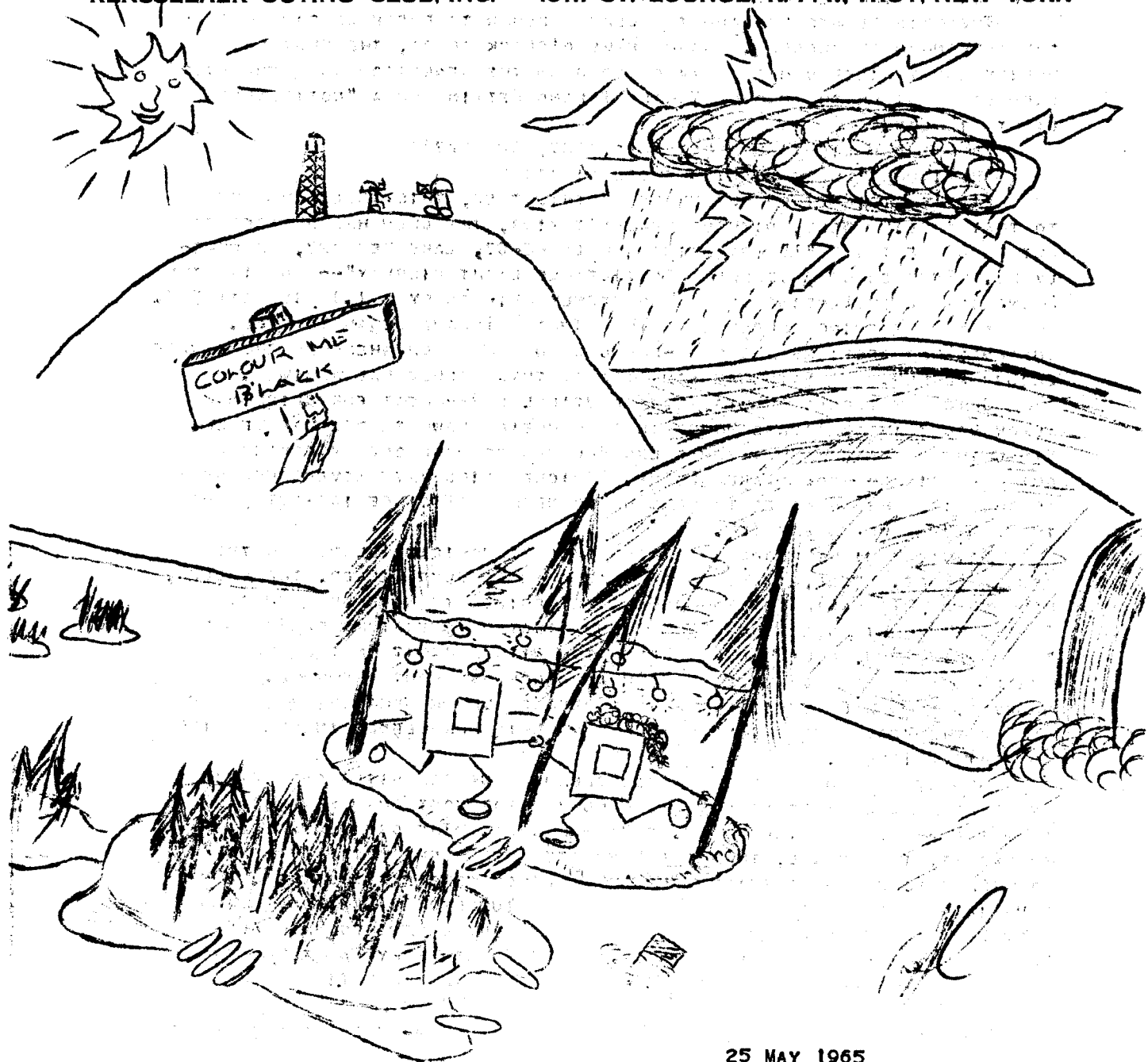




THE ROC CAIRN



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ON THE WEEKEND OF 7-8-9 MAY 1965 THE RENSSELAER OUTING CLUB HELD ITS SPRING LAKE GEORGE TRIP. FRIDAY AFTERNOON WHEN PART OF THE R.O.C. CONTINGENT ARRIVED IN BOLTON LANDING, A LIGHT DRIZZLE GREETED THE OUTING CLUBBERS AS THEY EMERGED FROM THE "CHARY-OT" (?). TWO OF THE FIRST FIVE SET ABOUT ORGANIZING REGISTRATION WHILE THE OTHER THREE HOPPED IN A POWER BOAT AND HEADED FOR PORT JERRY TO START TOWING CANOES. THIS SPRING THE R.O.C. TRIED A NEW TECHNIQUE--REGISTRATION IN ONLY TWO PLACES--LAMB'S AND NO-RO-WAL'S. CANOES WERE TOWED FROM SMITH'S TO LAMB'S AND FROM PORT JERRY TO NO-RO-WAL'S. THIS TECHNIQUE SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN QUITE SUCCESSFUL. THE TOWING OPERATION IS QUITE A THING IN ITS OWN RIGHT--HAVE YOU EVER SEEN SEVENTEEN CANOES IN A ROW--BEHIND A POWERBOAT MOVING ALONG LAKE GEORGE?

THE DRIZZLE STOPPED AND THE CLOUDS BEGAN TO BREAK UP SOMEWHAT AS THE AFTERNOON PROGRESSED. ABOUT FIVE O'CLOCK OR SO, THE HUSTON-MOBILE AND TRAILER COMBO ARRIVED AND SOON THE GENERATOR AND GENERATOR CREW WERE OUT ON THE END OF TURTLE ISLAND SETTING UP A "NOTICEABLE LIGHT DISPLAY."

"RUN THESE LIGHTS UP THAT TREE, OK?, GEORGE?"

"HEY! WHAT'LL WE DO WITH THESE LIGHTS?"

