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Looking north from
Lone Pine Peak

Photo by Mumtaz Shamsee

Echoes from the Chair

By Eric Scheidemantle



Why the SPS? Facebook, Meetup, Twitter, Outdoors Club, SCMA, CMC, Summit Post, Climber.org, SMI, Vertical Adventures. The list goes on. With all of the ways there are to meet like-minded people, lead trips or just be a follower, and find trip beta and reports, what makes us special?

What is our niche market? I think the outdoor activity market is as fragmented as the media market. Whereas the Sierra Club once had a near monopoly on outings, much like the Big Three Networks had on television, we all face growing competition for smaller slices of demographics.

What can we offer to the aspiring mountaineer that those other organizations cannot? What can we do that will make someone stop and say, "Man, I've got to join the Sierra Peaks Section!"

I put it to each of you to reflect on why you joined, why you hike and climb with us, and how we can broaden our appeal. Please let Regge (outreach@sierrapeaks.org) and me (chair@sierrapeaks.org) know what you come up with.

From the Editors

With many thanks to Sara Danta for her years of service as *The Sierra Echo* editor,



Sara Danta - thanks!

we have realized that she set a very high standard for us to try to reach. Under her tenure, the *Echo* went digital with wonderful color photographs in each issue and other enhancements.

The *Echo* has evolved since it first was published in February 1957, reproduced on a Ditto machine. If you have suggestions for changes to the *Echo*, please let us know. It's your newsletter!

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Sierra Club. For more information see the back of this newsletter. All questions, copy, and photo submissions should be directed to Tina Bowman, Editor, preferably via e-mail at tina@bowmandesigngroup.com or 283 Argonne Ave., Long Beach, CA 90803-1743. The *Echo* will also be available as a PDF download at the SPS web site and via a link to all SPS members opting for this method of receiving the newsletter.

-Tina Bowman

I'm echoing Tina when she says it is your newsletter. What do you want to read about and see? What is your reply to Eric when he asks why you joined? Probably not to read a newsletter, but what should the *Echo* do to help the section be what you imagine? Send us the photos and words to make it happen. Photos don't need to be a specific size, but more pixels give us more flexibility for their use. (One MB minimum helps.) Jpegs or tiffs preferred, but we can scan slides or prints.

-Beth Epstein

We're Looking Forward—and Back: The Evolution of *The Sierra Echo*

The Sierra Peaks Section became an official entity of the Angeles Chapter of the Sierra Club in October 1955 and offered its first scheduled trips in 1956. Until February 1957, the Section depended upon the Angeles Chapter publication *Southern Sierran* to carry trip reports. Most of the early trip reports appear there, although they usually are relatively short.

The Sierra Echo came on the scene in February 1957 with John Robinson serving as the first editor. This allowed the section to publish longer trip reports and to provide detailed route information. Early issues were produced via the Ditto spirit duplicator process. Stencils were prepared by a typist using a manual typewriter, and maps and cartoons were hand drawn. This was a laborious effort, and realistically it could make use of only one side of each published page. No more than 75 properly inked copies resulted—a problem for the section's growing membership.

Starting in January-February 1962, a Mimeograph machine donated by Sid Davis replaced the cumbersome Ditto process, and eventually electric typewriters were used in the preparation of stencils. Some of the typewriters had built-in memory features, making it much easier to make corrections as the copy was prepared.

The first offset issue of the publication appeared in July 1967, and it then was possible to paste text, photos and other graphics into place. Eventually, even this new-found flexibility gave way to computer generated pages with text and graphics easily integrated.

Effective with the July-September 2008 issue, subscribers had a choice of receiving the publication in "hardcopy" form or electronically via e-mail.

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New Member Welcome!

Welcome to new SPS member Homer Tom, who is an I-rated leader, navigation examiner, instructor with WTC, and an enthusiastic backcountry skier. He is co-leading a climb of Pickering and Joe Devel co-sponsored with SPS and WTC, which is published in this issue.



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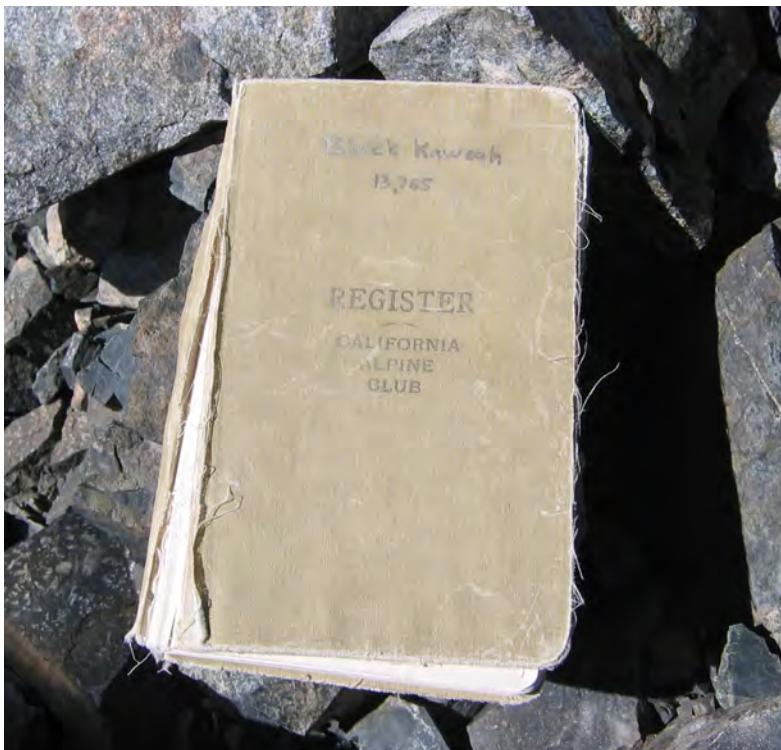
by Harry Langenbacher

The list looks a little shorter this year—YAY! But I must lament the loss of another classic Sierra Club aluminum box on Mt. Brewer and the loss of several old register books. The battle continues.

Fortunately, I found a good source of ammo boxes. I hauled one 20 miles up an obscure 13'er to protect a valuable old register last year—it's not that hard. I will mail one to anyone who wants one. I have plenty of register books, too.

Please see my web site at <http://summitregister.org> for more details about the missing registers and the containers and books I have. I will be glad to search my records to help clarify what is needed on any of the peaks with needs if I can. And keep checking summitregister.org for updates.

Thanks to everyone who has sent me reports, pictures, and even old SPS Cylinders this last year, and especially to everyone who has replaced a missing book or container. I hope we can make the list even shorter next year.



The original and now missing Black Kaweah register. Photo by Tina Bowman.

