

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 Foods and bought some food for tonite. All piled into John E's truck. Ginger, Bob & Chris in truck. Michael Andress & his fiancee are over crowded.

List of people:

RAFT Bob Bellar ^{10M}
Ginger Bellar
Chris Edwards
RAFT Lorita Andress
RAFT Steven Andress
RAFT Verne Molnar ^{10M}
RAFT Stan Riddle ^{10M}
KAYAK Michael Stamps ^{10M}

Jack Burkard ^{10M}
Camille Burkard
Diana Burkard
Karen Andress
Golf Andress ^{10M}
Shelley (Minnesota)
Pam Carter (Stan's wife)
Cindy (ex. 10M)

Rode in the van to Lee's Ferry where we dropped every thing by the water, and set up camp $\frac{1}{2}$ mile away in the Campground. A few of the raft owners stayed with the rafts. Diana & Marcus settled in around 10:30pm. Drove from Home, New Mexico. Glad to see them. Our drivers had to leave for home, so Marcus (our only vehicle) ferried everyone & all heavy pack & 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. On water by 10 am. Lunch under Navajo Bridge; tuna sandwiches, mayo, Tom & Driedit. Badger Creek Rapid 15' drop ① Camped 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 Phil and Vernie.

Jack & Bob caught 7 trout for dinner & rice.

6/12 Monday

Day 2

8 am on water. Soap Creek Rapid 17' drop ② Bob's raft w/ Jack & Bob. Diana rowing Vernie's raft - blisters already. She also tried the kayak - mile as teacher. Weather beautiful - cool breeze - some shade.

House Rock Rapid ③ GREAT! Diana very happy to be in Tom's raft; safest & largest raft we have. She very experienced.

25' Mile Rapid ④ - TROUBLE Bob tossed out of raft. Jack took over the oars. Front by raft boat, back & quartered by a jetty. Everyone ok. Very experienced. Camp 6:30 pm -

Repair work on the raft. Beautiful campsite called Valley Paradise (uninhabited). Total time: 10 hours

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6/13 TuesdayDay 3

Tori raft w/ Karen, Jack & Steve left
w/Pam & Ginger has Tori's raft recovered
for many days. Jokes about paying
them \$200 for her seat. By now most
of the wolves would like to ride on
(Tori's raft). Today only 2 rapids
with a rating. Peaceful day. Karen
& Diana try out the little Tahiti (a water
rubber kayak).

We go about 3 miles at least if
no current & just rowing. Not much
current today but much rowing.
Tor way behind other rafte; then
I really started rowing after lunch
& pulled far ahead. Very strong,
interesting and macho, broad and
blue eyed, absolutely gorgeous young
man of 28 years. Steve and Bob right
behind us. Diana & Karen taking
little riffles. Verne poking around -
pinned on the Tahiti with girls in
it. Bob in Tahiti and girls up in
with Verne. Camp at Agasagi River
beautiful high cliffs. Located 2 miles
today. Warm sleeping. Toxite - not
much wind. All using Toxite at the
point. We & girls dug & made up. ^{RHSHZI} ~~entirely~~.

6/14 WednesdayDay 4

7:46 start. Quite a few rapids
today. Ginger & I with Bob. Jack & Si
with Tor. Bob seemed to agree more

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Constantly moving today - makes it much easier on the oarsman. I rowed the day off as usual. Leg muscles & arm muscles both sore the next day. Stopped at 7:30 am where the Little Colorado (mile 61 1/2) comes into the river. Water is warm & TURQUOISE BLUE, bubbling on the rocks, swimming wonderful. People from Commercial River here also. Large pigs (called PIGS) like HATCH + GENEIE. OARS raft about every 1/2 hour. Lava Canyon Rapid 4' drop (4)

Tanner Rapid 20' drop (2)

Lukkar Rapid 35' drop (2) A BLAST!!

Tori'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 Gravelles Rapid, 15' drop (2) at mile 72. Beautiful sandy camp with a cliff before the lo-hike the sun by 4 pm. Very welcome - sun daily. Looking forward to whitewater of day 5 & 10 major rapids.

