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### Hanging Around

#### Shawangunks NY, June 9-10, 1973

There seemed to be seven from DC but definitely not the Magnificent Seven. Everyone had a good time and all got to do some leading. The main lesson of the weekend was that two nuts are better than one, three are better than two, four better than three, and so on.

Participating were Bob Connor (Trip Leader), Charlie Fowler, Herb Laeger, June Lehman, Ben Mealey, Tink Peters and Bob Ryan. Bob Connor

#### Little Stony Man VA, June 3, 1973

It was unusual but we had the rocks to ourselves and most of us were attracted to the 80-foot chimneys which offered good practice for leading and nut placement. One of us stooped to scrambling and had to pay a price when his boulder footrest gave way and rolled down about 15 feet.

Participating were Joe Wagner (Trip Leader), Jan, Jimmy and Bamble Wagner, Jon Larson, Carol and Nick Kelly, John Birch, Barbara Llewellyn, John Anderson and Jim Nagy. JHW

#### Seneca Rocks WV, October 21-23, 1972

Everyone had a good time, least I hope they did since I didn't see much of anyone as Martha, Arnold and I were climbing elsewhere.

As of Saturday night Norbert and Diana had done Le Gourmet; Rich Parrish and the Mervins also did it and Ecstasy Jr., Bill took his son and son's friend, Beverly, up Old Ladies and on to the Gunsight; and Neil and Mel did what appears to be a new variation of the Soler Route. They call it the Soler Direct. It eliminates any movement to the south and goes straight up "an obvious line" past an inside corner facing right. This is slightly south of Castor.

Nothing else happened Saturday night luckily. Two nameless young climbers apparently decided to try an unknown variation on Conn's East (from what I heard) to avoid the

crowd, got hung up, finished atop South Peak in the dark, and consequently took a long time to rappel in the dark. Their absence caused some consternation, checking of campgrounds and local eating places, and a walk up Roy Gap by Norbert, Diana and Rich to escort the climbers back. What was wrong? They didn't turn back early enough to get off the rocks before nightfall. (This assumes that everyone accepts the idea of back to camp (beer) before nightfall. It disturbs the evening of those already down wondering how long should they wait before searching.)

The weather was cold Saturday, balmy on Sunday and rainy Monday. Seneca Rocks was mobbed by a 100 or more climbers from everywhere between Kentucky and New Jersey.

The Gendarme was mobbed Saturday night to see the rerun of YC and RR do the Sentinel to freaky travelogue voice narration and overly dramatic music.

Participating were John Christian (Trip Leader), Martha Crawford, Arnold Wexler, Norbert Ensslin, Diana Chapman, Neil and Elisabeth Arsenault, Mel and Edda Banks, Rich Parrish, Tim and Joanne Mervine, Roger and Diana Birch, Ray Snead and partner, Bill and Billy Thomas and Beverly Beasley. John Christian

#### Annapolis Rocks MD, October 15, 1972

Bill and Bob arrived early and had one climb rigged before people started drifting in. First the Bullards and Zimmers came and set up some short climbs for their young ones. Next Marjorie and JB appeared. While they were doing the climb already rigged Tom, Hal and Pat joined us and started to rig "The Roof" which Tom insisted be well rigged ("it will take a lot of falls"). He helped prove himself a prophet by taking the first fall. He was followed by all who tried with the exception of JB who made it on his first attempt (this spurred Tom on and he made it). During the falls Jim came, sat down, watched and recalled having put this climb in 12 years ago. Everyone arrived by the end of lunch and while the latecomers (Remmert, Anne, Jane, Suzy and Janet) did the climbs rigged earlier some more climbs were rigged down at the pillar. Here only a hardy few did a couple of climbs before we quit. The day's only worry was at the parking lot, JB was so long in returning we feared he was heading toward Pennsylvania.

Participating were Bob Connor (Trip Leader), Bill Pepper, Jim, Beth, Jimmy and Greg Bullard, John, Elizabeth, Lisette & Josh Zimmer, John Birch, Marjorie Prochaska, Pat Lane, Tom McCrumm, Remmert Laan, Anne Huguenard, Jane and Suzy Spierer, Jim Shipley, Janet Gladfelter and Hal Meyer. Bob Connor

#### Annapolis Rocks MD, February 11, 1973

Bob Connor (Trip Leader), Ralph Erickson, Jim Shada, Nellie Hill, Mike Hill, Dave Siggers. Bob Connor

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