Agassiz Mt	needs book, container
Black Mtn	needs book
Brewer Mt	needs ammo box and book
Carillon Mt	needs book
Cathedral Peak	needs book, container
Cotter Mt	needs 6"x10" book
Crag Peak	needs Ammo Box
Dade Mt	may need container, book
Dana Mt	needs book
Darwin Mt	please move to summit
Dunderberg Peak	needs book, container
Ericsson Mt	needs book, container
Four Gables	needs SPS book
Gabb Mt	needs book
Gibbs Mt	needs 6"x10" book
Goethe Mt	needs book, container
Hooper Mt	needs better container
Langley Mt	needs 6"x10" book
Lion Rock	needs book
Mokelumne Peak	needs book, container
Morgan S Mt	needs book, container
Morrison Mt	needs book, container
Moses Mtn	needs 6"x10" book
Recess Peak	needs book, container
Red & White Mtn	needs book, container
Rose Mt	needs book, container
Round Top	needs 6"x10" book
Royce Peak	needs book, container
Russell Mt	needs book, container
San Joaquin Mtn	needs book, container
Seven Gables	needs book
Sill Mt	needs ammo box, book
Split Mtn	needs 8"x5" book
Stanislaus Peak	needs container, book
Starr King Mt	needs better container
Thunder Mtn	retrieve 2nd register
Tower Peak	needs 8"x5" book
Trojan Peak	needs Container
Twin Peaks N	needs SPS book
Tyndall Mt	SPS book/Ammo Box
West Vidette	needs book
Young Mt	needs better container

Do you have a photo of a register you'd like to share? Send it with a caption to tina@bowmandesigngroup.com

The Taming of George Creek

Trojan Peak and Mount Barnard

by Rudy Fleck

The mention of George Creek, “mother of all Sierra bushwhacks,” seems always to be accompanied by a shudder and a tall tale or two, so of course I considered a date with George in the cards.

A late April private hike in a low-snow year led by Daniel Kinzek provided a relatively painless and enjoyable experience. Fellow participants were Michael Gosnell and John Jennings.

The turn-off from Hwy. 395 just south of Manzanar is straightforward and the fifty-minute drive to get close to the trailhead is not a problem for a sedan. We pulled over and camped

a mile short after driving up to a dubious rocky stretch of hillside. The next morning saw a casual start at the trailhead after a welcome lift in Michael’s SUV. With Daniel leading the way, we started up the creek on its right side, passing the first obvious and easy crossing and continuing for a total of close to a quarter mile on the north side. The crossing we chose wasn’t obvious and occurs beyond a dense patch of small fir trees and

Trojan, with snow, is visible in background right of center. Our couloir to climb Trojan and Barnard left of center. Rudy Fleck featured. Photo by Daniel Kinzek.



shortly after passing a hillside on the right with a large band of exposed angled rock. A large old fire ring sits in a clearing on the opposite bank. From here we continued up the creek on the south side, at times hugging the cliff, till just short of the waterfall, where we crossed, passed the cascade, and returned to the south side above the falls. After the rock narrows, the creek valley widens considerably, and it pays to stay high above the scrub and thickets. A number of fallen logs ease passage in several key locations, and a use trail is a constant guide. Finally, after an easy stretch through conifers, we crossed to the west over a tributary to George Creek that flows from the drainage of Vacation Pass to climb a low chaparral-covered ridge. After climbing this ridge, we found the logical place to camp in a stand of pines a half-mile off on



First crossing of George Creek. John Jennings featured. Photo by Daniel Kinzek.

the left with a number of flat areas under the trees. We took six hours to pack up to this idyllic spot. As we set up camp, we were all

impressed with John's new one-pound tarp tent, which set up nicely in the pine forest.

The next morning we set off just after sunrise to climb the peaks. Snow was either hard enough at low angle or absent, allowing us to make easy progress first to Trojan, then Barnard. Michael and I elected to traverse the ridge to Barnard, and aside from two down-climbs on the left, it was very doable. Daniel and John chose to drop down to the plateau and climb up to Barnard across the compacted scree slope. Their passage was slowed by soft snow and a stretch of waist-high post-holing, so they arrived at the peak half an hour after us.

Following our second night around a rare Sierra campfire, we made quick work of our trip out. We

Passing an obstruction on the south side of George Creek. Rudy Fleck featured. Photo by Daniel Kinzek.





Barnard from the summit of Trojan. Photo by Daniel Kinzek.

didn't encounter any bushwhacking and made it out in three hours, following a use trail the entire way. Perhaps it's California's growing population translating to more visitors to the Sierras. Whatever the reason, George Creek was not nearly the tough going I had read about in several trip reports.

Thank you, Daniel, for leading a fine and educational trip to the Sierras and to you, Michael, for driving the whole enterprise. I posted a video of the outing on Youtube at Rudy Fleck channel.

See following sidebar for accompanying information about Mt. Williamson.

Things Do Change

Sheep and Climber Access in the Williamson Region

Once upon a time, we SPSers could climb Mt. Williamson whenever we wanted. Many years ago things changed, however, and we had to keep an eye on the calendar for planning our trips to George Creek and other areas subject to closure for the protection of the Sierra Nevada bighorn sheep. In those days, the southeastern side of Mt. Williamson was open to hikers and climbers only from December 15th until January 1st and then again April 15th to May 15th. Our approaches to Williamson, Trojan, and Barnard were limited to these two brief periods. The north and west sides of Williamson were legally accessible from December 15h to July 15th for climbers approaching via Shepherd Pass. Other California Bighorn Sheep Zoological Areas with entry restrictions were north and south of Baxter Pass. Several years ago these restrictions were dropped, and we are now free again to climb the peaks in these formerly restricted areas when we wish.

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*Things Do Change,
Williamson,
continued:*



The Zoological Areas were designated in 1972, but the restrictions weren't enacted until 1981. The hope was that by restricting recreational use in these areas that the bighorn sheep populations, which had been reduced, could increase. The population continued to decline until 2001 when the species was listed as endangered. Fortunately, since then the population has grown, and research has shown that human impacts in the Zoological Areas are not negative to the sheep. In September 2010 the proposal was made to drop the entry restrictions. Pack goats, however, should not be used in a number of areas to help protect the sheep from diseases carried by the goats.

(See RJ Secor's *The High Sierra: Peaks, Passes, and Trails*, 3rd ed., 2009, p. 86; "Forest Service Proposes to Change Designation of Bighorn Sheep Zoological Areas" by Nancy Upham, Inyo National Forest at

<http://yubanet.com/regional/Forest-Service-Proposes-to-Change-Designation-of-Bighorn-Sheep-Zoological-Areas.php#.UblclxbCEQI>

and

http://www.fs.usda.gov/detailfull/inyo/learning/safety-ethics/?cid=FSBDEV3_003858&width=full



Ridge from Trojan leading up to visible summit of Barnard. Photo by Daniel Kinzek.

Mother Nature's Other Plans

Lone Pine Peak

June 8, 2013

By Gary Schenk



This trip was originally planned as a restricted "M" snow climb. Mother Nature, however, had other plans. So, due to the absolute lack of snow on the route, the trip was downgraded to "I."

A full complement of leaders and participants met at 5:30 am at the Meysan Lakes Trailhead. Because everyone was very prompt, we left only a few minutes past 5:30. The early start was intended for snow climbing purposes but proved to be a good idea considering the heat. Assistant leader Tina Bowman

Photos clockwise from left above: Starting up chute by Tina Bowman. Sailplane by Tina Bowman. Summit group by Mumtaz Shamsee, from left: Tina Bowman and Chuck Ernst in front; Gary Hughes, Steve Donmeyer, Sung Byun, Gary Schenk, Mary Jo Dungfelder, and Yvonne Lau in back. Leader Gary Schenk crossing Meysan Creek on return by Mumtaz Shamsee.



had arrived looking half-baked after spending the night in Independence, daytime temperatures in the Owens

Valley hitting 111 that day! Even at dawn at 8000' it was warmish, no jacket needed.

The trail is in good shape, and we made good time on the way up to the Grass Lake turnoff. We had impressive views of the beautiful granite on Lone Pine Peak from the numerous switchbacks. We passed some campsites at about 10,000', nice flats with a bit of water in a small stream.

Once at the lakes we made our way to





several thousand feet above us, and were visited by two climbers topping out from the North Ridge Route.

After lunch on the top, we made the tedious descent down the chute. Snow would have been so nice there! We hit the lakes and took a good break cooling off, soaking feet and heads and generally enjoying a beautiful spot.