6/15 Thursday

Day 5

So far a wonderful time. All are comparable - many different types - certainly not boring.

Bance Rapid 30' drop (2)

Lock Dolager 19' drop \odot , Grapevine 18' drop \odot ,
 83 mile Rapid 7' drop \odot , Granite 5' drop \odot ,
 85 mile Rapid 5' drop \odot . Everyone fine
 on all rapids - very exciting. I LOVE IT!
 It's hard to believe how well the rafters
 take the angry 15 to 30 ft. waves
 through some of the large rapids.
 (Probably exaggerating but they sure
 look that big.)

Phantom Ranch at Bright Angel Rapid
 \oplus we stop. Many commercials here.
 Walked 1/2 mile back to the Ranch
 civilization. 107° Beer, Telephones, Air
 Conditioning and a telephone called
 Free - weird thing fine at home.
 Diana called Marlene. Carried it
 back to raft.

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

Pipe Spring Rapid \odot , Horn Creek Rapid
 at Mile 90 (\ominus) , Salt Creek Rapid 5' drop \odot
 Camp at mile 93 $\frac{1}{2}$. Before Granite Rapid.
 Everyone was scared of Horn Creek
 & all came out fine. So far, no
 frightening me - feet left intact.

We've cooked spaghetti, potatoes,
 corn & pudding for dessert. A fellow
 from OARS came across & partied.

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This name is Freddie and he brought Diana
some corn on the cob. She had failed to
him at Phantom Ranch.

June 16 Friday

Day 6

Breakfast early w/Fred. Up at 5 am
Pancake w/Spam.

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. Alan got
pinned from his raft just held on
shelving saved the day by taking the
oars. Capable lady. Everyone fine.
We took it GREAT!!

At 9.5 miles we scout another big
one. Its Permit Rapid 15' drop (9)

BEST RIDE YET!! Large waves!! Goodby
Permit - Hello Crystal!!! Coming up in
3 miles. Rucker Rapid 13' drop (7)

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
will question his decision. 1:50pm
finished portaging. Absolute HELL!! 1/4
mile over large, rocky terrain. 3 hours
of hell - its a wonder no one perished
or broke an ankle. All tired - some
exhausted. - Aching muscles. We will
need dinner later so I guess

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Nixon Rock Ⓛ at 99 1/2 miles. Agate Rapid Ⓜ.
Sapphire Rapid 7' drop Ⓝ.

2:0pm Waiting idly by the
edge 15 miles to our camp till the night.
Night not made it. Turquoise Rapid Ⓞ
at 102 miles, 104 mile Rapid Ⓟ, Ruby
Rapid 11' drop Ⓠ at 105 miles, Separation Rapid
11' drop Ⓡ, Bass 4' drop Ⓢ at 108 miles.
Small but nice sandy camp. 6pm
windy - right before Shoshone Rapid.
Little secluded sandy spot between
rock & shrubbery. We are about 6
miles shy of Cleared Camp. Dick says
needs hours of repair for that time.
Mike fix the raft & dinner cook.
I have dinner cooked every night also do
breakfast the next morning, then they
don't have to think about hitedas
duty for a week) food plan.

Mike (NICEST MAN ON THE PLANET) gets up early,
full of coffee water, helps at every
turn and besides this - he gives a
passage to all the women - we all
love it - it's seawed! Cindy gives
me message, GREAT! Cindy is his
counterpart - she is indispensable. Mike
handles every day, helps where ever needed
and is a caring, lovely person.

By now the inexperience of the 2 new
raftsmen 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. Pam, his wife - completely out of her element. Ira Carlson this a neat lady, but doesn't like here. She won't want to get home.

Ring-tailed raccoon (a bad family, but much smaller) through the camp & rapidly over the rapids as soon as dark. At twilight Jack found a humming bird stuck to the cloth of a sack. Diana let him loose. He could feel the wind of his wings as he did so.

