White Water

by Fred Opperman

For all of the guys that have been white water rafting with us the past couple of years, you may want to get the January 1993 issue of "National Geographic", Volume 183, No. 1.

In it is the article, "Roaring Through Earth's Deepest Canyon" by Joe Kane and photographs by Zbigniew Bzdak. Why should we read this? Well, it is an article on Peru's Colca River and one of the 12 people who braved this river is our own river guide from Class VI — Robin Moore.

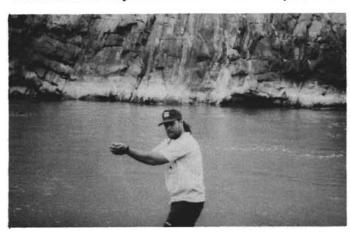
It's a story of a 12 day trip through the Colca canyon, a canyon that puts our Grand Canyon to shame for it is about 3-4 times as high or deep, depending on which way one looks at it. This is only the second time it has been rafted, the first time there was a fatality and the body never was found.

For anyone who has ever rafted with Robin Moore, you come away with deep respect of his knowledge for rafting. To watch him guide the raft so effortlessly at times and then at other times to see him lean out at 180 degrees and push and pull with those magic strokes of his paddle, you know you are in good hands.

A great example of his expertise is just this past trip with us in September. He was taunted that he couldn't flip his boat, well, he didn't flip the boat over, but he did flip out all eight guys in this one rapid and he was the only one who stayed in.



Robin Moore at his first look into the Colca Canyon. Peru



Robin states that this is his first "bonding" with the Colca River.



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