We made it back to the cars for a twelve-hour round trip, seven hours up, five hours down with generous breaks. It was a good day in the Sierra, with a good group of folks, indeed.

Thanks to Tina Bowman for assisting and finding the summit, and to participants Mary Jo Dungfelder, Yvonne Lau, Chuck Ernst, Gary Hughes, Sung Byun, Mumtaz Shamsee, and Steve Donmyer for making it a great day hike.

*View toward Mts. Mallory and Irvine near Little Meysan Lake.
Photo by Mumtaz Shamsee.*

the slightly hidden chute leading to the plateau area. It's a broad chute, and it seemed the best footing was on climber's left in the larger talus. We regrouped just below the plateau and after a short break moved up.

I took the group across and made the mistake of heading up into the

rocks too early; the proper route, which Tina found, was to stay lower and skirt that first group of summitish looking rocks.

The views were very nice on a surprisingly busy summit. A party of three had been there just ahead of us, and we were buzzed by a sailplane, saw hang gliders soaring

Mumtaz Shamsee took many fine photos during the outing to Lone Pine Peak, including the one on our cover. We wish we could have printed several more, but you can see them online here:

http://stumbleum.smugmug.com/Mountains/Ascents/24892563_6LLNBM#

Mt. Warren Warrants a Closer Look

By Mary Jo Dungfelder

Due to another dry winter in the Sierras, Tioga Pass Road was already open in mid May; with the lack of snow in the mountains, snow practice scheduled for May 18th was cancelled, leaving a big hole to fill for our weekend plans. Of course, Tina Bowman was already three steps ahead of the rest of us in filling that hole. Her plans began with a Thursday day hike to Tinemaha, yard work on Friday at her Mary Austin residence, and another private day hike to Mt. Warren with company, a few wayward students from the cancelled snow practice, Yvonne Lau, Gary Schenk, and Mary Jo Dungfelder.

The predicted weather forecast for the trailhead Friday night—scattered

thunder storms and snow showers and temps dropping to the teens—had us opting for the comforts of Independence rather than properly acclimating by sleeping at 9,000 ft. as opposed to 4,000 ft. This would prove to slow at least one of us down significantly. Tina and Yvonne would soon be an hour ahead of me on our approach, enjoying the views from the summit much longer than normal, and steady Gary would do what he does best and make sure I continued to plug along.

Mount Warren is on the Sierra Peaks Section list, but to tell the truth I wasn't even aware of it. It warrants only two sentences in RJ's book, and thus I feel it deserves a little more recognition because it is such a lovely

hike with spectacular views. We used the Warren Fork trailhead, which is right off the Tioga Pass Road about seven and a half miles from Lee Vining. There is a big "U" shaped turn in the highway with a dirt turnout and a 9,000' elevation sign. This is where the trailhead is located at the eastern boundary of the Hoover Wilderness in the Inyo National Forest. There is plenty of parking and a secret little hidey hole campsite.

This Year's Snowpack

With a bit of snooping on the Internet, especially at <http://cdec.water.ca.gov/snow/index.html> at the California Department of Water Resources, I learned snow surveyors reported that on May 2nd this year's snowpack contained only 17% of normal water content. As a reference point, the water content of the snow on April 1st is considered the typical maximum amount that there will be. In other words, the majority of the precipitation occurs before then. Storms after that date typically bring little addition to the snowpack.

Here are the statistics for the Central and Southern Sierra for April 1st this year. With forty stations reporting for the Central region, the snowpack was 53% of average with an equivalent average of 16.2" of water. For the Southern region twenty-nine stations reported a 34% average for the April 1st census and an 8.5" average water content. Overall, the state snow survey showed a 47% average for April 1st with a 13.2" average water content.

It's little surprise from these reports that the Sierra in May looked more like the Sierra in July!

-TB

Gary Schenk and Mary Jo Dungfelder on the last of the snow descending from Mt. Warren. Photo by Tina Bowman.





Mono Lake from the summit of Warren with the White Mountains behind. Photo by Tina Bowman.

Parking and trailhead sleeping are on the south side of the road. The trail starts at a locked gate on the north side of the highway. Probably the most dangerous part of this hike is crossing the road. Proceed with caution. The best time to climb this peak is as soon as the Tioga road opens when there is still some snow around. Otherwise, the summer and fall would be nice if you are particularly fond of talus rock hopping. To the summit and back is approximately 8 miles with 3,327' of elevation gain making it an ideal day hike similar to Dana or Conness.

After crossing the highway and going around the locked gate, we headed

north down an old road. We passed several walk-in campsites with picnic tables that look like great candidates for a future visit or a list finish part. The roadway quickly turns into a nice trail that we followed for a mile or so, continuing north through meadow and a light forested area. Having left the trail, we traveled east cross-country toward a long rocky gully heading up to a V notch passage toward the summit of Mt. Warren. We were very, very fortunate to have long stretches of snow, giving us about equal amounts of snow travel and talus hopping. The snow was just hard enough for crampons but not overly steep at this point and made our day under the clear blue sky pretty much perfect. It seemed like a straight shot to the summit of Warren. Once we lost our snowfields, we slogged up the talus field to the summit. With my

eyes ground-ward I traveled over burnt sienna, auburn bronze, charcoal, cool grey, coffee brown, copper, and sepia stones. If they weren't so beautiful in their forms and colors stretching out high to meet the sky, the drudgery of walking over all these little formations would bring into question the reasons for doing this sort of thing, but plod along I did.

As I said earlier, Yvonne and Tina made it to the summit well ahead of me. There they lounged; they ate and searched and searched for the peak register, which is missing or perhaps under the weather station. They also took in one of the most spectacular views in the Sierra: Mono Lake in one direction, Mount Dana and Mount Conness in another and many, many more lightly snow-capped peaks in every direction. For our descent route

we headed down a snow covered ridge to make quick work for us getting off the peak. The day afforded me the opportunity to practice glissading, plunge stepping and some self-arrest techniques. After some gentle corrections I got it right. That's what snow practice is for, and we couldn't have had a more gorgeous day. I reviewed many lessons on this short trip. I practiced a lot of talus hopping, a

