

**RETRO - RECOVERY REPORTS  
SUMMARY, CONCLUSION & DEDICATION**



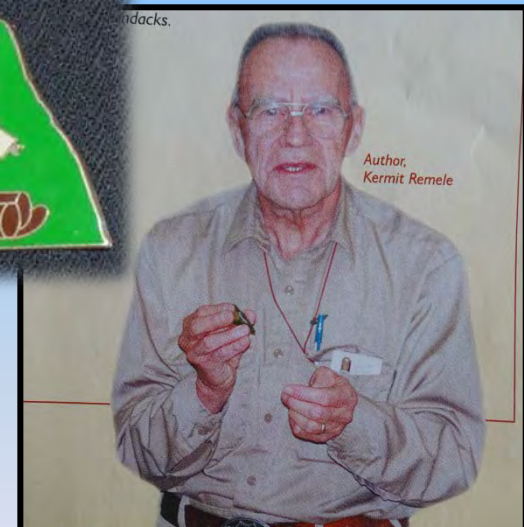
Colvin Crew Supt. Kerm Remele - at the dedication of the new **Historical Marker** on Western Avenue , Albany, New York - May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2006  
" THE ELMS " - Home of Verplanck Colvin - Surveyor of the Adirondack Wilderness and State Lands - from 1872 to 1900. Champion of the N. Y. Forest Preserve.

**Colvin Crew Supt. - Kermit Evans Remele**  
Nov. 24, 1923 - Aug. 24, 2006  
N.Y.S. Ranger School - Class of 1943 , WW-II Veteran ,  
B.S. - College of Forestry - Syracuse , 1949  
Master Degree in Forestry - Univ. of Michigan , 1952  
Careers as a Forester with the N.Y.S. Conservation Department ,  
and for the International Paper Company.  
Sailor , Pilot , Forester , Surveyor, Family man ,  
Professor at the N.Y.S. Ranger School from c. 1961 - 1991 , and -  
**Colvin Crew Superintendent** from 1997 - 2006

*" ...with a prayer for lightness of foot ,  
and sharpness of eye ,*

*I pledge allegiance to the STAN HELIO  
of the Colvin Crew of the Adirondacks ,  
and to the precision for which it stands .*

*Each peaked Station under Heaven's protection  
- with chi - square resolution for all "*  
*( Onward & Upward ... )*  
*- Kerm Remele, 1997*



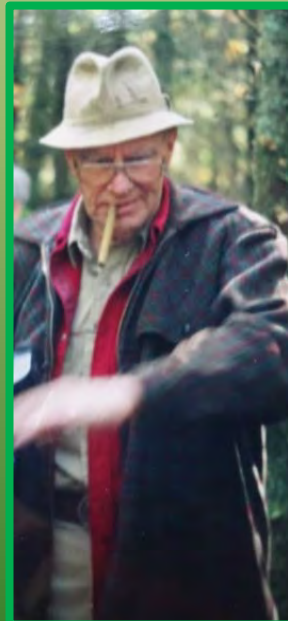
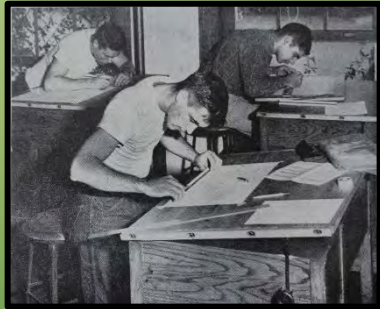
**Kerm Remele** - in the Mar. - Apr. 2001 issue of the **Professional Surveyor** magazine - in which he authored an article on "Verplanck Colvin - Adirondack Surveyor "



CRANBERRY LAKE, N.Y.  
 Kermit Evans Remele  
 (Kerm), 82, of Cranberry  
 Lake, passed away quietly  
 at home on Thursday, August 24,  
 2006. Born November 24, 1923 in Syracuse, he  
 was the oldest of three sons born to Harry and  
 Gladys (Spicer) Remele. He is survived by his wife  
 Mary Ann and three sons, Walter and wife Susan  
 of Wasilla, Alaska, Keenan and wife Jody of  
 Palmer, Alaska and Jim and wife Breese of  
 Lakeside, Calif. He is also survived by a stepson,  
 Charles Martin of Waxhaw, N.C. and a  
 stepdaughter, Laura Martin of Concord, Calif.

... excerpts from the *Obituary*, and *Guest Book* for  
*Kerm Remele* - in the Albany, N.Y. Times Union :

Who among us will ever forget the mental image we all have of this man up in front of his class? That hawkish steely eyed look. The hardened square jaw bone locked in place. Eye brows that sent signals of their own. And that low deep sort of growling hum he often made that you could hear even if you were in the back row. It's easy to see him now, standing in the Red Pines, one of his boots perched up on a log, lighting up one of these rotten cheap cigars and saying, "Smokem if ya got em". Today is August 29th and they'll be holding a special service for Mr. Remele on the Ranger School campus. We all would like to be there of course. This evening, fittingly in the pouring rain, I plan on walking out my back door and strolling into the woods behind our home. And in the solitude of the woods I'll light up a "decent" cigar and say his words, out loud, and do it with the gusto and passion that Remele tried to teach us all.  
**Jim Vreeland (Union Springs, NY)**



Classroom and field exercises  
 at the N.Y.S. Ranger School  
 (from a 1966 Ranger School  
 Booklet )

Kerm on  
 Gore Mountain  
 " Smoke 'em if  
 ya got 'em "

We mostly knew Kerm Remele on the trails ,  
 or , on the Adirondack Mountain peaks he loved so much –  
 while in search of  
 Verplanck Colvin's Adirondack Survey Station Bolts.  
 But, in the several *Colvin Crew meetings* he presided over ,  
 we saw the dedication, and enthusiasm he exhibited  
 to his class members at the Ranger School ,  
 as is so well related - above !  
 - Jim Schaller - COLVIN CREW

**Colvin Crew  
Recoveries**

**No. 1 to 14  
& 8 - A**

**Retro - Reports**

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**Respectfully  
Submitted**

and, in Memory of the  
Colvin Crew's  
1<sup>st</sup> Superintendent  
( from 1997 to 2006 )  
**KERM REMELE**

by - Jim Schaller  
COLVIN CREW ~ 2019



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**Summary - and Conclusion**

*The pages in the Colvin Crew Albums were too large to scan,  
and the photos are in thick plastic sleeves.*

*And , some of the material contained in them was very similar , or  
duplicates of what I already had. So, I used my digital camera  
to take close - up photos of what was pertinent for the 14 (+1)  
original Recoveries. As mentioned -  
all information still available - was used.*

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**In Appreciation , and Special Thanks to -**

**Mike Webb , Gail Simmons , and Michael Bridgen**

*of the Ranger School – for their help, and communication  
In procuring the Colvin Crew albums.*

**Larry Rathman – (retired from the Ranger School) who sent me a large  
packet of Kerm Remels's papers , reports , maps , and  
related Colvin items ( now added to the Crew's albums ).**

**Randy Paquin – who got the Colvin Crew's two albums at the  
Ranger School, and delivered them to me.**

**Jim Vianna – who puts the Past Recoveries " to life" on the  
Colvin Crew 's website.**

**and a special "Retro - Thanks" to the N.Y.S. Forest Rangers who help lead ,  
or accompanied us on a few of the Recoveries – incl. :  
Bernie Siskavich , John Scanlon , Marty Candee , and Joe Kennedy .**

- Jim Schaller , 2019