



The Pioneer's Club Newsletter

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Rochester Picnic

The Pioneers Picnic will be here before you know it. So don't procrastinate, get your ticket now!!!

We send out electronic notifications to all the individuals we have email address for. We get a mailing list from RG&E of all retirees and send them a post card if they don't have an email address with us.

What this means is that if you have an email address and get a post card, we don't have you email address (actually you shouldn't be getting this newsletter either.)

The postcard says:

2013 RG&E Pioneer's Picnic

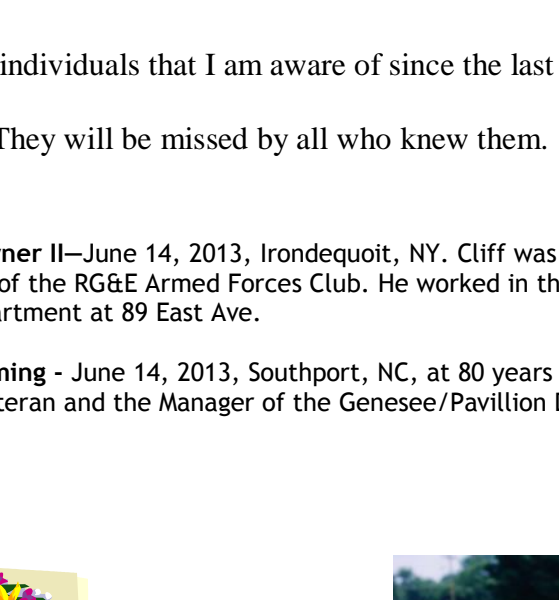
The annual picnic for the "Pioneers of RG&E" will be held on **Thursday, August 1, 2013 at the Barnard Exempt Party House, 360 Maiden Lane from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM with food available from 12:30 PM to 2:00 PM.**

The cost is \$15 per person. Refreshments may be purchased at the bar. Information is available on the web at ThePioneersClub.org under "Coming Events", or from Arnie Stockslader, at (585) 544-1789.

Payment in advance by check. Please send a check for \$15 per person, made out to "Pioneers of RG&E", to 131 LeGran Rd, Rochester, NY 14617-3425 by Thursday, July 18, 2013. Please provide us your E-Mail to save on future postage!

Please notice that Arnie was able to get the cost reduced this year (OK, so it's only a dollar, but that's better than a "stick in the eye.")

The menu is the same as previous years, Hots, Hamburgs, Chicken, and all the sides. We hope to see you there.



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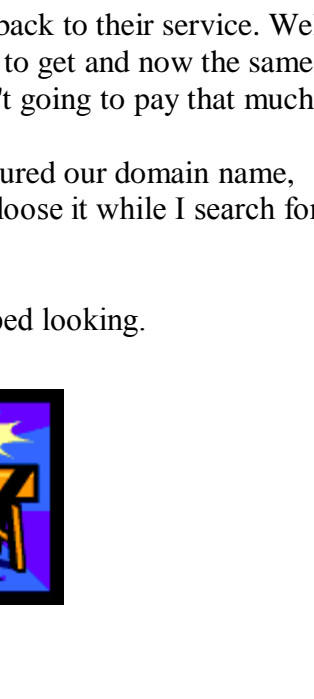
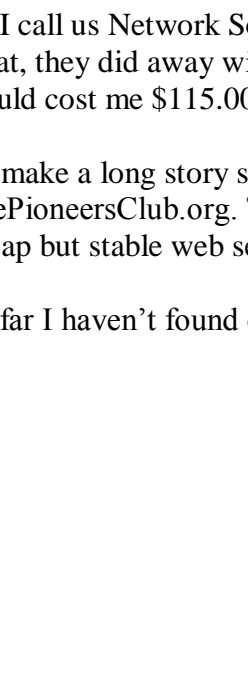
Obituary Page

We lost two individuals that I am aware of since the last newsletter.

They will be missed by all who knew them.

Clifford N. Hayner II - June 14, 2013, Irondequoit, NY. Cliff was a navy veteran and a member of the RG&E Armed Forces Club. He worked in the Residential Marketing Department at 89 East Ave.

William J. Fleming - June 14, 2013, Southport, NC, at 80 years of age. He was a Korean War Veteran and the Manager of the Genesee/Pavillion District.



Web Site

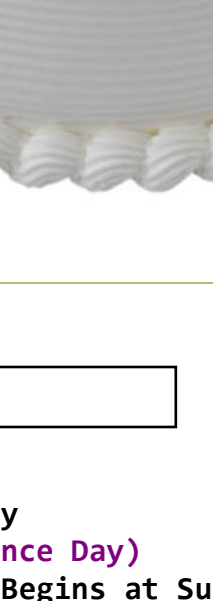
The Pioneers Club Web Site is temporarily on vacation.