"LET'S STRING THEM OUT THERE TO THIS TREE, THIS TREE, AND OVER TO THAT TREE!" WELL, WITHOUT REALLY TRYING, THE CREW HAD MANAGED TO PUT UP A GREAT BIG "L" (STANDING FOR LAR-0-0?, LAKE GEORGE?, OR WHATEVER). SURE ENOUGH, IT WAS A "NOTICEABLE LIGHT DISPLAY"--ROUNDING THE POINT IN BOLTON LANDING ONE WAS SUDDENLY BLINDED BY A 1.1 KILOWATT "L".

FRIDAY EVENING AS CLUBS ARRIVED TURTLE ISLAND BEGAN TO FILL. INFORMAL GAB-SESSIONS AND SONG-FESTS SOON SPRANG UP WHENEVER THERE WERE ENOUGH PEOPLE. BY SATURDAY SOME TWENTY-THREE CLUBS HAD ARRIVED.

SATURDAY TURNED OUT TO BE A BEAUTIFUL DAY--GREAT FOR CLIMBING BLACK MOUNTAIN OR TOUNGE MOUNTAIN OR CANOEING DOWN TO THE WATERFALL. SINCE THE DAY WAS WARM A FEW FOLKS DECIDED TO COOL OFF BY TAKING A QUICK DIP IN GOOD OLD LAKE GEORGE. QUICKER DIPS HAVE NEVER BEEN SEEN AS THE WATER HAD MANAGED TO WARM UP TO NEAR 40°F SINCE ICE-OUT ABOUT TWO OR THREE WEEKS EARLIER.

SATURDAY NIGHT PEOPLE MIGRATED OVER TO MOHICAN ISLAND FOR THE SQUARE DANCE. WELL, IT SEEMS THAT AS SOON AS DUKE MILLER, THE CALLER, HAD SET UP HIS EQUIPMENT THE GENERATOR DECIDED TO KICK UP A FUSS. FUNNY THING-- THUNDER SHOWERS AND UNPROTECTED GENERATORS DON'T AGREE TOO WELL. THEN, COUPLE A WET GENERATOR WITH A SHORT IN THE MUSIC SYSTEM AND YOU TOO CAN DELAY A SQUARE DANCE BY ABOUT ONE HOUR. HOWEVER, SOON ALL DIFFICULTIES WERE CLEARED UP AND WHAT SERVED TO BE ONE OF THE BEST SQUARE DANCES IN A LONG WHILE PROCEEDED IN FULL SWING ON MOHICAN ISLAND.