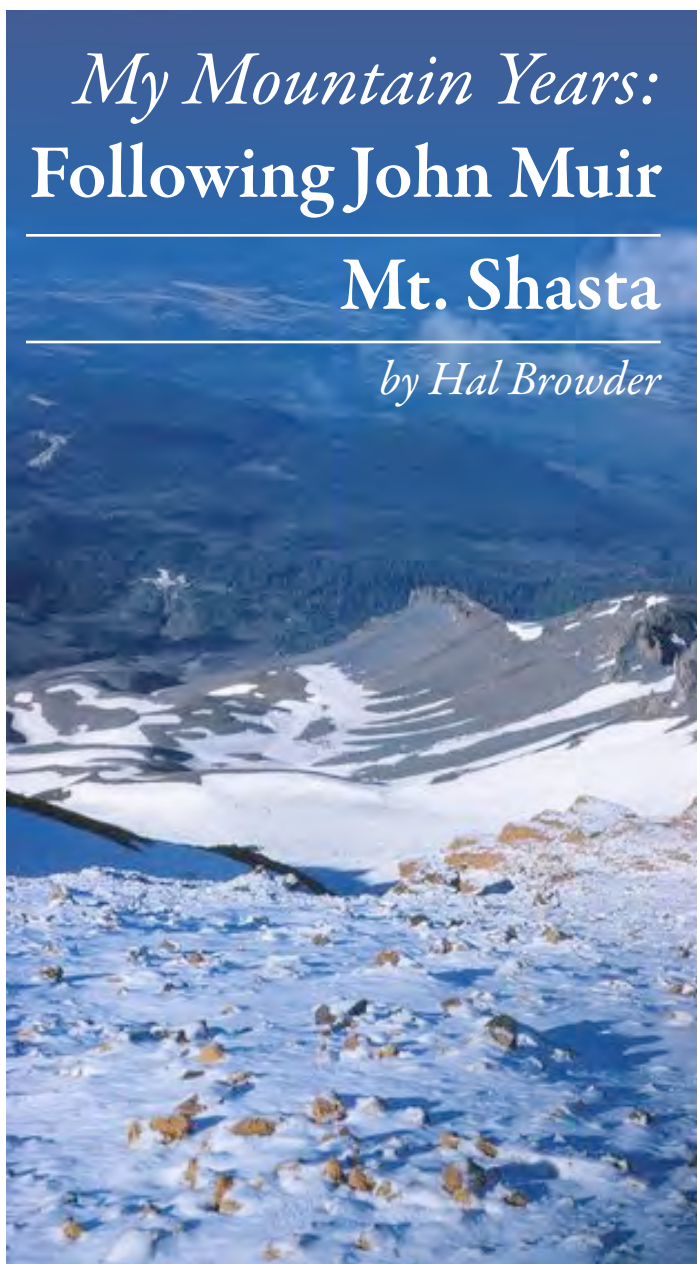
little snow travel in the most benign conditions, and a reminder that acclimation makes a big difference. It was a lovely trip. The Technicolor visuals and array of sharp crisp colors in the Sierra are a sight to behold. Maybe it's my polarized sunglasses, but somehow I think it is more than that. Is it the thin air? Is it the good company and at the same time lack of company as one plods along over rock

and stone, taking moments to look around and catch one's breath, breathing in all that fresh clean air, looking up to that royal blue sky, catching glimpses of the surrounding mountains and one's partners miles ahead? Returning the eyes groundward I stumble along over stone and through the meadow back home. Thanks to Tina for suggesting this little gem of a mountain.

John Muir once wrote, "The mountains are calling me and I must go."

He not only visited his beloved Sierra but also the Cascades; the Olympics; and the ranges of Alaska, Utah, and Nevada, as well as the San Gabriels in Southern California. One mountain in the southern fringe of the Cascades was the dormant volcano, Mount Shasta, rising 14,162' above the California flatlands. This was a mountain that he would visit many times. Muir's first ascent of the mountain was alone.

From his camp at timberline, he left at about half past one in the morning. He had arrived at this camp with a local guide, Jerome Fay, who then went back to the Sisson's Hotel to await Muir's return. By ten in the morning Muir had attained "the utmost summit," and from his high perch he studied the surrounding geology. He spent several hours tracing the lava channels down the sides of the mountain and the pathways of the still active glaciers, whose rivers of ice flowed down to the plains below.



While he was descending the mountain, a storm rapidly approached of which he was aware by readings of his plunging barometer. He states, "The storm came gradually on." In the lee of a large lava rock, he hollowed a snug lair for his body and soon had a "cheery fire going." He snuggled beneath his warm blankets with enough food for several days and he anticipated a grand mountain holiday. After three days he wrote in his journal: "Wild wind and snow. Drifts changing the outlines of mountains. Three inches of snow on my blankets. Sifted into my hair. Glorious storm!" On the fourth day, to Muir's displeasure, guide Jerome Fay came upon the scene intent to make a rescue. Thus ended Muir's first adventure on Shasta.

The summer of 1965 had been a very active climbing season for me, having ascended two major Sierra peaks, one being Bear Creek Spire in the Rock Creek area of the range and the other



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-John Muir

being University Peak by a new route out of Onion Valley above the town of Independence. With those excursions along with a number of peak climbs in the San Gabriel Mountains, I had achieved a pretty good level of conditioning for an attempt on climbing Mt. Shasta.

My climbing partner, Bob, who had climbed Shasta previously, along with our families, drove to the town of Mt. Shasta, where Bob and I registered with the sheriff our intent to climb the mountain. We proceeded up the mountain and parked the car at the trailhead.

We unloaded our gear and readied our backpacks for the hike up to the Sierra Club Hut, where we planned to

spend the night. It was a beautiful hike through a wooded area, and soon after arriving at the hut, we were greeted by dark clouds, and rain began to fall. From our timberline camp we could see that higher up on the mountain it was snowing.

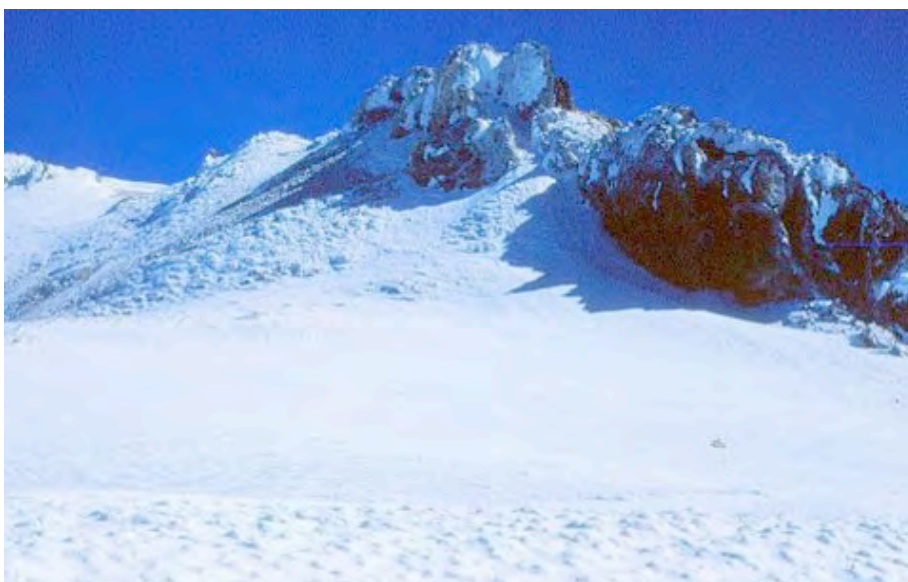
No one was at the hut, so we set up inside and found the shelter very welcome. Bob and I planned an early start the next day and we decided on a 3 am departure. After dinner we enjoyed a clearing sky with an accompanying rainbow, and soon we bedded down in anticipation of an early departure.

Not long after, Bob began to experience shortness of breath and nausea, which are symptoms of

altitude sickness. His condition seemed to get worse as time went by. It seemed that I had just fallen to sleep when the alarm went off, and upon checking my watch I was surprised that it was time to leave. It was obvious that my climbing partner was in no condition to climb this day, so I decided to do the climb alone.

I assured everyone that if things didn't go well, I would turn around and come back. I packed the required essentials in my rucksack along with ice axe and crampons and up Olbermans Causeway I went. This starting point was a rock-lined path, which leads one up to Avalanche Gulch.

Fortunately, the storm clouds had evaporated into a clear, starry sky, and with the aid of a headlamp, I was able to follow the path easily to the snow slopes above. Soon on the hard snow, I put on crampons, and aided by the ice axe, I climbed upward to the Red Banks, which are a row of volcanic outcroppings that guard the final summit ridge above.



All photos for Shasta article by Hal Browder. Preceding page: Above Red Banks. Top: Looking down on Shastina crater. Left: Red Banks. Next page, Outings: Mt. Shasta summit alone with ice ax.

