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## what did i miss?

Posted by SRT-Tech - 07/04/2007 05:00am

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Posted by moss - 07/04/2007 08:29am

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It's been quiet on the board. Everyone's getting fired up about the Rendezvous, coming up fast.

I was up in Bellingham Washington recently, almost to BC, great trees and land, good coffee too.  
-moss

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Posted by SRT-Tech - 07/04/2007 03:14pm

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yea Bellyham is great, i was down there about 10 years back (when i used to be able to cross the border, LOL)

I have a treejob coming up, a70 foot cedar that has been dead for 5 years. Has to be climbed, cant notch and drop. Should be very interesting climb, did some bore tests and it is still very sound though.....

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Posted by moss - 07/04/2007 03:55pm

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I was impressed with western red cedar, beauty of a tree, some interesting leaners seen in the woods snaking their way up to the light.

So what's your theory? Cedar being rot resistant the roots are still there holding the dead tree steady? I suppose you could rig some support lines as a backup just as long as you didn't nail them chunking down.  
-moss

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Posted by SRT-Tech - 08/11/2007 10:06am

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hello! stepped back in to TCi for a looksee...been doing nothing workwise, sitting on my butt drinking beer, soaking up sun, longboarding. back on the bikes again, pulled out the fleet bult up a replica of a 1890's french "scorcher" bike. Added a few touches of my own. pics soon.

Later.

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Posted by Leon - 08/11/2007 02:55pm

Sounds like a rough life. I guess somebody's gotta do it.

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## Pull testing.

Posted by Treeman - 08/16/2007 10:28pm

Set a rope up high, tie it off at the ground and give it a pull test. Make it ocilate like crazy. This technique saved my life once on a dead oak. Darn thing broke at the base and took out a wood fence but I didn't have to ride it down (as initially intended to piece it out). Or you could just walk away from the job. My favorite excuse for high risk jobs I'm afraid of is that "I don't have the experience". That will stop them dead in their tracks! It is a client's tree right? You didn't let your own personal tree go for 5 years did ya?

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Posted by SRT-Tech - 08/25/2007 11:48pm

hi all, back again, still cycling mad amounts (100kms + a day ont he track bike) and taking er easy.

did a tree removal today, a one year old very dead 80' tall Cypress with a MAMMOTH 4' trunk up to 60', then splitting into 2 x 2' spurs.

limbed it, dropped both tops, then tied off the trunk with the bull line and headed down for lunch.

after lunch made the face cut, got the old man and the uncle to pull the bull rope and then made the backcut. CEEERRACK tIMBER!!!!!! it landed dead on target with a resounding woooooommmmp!!!! Nothing i like more than making that backcut, poundig in the wedge and high tialing it out of there.

dog tired now. off to sleep.

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edit, as for the tthat other 5 year old dead cedar, well, ol momma nature took care of that for me :D i still got paid to make a pile fo firewood thugh.... :D

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Posted by JerseyGirl - 08/26/2007 03:52pm

what type of cycling?

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Posted by SRT-Tech - 08/26/2007 08:30pm

fixed gear. Great for ripping around the city! :)

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Posted by JerseyGirl - 08/26/2007 10:04pm

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bianca baby here - 3 rings strong

hills are my havens

have fun

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Posted by android - 08/27/2007 08:16pm

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bravo to the fixie. i run a 42x15. what's your setup? 30 miles on the fixie is like 50 on the road bike.

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Posted by Electrojake - 08/28/2007 10:36am

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Yeah, I know this is a Rec forum, and not really intended for work-talk but I just wanted to say I enjoyed your discription of the removal of that Cypress.

It's exhilarating to do a "drop" and all goes as planned.

Thanks for the vivid discription, complete with sound effects. ;)

Regards,  
Electrojake

P.S. Cannondale hard-tail lover here!

An F700 that's outfitted to my likings, (specifically to lug my climbing gear into the thorn infested swamps of Jersey looking for that "perfect climber".

-Ej-:)

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Posted by JerseyGirl - 08/28/2007 11:33am

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do they still refer to certain areas are being "PINEY"S"

check out the watchung range for trees

jz

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Posted by Electrojake - 08/28/2007 03:55pm

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Ahh, a completely off-topic thread :D

The Pineys.

The Jersey Devil.

People that have never been south of the Mason-Dixon Line but somehow have developed a southern drawl in their speech.

And my favorite: UFO sightings in cranberry bogs.

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The New Jersey that nobody ever sees. The Pineys.  
Note: Ya gotta go south, then west, to get to the "real" Pineys.

As for the Watchung Reservation and Jersey trees. . .  
I do most of my climbing here in Middlesex County, Spotswood, East Brunswick, Helmeta area.  
I am fortunate to have a 1500 acre reserve a few blocks from my house. It's called a wetlands-aquifer but that's a code word for Swamp, however its got trees so off into the soupy, bug & briar infested swamps I go with GPS in hand.

In the fall I climb The Pequest Wildlife Management Area, (Warren County). Some nice mature hardwoods up there, Poplar, Beech, Oak. Its all on solid rock and earth, not swamps, and no stinking capillar infested pine or Maple, just nice clean hardwoods.

Were you doing much climbing when you were still in Jersey?  
Just Wondering,  
-Ej-

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Posted by JerseyGirl - 08/28/2007 04:50pm

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No i hvae no climbed in nj - i just started to climbin april down here - there is a cemertay in rahway that is allowing climbers in IF you talk to the grounds crew first - the historic one - i lived in Iselin - the cemeraty has great BIG Beech trees - also can you climb at the middlesex college?

deep roots in NJ - 47 years there.

i plan a trip back that way in late october - maybe a planned climb also?

GEE was that a nice clear hello jack of the tread?

maybe SRT can bring it all back

thanks

jz

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Posted by Electrojake - 08/28/2007 07:07pm

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I would imagine there are a lot of places to climb if one was to get involved in the community and go from place to place trying to get legitimate permission. Your success rate might be as good as 50% at the various private facilities and schools.

In my case being able to conveniently climb at my leisure keeps me in the local off-beat tracks of undeveloped woodlands. I feel most comfortable Nina Climbing in wooded areas where the locals are usually doing things just as unsavory as me (but I'm in the trees and they're on the ground).

Rahway? Iselin you say?

I'm Carteret High class of 74.

I am sure that at some point in the last 47 years our paths have crossed.

However, my self indulgent off-topic rants on this forum are legendary so its best we save the details for email and get back to tight saddles, loose Blake's hitches, and dropped biners.

Perhaps in October :)

Regards,  
Electrojake

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