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River Rafting Trip, June 10-25, 1989  
14 days on the Colorado River from  
Lee's Ferry below Lake Powell to  
Diamond Creek above Lake Mead,  
Through the Grand Canyon.

We met Ginger & Bob Bellar & the others at the RR Station around 3pm on 6/10 in Flagstaff (Elevation 6,900). Parked our car at Smith's Food & bought some food for tonight. All piled into Van & Truck. Ginger, Bob & Chris in Truck. Michael Andresen & his fiancée are our drivers.

Sixteen people:

18 ft RAFT Bob Bellar IBM  
 Ginger Bellar  
 Chris Edwards.  
 20 ft RAFT Torsten Andresen  
 18 ft RAFT Steven Andresen  
 18 ft RAFT Verne Molnar IBM  
 16 ft RAFT Stan Riddle IBM  
 KAYAK Michael Stamps IBM

Jack Burkard IBM related  
 Camille Burkard  
 Diana Burkard  
 Karen Andresen  
 Ralf Andresen IBM  
 Shelley (Minnesota)  
 Pam Carter (Stan's wife)  
 Cindy (ex. IBM)

Rode in the Van to Lee's Ferry where we dropped everything by the water, and set up camp 1/2 mile away in the Campground. A few of the raft owners stayed with the rafts. David & Marcus pulled in around 10:30pm. Drove from Chama, New Mexico. Glad to see them. Our drivers had to leave for home, so Marcus (our only vehicle) ferried everyone & all heavy packs & ammo boxes down to rafts.

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6/11 Sunday

Day 1

5 am awake. Fruit and sweet rolls. Half hour slide show (safety & ecology) given by the Forest Service. In water by 10 am. Lunch under Havasupai Bridge; tuna sandwiches, mayo, tomatoes & fruit. Badger Creek Rapid 15' drop (6) Come at Soap Creek Rapid at 4:30 pm. Can hear the roar of the rapid in camp, very loud. Wonderful day. Rode the rapid in Steve's raft with Shabner. Jack & Bob caught 7 trout for dinner & stew & rice.

6/12 Monday

Day 2

8 am on water. Soap Creek Rapid 17' drop (6) Bob's raft w/ Jack & Bob. Diana rowing Vernie's raft - blisters already. She also tried the Rapids. Mike as teacher. Weather beautiful. Cool breeze - sometimes shade.

Houma Rock Rapid (9) GREAT! Singer very happy to be in Tori's raft; safest & largest raft we have. He's very experienced.

25' Mile Rapid (7) - TROUBLE

Bob tossed out of raft. Jack took over the oars. Front of raft bent back & punctured by a screw. Everyone ok. Heavy experience. Camp 6:30 pm -

Repair work on the raft. Beautiful campsite called Vasey's Paradise (natural).  
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6/12 Tuesday

Day 3

Tori's raft w/ Karen. All on Tori's raft  
 w/ Pam & Singer had Tori's raft reserved  
 for many days. Jokes about paying  
 him \$500 for his seat. (By now most  
 of the women would like to ride on  
 Tori's raft.) Today only 2 rapids  
 with a rating. Peaceful day. Karen  
 & Diana try out the Little Tahiti (2 porter  
 rubber kayak)

We go about 3 miles as there is  
 no current & just rowing. Not much  
 current today but much rowing.  
 Tori way behind other rafts; then  
 really started rowing after lunch  
 & pulled far ahead. Very strong,  
 interesting and much, blond and  
 blue eyed, absolutely gorgeous young  
 man of 20 years. Steve and Ray right  
 behind her. Diana & Karen taking  
 little ripples. Verne going around  
 jumped on the Tahiti with girls in  
 it. Took in Tahiti and girls meet  
 with Verne. Camp at Anacapi. Ruins  
 beautiful high cliffs. Went 1 mile  
 today. Warm sleeping. Tori - not  
 much wind. Not seeing Tori at this  
 point. Verne & girls huge shake up. RUSHES  
CRAVES.

