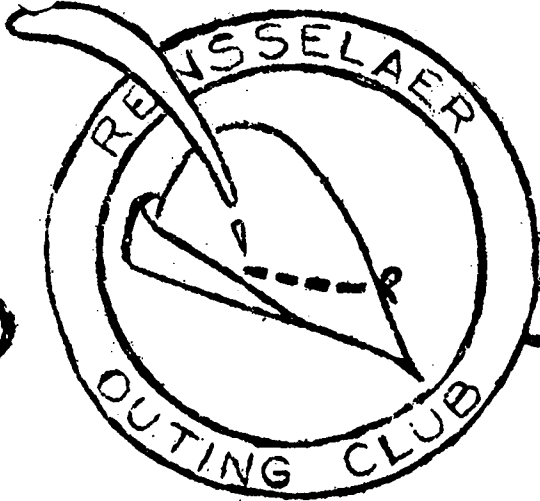


NEWS LETTER



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I. CLUB INITIALS:

During the recent process of redrafting the Outing Club Constitution it was decided that the Club's initials should be changed to accurately represent the Club title. It is therefore publicly announced that henceforth the initials of the Rensselaer Outing Club shall be ROC. (with due respect to the girls from Radcliffe)

II. ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

As was announced at the last general business meeting, election of officers for the coming year will take place on Thursday, May 15, at 7:30 PM in the Conference Room, ground floor of Sage Lab on the ME side. This will be a closed meeting for members only with paid-up membership being required for voting. Club Treasurer Paul Kelley wishes to remind everyone that the Club dues of \$1.00 are for one term only, not for a whole school year.

For clarification purposes, all ski trips count toward membership as well as gate checkers and ski patrol duties at the RPI Intercollegiate Ski Meet on Mt. Greylock on March 23.

III. EQUIPMENT CHECKUP:

Goldstock's, B'way and Franklin, Schenectady, N.Y.:

Mummy-type Army surplus sleeping bag,
40% down, 60% feather, used\$ 6.95 Cash

Mountain Tents\$ 12.00

Ponchos, camouflage, with snaps\$ 2.00

Camp & Trail Outfitters, 50 Warren St., NYC:

Carbide Lamp with 2-lb can of carbide
and tip cleaner\$2.70 C.O.D.

IV. ROC EMBLEM:

Attention is directed to the seal on the first page of this Newsletter. It is the new Club emblem, originally designed by Don Bentham and slightly modified by Dick Bailey. Members wishing to purchase emblems may do so from Lars Erickson. The price is \$.25 each.

V. FOOD SUGGESTION LIST:

For the experienced camper the check list below consists of old stuff, but for the novice, bent perhaps on attending his first College Week, it should prove of invaluable aid. We offer it for what it is worth.

- Meat - bacon and salt pork - sliced or in chunks
 - dried chipped beef - don't forget to soak it
 - pre-cooked ham - for any meal, bone good for pea soup
 - hamburger or stew meat - spoils fast, eat first few days
 - tenderloin - for any meal
 - cans of chicken, spam, tongue, corned beef, hash, etc.
- Soups - dry - chicken noodle, pea, bean, vegetable, boullion cubes
- Cheese - $\frac{1}{2}$ -lb slabs, sliced, or in dry, grated form
- Sugar - white and brown, saccharin tablets for coffee and tea
- Milk - powdered, Klim or Lactogen, not Milk-Sugar
- Bread - pumpernickle, French, or any hardy kind with thick crust:
- Flour - white for sauces, baking, etc.
 - bisquick for bread or cake
 - premixed pancake and muffin mixtures
- Eggs - dehydrated or whole, fresh ones broken into non-breakable container
- Cereal - oatmeal with raisins, farina with dates, or your own favorite
- Spaghetti or macaroni - good with sauce (canned) and cheese
- Tea and Coffee - bags and powdered respectively
- Lemon Juice - concentrated form in tiny cans
- Packaged Puddings - b'scotch, choc. - latter makes good cocoa if you know how to make it
- Dried Fruit - apricots, peaches, prunes, raisins, figs, dates, apple flakes, coconut
- Potatoes and Onions - dehydrated if you don't mind the taste, many prefer extra weight of fresh ones
- Candy - semi-sweet choc, hershey or substitute, peppermints
- Peanut butter, jelly, and jam - small jars or cans
- Spices - salt, pepper, clove, cinnamon, etc.
- Grease - oil, butter, shortning, bacon fat

VI. TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS:

From a friend in the Albany Chapter of the Adirondack Mtn. Club comes a suggestion on how to care for your Coast and Geodetic Survey topographic sheets.

The basic requirement is a linen window shade, which can be new or old so long that it doesn't tear easily. Other materials include glue, (Higgins Vegetable recommended) white shellac, a pair of shears, and a print roller.