I feel great pride in Diana. She helped at every turn & takes on all challenges.

6:30 pm Verne tells us about the warm water creek that feeds into the river right next to our campground. 2 miles west is warm stream taken up to a swimming hole & waterfall. Helga now has had some throat.

June 17 Saturday

Day 7

5:05 am Wake up. Rafted 1/3 of the way on beach; water dropped. 7:40 On the water. Shinnemu Rapid 8' drop Dat 10 miles Rapid ②, Hakatai 8' drop Dat 11 miles Wallenberg Rapid 15' drop ⑦ 112 1/2 miles Rapid ④ Rained Tuna ⑥ at 113 miles.

Cleve, Chawn at 116 1/2 miles. Short hike to a beautiful waterfall back in the canyon. TOR, DIANA, STEVE + MIKE jump off 20' cliff into river. Diana & Jack also dove in. 0802411

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Greasy & cold clear water back there.
Left at 10:15 am. 119 Mile Rapid (3)
Blacktail Rapid (3) 122 Mile Rapid (2)
Spotted Rapid (2), Social Rapid 15' (3) Parley
Rock (2), 127 Mile Rapid (3), 128 Mile Rapid (3),
Specter 4' drop (2) about Bedrock 15' (3)
because of the rocks. (129 miles) Pam
had Chris & Karen on his raft - went
too far left & hit the rocks. No one
hurt, but the girls were nude with
him anymore. The present Dubendorff
15' drop (3) GREAT!

Camp at 2:30 pm after Dubendorff.
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 & Tom have cooking duty.

OARS Camp over the hill promises
some of them hike back to the waterfall
also. Diana hiked another mile & found
a second waterfall. This waterfall
much less. Tom brought a cooler of
beer. Shelly a jug of wine & Bill
brought a tray full of sodas. Li Col.
Shady & Tom with a greasy back to
sit on. Likely go back to a junction, 107°
Campsite so we all stay here for a
while drinking wine out of a beer
can & staying cool. TOO MUCH to drink.
Chicken Chop Suey for dinner. GREAT.
Pam is a wonderful cook (pre-cooked

(10) by her) Tor & Diana prepare a campfire, music and puppet, helping back rubs.

6/12 Sunday

Day 8

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

Lots of hugs for all the dads. Sam was 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 Cleaning up & busting Camp. Rafted 50' up on the beach. Rafted 2 miles down & pitch camp at Tapete Creek at 9AM. Started on hike to waterfall at 10:30 w/Rolf, Bob, Chris & Karen. Up, up, up. Shelsley joins us. Climb, climb 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 video, Karen takes snaps. 30'-40' wide, just water. We sit in the shade very near & feel the spray. Sound so thunderous. It's heaven. If do not feel like going back, Chris gives the falls to Bob for Father's Day. She accepts! Half an hour later,

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Diane, Tor, Cindy & Mike made it to see
the only buck there is!! You guys that
hiking once in a while he had to grab
Diane's ponytail & tell her to slow
down or he'd kill her!! Run out
of steam before we decided to take a
group picture. Bobbi never admires
it is a tough hike, but says if he
told me that before we started, no
one would have come on the hike.
Too true. Bobbi is delightful to be with
she is gentle & caring, very handsome
55 years old and completely at home
in this setting. All listen to everything
he has to say and for good reason. The
entire Andresen family is wonderful. Jeff
started helping 12-14 years ago with
his son, Tor. Steve also very dynamic
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, refried
beans, tortillas & even quesadillas
for appetizers. No rice & beans today
I think we'll eat late. Wow!

6/19 Monday

Day 9

Wake up at 5 am. Hurray - no sore
muscles!! Hikers are happy to sit
around all day. Some have some

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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/ Cindy & Phil only last night & this morning. I packed up our camp.

Bob taking pack today with Ginger & Chris. We go with Diana on back raft.

Late start 8:22 on the water.