SUNDAY MORNING PEOPLE STARTED CLEANING UP CAMPSITES AND LEAVING, AND BY THE EARLY AFTERNOON THE ISLAND HAD FOR MOST PURPOSES BEEN ABANDONED--SAVE FOR THE R.O.C. CLEAN-UP CREW. THE CREW WAS PLEASED TO REPORT, IN GENERAL, THAT THE CAMPSITES WERE LEFT CLEAN AND EXCEPT FOR THREE FIRES FOUND STILL AGLOW--ALL FIRES WERE EXTINGUISHED. BY FOUR IN THE AFTERNOON THE R.O.C. HAD LEFT TURTLE AND MOHICAN HAVING ONLY FOUR CANOES LEFT ON THE ISLAND--PROBABLY A NEW RECORD. ALL SUNDAY AFTERNOON CANOES WERE TOWED BACK TO PORT JERRY AND THE LAST GROUP OF R.O.C.ERS MANAGED TO HOPE INTO THE LITTLE GRAY FIAT AND HEAD BACK TO TROY BY TEN IN THE EVENING.

ONCE BACK IN TROY THE FIRST STOP WAS THE GILMORE RESIDENCE WHERE

THE "HERMAN TROPHY" WAS PRESENTED TO ONE BOB BILMORE WHO EXCLAIMED, UPON SEEING THIS GRUNGY GROUP AND TROPHY AT HIS FRONT DOOR, "OH NO!" THENCE TO THE KNEE HOLD FOR SPACHETTI.

MANY PEOPLE THANKED US FOR A GREAT TIME. WE ARE ALL GLAD THAT YOU ENJOYED YOURSELVES. WE TOO HAD A BALL. ALSO--THANKS FOR COOPERATING AND LEAVING A NEAT ISLAND.

SEE YOU IN THE FALLS



HANK CHARY

NOTICE: RE LAKE GEORGE-- OUR TREASURER HAS ASKED ME TO ANNOUNCE THAT ALL PRESENTLY OUTSTANDING CHEQUES FOR DAMAGE DEPOSIT REFUNDS FOR LAKE GEORGE TRIPS PRIOR TO 1 JAN '65 WILL NO LONGER BE HONORED. FROM NOW ON CHEQUE TIME LIMITS WILL BE SET AND NOTED ON THE LAKE GEORGE REPORT SHEETS.

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THE MISCELLANEOUS FILLER ITEMS FOUND IN THIS ISSUE OF THE CAIRN ARE FROM "COLORFUL COLORADO" PUT OUT BY THE DEPT OF HIGHWAYS. THESE ITEMS WERE SENT TO THE R.O.C. BY SR 1 V0C.

"THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM IS COMPOSED OF 8,872 MILES OF MAIN HIGHWAYS" THEN THERE ARE 65,285 MILES OF COUNTRY ROADS AND 5,188 MILES OF CITY STREETS IN 248 INCORPORATED CITIES AND TOWNS. STATE HIGHWAYS CROSS 29 MOUNTAIN PASSES, FROM 6,800 TO 12,183 FEET HIGH. TWENTY-FOUR OF THESE ARE OPEN ALL YEAR


CONFERENCE 1965

ON 23 APRIL 1965 IN THE EARLY AFTERNOON THE FIRST QUANTUM OF THE R.O.C. CONTINGENT LEFT TROY FOR CAMP MINISINK AND THE 1965 VERSION OF I.O.C.A. CONFERENCE. THIS PRIMARY GROUP MANAGED TO ARRIVE IN TIME TO FIND THE HOST CLUB, U.P.O.C., SETTING UP REGISTRATION. THE R.O.C. FELLOWS PROCEEDED, AFTER REGISTERING, TO PICK OUT TWO NEIGHBORING "CABINS?" AND THEN TO PREPARE THEM FOR USE (I.E.--INSTALL THE THREE AND ONE HALF FOOT LONG CANVAS 'BUNKS AND PUT UP "ANTI-RAIN-CANVAS-PANELS.").