6/14 Wednesday

Day 4

7:46 Start. Quite a few rapids  
 today. Singer & I with Bob. Backed  
 with Tori. Bob handles again says

Constantly moving today - makes it much easier on the carmen. Rowed one day for an hour. Leg muscles & arm muscles both sore the next day. Stopped at 9:30 am where the Little Colorado (mile 61 1/2) comes into the river. Water is warm & TURQUOISE BLUE. Swimming on the rocks, swimming, wonderful. People from Commercial Trips here also. Large Rafts (called PIGS) like HATCH & GEORGE. OAKS rafts about our size. 1 1/2 hours here. Lava Canyon Rapid 4' drop (4)

Tanner Rapid 25' drop (4)

Linker Rapid 35' drop (7) A BLAST!!

Tor's raft went in a hole & got turned by a lateral wave. We had a great ride - very wet - Poncho comes in handy. It's probably 100' at least but when the sun is behind a cloud or a cliff, the 46° water gives a chill.

Camped at 3:35 at Nevilles Rapid. 15' drop (6) at mile 72. Beautiful sandy camp with a cliff before. The sun hid the sun by 4 pm. Very welcome - sun day. Looking forward to excitement of Day 5 & 10 Major rapids.

6/15 Thursday

Day 5

So far a wonderful time. All are comfortable. - many different types - Certainly not boring.

Bance Rapid 35' drop (7)

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Jockdodger 19' drop (1), Grapevine 18' drop (2),  
83 mile Rapid 7' drop (3), Forester 5' drop (2),  
85 mile Rapid 5' drop (4). Everyone fine  
on all rapids - very exciting. I LOVE IT!  
It's hard to believe how well the raft  
took the angry 15 to 20 ft waves  
through some of the big rapids.  
(Probably exaggerating but they sure  
look that big)

Phantom Ranch at Bright Angel Rapid  
(4) We stop. Many commercials here.  
Biked 12 1/2 miles back to the Ranch &  
Civilization. 107° Beer, T-shirts, air  
conditioning and a telephone. Called  
Lore - everything fine at home.  
Diana called Warren. Carried ice  
back to raft.

Cindy & Steve have bad sore throats.  
Heard from the commercials that 2  
people died on the water yesterday.  
A Georgie Rig flipped on the rocks at  
Crystal & killed one person. The other  
one fell into water without a vest  
or buoy carried away by current.

Pipe Spring Rapid (5), Horn Creek Rapid  
at mile 90 (10), Salt Creek Rapid 5' drop (4)  
Camp at mile 93 1/2. Before Granite Rapid.  
Everyone was scared of Horn Creek  
& all came out fine. No fear, no  
fright for me - just excitement.  
Had a cooked picnic, pudding,  
corn & pudding for dessert. A fellow  
from OARS came across & parted.



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His name is Frankie and he brought Sylvia  
home down on the cob. She had talked to  
him at Phantom Ranch.

June 16 Friday Day 6  
Breakfast Guty. "Bob. Up at 5 am  
Pancake w/ Syrah.

Out on the water by 7:30 am. We  
scout Granite Rapid 17' drop (9+) Must  
hit Granite early so water is not high  
more dangerous that way. Stan got  
freed from his raft but held on  
shelved paved the way by taking the  
oars. Capable lady. Everyone fine.  
We took it GREAT!!

At 95 miles we scout another big  
one. It's Hermit Rapid 15' drop (9)  
BEST RIDE YET!! Large waves!! Rocky  
Hermit - Hello Crystal!!! Coming up in  
3 miles. Boulder Rapid 13' drop (4)

Crystal Rapid (10) at 10:43 am. All  
worried - scout this. One of two  
of the worst rapids on the river.  
It looks awesome. Tom's decision  
is PORTAGE around it and no one  
such a question as his decision. 1:30 pm  
finished portaging. Absolute HELL!! 1/4  
mile over large, rocky terrain. 3 hours  
of hell - it's a wonder no one got  
or broke an ankle. All tired - some  
exhausted - Aching muscles. We will  
be so damn tired.

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Nixon Rock ⑤ at 99 1/2 miles. Agate Rapid ③.  
Sapphire Rapid 7' drop ⑦

2:00pm Waiting in a line for a

to 15 miles to our camp for the night.

