

## **Climbing Trip Log**

August 2003

### **West Virginia, Kaymoor Wall**

Sport Climbing

- *The Rico Suave Arête(5.10a)*
- *Flight of the Gumbie(5.9)*
  - Chris Berquist and I drove out to West Virginia to climb at Kaymoor Wall behind Roger's camp ground. We climbed the first day; however showers rolled in and killed the rest of the weekend.

September 2003

### **West Virginia, Summersville**

Sport Climbing

- *Jeff's Bunny Hop(5.8)*
- *Sniff the Drill(5.8)*
- *That Eight(5.7)*
- *Hippie Dreams(5.8)*
- *Fabulous Groupies(5.9)*
- *Souled Out(5.9)*
- *Chunko Goes Bowling(5.9)*
  - My good friend and former colleague at the Virginia Beach Rock Gym, Anna Cummings and I left on Friday after classes and headed out to spend the weekend climbing. On Saturday we started climbing at Narcissus Cave. We climbed on 3 routes all day until I topped out for the last run on *That Eight* as night fell. We then hiked out in the dark. On Sunday we trekked to the Orange Oswald Wall after warming up on *That Eight*.

July 2004

### **West Virginia, Kaymoor Wall**

Sport Climbing

- *Sand in My Crack(5.7)*
- *Rico Suave(5.10a)*
- *Jumpin' Ring Snakes(5.9)*
- *Flight of the Gumbie(5.9)*
  - My roommate Sam Shinault, Chris Berquist and I headed out to Roger's camp ground in West Virginia for some climbing and mountain biking. We got there early on the first day and headed out to a cove in Summersville to do some deep water soloing. The cliffs ranged from 65 feet to 30 feet and the water depths were deeper than I could tell. We climbed and swam all day. The weather was phenomenal. We mountain biked the second day. On the third day we headed to Kaymoor Wall, warmed up, then hiked down to the Butcher Branch Wall.

September 2004

**North Carolina, Stone Mountain**

Multi-pitch, Traditional

- *The Great Arch(5.5) 4 pitches*
  - Invited to go climb Stone Mountain in North Carolina with Mike Jones. Mike lead trad all 4 pitches I was his second and cleaned the route.

October 2004

**West Virginia, Endless Wall**

Sport Climbing

- *Fool Effect (5.9)*
- *Upheaval (5.9)*
- *Total-E-Clips (5.8)*
- *Rat's Alley (5.7)*
  - Drove to West Virginia with Anna Cummings to sport climb at Endless wall for a day. We arrived early and made the hike down the trail, down the ladders, over the talus field and around the bend to arrive to Kaymoor Slabs.

November 2004

**West Virginia, Sandstonia**

Sport Climbing

- *Shady Lady(5.7)*
- *Bobby D's Bunny(5.6)*
- *Assman(5.8)*
- *Butterfly Flake(5.7)*
- *Plumber's Crack(5.6)*
- *Celtic Sun(5.9+)*
  - Trip to West Virginia to climb an area called Tattoo Wall in Sandstonia. The approach was straight down the side of a hill, very unstable and lots of loss dirt and some talus. The rock was a little shady in areas, however very underrated as far as quality and popularity.

April 2005

**Arkansas, Horseshoe Canyon Ranch**

Sport Climbing

- *Montezuma's Revenge(5.8)*
- *The Man in Black(5.7)*
- *Comotus (5.10)*
- *Fat Bastard (5.10)*
- *Stem Cell Research (5.9)*
- *Count Chalkula (5.9+)*
- *The Greatest Show on Earth (5.8+)*
- *Lamb Chops (5.10a)*

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### Arkansas, Horseshoe Canyon Ranch continued

#### Traditional Climbing

- *Warthog (5.8?)*
- *Up Yours Ashcroft (5.7 trad)*
- *Guide Route 1(5.4 trad)*
- *Guide Route 2(5.4 trad)*
  - Drove to Arkansas with Dave Goodman, Eva Graves, Nate Clark, Susanne Pickett, Brian Childers, Angie Roberts and Grant Machamer. It was the RU Outdoors spring break trip. We climbed at an area called Horseshoe Canyon Ranch. I lead my first trad climb at the Roman Wall. I also bouldered a considerable amount below many of the climbs: Elf's Hat Boulder, Gritstone Boulder and other various unnamed boulders.