We pass Christmas tree Cave at mile 135 1/2. Deer Falls at 9:15 am. Beautiful waterfall that can be seen from the river. 3 minute walk to beneath the falls. Greenery growing all around the red rock. 15 Rafts tied up at this falls. MGS - CHRS & other private parties?

(Garbage on Tom's raft in pipe)
Couple of good rapids coming up today. Fish tail Rapid at 139 mile. Only memorable because Vree flipped his raft here last year. All ok.

UPSET RAPID AT 150 MILE 15' drop

1:15 pm Counting this one. Diana, Bob, Tom & I. Please remember that this one can be nasty. Here we go! Tom's raft first through. - Best ride yet! Then I took back between bailing & see Bob's raft w/ Ginger, Chris, Bob & Phil flip 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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Heard until saw 4 people in the water.
A minute later at the bottom of the rapid,
stone raft sliced over with other same
shelley. Now we have 7 people in the
H° water - Shelves. Mike picks up Ann
Chris is thrown clear of raft, went
down in a hole, came up & swim like
hell for shore. Give you to help stone
raft. See go for Bob's raft. By now, Bob
has helped pull the ginger onto the
bottom of raft. We catch them & float
down with them to a safe spot to
turn the raft over. Co-operation
all around & all are safe.

Camp at Ledges campground. All
rock ledges - different levels. Nice.
All aware at what has happened & what
the river has in store for us next. Some
have gone, Shelves & Ledges are buried.
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,
Cathy & Tom. Rotten job, but no more
odor to the garbage.

No tent rights sleep yet. Ledges
hold the heat. No tents have been
used for a few nights now. Everyone
sleep beneath the stars. No freeze.

Music playing much of the time.
All Rides. - John Fogerty & CCR. Is the
Grand Canyon Suite. In between we
have golden oldies, Robyn Williams,

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Mercy, Bruce, Reggae, Robert Palmer,
Springsteen, Eagles, & the Traveling Wilburys.

6/20 Tuesday

Day 10

Wake up time as usual around 5 am. Wonderful time of day - cool & comfortable. Only going a few ($4\frac{1}{2}$) miles to Havasu Creek & spend most of the day there.

Since I plan to hike a short ways down by the creek. Spent a few cooking duty last night & this morning. Start out on water at 7:38 am. Arrived at Havasu Creek at 9:25. Many boats tied up here. Big ones & small ones. TRIFIC 4WD. OHV's jeep are great. Commercial dock men give us free lettuce, tomatoes, cucumbers, grapefruit, zucchini & carrots.

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

Jack lost his last 7 eggs in water rapidly when the raft flipped. Next to no beer left - only a few privately stacked beers here & there.

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

Went and took care today. Chris & Bill cook - Karen helps her dad. They cook from pre-cooked meal - beef over Noodles, fresh salad & canned fruit & more Dose cookies. Bill has

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such a sweet took - look for the coffee - with
fixed hair never by. He hates pitcher
Matty & tries to drag the girls into doing
dishes for him - makes us all laugh. Y'all
guys!

A small, baby, hummingbird landed on
Stan's hand attracted by his hat that
stayed to be a spoon of some peach
juice. All took pictures. Also one today
on Jack's shoulder today attracted by
the red inset on his shoulder.

6/21 Wednesday

Day 11

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

Start out at 7:30 on water. Lots of
rapids & riffles all day. Java falls will
beat end of day. Diana now has
sore throat & fever. Everyone
apprehensive. About Java falls 37 drop
Rated (10) Biggest (along with Crystal) Rapid
on the River finger & I am decide to
walk around it. Jack & I plan to
fish with Bob.

Plans change. Diana meets we
change place. She goes with Jack &
Bob. I go with Melody on Tom's
raft. We are first through Great
Ride! All make it but Stan who
was alone in his raft. The middle
most of the way in the winter, having

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

Jack caught 2 large catfish - we skinned & fried them along with our Chile lime Chili E fish delicious.