Upon reaching the Banks, first light set the red volcanic rocks aglow and I easily passed up thru a slot to the ridge above. The previous day's snow covered this section of ball bearings like pebbles with a thin covering of ice but with crampons this proved to be not a problem. I began to feel the effects of the altitude as I labored up a rise, Misery Hill as it is so aptly named.

The view was fantastic, and the final summit rocks were in sight with a smell of sulfur in the air. At last the summit was reached, and I planted my axe in the highest point and took the usual highpoint photograph. A number of steam vents were spewing among the surrounding rocks, giving off a hint of rotten eggs.

I spent about thirty minutes on top, taking in the view and enjoying the solitude of this awesome place. Looking west I noticed a heavy wave of clouds heading my way which concerned me, so I decided to begin the long descent back to the hut below. Being enveloped in clouds called a whiteout on these large isolated mountains can be very dangerous and disorienting. I quickly descended down to the Red Banks and onto the steep snowfield below where I halted to remove my crampons.

A most exciting standing glissade followed, and soon I could see the hut far below. Looking back at the summit, I could barely see the top through the clouds now surrounding the summit. Using this method of descent saved much time, and I arrived back at the hut some twelve hours since leaving earlier that morning. I had seen no one on the mountain this day.

After I greeted everyone, we quickly packed up and hiked back to our awaiting cars, ending a most rewarding trip into one of John Muir's favorite places. We were off to Lassen National Park to hike up to the summit of Mt. Lassen the next day.



Jun 14-16 Fri-Sun SPS

MR: Mount Lyell (13,144'), Mount Maclure (12,960'): Fri backpack 10.5 miles with 1600' gain from Tuolumne Meadows on the John Muir Trail to camp at 10,200'. Sat check out Yosemite's largest glacier up close. Climb 3 mi 2800' to Mt Lyell, descend and climb half mile 500' to Mt Maclure, descend to camp. Sunday pack out. Ice ax, crampons and helmets required. Send e-mail or SASE with mountaineering resume that shows recent snow and 3rd class rock mountaineering experience. Trip is restricted to Sierra Club members. Participants selected will be asked to complete the Participant Medical Form found at <http://angeles.sierraclub.org/ltc/forms.html> Yosemite National Park entrance fee is required. Ldr: LISA MIYAKE, Asst: NEAL ROBBINS.

Check out the SPS web site for an even more updated listing of upcoming trips at <http://angeles.sierraclub.org/sps/default.htm/>

Jun 21-23 | Fri-Sun SPS

O: Southern Sierra Sojourn: Leisurely hikes to three peaks on the Kern Plateau: Part of an "old-timers" series, the trip is open to vintage climbers and newer ones. Long happy hours guaranteed Fri and Sat nights at USFS's Troy Mdw CG (7800'). On Sat, climb Sherman Pk (9909'), 5 mi rt



Leadership Training Committee

Schedule of Activities June-December 2013

The LTC web site also has a calendar of events: www.angeles.sierraclub.org/ltc/ Please check this site for more information about the listed events and for added events.

Leadership Training Program Seminar

October 5 Costa Mesa Neighborhood Community Center

Wilderness First Aid

Oct 18-20 Wilderness First Aid Course Steve Schuster
<http://wildernessfirstaidcourse.org>

Navigation Practices and Checkouts

Aug 4	Mt Pinos Nav Noodle	Bob Myers
Sep 22	Grinnell Ridge Nav Noodle	Bob Myers
Nov 16	Nav workshop on 3 rd Class Terrain	Bob Myers
Nov 16-17	Indian Cove Nav Noodle	Bob Myers
Dec 8	Warren Point Nav Noodle	Bob Myers

Rock Practices and Checkouts

June 22-23	Alabama Hills Rock Practice/Checkout	Patrick McKusky
Oct 2	Advanced Mountaineering Program–Safety	Dan Richter
Oct 5	AMP–Belaying	Dan Richter
Oct 12	AMP–Rappelling	Dan Richter
Oct 19-20	AMP–Anchors	Dan Richter
Apr 24, 2014	Advanced Mountaineering Program–Safety	Dan Richter
Apr 26	AMP–Belaying	Dan Richter
May 3	AMP–Rappelling	Dan Richter
May 10-11	AMP–Anchors	Dan Richter

Various dates–Vertical Adventures (This is not a Sierra Club activity but can prepare candidates for rock checkouts.) <http://www.verticaladventures.com/>

Environmental Awareness

See Natural Science Section's web site (<http://www.angeles.sierraclub.org/nss/outings.htm>) for the Nature Knowledge Workshop and other outings that satisfy the environmental awareness prerequisite. Other ways to fulfill this requirement are possible; check with the LTC Administrative Chair, Bob Draney.

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with 1170' gain on trail. Then, climb Bald Mtn. (9382'), 0.6 mi rt with 155' gain on trail or gated forest road. Spectacular panoramas on both peaks. On Sun, drive on paved roads to Blackrock Gap and climb Blackrock Mtn. (9635'), 1.5-mi rt with 700' gain on forested slope bordering Golden Trout Wilderness. Other Explorer Emblem peaks nearby for independent consideration. Co-leaders: LARRY, BARBEE TIDBALL. Send sase with H&W phones and e-mail address (sase not needed for those supplying e-mail addresses) to Reservationist/Assistant: JERRY KEATING.

Jul 4-7 | Thur-Sun WTC, SPS

I: Soldier Lake Loop: Strenuous 32 mile backpack, including significant x-country travel in High Sierras. From Cottonwood Pass hike 12 miles on trail to Soldier Lake (10,400'). We'll make camp here for two days. On Friday climb nearby Mt Pickering (13,474') and Joe Devel (13,327) (9mi. Rt 3800'). Saturday break camp and travel 6.5 miles via New Army Pass to Long Lake. Sunday pack out 5.3 miles. Send email with contact info and recent conditioning, experience to Ldr: SARAH SCHUH, Asst: HOMER TOM.

Jul 12-14 | Fri-Sun SPS

MR: Matterhorn Pk (12,279'), Whorl Mtn (12,033'), Twin Pks (12,323'): Friday backpack 5.5 miles, 3700' gain to camp near Horse Creek Pass. Friday afternoon climb Matterhorn Pk, 2 mile and 1600'. Saturday climb 3rd class Whorl Mtn via southeast chute, 4.5 miles and 3100' gain. Saturday afternoon or Sunday morning climb Twin Pk, 2 mile, 1400' gain. Sunday pack out and head to Whoa Nellie Deli to celebrate. Totals for the outing are 19 miles and 6700' gain. Helmets required. As is comfort and experience on 3rd class alpine rock and loose talus. Send e-mail with climbing resume, Medical Forms and recent experience to Ldr: DAVID CHAPMAN, Co-Ldr: NEAL ROBBINS.

Jul 20-21 | Sat-Sun WTC, SPS

I: Iron Mountain (11,153'): Strenuous backpack in the Ansel Adams Wilderness. Trailhead is located in Devil's Postpile NM. Saturday morning hike to camp (about 5 miles and 1,800 ft gain). Early start on Sunday morning to hike cross-country to Iron Mountain (about 6 miles RT and 2,700 ft gain) and hike out (about 5 miles and 500 ft gain). Email leader with recent conditioning, experience and phone number. Ldr: LAURENT HOFFMAN, Asst: MATT HENGST. ****Preference given to WTC students****

Jul 20-21 | Sat-Sun SPS

I: Spanish Mtn (10,051'), Three Sisters (10,612'): Join us for two fine day hikes in the western Sierra. On Saturday we'll

hike up Spanish Mtn via 4WD road or trail and x-c (16 mi, 3500' gain), then car camp and have a fiesta. Sunday it's Three Sisters via trail and x-c from Courtright Reservoir (12 mi, 2500' gain). Send sase or esase (preferred) to Ldr: TINA BOWMAN, Co-Ldr: JIM FLEMING.