Now here's what happened. A couple our years ago, I moved the site from Network Solutions to Go Daddy!. This year when I got the bill the cost had gone from around \$40.00 a year to \$80.00 a year!!! They weren't worth that much money

So I call us Network Solutions about moving back to their service. Well guess what, they did away with the cheat rate I used to get and now the same thing would cost me \$115.00 annually. Well I wasn't going to pay that much either.

To make a long story short, I made sure I captured our domain name, ThePioneersClub.org. That way we wouldn't loose it while I search for a cheap but stable web service to host our site.

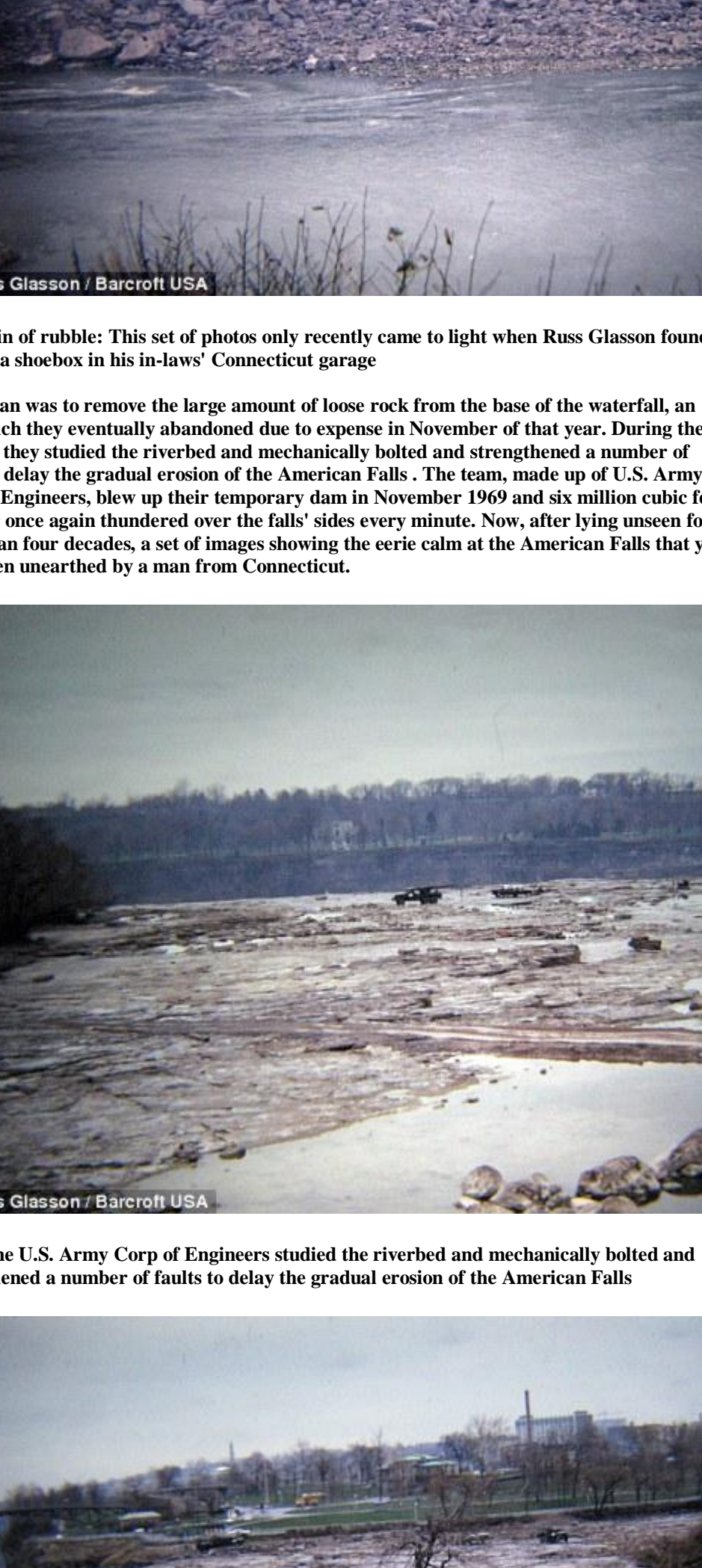
So far I haven't found one, but I haven't stopped looking.