Around 3:30 pm sand storm much as we never seen before starts & goes on all night. Finally stops blowing at 6:50 am. Caked with sand. Jack's Prairie phone full of sand. So are our cars, nose, etc. 6/33 Thursday Day 13

7:45 start on water. We are at mile 180 E must go to 198 1/2 for camp tonite. No rapids over a CD today but many small ones & ripples to move us along. Bob, Ginger, Jackie & on raft. Diana enjoying the kayak. Doing real well even though Billie

Andresen all due to be with Ulvae invited us on his boat for a cocktail last night. Vodka & Tang. Good. Ulvae is an odd has a very up nature. Enjoyed everything and everyone — always smiling. What a great smile. Has exceptionally beautiful wife.

Nickel with the magic hands — 32 years old, very athletic — great body, but most of all his personality is wonderful. Always giving everyone pats on the back. Not hard to be with.

Jane, 21 years of age, quiet with a good sense of humor, nice and very capable. Then - as I said before - what guy, young enough to be a teacher. Everyone likes her judgment on the latter. Karen is quiet, beautiful, forward 22 years old & going to bed soon.

Michael came to dinner last night dressed in white button-down shirt, pick tie (plastic), glasses & jacket. What a guy!

Bike Captain flew in right by me to pick up & take out a com. trip of people. Handed over a cool clock like a hand) fine and free & minute.

On phone yesterday. Also some big house sheep.

You could consider the entire trip almost bug free. Only represented but never bothered us or the food, only saw 1 spider the whole trip, perhaps, a few gnats & flies, but not bad.

Now, scenery changing just slightly. More open field, more greenery, less red rock & slightly lower altitude. Not too far to go. Camp at Spring Canyon, Mile 24^{1/2}. Very nice camp with some bushes & shade. We all nap to make up for our bad night sleep in the last storm. Bob & Camille took to ride. Most fresh ever sweet mandarin oranges. Really impressed with Sam's pre-cooked meals.

6/33 Friday

Day 13

Taking it easy today. 15 heatpts at 8am. 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. Jim, Lucy & our family already. Melney & tall girl Vicki - pretty lady 16 yrs. Her son will attend Sonoma College in the fall.

205 Mile Rapid (Kob) 13' drop ①

209 Mile Rapid ①

Little Bacteria Rapid ③ at 212 miles. Michael in real trouble here. Playing in his kayak in the hole (spurting) & then could not get out. I fell thru so him 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. HENRY WILDS against us. Steve & Cindy cooked up a great meal. Last night of camp - SATURDAY NIGHT. Bought 3 cases of beer from P&G \$65.

Started on Vaseline Tug & Volka before dinner. Walked over to next camp & partied with private raft group after dinner. Guitar

and harmonica player - Dan Abby song - made up rhymes about the mishaps of the trip. I tain the pair of the weasel with his 2 he were rhymed. He fell over the raft he was sitting on backwards - feet sticking up in the air. Peter ones helped Dan Abby back to camp - good time was had by all.

6/24 Saturday Dry 1°

Show moving today 7:45 on River Lake but only 3 miles away had to think of parting. We had the best time ever - nobody got again any time.

A few ruffles, a Dea (4) and we see Diamond Rock - crossed the head of down a ways in THE CDT at Diamond Creek. 9:00 am we're at 9:40 all left out of water have to wait till noon for trailer. Max & Marcus here waiting with a cooler full of fruit & drinks for everyone. Diana & Marcus happy to see each other (understated) we flew in from San Francisco to Flagstaff & rented a station wagon - what a guy!

Chris has not eaten much today because she's so excited about seeing John again. Chris is wonderful fun to be with. Everyone loves her.

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

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Celebration) Carpenter's Woodchit Little River
at the Reddington's Called "Black Rock" workings.
Large wood pile here are black charred
wood piles - back track to Williamsburg
again.

Hawkins' presented me a sample box -
his collection will be clean selected.

Collected some at Newelton
Caledonia - all cut. Clean & white.
Clean perfect - houses - good to be eaten.
Good B's

Hope to see everyone again at the
Bellary's Party like we shall all see
the same changes of rock collection.

Good luck to you