Might not make it. Turquoise Rapid 2' ④

at 102 miles, 104 mile Rapid ⑥, Ruby

Rapid 11' drop ③ at 105 miles, Serpentine Rapid

11' drop ⑦, Base 4' drop ④ at 108 miles.

Small but nice sandy camp. 5pm

up day. Right before Shinarump Rapid.

Little secluded sandy spots between

rock & shrubbery. We are about 6

miles shy of planned camp. The rest

needs hours of repair for just time.

Men get the pots & dinner coals.

I have dinner & dinner very nice & also do

breakfast the next morning, then they

don't have to think about kitchen

duty for a week. Good plan.

Mike (NICEST MAN ON THE PLANET) gets up early,

puts on coffee water, helps at every

turn and besides this - he gives a

massage to all the women - we all

love it - it's heaven! Cindy gives

men massage. GREAT! Cindy is his

counterpart - she is indispensable. Mike

unches every day, helps where ever needed

and is a caring, loving person.

By now the inexperience of the 2 new

Rodmen is obvious. Bob learns fast,

and I trust him all the way. Stan is

And his raft is also smaller.

Stan - a nice man trying to master this tough sport. From his wife - completely out of her element. I'm certain she's a Great Lady, but doesn't shine here. She can't wait to get home.

Ring-tailed raccoon (a lot smaller, but much smaller) through the dense brush over the raft as soon as dark. At twilight Jack found a hummingbird stuck to the cloth of a pack. I can't let him loose. He could feel the wind of his wings as he did so.

I feel sure of this in Diana. She helped at every turn & takes on all challenges.

6:30 pm Verne tells me about the warm water creek that feeds into the river right next to our campground. 2 min walk in warm stream takes me to a swimming hole & waterfall. Helge & I had had some trouble.

June 17 Saturday

Day 7

5:00 am wake up. Rafter #3 at the camp on beach, water beyond. 7:40 on the water. Shinuma Rapid 8' drop (4) at 110 miles. Rapid (2). Hakatai 8' drop (4) at 111 miles. Walterberg Rapid 15' drop (7) 112 1/2 miles. Rapid (4) Rained Tuna (6) at 113 miles.

Glacier Chaum at 116 1/2 miles. Short hike in Rainforest. Waterfalls. Back in the Canyon. TOR, DIANA, STEVE & MIKE jump off 20' cliff into river. Stan & Jack stay in camp. (11:00 am)



Johnny & I call clear water back there.  
 Left at 10:15 am. 119 Mile Rapid (3),  
 Blacktail Rapid (3), 122 Mile Rapid (5),  
 Torcher Rapid (2), Yessel Rapid 15' (6), Kinky  
 Rock (2), 127 Mile Rapid (3), 129 Mile Rapid (5),  
 Inspector 4' drop (6), Scout Balrock 15' (6).  
 Because of the rocks (129 miles) Stan  
 had Chris & Karen on his raft - went  
 too far left & hit the rocks. No one  
 hurt, but the girls went in with  
 Hermann's canoe. You scout Deubendorf  
 15' drop (3) GREAT!

Camp at 2:30 pm after Deubendorf.  
 on sandy beach with a canyon & a  
 30' waterfall & swimming pool beneath  
 it. 5 minutes walk up the creek.  
 (Plans are to go to the next camp about  
 2 miles from here & stay all day & night)  
 Diana & Jan have cooking duty.

CHARS Camp over the hill from us &  
 some of them hike back to the waterfall  
 also. Diana hiked another mile & found  
 a second waterfall. This waterfall  
 much fun. Vera brought a cooler of  
 beer. Shebney a jug of wine & Ray  
 brought a bag of potatoes. Lt. Col.  
 phalife sat with a grassy bank to  
 sit on. We go back to a junction, 107  
 Campsite so we all stay here for a  
 while ~~breaking~~ wine out of a beer  
 can & staying. Capt. TOO MUCH to drink.  
 Chicken Chop Soup for dinner. GREAT.  
 Pam is a wonderful cook (pre-cooked

(10) by her) Tor & Diana prepare to...  
Campfire, music and superb, relaxing  
back rubs.

