

Colvin Crew Meeting Minutes
January 10, 2013, NYSAPLS Conference,
The Springs Restaurant, City Conference Center, Saratoga Springs, N.Y.

The following members were present:

Jim Jennings, Carolyn Wiggin, Art Carpenter, C. Donald Carpenter, Jim Schaller, Howard Wyman, Jim Vianna, Richard Bennett, George Butts, Ray Liuzzo

Also present was Bert Winne III.

Jim Vianna called the meeting to order at 7:10 a.m.

Superintendent's Report: Jim Vianna

1. Due to most of the crew going "berrying" the night before and not in attendance this morning, a full report of the compass drive is not available, nor is the compass available for inspection. Future meetings will be held at a later time in the day to maximize attendance.
2. A status update was given on Bill Killon's Colvin documentary. Bill is putting forth a great effort and we are anxiously awaiting the final cut. Discussion was held on a possible crew preview and where that would be best accomplished.
3. Jim would like to see a complete set of Colvin's reports donated to the crew for display alongside the Colvin compass in the Ranger School historical room. Steve Peterson has donated Colvin's third-seventh report for the years 1874-1879 to the crew. This edition is in good shape with all maps present. George Butts will contact Don Wilson to see if he is interested in helping in this endeavor.

New Business:

1. Bert Winnie III introduced himself and became the newest member of the "crew". Bert mentioned that he has a number of the final maps Colvin prepared showing the location of his level line between Northville and Wells along Rt. 30 and suggested this may be a good recovery. He also made the use of his nearby cabin as a base of operations. **Welcome aboard Bert.**
2. Upcoming trips: Last weekend in April or first weekend in May. Location to be determined. Summer time, possibly a two day trip to Lake Pleasant and Rt. 30 between Wells and Northville.
3. Jim Schaller presented a copy of an 1877 letter from Colvin to Durrant concerning the height of Gore Mtn. as obtained from barometrical observations. Jim obtained this letter at an Albany Chapter of the ADK presentation he recently gave. After his presentation, Jim was surprised by the daughter and granddaughter of Percy Morgan introducing themselves to him. Percy Morgan was on one of Colvin's crews in the 1890's and his exploits are detailed by fellow crew member Norm Van Valkenburgh's in his book entitled "On the Adirondack Survey with Verplanck Colvin: The Diaries of Percy Reese Morgan".

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
James Vianna
Superintendent,
Colvin Crew