DURING THE REST OF THE AFTERNOON NOTHING MUCH WENT ON AS ONLY THE R.O.C. WAS THERE. CLUBS KEPT ARRIVING THROUGHOUT THE AFTERNOON AND EVENING AND NIGHT AND NEXT DAY. ON SATURDAY, 24 APRIL 1965, CONFERENCE GOT UNDERWAY. A GROUP MEETING STARTED THINGS OFF AND THEN THE VARIOUS DISCUSSION GROUPS WERE "ORGANIZED?" SATURDAY AFTERNOON MORE OF THE SAME CONTINUED AS WELL AS MISCELLANEOUS TRIPS WHICH VARIOUS PEOPLE DESTINATIONS. SUNDAY EVENING WAS THE SQUARE DANCE WHICH WAS A GOOD BIT OF FUN. ON SUNDAY THE MAIN ELECTIONS WERE HELD.

THE DELEGATES OF THE RENSSELAER OUTING CLUB SUPPORTED PETE CAPELLI FOR I.O.C.A. EXEC. SEC. WE WERE VERY MUCH ANNOYED AND DISPLEASED WITH THE FACT THAT NO SPEECHES WERE MADE FOR PETE, BUT A SPEECH WAS AGAINST HIM. WE WOULD HAVE SPOKEN ON HIS BEHALF IF WE HAD KNOWN THAT NO ONE ELSE WOULD DO SO. IN THE SPEECH AGAINST HIM, IT WAS SAID THAT PETE CAPELLI WAS HARD TO GET ALONG WITH AND WAS NOT A GOOD WORKING PARTNER. HAVING ASSOCIATED WITH PETE FOR SOME TIME THE R.O.C. FINDS THAT THIS STATEMENT IS CLEARLY A LIE. WHEN IT CAME TIME FOR THE

ELECTIONS--PETE RECEIVED ONE VOTE--OURS. TO THIS WE OBJECT ON BUT ONE GROUND--PETE'S OWN CLUB, S.U.O.C., DID NOT VOTE FOR HIM. THIS IS NOT ONLY A PERSONAL INSULT TO PETE BUT IT IS A VIOLATION OF DECENT CONDUCT AS WELL. THE R.O.C. IS VERY DISAPPOINTED WITH THE LACK OF RESPONSIBILITY AND RESPECTABILITY SHOWN BY THE ABOVE. WE ARE NOT COMPLAINING ABOUT THE OUTCOMES OF THE ELECTIONS BUT MERELY THE WAY THEY WERE RUN.


HANK CHARY

THE ? TRIP,
OR

WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU CAN'T FIND THE CAVE YOU'RE LOOKING FOR.

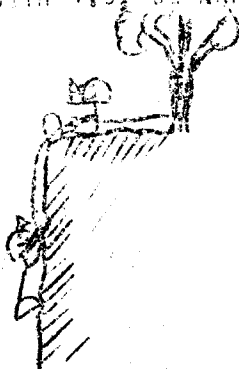
AT 10:00AM ON SATURDAY, 1 MAY 1965, A CAVING? TRIP LED BY VIC BAKER LEFT FOR SCHOHARIE WITH THE INTENT OF CLIMBING TERRACE MT. AND DOING HELL HOLE. BOB FROESE, ERIC DURLAND, AND NICK WERE THE ONLY PATCH MEMBERS; TWO OTHERS DECLINED TO GO AT THE LAST MINUTE, PERHAPS IN REFERENCE TO BAKER'S REPUTATION AS A CAVING LEADER.