6/19, Sunday Day 8  
HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

Lots of hugs for all the dads. Samara  
Only going a couple of miles so everyone  
taking their time. Girl Scout donuts  
this morning (biscuits deep fried)  
w/ tang and fruit. 7:30 clearing up &  
busting camp. Rafted 50' up on the  
beach. Rafted 2 miles down &  
pitch camp at Tapeate Creek at  
9 AM. Started on hike to waterfall at  
10:30 w/ Rolf, Bob, Chris & Karen. Up, up,  
up. Shelley joins us. Climb, switch  
backs, up, up, up. Take a wrong  
turn & go back a ways. Wet my  
clothes whenever possible in the  
stream. Cross the stream several  
times. Takes us 4 hrs 10 minutes to get  
there. Spectacular waterfall with  
greenery all around & shaded by  
cottonwoods. Everyone quiet, drink  
in the beauty. Rolf takes the video, Karen  
takes snaps. 30'-40' wide, great  
water. We sit in the shade very  
near & feel the spray. Sounds so  
thunderous. It's heaven. I do not  
feel like going back. Chris gives  
the falls to Bob for Father's Day.  
He accepts! Rolf & Karen later.

Diana, Tor, Cindy & Mike make it to us & only took them 2 hrs!! Tor says that his once in a while he had to grab Diana's ponytail & tell her to slow down or just kill her!! Ran out of water before we could take a group picture. Rob now admits it is a tough hike, but says if he told us that before we started, no one would have come on the hike. So true. Rob is delighted to be with the 10 patients & crew, being handsome 55 years old and completely at home in this setting. All listed to everything he has to say and for good reason. The entire Anderson family is wonderful. Rob started rafting 12-14 years ago with his son, Tor. Steve also very experienced and capable for his 21 years of age. What an interesting family!!

First group of hikers leave for camp at 3:53 pm & make it into camp at exactly 6 pm. Not nearly as tough to come back down. To make, fried bread, tortillas & even Quesadillas for appetizers!! Mexican music playing while we eat. WOW!

6/19 Monday

Day 9

Wake up at 5 am. Hurry - no sore muscles!! Hikers are happy to ride in vans all day. Some have sore

bruise & scratches on legs.

30 miles to go today. Beautiful in the morning. The sun hasn't hit us yet, but shining on the tops of the cliffs. Jack had cooking duty w/ cups & shellfish. Last night & this morning. I packed up our camp.

Bob taking Jack today with Jinger & Chris. We go with Diana on Tori's raft. Late start 8:22 on the water.

We pass Christmas Tree Cave at mile 135 1/2. Deer Falls at 9:10 am. Beautiful waterfall that can be seen from the river. 2 minute walk to beneath the falls. Greenery growing all around the red rock. 15 Rafts tied up at this falls. PG5 - CRK & other private parties.

(Garbage on Tori's raft is ripe.) Completely good rapids coming up today. Fish tail Rapid at 139 mile. Only memorable because Verne shipped his raft here last year. All OK.

UPSET RAPID AT 150 MILE 15' above (S) 1:13 pm. Heading this one Verne, Rob, Tim & I. Please remember that this one can be nasty. There we go! Tori's raft first through. - Best ride yet! The block back between Jinger & I. Bob's raft w/ Jinger, Chris, Bob & Jack slip over at the top of the rapid. I had timed this one with a stop watch - 2 minutes, 59 seconds. Very.

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peared until I saw 4 heads in the water.  
A minute later at the bottom of the rapid,  
Steve raft slipped over with Steve, same  
frequency. Now we have 7 people in the  
4<sup>th</sup> water - serious. Steve picks up Pam.  
Chris is thrown clear of raft. Steve  
climbs in a hole, came up & swam like  
hell for shore. Steve goes to help Steve's  
raft. We go for Bob's raft. By now, Bob  
has helped Jack & then ginger onto the  
bottom of raft. We catch them & float  
down with them to a safe spot to  
turn the raft over. The operation  
all around & all are safe.