Jul 26-28 | Fri-Sun SPS

MR: Split Mtn (14,042'), Mt Prater (13,471'), Mt Bolton Brown (13,491'), Mt Tinemaha (12,520'): Come join us in climbing a classic Emblem peak and one of California's 14'ers. Friday backpack to Red Lake, 5 miles & 4100' gain. Saturday climb a semi-loop of Split Mtn, Mt Prater and Mt Bolton Brown, 7.5 miles & 5700'. Sunday climb Tinemaha, 2.5 miles & 1900' and then pack out 5 miles. Totals for the outing are 20 miles & 11.7K'. Participants must be in excellent condition and be comfortable on 3rd class alpine rock and loose talus. High-clearance vehicle and possibly 4x4 needed to access trailhead. Send e-mail or SASE with climbing resume and recent experience to Ldr: NEAL ROBBINS, Co-Ldr: MATT HENGST.

Aug 8-11 | Thur-Sun SPS

ER: Mt. Clarence King (12,907'), Mt Gardiner (12,907'), Mt. Cotter (12,713'): Restricted mountaineering outing over Kearsarge Pass and into Sixty Lakes Basin to climb a classic Emblem Peak (CK) and a mountaineers peak (Gardiner). Thursday backpack from Onion Valley over Kearsarge & Glenn Passes to camp in Sixty Lakes Basin, 12 miles & 5000' gain. The next three days we'll climb Clarence King (5.4 cl), Gardiner (4th cl), Cotter (3rd cl) and potentially Fin Dome (3rd cl) before packing out. Totals for the outing are 37 miles and 15K gain. Participants must have 4th class roped alpine climbing experience and be comfortable on exposed 3rd class and loose talus. Send e-mail or SASE with climbing resume and recent experience to Ldr: JACK KIEFFER, Co-Ldr: NEAL ROBBINS.

Aug 15-18 | Thur-Sun SPS

I: Rodgers Pk (12,978') and Electra Pk (12,442'): Join crazy leaders for 45 miles and over 15,000' gain in four days to climb these class 2 peaks on the border of the Ansel Adams Wilderness and Yosemite. If time and energy allow, we'll also climb Foerster Pk (12,057'). Send experience and conditioning to Ldr: RUDY FLECK, Co-Ldr: TINA BOWMAN.

Aug 16-18 | Fri-Sun SPS

I: Mt. Rixford (12,887), Mt. Gould (13,005'): Spectacular Eastern Sierra views plus picturesque lakeside camping on this no-rush rendezvous with destiny. Friday we'll pack in over Kearsarge Pass to camp and happy hour at Kearsarge

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Lakes (5 mi, 2600'). Saturday we go 4.5 mi., 2500' gain cross country in a loop to our peaks and back to camp. Sunday pack out. \$6 permit fee. Send experience—including WTC affiliation if you're a student—conditioning, phones, e-mail and rideshare info via e-mail to Ldr: EDD RUSKOWITZ, Asst: TOM McDONNELL.

Sug 21-25 | Wed-Sun SPS

MR: Mt Kaweah (13,802'), Black Kaweah (13,680'), Red Kaweah (12,713'), Grey Kaweah (13,680'): Restricted mountaineering outing into the remote Great Western Divide to climb Mt Kaweah, an emblem peak, Black Kaweah a mountaineer's peak, and also Red and Grey Kaweahs. On Wednesday we'll backpack from Mineral King over 3rd class Glacier and Hands and Knees passes, descend to the Big Arroyo and then climb to a basecamp lake at 11K', 13 miles and 6600'/3500' gain and Loss. Over the next 3 days we'll climb Mt Kaweah, Black Kaweah, Red Kaweah and Grey Kaweah and possibly other area peaks as time allows before packing out on Sunday. Totals for the outing are 38 miles and

18,600' gain. Participants must be in excellent condition and be comfortable on exposed 3rd class alpine rock and loose talus. Send e-mail or SASE with climbing resume and recent experience to Ldr: NEAL ROBBINS, Co-Ldr: PAUL GARRY.

Aug 23-26 | Fri-Mon SPS

I: Mt Pinchot (13,494'), Mt Prater (13,471'): Friday cross Taboose Pass 9 mi, 6300' gain to camp. Saturday climb Pinchot, 6 mi rt, 2600' gain. Sunday climb Prater 14 mi rt, 3400' gain. Sunday pack out. Send e-mail or sase with resume, conditioning, carpool info to Ldr: GARY SCHENK, Co-Ldr: JOHN CHESLICK.

Aug 23-25 | Fri-Sun SPS

MR: Mount Clark (11,522'), Gray Peak (11,573'): Join us on an adventure into the southern Yosemite to climb these two classic peaks in the Clark Range. Friday pack in 8.1 miles, losing 1,200' and then gaining 1,700' to our camp between Red and Gray Creeks in the Illilouette Drainage. Saturday we'll scramble up to the summit of Mt Clark via its

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airy and exposed 3rd class southeast arête, where we'll marvel at the spectacular views of the seemingly numberless granitic domes, spires, ridges and faces that surround us. If time is available we'll continue from Clark to the summit of Gray Peak by traversing the southern ridge that connects the two peaks, and then return to camp via the western slopes of Gray Peak. Expect 8.3 miles and 4,450' gain for the day (6.5 miles and 3,600' if only Mt Clark). Sunday we'll pack out via the same route we came in. Must be a current Sierra Club member in excellent condition and be comfortable on exposed 3rd class rock with experience climbing on belay. Helmet, harness and belay device required. Permit limits group size and permit fee (\$65) will be split among the group. E-mail Sierra Club number, contact info, climbing resume, recent experience and conditioning, and carpool info to Mat Kelliher for trip status and details. Ldrs: MAT KELLIHER, BETH EPSTEIN.

Aug 31-Sep 2 | Sat-Mon WTC, SPS

I: Mt. Mallory (13,851'), Mt. Irvine (13,770'): Climb two namesake peaks in the Mt. Whitney region. Depart early Sat. from the Whitney Portal Rd. and hike Meysan Lk trail to camp near Lake 10,850 (3mi, 3400' gain). Sunday climb Mt. Irvine via drainage west of camp and northeast ridge (1.6mi, 2900' gain). Then traverse down southeast class 2 slope into a bowl to Mt. Mallory (1 mi, 900' gain) via class 2 east ridge, returning the same route. Saturday and Sunday evening happy hours. Monday hike out. E-mail current conditioning, altitude tolerance and contact info. Ldr: PHILIP BATES, Asst. Ldrs: K.C.REID, TONYCE BATES.

Sep 6-8 | Fri-Sun SPS

MR: Mount Conness (12,590') and North Peak (12,242'): Conness and North can both be done as day hikes from Saddlebag, but what's the fun in that? Instead join us for a moderately paced and only slightly longer than absolutely necessary three day rock scrambling / lake camping extravaganza! We'll enter from the north via Lundy Canyon and lake hop roughly 4 miles and 2200' to our camp where we'll spend two nights there making 3rd class excursions to Conness (7 miles, 3600') and North (4 miles, 2300') punctuated by lake swims and rambunctious happy hours. Perfect for those wanting to get on the rocks without a long haul. Priority given to WTC students. Helmet, harness, SC membership and medform, and a damn good happy hour contribution required. E-mail climbing resume and recent experience to Ldrs: MATTHEW HENGST, NEAL ROBBINS.

