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## Leaving To Venezuela

Posted by Oldtimer - 03/29/2007 11:51am

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I am leaving for Vzla next week for two weeks of rest and relaxation visiting with the family. Bringing my climbing gear to teach and demo to a couple of relatives there. Will be replacing most of the old gear I leave behind after the return. I will be asking for suggestions on a new rope to replace one of my trusty Sportlines. My mother turns 100-years old on April 10 so I do not have any excuse not to go and visit her again probably one last time.

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Posted by Electrojake - 03/29/2007 06:53pm

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You are going to have a great time!  
I am sure that your family will be impressed with your climbing. Please take some pictures of your adventure so you can post a few here on the board.

As for my opinion on replacing the Yale Sportline. . .  
I would consider Sportline akin to climbing dental floss. Try something a little more "comfy" like New England Safety Blue. Especially if you're doing standard DRT.

If you want the madre gordo of climbing line, try some Samson True Blue (12 strand). Once you break it in and it gets a little fluffy, it's like climbing up your living room carpet. Plush!  
The down side. . .  
The stuff weighs a ton and is too fat for most alloy gadgets.  
(opinion questions are always my favorite) ;)

Enjoy your vacation.  
Please take a few pictures.  
Regards,  
-Ej-

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Posted by NickfromWI - 03/29/2007 07:42pm

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Oldtime, pm me or email me [nick@splicesbynick.com](mailto:nick@splicesbynick.com) I am placing an order to Yale and could get you a hank of Blaze! That would be a good comparison to the 7/16th Sportline!

love  
nick

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Posted by Electrojake - 03/29/2007 08:16pm

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Actually, Blaze would be considered fine "upgrade".

BTW, Nick, now that good climbing weather has arrived; I've been working the heck out of those custom spliced bridges I purchased from you a few months ago.  
SWEET!  
They are holding up great. If by summers end I do a burn-through, I'll send it back to you for an autopsy. :D  
Good Stuff, lovin-it!

Gasp! Have I drifted off topic? :o

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Posted by NickfromWI - 03/29/2007 10:02pm

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Maybe you'll need a replacement by the time the Rendezvous rolls by!

love  
nick

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## Another report

Posted by Oldtimer - 04/11/2007 09:49am

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Well, Yesterday was my Mom 100th Year B-day party. All the family got together and had a great time. Since it was at my sisters farm I took the time to inspect a few trees to see potential climbers. Not many big trees here but they will do for the beginners.

Oldtimer reporting from Vzla.

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Posted by NickfromWI - 04/11/2007 12:22pm

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I hope it's going great down there!

I'm working on your new climbing line soon!!!!

love  
nick

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## Heading your way

Posted by tengu - 04/11/2007 01:07pm

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Hi Oldtimer,

I'm heading down to the amazon in a couple of weeks to help set up a tree climbing grove near the Brazil / Venez. border. I'll be off of hwy 144. I don't know where you are but it would be groovy if we could hook up for a climb in the amazon together.

Climb safe and if I don't see you south of the border I'll see ya in the mile high city.

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