The first step is to trim the white border and lay it off to one side where it can be used later. Next measure off a piece of the shade roughly an inch larger than the trimmed map and

tack it to a drawing board. Cut along the lines of latitude and longitude on the map leaving nine rectangular pieces. Glue these rectangles to the shade allowing a space of about one-eighth of an inch around each piece so that the material may be folded later. Use a print roller with enough pressure to squeeze some of the glue out at the edges to prevent the edges from loosening and curling up after drying. Excess glue may be wiped off with a damp cloth. When all the pieces are in place, weight them until dry. Next give the surface two coats of white shellac. (may be thinned with alcohol if too thick) Brush out any bubbles that form and when dry repeat the procedure on the back of the shade. From the border you saved copy the name of the sheet, its edition and reprint date, (if any) the scale, and compass declination. Put this information on a small label and glue to the back of the shade where it will be on top when the map is folded. The label should be protected by shellac also.

For those who are interested, Hills Stationery Store carries these maps at the standard price of \$.20 per sheet.

VII. CONSERVATION LEGISLATION:

Another session of the New York State Legislature has just recently ended with several threats to the Forest Preserve lands being defeated. Other measures affecting conservation did not fair so well. Most of the extremely controversial issues did not come up until the final few days of the session. The results are as follows:

Recreation Amendment - allowing cabin colonies to be constructed anywhere in the Forest Preserve - Killed in the Assembly Judiciary Committee.

Mining Amendment - permitting the taking of minerals from State lands - Dropped, not presented this year.

Ski Trail Amendment - authorizing the construction of ski trails with buildings and lifts on slopes of Belleayre Mtn. in the Catskills and Gore Mtn. (North Creek) in the Adirondacks - Passed.

Moose River Bill - prohibiting the construction of new or additional reservoirs on the South Branch of the Moose River - Defeated in the Assembly despite the support of hundreds of sportsmen's, hiking, and mountain clubs. Passage of the bill would prevent construction of dams that would flood a unique wilderness area, destroy hundreds of deer that winter on the Moose River Plains, and a tract of virgin white pine.

Increased License Fees Bill - giving the Conservation Department much needed funds during these times of inflation - Defeated in the Assembly.

Reforestation Bill - permitting the Conservation Commissioner to furnish free trees from any Conservation Department nurseries to owners of forest and farm woodlands cooperating under the forest practise act - Passed.

Appropriation of Lands to Protect Forests From Fire - Passed.

Commission to Study Use of Forest Preserve for Recreation - Passed.

VIII. EDITOR'S NOTE:

This is just a short acknowledgment by Dick Bailey (your editor, representing the Club Officers) of the credit due Lars Erickson

under whose guiding hands the Rensselaer Outing Club has successfully emerged from its wartime inactivity to an organization that is daily growing in campus and intercollegiate importance. To him all of us in the ROC can truthfully say - "It's been great fun working with you, Lars."

IX. FINAL OUTINGS OF THE YEAR - THE LAKE GEORGE CANOE TRIPS:

The biggest news in Club circles is that concerning the coming Lake George canoe trips with Skidmore. To be held on the consecutive weekends of May 17-18 and May 24-25, the trips will provide ROCers with a wonderful chance to get in a little canoeing, swimming, camping, and mountain climbing in the company of our OC friends from Skidmore. Each trip has been limited to one busload of fellows and girls together, it being difficult to provide safety for and maintain control over a larger crowd. In addition smaller numbers tend to create more of that terrific OC group spirit and also present less work in the cooking of meals. The trips will start at 1:00 PM on Saturday with the return scheduled for 8:30 the following evening. From Bolton Landing the canoers will paddle four miles to one of the numerous State-owned islands in Lake George. Around a big campfire the gang will cook supper and afterwards settle down to one of those song-fests so well known to outing clubbers everywhere. Sunday will be devoted to whatever the individual wishes to do.

Trip Leaders for May 17-18 are Bob Pustell and Bob Woodbury; for May 24-25, Deane Woodward and Paul Kelley. Dick Bailey is in charge of general arrangements. Casperones will include Charlie and Marie Hine and Harry and Miriam Whippo. A special meeting of all those who have signed up for the trip on May 24-25 will be held Tuesday, May 20, at 7:00 PM on ground floor of Sage Lab, NE side.

X. IOCA CONFERENCE:

Delegates from the ROC to the 15th Annual Intercollegiate Outing Club Association Conference will be Lars Erickson, Dick Bailey, and Harry Van Dyke. To be held at Bread Loaf Inn, Bread Loaf, Vermont, on May 9-11, the Conference will be run by the Middlebury College Mountain Club. It is the hope of the ROC that from a mutual exchange of ideas and suggestions, a discussion of policies, and a general dissemination of information, we may more smoothly and effectively meet the ever increasing need and desire for outing activities here at RPI.