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STUART PREGNALL AND KAREN ROUSSELL WED

Despite warnings from certain quarters that marriage is "way gnarly" and a "runout", Stuart and Karen were married last month in Connecticut. Although the bride didn't wear Lycra and Sportivas under her wedding gown, we hear she did make a quick change for their honeymoon on New Hampshire rock. An unreliable source claims that a cadre of MS members formed an arch with nut picks and Friend Extractors on the steps of the chapel for the happy newlyweds to walk under. This reporter, however, has been unable to verify the story.

Karen and I would like to thank all of you for the card and generous "gift certificate." We want to thank all of you personally (and will when we see you) but this opportunity may reach you before we do. We missed having all our friends with us at the wedding, but the official Mountaineering Section observers will no doubt report in great detail the extent of the festivities.

Again, it means a lot to us to have so many caring friends-thanks.

Stuart and Karen

TRAINING BRIEFS

On Saturday, June 7, at Great Falls, Virginia, Stuart Pregnall, Gordon and Erik Swenson taught a beginning climbing class to three enthusiastic new climbers, Cathy Ferenbacher, Stan Hunter, and Barry Brunton.

After lots of knots, belay practice, harness

making, and general climbing practices were reviewed, several climbs were rigged on The Dihedrals. Everyone did "Pride (5.4)", "Prejudice (5.5)", "Layback Dihedral (5.4)" and some part of "Lichen Wall".

Stuart knocked off "Ender (5.11)" and he and Gordon both did the arete between "Layback" and "The Roll". Erik gave "Ender" a shot. It was a

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beautiful day to be on the river, though a bit hot and humid.

Moving downstream to "Romeo's Ladder (5.6)", the students were introduced to crack climbing. Around the corner, Erik and Stuart flashed up "Lunging Ledges (5.9)", and Stuart did "Entropy (5.11)". Erik gave "Entropy" his best, but "Entropy" was better. He decided to make it a lizard day and lie on the rocks in the sun.

After a long day in the sun, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., we all decided to call it quits and work on some beers. All the students looked great and we hope to see them out on club trips in the near future.

--Gordon Swenson

March 30, 1986.

James Eakin taught the Basic Rock climbing class to six enthusiastic beginners. The course was divided into two sections. Topics covered in the morning session included climbing equipment and knots used in safe top rope climbing. IN the afternoon James was joined by Ed Cumming and Claire Witt, who helped teach

the students how to do a carabiner brake rappel and basic climbing techniques. The class spent the rest of the afternoon polishing their newly acquired skills on the rocks at Great Falls.

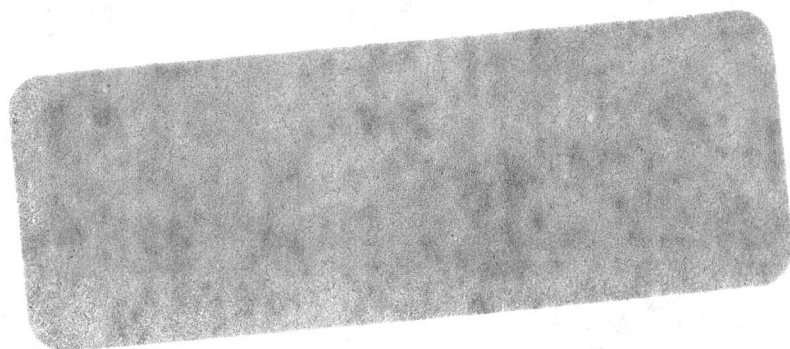
NELSON HOUSE WORKTRIP

May 31-June 1.

The "Year of the Nelson House Roof" which we approached in fear and loathing was over in a few leisurely hours of work in the warm summer afternoon sun. A desultory attempt at belaying was soon abandoned and we put our trust in the roof ladders that Stuart and James had hammered together last year. Wobbling on the top rung, I tried not to think about how they spent all winter rotting on the woodpile. A few wasps dove out from under the eaves in an ugly mood, but went down in flames as Bill Smith blasted them with D-Con.

We found a wide spot in the river at the bottom of Nelson Gap to bathe in. The water was icy and the banks were lined with locust trees loaded with their heavy white blossoms. Howard Fenton told us that the moon goddess shaved off part of the moon each month with her hunting knife until after a while, in early summer, she was knee-deep in moon slivers. So she hung the slivers on the locust trees. Or so the Indians used to say. (I believe it's true).

Bill and I climbed "Skyline Traverse" on Sunday before went home. It's a popular climb, and I looked down at one point to see seven people on the belay ledge, grumbling.



CLIMBER'S CALENDAR

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>TRIP COORDINATOR</u>
Jul 12-13	Hermitage	Tom Russell 301/869-8058
Jul 20	Bull Run	*
Jul 26-27	#Champe Rocks, WV	Pete Grant 703/960-6033
Aug 3	Big Devil's Stairs, VA	*
Aug 9-10	#Stover State Park, PA and Stony Ridge, PA	Stuart Pregnall 202/543-3988
Aug 16	Bull Run, VA	*
Aug 17	Chimney Rocks, VA	*
Aug 24	Old Rag Mtn, VA	*
Aug 30-Sept 1	#Shawangunks	Ed Cummings 301/869-8058
Sept 7	Sugarloaf, MD	*
Sept 13-14	#Seneca Rocks, WV	*
Sept 21	Crescent Rocks, VA	*
Sept 27-28	#Nelson Rocks, WV	*
Oct 5	Bull Run, VA	*
Oct 11-13	Shawangunks	Claire Witt 301/869-8058
Oct 19	Old Rag Mtn, VA	*
Oct 26	Annapolis Rocks, MD	*
Nov 2	Great Falls, VA	*

#Weekend trip to a multi-pitch lead climbing area. Experiences leaders and seconds only. Please arrange your own climbing partners.

*Trip coordinator needed. Please call Pete Grant 703/960-6033 if interested in leading a trip, or to suggest other climbing areas.

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