Camp at Lake Campground. All  
rock ledges - different kinds. Nice.  
All aimed at what has happened & what  
the river has in store for us next. Some  
have sores, scrapes & legs are bruised.  
Mike is our medicine man. He is  
good with first aid. Rolf also.

Diana pitches right in to help clean  
8 large bags of garbage along with Mike,  
Cindy & Ted. Rotten job, but no more  
odor to the garbage.

Hottest nights sleep yet. Ledges  
hold the heat. No tents have been  
used for a few nights now. Everyone  
sleeps beneath the stars. No bugs.

Mavis playing much of the time.  
All kinds - Dan Fogarty, E.C.R. to the  
Grand Canyon. In between we  
have Golden Oldies, Robyn Williams,



Mexican pupa, Reggae, Robert Palmer,  
Springsteen, Eagles, & the Traveling Wilburys.

6/20 Thursday

Day 10

Wake up time as usual around 5 am.  
Wonderful time of day - cool & comfortable.  
Only going a few (4 1/2) miles to Havasu  
Creek & spend most of the day there.  
Jack & I plan to hike a short way &  
head by the creek. Ginger & Pam cooking  
duty last night & this morning. Start  
out on water at 7:38 am. Arrived  
at Havasu Creek at 9:25. Many people  
hiked up here. Big ones & small ones. TRAFFIC  
JAM. OHES guys are great. Commercial ones  
men give us fresh lettuce, tomatoes, cucum-  
bers, grapefruit, zucchini & crackers.

We only hike a few minutes &  
find a wonderful spot in a pool &  
shade & ledge to sleep & read on.

Jack lost his last 7 cans in upset  
Rapid when the raft flipped. Next to  
no beer left - only a few privately  
stashed beers here & there.

Diana hiked back to Beaver Falls  
with the raft; Bob the only one to hike  
back to Mooney Falls. (11 miles) We had  
a wonderful, restful day.

Great sand & rock camp tonight.  
Chris & Kelly cook - Karen helps her. They  
cook pans are cooked meal - beef  
over noodles, fresh salad & canned  
fruit & Norma Doone cookies. Roll has

such a sweet tooth - look for the coffee - you'll find him near by. He hates Patches. Ducky & tried to coax the girls into doing dishes for him - makes us all laugh much fun.

Small baby, hummingbird landed on Stan's hand attracted by his red hat & stayed to be spoon fed some peach juice. All took pictures. Also one bird on Jack's shoulder today attracted by the red insect on his shoulder.

6/21 Wednesday

Day 11

4:45 awake 5:45 eating breakfast. Fresh grapefruit, muesli, fresh squeezed orange juice, fortifias & coffee.

Start out at 7:30 on water. Lots of B & E ripples all day. Lava Falls will be at end of day. Diana now has sore throat & fever. Everyone apprehensive about Lava Falls 37 drop Rated (10) Biggest (along with Crystal) Rapid on the River. Ginger & Pam decide to wait around it. Jack & I plan to stick with Bob.

Plans change. Diana insists we change plans. She goes with Jack & Bob. I go with Melaney on TOP's raft. Five are first through Great Falls! All make it but Stan who was alone in his raft. The rock most of the water into the water narrows

preventing him from getting back upon the raft. All happy to have Java behind us. I slightly feel a little bad that I wasn't with Bob on this last big one.

Jack caught 2 large catfish - we cleaned & fried them along with our Chile sauce. Chile is just delicious.

Around 8:30 pm a hard storm such as I've never seen before, starts & goes on all night. Finally stops blowing at 6:50 am. Caked with sand. Jack's Harris phone full of sand so are our ears, nose, etc. 6:22 Sunday Day 12

7:45 start on water. We are at mile 180 E must go to 198 1/2 for camp tonight. No rapids over a 100 today but many small ones & ripples to move us along. Bob, Singer, Jack & I on raft. Diana enjoying the kayak. Doing real well even through the chills.

Addresses all due to be with Urra invited us on his raft for a cocktail last night. Vodka & Tang. Bob's. Urra is fun and has a very up picture. Enjoyed everything and everyone - always smiling. What a great smile. Has exceptionally beautiful lips.