UPON REACHING TERRACE MT. WE DONNED PACKS AND ROPES AND CLIMBED THE RELATIVELY STEEP SLOPE, AND THEN CAST ABOUT LOOKING FOR SITZER'S CAVE. WE FOUND IT RATHER QUICKLY SINCE THERE WAS A STREAM RUNNING OUT OF IT, AND CONVERGED ON THE SPOT. IT IS QUITE A PLEASANT PLACE, AT LEAST OUTSIDE OF THE CAVE. AFTER BAKER AND DURLAND WENT IN A WAY AND DISCOVERED THE WATER LEVEL, WE (THE DRY ONES) DECIDED TO DO HELL HOLE FIRST AND THEN PERHAPS COME BACK. SO WE PICKED UP OUR EQUIPMENT AND STARTED LOOKING. THERE IS A REMNANT OF A ROAD ON THE TOP OF TERRACE MT., SOMEWHAT ON THE SIDE OF WHICH HELL HOLE IS SUPPOSED TO BE LOCATED. UNFORTUNATELY, THE PLACE IS FULL OF FISSURES AND SINKS MOSTLY FILLED WITH LEAVES. WE SPLIT UP TO TRY AND LOCATE THE CAVE, BUT NOBODY DID. BAKER AND I CHIMNEYED DOWN ONE FISSURE WHICH DIDN'T DEVELOP. ERIC DURLAND FOUND A MUDDY FISSURE WHICH WASN'T MUDDY AFTER HE CRAWLED THROUGH IT. BOB FROESE FOUND A FISSURE WITH FOX EXCREMENT? IN IT, WHICH HE DIDN'T EXPLORE VERY THOROUGHLY. BAKER AND I RETURNED TO WHERE WE HAD LEFT OUR PACKS. SINCE THE OTHERS WEREN'T BACK YET BAKER WENT OUT TO DIG THROUGH THE LEAVES OR SOMETHING, WHILE I PICKED UP SOME VITAMIN D FROM THE WARM SUN. AFTER EVERYONE HAD RETURNED, WE DECIDED TO TRY SOME ROCK-CLIMBING TECHNIQUES ON THE CLIFFS OF THE MOUNTAIN. AFTER RAPPELLING ON AN EASY SLOPE WE TRIED A VERTICAL ROCK FACE. SOME FORTY FEET HIGH. NO ONE HAD ANY TROUBLE WITH IT. UNFORTUNATELY IT WAS GETTING LATE (AND WE WERE GETTING HUNGRY) SO WE DIDN'T DO ANY CLIMBING. FINDING A PLACE TO EAT WAS ALMOST AS MUCH TROUBLE AS FINDING THE CAVE, BUT EVENTUALLY WE SETTLED FOR THE "BUMBLEDEE" ON ROUTE 20.

SINCE WE HAD AN UNUSED CAVING LADDER WITH US, WE DECIDED TO DO AT LEAST ONE CAVE, ELLA ARMSTRONG. AFTER STOPPING TO BLITZ INTO SPIDER CAVE (FAR ENOUGH TO SEE THE SPIDERS) WE GOT TO ELLA ARMSTRONG. VIC SET UP A LADDER AND A DELAY. NO ONE HAD ANY DIFFICULTY GOING DOWN, ALTHOUGH I BEGAN TO WONDER WHY THEY CALL THAT THING A LADDER--THE RUNGS NEVER SEEMED TO BE WHERE MY FEET EXPECTED THEM. BOB FROESE FOUND SOME OF THE CRAWLING A LITTLE TIGHT, BUT I GUESS I SHOULDN'T SAY ANYTHING DETRIMENTAL AFTER THE WAY I GOT TANGLED UP IN THE CHIMNEY AND STOPPED ON HIS HEAD. ANYWAY, AFTER WE FOUND SOME SIX INCH LONG FOOT PRINTS AT THE END OF THE CAVE WE DECIDED NOT TO DWELL ANY LONGER IN.

THE DOMAINE OF THE LITTLE PEOPLE AND WE HEADED OUT. AFTER A HAIR-RAISING, PARTIALLY AWARE DRIVE WITH VIO, WE ARRIVED HOME AT 9:00 IN THE MORNING.