July Birthdays

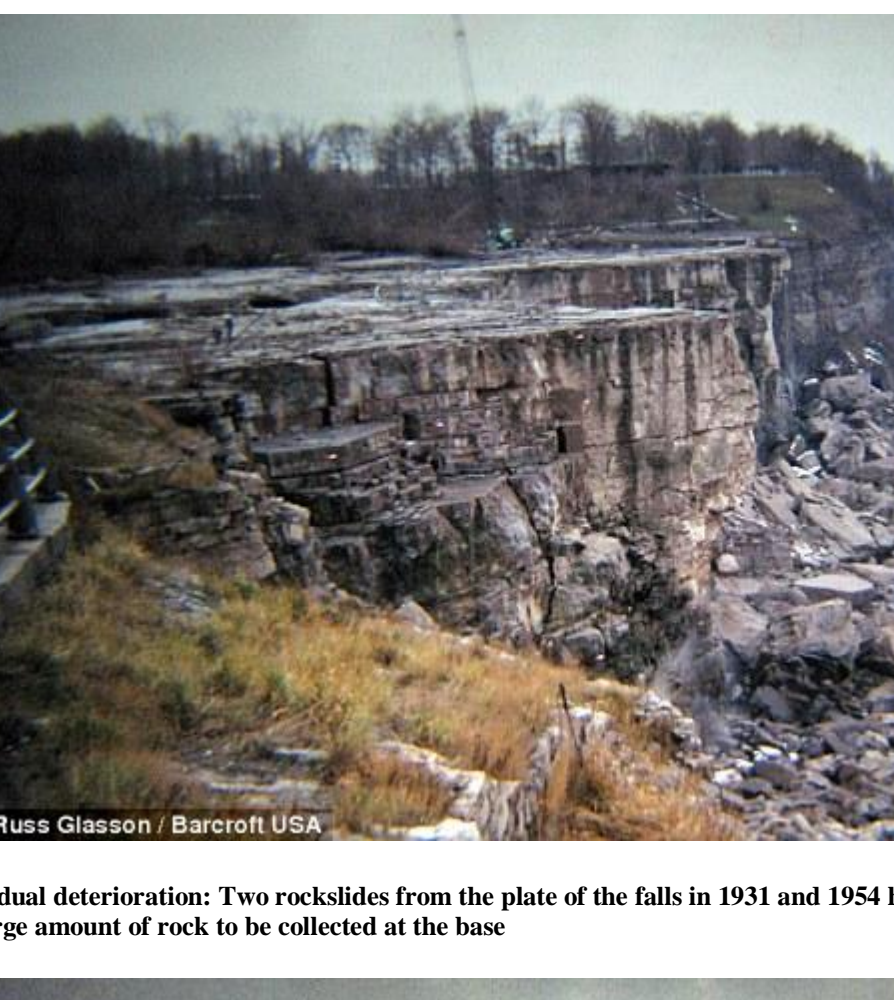
Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial	Birthday
ALEXANDER	THOMAS	L	10-Jul-
Brown	Gary		15-Jul-
FINK	CLARENCE	H.	26-Jul-
GATES	CHARLES	D.	08-Jul-
GENT	DENNIS	R.	22-Jul-
Killian	Richard		14-Jul-
Marshall-Parker	Loretta	M	22-Jul-
Meng	John	E.	19-Jul-
MITCHELL	WILLIAM	A.	22-Jul-
Schreiber	Scott	W.	26-Jul-
Smith	Roger	J	29-Jul-
STEIN	WILLIAM	G.	23-Jul-
Trost	Jeff		22-Jul-
Vragel	Joan	E	05-Jul-

To the June Babies, I offer an apology to those who I missed last month.



July Events

- July 1st - Canada Day
- June 4th - Independence Day
- June 9th - Ramadan (Begins at Sundown)
- June 15th - Ocean Day (Japan)
- June 21th - First Day of Summer
- June 24th - St Jean Baptiste Day (Quebec)

