

when he was following on Jackie (5.5). (Source: Tom Scheuer, Senior Ranger, Mohonk Preserve)

FALL ON ROCK, WASPS

New York, Shawangunks

On July 27, 1986, a man (21) fell ten meters from Ursula (5.5) in wet conditions while being attacked by wasps. He suffered a compound fracture of one ankle, lacerations, and a possible head injury. (Source: Tom Scheuer, Senior Ranger, Mohonk Preserve)

(Editor's Note: In other critter incidents, one climber was bitten by a snake on top of Three Pines, and another climber received about 40 stings when he climbed into a wasp nest on Fancy Idiot (5.6). Neither fell, and so did not become climbing accident statistics. The snake and wasp population has obviously not decreased here.)

PROTECTION PULLED OUT, FALL TO GROUND

New York, Shawangunks

On August 30, 1986, a man (23) leading Jean (5.9) was being lowered when the highest piece of protection, a nut, pulled. He dropped six meters to the ground, resulting in a possible ankle fracture. (Source: Tom Scheuer, Senior Ranger, Mohonk Preserve)

FALL ON ROCK, PROTECTION PULLED—IMPROPER PLACEMENT

New York, Shawangunks

On October 10, 1986, a man (26) fell three meters from Matinee (5.10+) when all his nuts pulled out due to no directional. He suffered facial lacerations and a possible skull fracture. (Source: Tom Scheuer, Senior Ranger, Mohonk Preserve)

(Editor's Note: No mention is made as to whether the victim was wearing a hard hat. It would appear not.)

FALL ON ROCK, INADEQUATE PROTECTION

New York, Shawangunks

On November 9, 1986, a man (36) fell 20 meters after his protection pulled on Grease Gun Groove (5.6). He fractured his femur. (Source: Tom Scheuer, Senior Ranger, Mohonk Preserve)

(Editor's Note: Of the 23 accidents reported from the Shawangunks this year, 16 happened on less than 5.8 terrain. There were no fatalities here this year.)

LOSS OF CONTROL—RAPPEL, NO BELAY, NO HARD HAT, INEXPERIENCE

North Carolina, Table Rock

On August 16, 1986, a father and two sons were top-roping and rappelling at a popular training area. Their equipment was a few carabiners and some Goldline rope. Seat harnesses were made using Goldline ropes. I observed from about 100 meters east at the