Michael with the merchants - 32 years old, very athletic - great body. But most of all his personality is wonderful. Always giving everyone gifts on the boat. Not hard to be with.

Steve, 21 years of age, smart with a good sense of humor, nice but very capable. Then - as I said before - great guy, young to seem to be a teacher. Everyone's opinion on his judgement as the ruler. Karen is quiet, beautiful, smart & 23 years old & going to be a nurse.

Michael came to dinner (sat right down in white buttoned down shirt, with tie (plastic), glasses & pants. What a guy!

The Captain flew in right by me to pick up & take out a com trip of people. Landed on a pad (looks like a road) for a few minutes.

Rain on shore yesterday. Also some Big Horn sheep.

You could consider the entire trip almost bug free. Ants are present but never bother us or the food, only saw 1 spider the whole trip, probably, a few gnats & flies, but not bad.

Good, scenery changing just slightly. More open field, more greenery, less red rock & slightly lower ridge. Not too far to go. Camp at Spring Canyon, Mile 24. Very nice camp with some bushes & shade. We all had to make up for our bad night's sleep in the wind storm. Bob & Camille took to ride. Breakfast over juice & mandarin oranges. Really impressed with Sam's pre-cooked meals.

6/33 Friden

Day 13

Having it easy today. Breakfast at 8 am. Moon was like a spotlight during the night. Quite a bit cooler - all had a good night's sleep. Last full day on the river - half of us sad - some can hardly wait. In joining our "family" already. Shelby & I talk girl track - Pretty Lady says her son will attend Forman College in the fall.

205 Mile Rapid (Kold), 3' drop (1)

209 Mile Rapid (1)

Little Bacteria Rapid (5) at 212 miles.

Michael in real trouble here. Playing in his kayak in the hole (sunking) & then could not get out. Got a line thrown a rope - didn't make it - he finally got out by himself - very scared for him.

Pumpkin Springs - point of interest.

Three Springs Rapid 215 1/2 mile (2)

217 Mile Rapid 16' drop (1)

Trail Canyon (3) 219 mile

Stop & camp at 220 mile Canyon

Pulled into camp late 6:30 after a tough rowing day. HEAVY WINDS against us. Steve & Caddy cooked up a great meal. Last night of camp - HIGH MOUNT. Bought 3 cases of beer from the RGS.

Started on Vern's Tang & Vodka before dinner. Walked over to next camp & parted with private raft group after dinner. Guitar



and harmonica player. - Dear Abby song - make  
up rhymes about the mischance of the trip.  
Stan the star of the evening with his 2 1/2  
verse rhymes. He fell over the seat he  
was sitting on backwards. Not sticking  
up in the air. Jober once helped Frank come  
back to camp - good time was had by all.

6/24 Saturday Day 14

Slow moving today. 7:45 on River. Take  
but only 3 miles away had to there  
of parking. We had the best time ever.  
Would go again any time.

A few ripples, a Q & a Q and we see  
Diamond Peak. around the bend & down  
a swamp is TAKE OUT at Diamond Creek.

9:00am arrive & 9:40 all caps out of water.  
Have to wait till noon for truck &  
van. Marcus here waiting with  
a cooler full of fruits & drinks for  
everyone. Diana & Marcus happy to  
see each other (under stated) he flew in  
from San Francisco to Flagstaff - rented  
a station wagon - what a guy!

Chris has not been much sordidly  
because she's so excited about seeing  
John soon. Chris is wonderful fun to  
be with. Everyone loves her.

Truck & van show up - we all help  
pack and pack & travel to Flagstaff  
with Diana & Marcus. Horrible

Correlation Copying should be little time  
on the recitation called for in the  
whole school. We are not doing  
much more - but hope to improve  
again.

Nothing should be a lesson, lesson -  
and condition, lesson.

Everyone in room at present  
about 4000 - all are. Officers at present  
clean sheet - however - first to be clear.  
Good Boys

Hope to be everyone again at the  
school party while we will all see  
the time & images of each other.

Omaha. Am. has