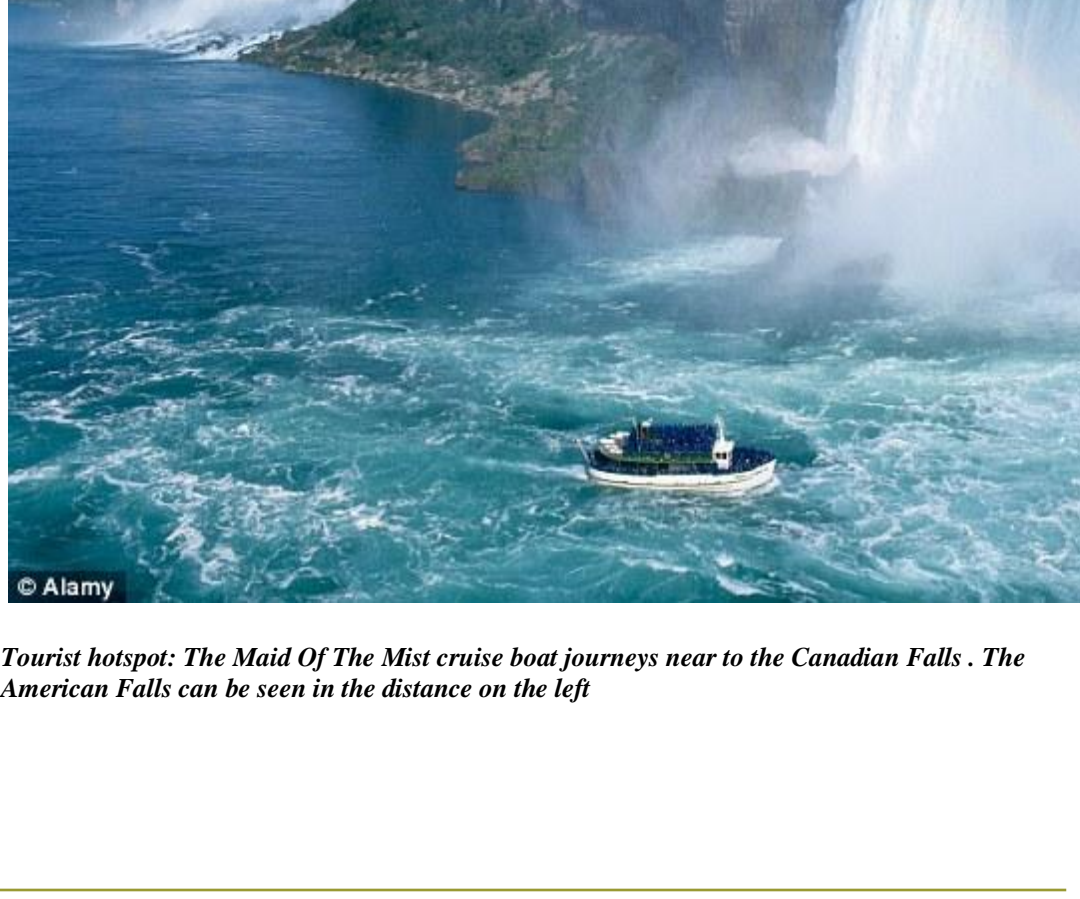


Niagara Falls Without The Water

It's taken 41 years, but a previously unseen set of photos of the mighty Niagara Falls reduced to nothing more than a barren cliff-top have finally surfaced. The stark images reveal North America's iconic - and most powerful - waterfall to be almost as dry as a desert. In June 1969, U.S. engineers diverted the flow of the Niagara River away from the American side of the falls for several months.



Stark: A completely dry Niagara Falls has never been seen before or since the six months in July 1969 when U.S. engineers set about restructuring the American side of the twin landmark



Mountain of rubble: This set of photos only recently came to light when Russ Glasson found them in a shoebox in his in-laws' Connecticut garage

Their plan was to remove the large amount of rock from the base of the waterfall, an idea which they eventually abandoned due to expense in November of that year. During the interim, they studied the riverbed and mechanically bolted and strengthened a number of faults to delay the gradual erosion of the American Falls. The team, made up of U.S. Army Corp of Engineers, blew up their temporary dam in November 1969 and six million cubic feet of water once again thundered over the falls' sides every minute. Now, after lying unseen for more than four decades, a set of images showing the eerie calm at the American Falls that year have been unearthed by a man from Connecticut.

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Historical moment: In order to stop the Niagara River running over the American Falls, engineers constructed a dam consisting of 27,800 tons of rock, stopping the water for the first time in 12,000 years

Russ Glasson recently stumbled across the pictures, which were taken by his in-laws, and had been left in an old shoebox during their garage for over four decades. Mr. Glasson said: 'My in-laws took these pictures during the six months through June to November that the Army was working to improve the health of the American Falls. Two rockslides from the plate of the falls in 1931 and 1954 had caused a large amount of rock to be collected at the base. In 1965, reporters at local newspaper Niagara Falls Gazette revealed that the America Falls would eventually cease to flow and stop altogether if the rocks weren't removed. Four years later, the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers were charged with de-watering the falls to clean the river bed and to remove any loose rock at the bottom of the falls.

Gradual deterioration: Two rockslides from the plate of the falls in 1931 and 1954 had caused a large amount of rock to be collected at the base

Eerie calm: The temporary dam can be seen in the top-right of this photograph

Thunderous: The American Falls as they normally appear, with millions of gallons of water hurtling over the edge every minute

To achieve this the army had to build a 600 ft dam across the Niagara River, which meant that 60,000 gallons of water that flowed ever second was diverted over the larger Horseshoe Falls which flow entirely on the Canadian side of the border. The dam itself consisted of 27,800 tons of rock, and on June 12, 1969, after flowing continuously for over 12,000 years, the American Falls stopped. Over the course of the next six months thousands of visitors flocked to the falls to witness the historic occasion. Once the engineers had removed the collected rocks from the falls base and made geological testing to make safe the rest, the falls were re-watered on November 25 in front of 2,650 onlookers.

Tourist hotspot: The Maid Of The Mist cruise boat journeys near to the Canadian Falls. The American Falls can be seen in the distance on the left

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