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Sep 21 | Sat LTC

Deadline for Leadership Training Seminar: Last day for receipt of application and payment by LTC. Register for October 5 seminar to be held in Costa Mesa. See LTC website (<http://angeles.sierraclub.org/ltc/>) for registration information. No registration after this date or at the door. Next seminar: Spring 2014.

Sept 21-22 | Sat-Sun WTC, SPS

M: Moses Mtn (9,331'), N Maggie Mtn (10,234'): Join us for an M-rated trip into the west side of the Golden Trout Wilderness, Southern Sierra. Perfect M-level WTC experience trip for students wanting to get back out on the rocks. Sat we'll hike in (3 miles, 1000') to set up camp and head for North Maggie Mountain (5 miles, 3000'). Sun we'll do a 3rd class scramble up Moses Mtn (5 mi, 2000') before

Outdoor Leadership Training Set for October 5, 2013

*Interested in becoming a Sierra
Club outings leader?*

The Angeles Chapter is home to one of the largest outings programs on the planet—thousands of trips ranging from beach barbecues to mountaineering expeditions. You can take the first step toward becoming a leader by attending a class offered by the chapter Leadership Training Committee on **Saturday, October 5, at the Costa Mesa Neighborhood Community Center.**

The seminar covers all the basics of leadership. Experienced leaders will tell you how to plan a trip, prevent problems on the trail, and make sure that everyone—including you—has a great time. They'll also explain good conservation and safety practices. And they'll give you tips for getting your "O" rating quickly and then, if you choose, pursuing more advanced ratings. You can find out more about the advanced ratings, including the M-Rock and M-Snow and new E-Rock and E-Snow on the LTC web site.

The all-day class costs \$25, which includes the *Leader's Reference Book*. The application is on-line at the LTC site: angeles.sierraclub.org/ltc.

Mail the application and check, payable to Sierra Club, to Steve Botan, LTC Registrar, 18816 Thornwood Circle, Huntington Beach 92646. You also can reach Botan by phone (714-321-1296) or e-mail (lcregistrar@hundredpeaks.org).

Applications and checks are due September 21.

Scholarships are available for those with financial need. Apply to LTC Chair, Tina Bowman (tina@bowmandesigngroup.com).

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returning to camp to pack up. Helmets and comfort on 3rd class rock required. Send recent experience, conditioning, and contact and carpool info to Ldr: NEAL ROBBINS, Co-Ldr: STEPHANIE SMITH.

Oct 2 | Wed LTC, SPS

M/E-R: Workshop: Advanced Mountaineering Program (AMP8)—Basic Safety System: First of 4 climbing workshops open to SC members with prior roped climbing experience. Today's indoor evening workshop of 4 hours reviewing ropes, knots, harnesses, helmets, and basic climbing gear will take place in Pasadena. As space is limited, priority will be given to participants who commit to all four workshops. Send e-mail with SC#, resume, phones to Ldr: DAN RICHTER, Asst: PAT MCKUSKY.

Oct 5 | Sat LTC

Leadership Training Seminar: Become a qualified Sierra Club leader. Seminar at the Costa Mesa Community Center. For information, see the LTC website (<http://angeles.sierraclub.org/ltc/>) Deadline for receipt of application is September 21. No registration after this date or at the door. Next seminar: Spring 2014.

Oct 5 | Sat LTC, SPS

M/E-R: Advanced Mountaineering Program (AMP8)—Belaying: 2nd of 4 climbing workshops open to SC members with prior roped climbing experience. Today at Stoney Point in Chatsworth, focus is on belaying and principles of anchor building. As space is limited, priority will be given to participants who commit to all four workshops. Send e-mail with SC#, resume, phones to Ldr: DAN RICHTER, Asst: PAT MCKUSKY.

Oct 12 | Sat LTC, SPS

M/E-R: Advanced Mountaineering Program (AMP8)—Rappelling: 3rd of 4 climbing workshops open to SC members with prior roped climbing experience. Today at Stoney Point in Chatsworth, focus is on rappelling. As space is limited priority will be given to participants who commit to all four workshops. Send e-mail with SC#, resume, phones to Ldr: DAN RICHTER, Asst: PAT MCKUSKY.

Oct 19-20 | Sat-sun LTC, SPS

M/E-R: Advanced Mountaineering Program (AMP8)—Rock Climbing Techniques and Anchors: 4th of 4 climbing workshops open to SC members with prior roped climbing experience. This weekend completes the series of AMP workshops at Joshua Tree National Park and focuses on climbing and anchors. As space is limited, priority will be

given to participants who commit to all four workshops. Send e-mail with SC#, resume, phones to Ldr: DAN RICHTER, Asst: PAT MCKUSKY.

Apr 24, 2014 | Wed LTC, SPS

M/E-R: Workshop: Advanced Mountaineering Program (AMP)–Basic Safety System: First of 4 climbing workshops open to SC members with prior roped climbing experience. Today's indoor evening workshop of 4 hours reviewing ropes, knots, harnesses, helmets, and basic climbing gear will take place in Pasadena. As space is limited, priority will be given to participants who commit to all four workshops. Send e-mail with SC#, resume, phones to Ldr: DAN RICHTER, Asst: PAT MCKUSKY.

Apr 26, 2014 | Sat LTC, SPS

M/E-R: Advanced Mountaineering Program (AMP9)–Belaying: 2nd of 4 climbing workshops open to SC members with prior roped climbing experience. Today at Stoney Point in Chatsworth, focus is on belaying and principles of anchor building. As space is limited, priority will be given to participants who commit to all four

workshops. Send e-mail with SC#, resume, phones to Ldr: DAN RICHTER, Asst: PAT MCKUSKY.

May 3, 2014 | Sat LTC, SPS

M/E-R: Advanced Mountaineering Program (AMP9)–Rappelling: 3rd of 4 climbing workshops open to SC members with prior roped climbing experience. Today at Stoney Point in Chatsworth, focus is on rappelling. As space is limited, priority will be given to participants who commit to all four workshops. Send e-mail with SC#, resume, phones to Ldr: DAN RICHTER, Asst: PAT MCKUSKY.

May 10-11 | Sat-Sun LTC, SPS

M/E-R: Advanced Mountaineering Program (AMP9)–Rock Climbing Techniques and Anchors: 4th of 4 climbing workshops open to SC members with prior roped climbing experience. This weekend completes the series of AMP workshops at Joshua Tree National Park and focuses on climbing and anchors. As space is limited, priority will be given to participants who commit to all four workshops. Send e-mail with SC#, resume, phones to Ldr: DAN RICHTER, Asst: PAT MCKUSKY.

Wilderness Permit Info

INYO NATIONAL FOREST

Web site: www.r5.fs.fed.us/inyo
Pick up permit closest to departure trailhead.

Eastern Sierra InterAgency Visitor Center, Lone Pine, CA
(760) 876-6200

White Mountain Ranger Station, Bishop, CA 93514
(760) 873-2500

Mammoth Lakes Visitor Center, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546
(760) 924-5500

Mono Basin Scenic Area Visitor Center, Lee Vining, CA 93541
(760) 647-3044

KERN PLATEAU

Web site: www.r5.fs.fed.us/sequoia

Cannell Meadow Ranger District
105 Whitney Road
P.O. Box 9
Kernville, CA 93238
Phone: 760/376-3781 fax:
760/376-3795

Tule River Ranger District
32588 Highway 190
Springville, CA 93265
Phone: (559) 539-2607

YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK

Web site: www.nps.gov/yose
Reservation requests for summer trips (mid-May through September) are accepted from 2 weeks to 24 weeks in advance on-line or by writing to
Yosemite Association
PO Box 545
Yosemite, CA 95389

By phone: reservations for summer trips are accepted by calling (209) 372-0740.