NICK ZAPANTIS



ROCK CLIMBING AT GRAFTON I

(THE 'U' IN CLIMBING IS NOT A TYPOGRAPHICAL ERROR--ED)

TOO DARNED LATE ON SATURDAY, 1 MAY 1965, AT AROUND 11:00 AM, A GROUP OF EIGHT ROC MEMBERS LED BY TOM DUCHESNEAU AND INCLUDING DICK STETSON, DICK ANDREWS, DICK GRAMLEY, HANK CHARY, AND LEE MITCHELL, JIM DRAKE, AND MIKE HUSTON ROUSED BOB JUDD OUT OF BED AND SET OUT FOR GRAFTON FOR A DAY OF ROCK CLIMBING.

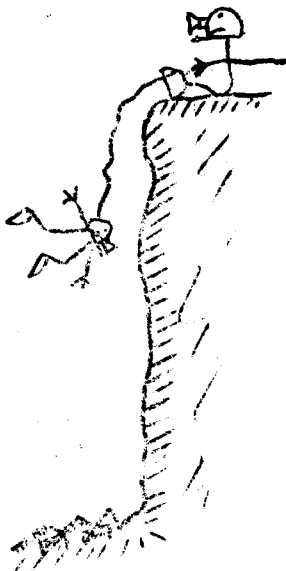
UPON ARRIVAL AT THE WHIPOORWHILL, EVERYONE SHOULDERED ROPES, BINERS, CANTEENS, AND LUNCHES AND WE ALL HEADED FOR THE CLIFFS. TOM TIED IN AT THE TOP OF THE HORNET'S FACE AND DELAYED SEVERAL CLIMBERS UP IT. BY THE END OF THE DAY ALMOST EVERYONE HAD MADE THIS CLIMB. A LITTLE LATER, A ROPE WAS TIED AT THE TOP OF THE WAILING WALL AND SEVERAL CLIMBERS PRACTICED RAPPELLING. AFTER THE RAPPELLING HANK AND MIKE PRUSSIKED UP THE ROPES. ALTHOUGH HANK WAS A BEGINNER, HE MANAGED TO OUT-DISTANCE MIKE, WHOSE PRUSSIK KNOTS KEPT SLIPPING.

A DELAY WAS ALSO SET UP FOR THE BISHOP'S NOSE, AND MOST OF THE MEMBERS ON THE TRIP ATTEMPTED THE CLIMB. SEVERAL MADE AND A COUPLE WERE CAUGHT BY THE DELAYER. EVERYONE AGREED THAT THE DELAYER WAS A MIGHTY GOOD MAN TO HAVE AROUND.

FINALLY, SEVERAL OF THE NOVICES PRACTICED DELAYING WHILE AN EXPERIENCED DELAYER BACKED UP. A FEW FALLS WERE ARRANGED AND SUCCESSFULLY STOPPED WITHOUT THE HELP OF THE SECOND DELAYER; THIS WAS A GREAT CONFIDENCE-BOOSTER.

THE SUN WAS GETTING LOW AS THE GROUP HEADED BACK TO THE WHIPOORWHILL AROUND FOUR O'CLOCK AND FROM THERE BACK TO TROY. THE TRIP WAS A GREAT SUCCESS AND EVERYONE HAD A WONDERFUL TIME.

DICK ANDREWS



ROCK CLIMBING II

ON 15 MAY 1965 SHORTLY AFTER THE TERMINATION OF THE ARMED FORCES DAY PARADE, HANK CHARY, DICK ANDREWS, LEE MITCHELL, DICK SMITH HEADED FOR THE GRAFTON CLIFFS WHERE THEY MET UP WITH JEFF DUNCAN, PAT JACKSON, AND DICK STETSON WHO WERE ALREADY OUT THERE CLIMBING--(MERRILY).

