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Hanging Around

Seneca Rock
June 27-28

Bill Thomas - Trip Leader
Ted Schad
Mike Hill
Roger Birch

Billy Thomas
June Lehman
Sallie Greenwood

The highlight of this trip was Sallie Greenwood sharing her sleeping bag with a bold and uninvited guest. She, being a lady, calmly got up and left him to use her sleeping bag alone. Then her guest, being lonesome and feeling rejected, crawled into bed with Roger. When Roger felt the guest he kept his English cool and said that he was just being friendly and continued to sleep for another 15 minutes. When Roger finally got up, we peeled back the covers and there was an 18 inch "garter" snake.

As to climbing, Bill, Billy and Ted did both summits and investigated the cracks at the base of the Gendarme. Sunday Bill tried talking someone into leading him up the Gendarme before he lost his nerve or before it fell over. Nobody volunteered and he was glad. So they left Seneca and climbed the middle summit of Champe Rocks. Sallie, Roger, June and Mike also left Seneca Sunday and climbed at Judy Rocks.

Shawangunks
July 3-5

Mike Hill - Trip Leader
Kathy Andberg
June Lehman
Sallie Greenwood
Roger, Corinne, Debbie and
John Hammill
Bill, Doris, Billy, Susan and
Jeff Thomas

Dennis Sheffield
Linnea Stewart
Maren Stewart
Chuck Sproull
Peter Gardiner
Don and Betsy Schaefer

Soggy weather kept down the crowds and soggy rocks kept down the level of climbing, but we still managed to have a good time. Friday we spent mainly on the rocks though it rained off and on Thursday night and was misty all day. Saturday saw most of us at Bonticue Crag where the rock was much cleaner and drier.

We literally did our "own thing" as this area is not included in the present Gunks guide. Top-roping an overhang at the very top of the cliffs proved both stimulating and photogenic. After lunch we all caught Roger's "pinnaclitis" and besieged a nearby 60-foot pinnacle. After being rained on twice by thunder showers (appropriately observed in Buddhist fashion), Roger, Peter, Chuck, and Linnea made

the summit in time to get caught in a hail storm.

We all had dinner at an Italian restaurant in New Paltz that night, with Dennis heading the "Squid Row" contingent. Sunday was clear and dry and we all hit the rocks for one last climb before heading home.

The Hermitage
July 18-19

Janet Gladfelter - Trip Leader
Don, Betsy, and Erika Schaefer
Dave Paull
Peter Gardiner
Bob and Kate Adams
Phil Eddy

Bill Thomas
Dave and Joan Templeton
Judy Frank
Linda Harris
George Livingstone

Reaching the cabin about noon on a lovely summer Saturday, and pending the arrival of the Schaefer's mit key, your Trip Leader and her friendly navigator pitched tent on the porch, and then proceeded to figure the odds on everyone finding the correct turnoff described as "at the Septic Tank works!". We have yet to see the septic tank works and think it simpler to watch for the Hooverville School (immediately past the right turn which is zero point). From there the signs and mileage are as directed, except "Old Forge" is the local name for the Hermitage area.

By nightfall the cabin was filled and everyone buoyed for the next day by recorded climbing songs featuring Dave Templeton and an unidentified female (?). Sunday was a comfortable day for climbing and everyone warmed up on the chimney--all bust measurements duly noted. A number of climbers completed the Mezzanine just to the left. A lot of good, hard work was done on the left-end wall; "also" and Swiss Guide by George Livingstone, Bob Adams, Don Schaefer, and Dave Templeton; and, on the Unfinished Symphony and Hoverhang, both of which are some distance to the right of the chimney.

Dave Paull and Judy Frank practiced rappelling; the afternoon air was filled with Judy's screams of sheer delight. Eventually, newcomer Jim Rice was talked up his first ascent, but the most successful lead of the day was George's 6 p.m. descent back to the little restaurant on the corner of Route 16 (zero point) where the entire group enjoyed barbecued chicken before heading home.

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MEETING NOTICE

The September meeting, normally scheduled for the second Wednesday of the month, will be held instead on September 16.