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Update: Brian wrote a short item about this in the [Arizona Geology Newsletter](#).

Traveling down the Colorado River through the Grand Canyon is a total attitude adjustment. I have made five trips down the Canyon. The geology is magnificent with so many processes manifest, varying from [trilobite bioturbation](#) to [lava cascades and dams](#) to [river rapid hydraulics](#). Beautiful [animals](#) and [plants](#) and amazing views of orange-brown cliffs against the blue sky ([for example](#)). Being on river time in the river world is different than the stress of the Rim world. No phones, no email. And, there are the great people with whom you travel. We cannot also forget the Cosmos Club West (founded by Péwé and friends in the 1980s). See Rick Péwé here channeling his father channeling Powell: [picture](#).

I just had my attitude adjusted on a trip organized by Brian Gootee and lead by him and Rick Péwé as a memorial to (as always) John Wesley Powell and Troy L. Péwé—a former ASU Department of Geology professor and with whom I traveled down the canyon in 1996. Troy took me under his wing when I first came to ASU. He shared with me knowledge of the environmental geology of the Valley of the Sun, the Salt River, permafrost and the Pleistocene (he gave a wonderful lecture about baby mammoths a couple of times to my geomorphology course), and of course the Grand Canyon. Troy and his family were also very kind to me.

As usual, we traveled with [Hatch River Expeditions](#). JP Running, Scott Perry, and Simone were our boatpersons. Here is a picture of Troy with Ted Hatch in 1996 (sipping Permafrost cocktails on gravels near Lee's Ferry possibly deposited in a delta at the top of a lava-dammed lake—Toroweap Dam(?)):



Here is my gallery of pictures from this last trip: <http://picasaweb.google.com/jrarrowsmith/GrandCanyonPewePowell2008>

Here is a gallery of a few pictures from earlier trips: http://activetectonics.la.asu.edu/ramon/Images/Grand_Canyon

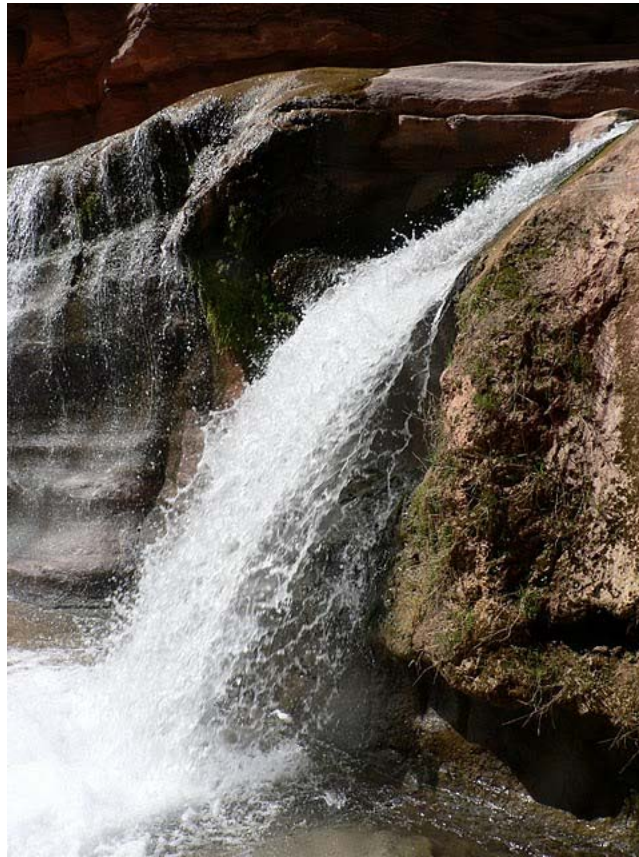
Thank you very much to Brian and it was wonderful to meet so many old and new friends. Cheers to Powell and Péwé!

Here are a couple more pictures:









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