UPON THE ARRIVAL OF THE FIAT-FULL, JEFF COMPLETED HIS DESCENT OF THE WAILING WALL, AMIDST INFINITE BLACK FLIES THAT DID NOT JUST BITE, THEY SAT DOWN AND MUNCHEDED FOR A WHILE! THEN DICK STETSON SUDDENLY APPEARED OVER THE EDGE AND CAME DOWN THE SIXTY FEET TO THE LEVEL OF THE REST OF THE PARTY. AFTER THE WAY-FARING STRANGER WAS SUCCESSFULLY NEGOCIATED BY SEVERAL OF THE CLIMBERS, JEFF, PAT, AND DICK STETSON LEFT TO GO SWIMMING WHILE THE REMAINING, HANK DICK ANDREWS AND DICK SMITH, AND LEE CONTINUED CLIMBING AND RAPPELLING. AFTER HAVING INTRODUCED DICK SMITH TO THE FINE ART OF RAPPELLING AND AFTER HANK AND DICK HAD HAD THEIR FILL OF RAPPELLING THE WAILING WALL, THE PARTY ADJOURNED TO TROY (TO THE KNEE HOLD TO BE EXACT--THEREAT A FABULOUS FONDUE FEAST FLOURISHED.)



HANK CHARY

ROCK CLIMBING III

ON SUNDAY MORNING 23 MAY 1965 AS HANK CHARY, ROD AKERS, AND LEE MITCHELL WERE DRIVING OVER TO THE 15TH STREET LOUNGE TO PICK UP DICK ANDREWS, WHO WAS BUSILY COMPLETING THE JOB OF PAINTING THE R.O.C. OFFICE STARTED ON THE PREVIOUS DAY BY TOM DUCHESNEAU, DICK STETSON, JIM DRAKE, AND BOB JUDD, AND EVELYN WILLARD, ROD'S FAVORITE FEMALE, DICK STETSON DASHED ACROSS 15TH STREET AND CLAMBERED INTO THE FIAT, HAVING DECIDED THAT HE TOO WANTED TO GO ROCK CLIMBING. AFTER A SHORT STOP AT THE LOUNGE IT WAS OFF TO SEE IF ARMAND CAPELLI WAS GOING TO JOIN THE CLIMBERS. HE WAS--AND SO, AFTER AN UNREWARDED STOP AT THE KNEE HOLD, EVERYONE HEADED OUT TO GRAFTON.

ONCE OUT AT THE WHIPOORWHILL, THE PATH WITH THE MOST POISON IVY IN IT WAS FOLLOWED UP TO THE CLIFFS. THE HORNET'S FACE WAS QUICKLY RIGGED AND ARMAND LED OFF THE CLIMBING BY JUMPING ON DICK ANDREWS WHO WAS DELAYING HIM. MEANWHILE HANK RIGGED A RAPPELL ON THE WAILING WALL AND PROCEEDED TO MAKE USE OF IT. AFTER SUFFICIENT CLIMBING HAD BEEN DONE ON THE HORNET'S FACE, ARMAND, DICK STETSON, AND LEE MITCHELL PRACTICED DELAYING EACH OTHER AND JUMPING ON EACH OTHER. AS THE DAY PROGRESSED PEOPLE ALSO CLIMBED THE ESCAPE ROUTE TO THE WAILING WALL AND TWO CLIMBS BETWEEN THE BISHOP'S NOSE AND THE WAY-FARING STRANGER (ONE QUITE DIFFICULT AND THE OTHER TRIVIAL). DURING THE DAY BOTH ROD AND EVELYN WERE INTRODUCED TO RAPPELLING AND ROD LEARNED THE THRILLS OF ROCK CLIMBING FOR THE FIRST TIME.

SINCE EVELYN HAD TO CATCH A BUS IN THE MIDDLE OF THE AFTERNOON, THE CLIFFS WERE DESERTED BY ABOUT TWO O'CLOCK AS THE PARTY RETIRED TO TROY.

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FINALS ARE NOW ALMOST UPON US AND SOON WE WILL SCATTER FOR OUR SUMMER VACATIONS. ON BEHALF OF THE RENSSELAER OUTING CLUB LET ME WISH ALL OF YOU A VERY PLEASANT SUMMER.

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GEE GUYS, ITS MORE FUN TO RAPPELL FAST!

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