both lack of willingness and time to work on such a project the idea has "fizzled" every time.

Now I propose - the following is subject to many Pro's and Cons - that the ROC rent, during the winter, an apartment, shack, or the like in the heartland of one of the nearby "Snowbelts" for the use of ROC members and other souls who are willing to part with a certain moderate fee for a nights lodging. for weekend ski trips, ROC'ers also - but a reduced rate.

The optimum location of such a place would be the center of a circle of given radius enclosing the most good ski areas. Arbitrarily I assume such a place to be some where North West of Rutland,, Vt.

The shack or whatever would have no furnishings - save a stove; and sleeping bags + floor space could be utilized to the optimum. The place could also possibly be used for a base of winter mountain-eering activities.

Already there has been some grumbling that this action would be a direct subsidy of a special activity. NOT SO - say I - if enough use is made of the place by enough people it will pay for itself. - we even might make money.

So - if you are interested in a set up such as the previous - let yourself be heard from via enclosed questionnaire.

The second question deals with the running of a ski busses. These busses can be run, with benefit to all - mostly people without cars only if there is a large active participation. The set up would be as follows: The tickets would be sold by a given Tuesday before a ski trip. In case that there would be insufficient participation for a given ski trip - a notice to this effect would be posted and money would be refunded.

In closing I would like to direct several comments to those "Non Skiers" in the club or those people about to try for the first time.

- #1. Skiing is the next best thing to flying on earth!!
- #2. Some of the most famous and certainly some of the best ski areas in the east are within reach of R.P.I. students.
- #3. Learning to ski is easy - it just requires a bit of patience (I learned the rudiments in a day - on the seat of my pants)
- #4. Money for equipment should be no problem. If you are a complete novice you can rent skis and boots one or two times

to try it out. Then if you like the sport you can get equipment piece by piece - first boots (buy the best you can afford) then skis (a pair of inexpensive ones to start) then if you so desire, ski clothes (which could cost you nothing, or on the other extreme up to \$150.) While on the subject of clothes, if you ski for the sake of skiing and not to show off your stretch pants - the following which most everyone already has, can be used without one additional cent of outlay.

Dungarees or wool pants	} the gaudier, the better
Wool sox	
Light shirt	
Heavy shirt	
Wind breaker	
Gloves	
Sunglasses	

I ran around in this for two years and one of our alums still does.

Final hint on equipment and clothes:

Buy out of season i.e. either now or in late spring - the stuff is about 2/3 to 1/2 price. Plan to spend between \$25.00 and \$40.00 for boots and between \$15.00 and \$30.00 for skis - there are some good deals in used skis also. I'm still looking for ski poles.

If you have any questions about the contents of this editorial or skiing call me @ BR 1-8646.

QUESTIONNAIRE

To be mailed to:
Klaus G. Thomas
89 Oakwood Avenue
Troy, New York

by

November 25, 1960

- I would intend to make frequent use of the proposed shack or apartment either for skiing or winter mountaineering activities. (Frequent use constitutes four or five weekends or more per winter)
- I would intend to make use of ski buses this winter - if run.
- I would like to work on either the rental idea or ski bus planning and have time for same.

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*"How to Waste Another Page"

Proof That Integral Calculus is a Lie!

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$$\tan^2 \theta / 2 = \int \sec \theta d\theta$$

$$\tan \theta = \sec \theta$$

Integral Calculus Can be Reduced to an Absurdity!

(See next Cairn for solution)

FOUND: 1 roll of Kellas III toilet tissue at Hale's Cave.