June 2005-August 2005

### California, Owen River Gorge

#### Sport Climbing

- *Give Away (5.9)*
- *Corporal Clinger (5.10a)*
- *Drill Sergeant (5.8)*
- *Love of Jesus (5.10a)*
- *Pretty in Pink (5.10b)*
- *Stardate (5.9)*
- *Clip Jockey's (5.9)*
- *Destiny(5.11b)*
- *Don't make me laugh (5.9)*

#### Top Rope

- *Brewtalized (5.12c)*

August 2005

### California, Clarks Canyon

#### Sport Climbing

- *Maltese Falcon (5.12b)*

July 2005

### California, Half Dome Mountain

#### Multi-pitch, Traditional Climbing

- *Snake Dike (5.7) 8 pitches*
  - Lived in Mammoth Lakes, California where I bouldered and sport climbed with Jeff Gartzky Johnny Harrington, Joey Choochi and our Swiss/German friend Andy. Went to areas such as the Buttermilk's boulder field in Bishop, CA and climbed there on numerous occasions. Other bouldering areas I climbed were Bachar Boulder's in Mammoth Lakes. At Bachar I climbed on *Like A Virgin (V2)* and a copious amount of other routes however I do not know the names or grades. Another climbing site I frequented was Clark Canyon where I climbed numerous

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routes with no guide; most routes ranged between 5.8 and 5.11 however the one notable route I did find later in a guide book. This route is thus far the pinnacle of my climbing career. Climbing Half Dome was also an amazing experience. The last couple hundred feet is all unprotected 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> class friction; it was a little unnerving to say the least.

Septmeber 2005

### West Virginia, Endless Wall

Sport Climbing

- *Fool Effect* (5.9)
- *Upheaval* (5.9)
- *Total-E-Clips* (5.8)
  - A week after my birthday we took another trip to Endless Wall in West Virginia, which ended tragically, with my friend Anna Cummings and Adam Webb. Went to Kaymoor Slabs and sport climbed. During this trip however I was going for a reachy move on *Upheaval* trying another way to move through the crux. My fingers peeled and I took a whipper of about 15 feet fracturing my right tibia. Happy Birthday!!

April 2006

### Arizona, Cochise Stronghold

Sport Climbing

- *unknown* (5.7)
- *unknown* (5.8)
- *unknown 2* (5.8)
  - My first climbing trip after my fall... it was very hard to get over the mental aspect of climbing and knowing the consequences of climbing/pushing your limits... Another RU Outdoors spring break trip. The first route I got on was on Owl Rock and was rated around 5.8 or 5.9. I didn't make it past the second bolt... I talked, thought and freaked myself out of it. It wasn't until the 3<sup>rd</sup> day that I got back into my groove and flow. I sport lead 3 routes on the West Side of the Cochise. On the east side I helped teach some traditional technique to Ryan Wines and Owen Tracy. I laced up a fairly easy crack that we found, I do not know the name and then the 2 mock lead the route to learn more about gear placement.

May 2006

### North Carolina, Halloween Wall

Multi-pitch, Sport Climbing

- *Unknown* (5.6) 4 pitches
  - I had been out for a good couple weeks on the Wilderness Institute and it was now time for our rock climbing section in the Pisgah National Forest. I lead my first multi-pitch climb on Halloween Wall. I Also sport climbed and TR climbed a few other routes however the names and grades I do not know.

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June 2006- August 2006

### **West Virginia, Bozoo**

Sport Climbing

- *Barking Spider (5.9)*
  - Worked for Camp Roanoke in Salem, VA as their Recreation Technician. I helped staff learn to manage top-rope climbing sites as well as how to set up top rope sites for the campers during the summer. I set up many top rope climbs all throughout the summer. The area's we used were Bozoo, West Virginia and Goeshen, VA.

September 22-24, 2006

### **North Carolina, Pilot Mountain**

Top Rope Climbing

- Assisted Owen Tracy in leading a climbing trip for RU Outdoors to Pilot Mountain to climb for the weekend. Unfortunately due to rain we were only able to climb one day. Owen and I set up 4 top rope climbs that we belayed the 6 participants on for most of Saturday. The climbs were no harder than 5.9, but we did not actually know the specifics about the routes.

February 7-8, 2007

### **Colorado, Loch Vale**

Ice Climbing

- Climbed for 2 days on 2 different locations at Loch Vale. The first of which we set up 3 top ropes and climbed most of the day. The second day we climbed a little further down the trail for the entire day on five different climbs. The second day was incredible climbing. The routes ranged from WI 2 to WI 4 and were between 30 and 65 feet. My forearms were spent by the end of the second day, but I'm hooked on a new sport. This was possibly the coolest climbing I have ever done... possibly.