Obtain your free permit from the Wilderness Permit Station nearest your departure trailhead. Call (209) 372-0200 for permit station locations.

If entering park from Cherry Lake in the Stanislaus National Forest to Kibbie Lake and Lake Eleanor in Yosemite, you must get your permit from the Stanislaus National Forest

Ranger Station on Highway 120 in Groveland. Call (209) 962-7825.
If entering the park from Chiquito Pass in Sierra National Forest, permits for the whole trip must be obtained from the forest Service in North Fork. Call (559) 877-2218

SEQUOIA AND KINGS CANYON NP

Web site: www.nps.gov/seki
47050 Generals Highway
Three Rivers, CA. 93271-9599
Phone (559) 565-3766 for permit & trail info. Fax (559) 565-4239

SIERRA NATIONAL FOREST (WESTSIDE) ENTRY

Web site: www.fs.fed.us/r5/sierra
Ansel Adams Wilderness–North
Bass Lake Ranger District
57003 Road 225
North Fork, CA 93643
Phone: (559) 887-2218

Ansel Adams Wilderness–South
John Muir, Kaiser and Dinkey Lakes
Wildernesses
Pineridge/Kings River Ranger District
29688 Auberry Road
Prather, CA 93651
Phone: (559) 855-5355

Sierra Peaks Section Management Committee Meeting February 28, 2013

At the Home of Greg Mason & Skype

Minutes Submitted by Lisa Miyake

1. Meeting Called to Order @ 6:45 p.m.

2. In Attendance

- a. Greg Mason
- b. Eric Scheidemantle
- c. Lisa Miyake
- d. Alexander Smirnoff
- e. Gary Schenk
- f. Kathy Rich

3. Committee Reports

a. Chair

- i. Minutes approved
- ii. Choosing board positions
 - 1. Eric as chair
 - 2. Greg as vice chair
 - 3. Alexander as treasurer
 - 4. Lisa as secretary
 - 5. Regge as outreach
 - 6. Kathy becomes webmaster

- iii. Send list of board positions to David Eisenberg (or replacement) with new committee positions; Lisa will do that.

b. Sierra Echo

- i. Greg wants to dedicate a page to Darrick; Kathy to request photos. Greg will contact Sara.

c. Outings

- i. We are setting up OARS; Kathy and Matt will do this.
- ii. Matt will also look at improving SPS web site.
- iii. Gary thinks it's time to ditch the plain html pages.
- iv. General discussion of getting leaders into the leadership database (Melody Anderson) so that SPS leaders can directly enter trips.
- v. Notify SPS leaders of the procedure to get access to OARS; but for restricted trips, they need to OARS and MOC, etc. Greg will send out e-mail and set up Gary with outings@sierrapeaks.org.
- vi. Lisa Barboza planning North Peak list finish on 09/14/13 and Kathy wants something sent out so people can save the date.

d. Treasurer

- i. \$2905 income from banquet; cost was \$3906; subsidized \$1001.
- ii. We did decide to subsidize, it so this was expected.

SPS Income Statement			Submitted 6/15/13 by Alexander Smirnoff, Treasurer				
INCOME	YTD 2012	YTD 2013	YTD 2014	YTD 2015	YTD 2016	YTD 2017	YTD 2018
Echo Subscriptions	1,850	940	400	250	30	20	0
Banquet Income	2,800	2,940	0	0	0	0	0
Donations	325	360	75	30	0	0	0
Merchandise	39	15	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Income	5,014	4,255	475	280	30	20	0
EXPENSES							
Postage	609	0	0	0	0	0	0
Printing	578	343	0	0	0	0	0
Pins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Raffle	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Banquet Expenses	3,216	3,906	0	0	0	0	0
Bank Fees	18	(0)	0	0	0	0	0
Charitable contributions	400	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Expenses	4,821	4,249	0	0	0	0	0
OVERALL TOTAL							
	193	6	475	280	30	20	0

- iii. We will consider raising the ticket prices for next year.
 - iv. \$9194.92 is in our account.
 - v. Alex just finished the audit.
 - e. **Banquet**
 - i. Skipping the intermission (accidentally) led Greg to getting positive feedback about moving it along quickly.
 - ii. We may raise the price of tickets.
 - iii. We will have a real banquet committee this year & find a speaker.
 - f. **Archivist**
 - i. The Emblem Committee helps the archivist for quicker turnarounds and posting to web pages.
 - ii. Sara has a pile of old stuff we need to scan immediately; Dan will contact Sara.
 - iii. Action item is to centralize our digital archives; Dan and Greg will discuss long-term storage options.
 - g. **Mountain Records**
 - i. Is Harry still interested?
 - ii. Let's publish a list of missing registers and register status.
 - iii. Greg will talk with Tina about this.
 - 4. **New Business**
 - a. Replacement of remote representatives
 - i. Rick J. is retired from Eastern Sierra Representative.
 - ii. Kathy nominates Shane Smith for this spot; Eric will ask Shane.
 - b. Replacement *Echo* editor and/or distributor
 - i. Beth and Tina as *Echo* Editors? Beth said she can do it and wants someone else to do the mailings. Regge will arrange with Beth and Tina the logistics.
 - ii. Alex suggests finding someone who receives the hard copy to work on mailing the *Echo*. Ask the SPS membership for a volunteer and if not, cancel hard copies. Eric will send e-mail.
 - c. *Echo* editing software, i.e. InDesign vs Publisher
 - d. Emblem Committee, slight change to Explorer Emblem requirements
 - i. If the peak was named in Secor, that would count.
 - ii. Add to P&P to formalize Explorer Emblem.
 - e. Sing Pk. Memorial Trip—Yosemite Aug 4-6th-help advertise?
 - i. Kathy will tell Terry F. and Asher about it.
 - ii. We will put advertisement in *Echo* and on web site.
 - f. Answer the question, "Why should I join Sierra Peaks?"
 - i. SPS would pay for first year membership.
 - ii. Offer discount for people under 30 for banquet.
 - iii. We should have a Facebook page; Lisa will help Regge with that.
 - g. Answer the question, "Why should I lead a Sierra Peaks trip vs. private one?"
 - i. Have Regge take lead on survey.
 - ii. We need to answer this.
 - h. Making the section fun: SCMA-styled J-Tree, Alabama Hills, Tuolumne Meadows outings, happy hours
 - i. Going on SPS trips exposes you to climbers so you can go on private trips.
 - ii. It's all about volume; get as many people as you can on trips and events and you'll get a few to actually join; the noble arguments are secondary.
 - iii. WTC is your main source of 200+ coming out every year; target them.
 - i. New, fun contents: rubbed raw trip of the year, Darwin Dodger trip of the year, audacity of hope trip of the year, most elevation in a single trip, lightest packs-per-person for a single trip.
 - j. Get better banquet speakers like they do in AAC and make it more youthful.
 - k. Create an "associate" member status like in SCMA where members can attend some activities, get the *Echo*, etc, before having accumulated the 5 peaks to join.
 - l. Get list of a dozen members we can recruit onto committees and assign tasks.
 - a. Eric asks Regge for action plan.
5. **Old Business**



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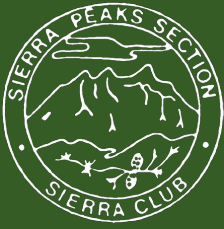
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