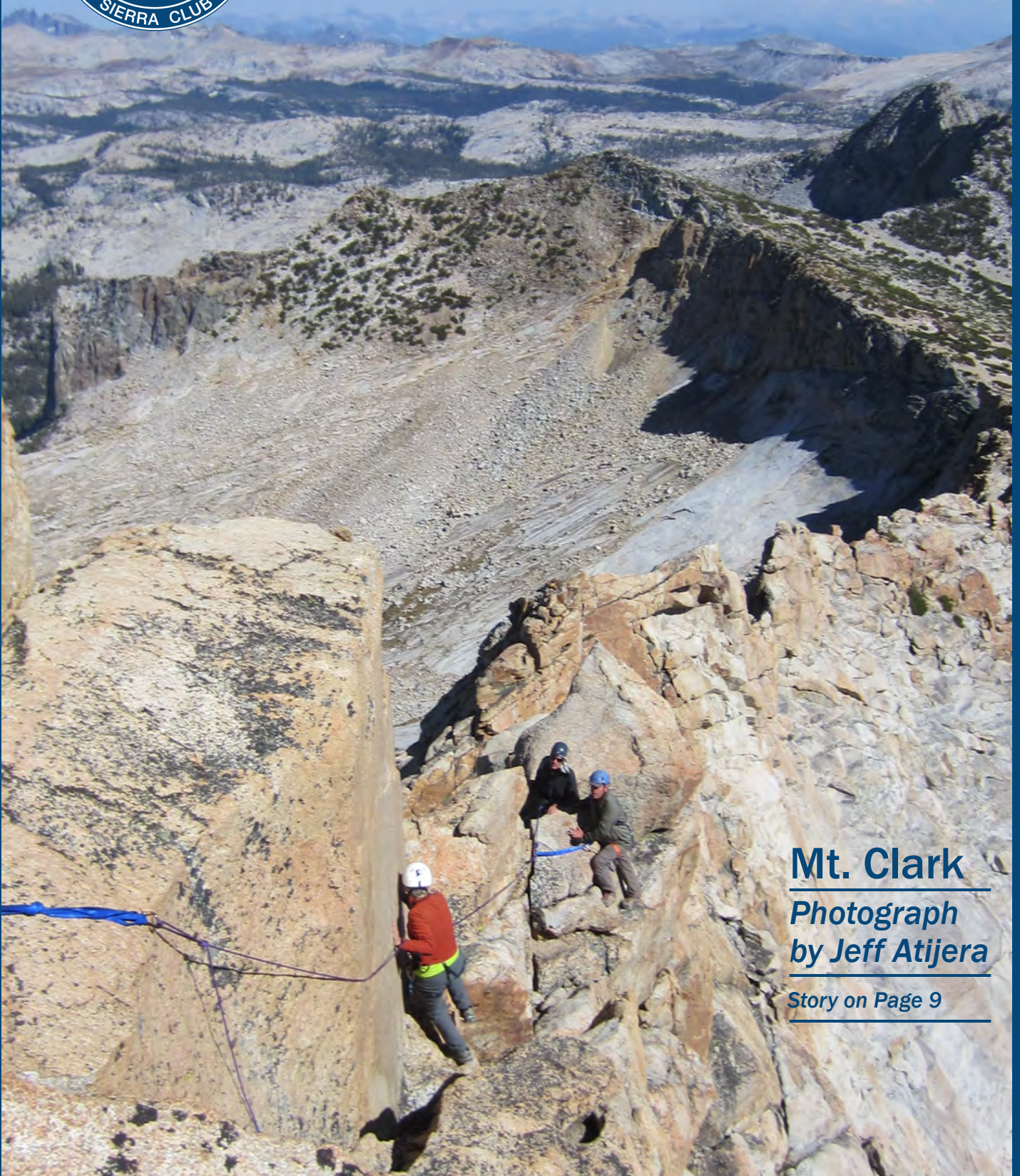




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**by Jeff Atijera**

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# Echoes from the Chair

By Alexander Smirnoff

Hello, everyone! SPS begins a new year with an almost all-new management committee as well as having hosted a highly successful banquet. First we should welcome the new committee members:



Vice chair Rudy Fleck, Secretary Jim Fleming, Treasurer Michael Gosnell, Outreach Tohru Ohnuki (above, left to right).

The banquet, held at Taix on January 26, was attended by over one hundred people, the highest attendance in the last ten years. It featured R.J. Secor as the recipient of the prestigious Francis P. Farquhar award and Peter Croft as our keynote speaker. The banquet coming up next year holds great significance too as we will celebrate our sixtieth year!

Sixty years is a long time, and we should be proud of our success as a volunteer organization!

The next year brings continuing challenges. We will be investigating ways to keep the club viable for years to come. We will encourage leaders to post more trips and attract newer and perhaps younger members to participate on those trips. The permitting process is not the easiest one to work with these days as it severely limits the number of participants on overnight trips. One idea under consideration is to offer trips as day hikes to various SPS peaks. These trips require far less planning and don't require permits; thus more people can participate. Quite a few peaks can be day hiked, with varying degrees of difficulty, and can provide learning opportunities for new members as well as challenges for experienced members.

We have three people with fewer than six peaks to go to finish the list. We always love to hear about list finishers, so let's cheer them on! Lisa Barboza has scheduled her list finish for June 28<sup>th</sup> on North Peak, and Bob Wyka has scheduled his for September 13<sup>th</sup> on Muah Mountain. Shane Smith is close to finishing and hasn't scheduled his date yet, but we hope he does so soon! Good luck to all of you!

I'd like to take a moment to give many thanks to the prior management committee for all their hard work last year. Thanks Eric Scheidemantle, Greg Mason, Lisa Miyake, and Regge Bulman for all

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your services last year, and I certainly appreciate the things you have done to fulfill your roles on the committee. But I'm glad you haven't all gone away! Thanks, Greg, for staying on to help us improve our IT infrastructure to facilitate easier exchange of information within SPS. Thanks also to Regge, who so graciously offered to continue mailing the hardcopy *Echoes* to the limited number of recipients. Without him, we certainly would have had to use an outside service and ended up spending more than the \$900 we spent in 2013 to provide the hardcopy *Echoes*. I would also like to acknowledge Regge and Eric's role in the success of the 2014 banquet. I had fun being the treasurer for the last two years and look forward to transitioning the role to Michael Gosnell this year.

While the management committee may get the visibility, SPS would not be successful without the key people who serve in appointed positions. Thanks Tina and Beth, who in a pinch, took over the editing of the *Echo* and have been doing a fantastic job. And Gary Schenk, our outings chair, who approves, publishes, and follows up on our outings. Thanks also to Patty Kline, merchandise, banquet and programs; Harry Langenbacher, Mountain Records; Doug Mantle, Safety Chair; Dan Richter, Archives. Last, we can't discount the invaluable services Kathy Rich provides. Officially she is the webmaster, but behind the scenes there is a flurry of emails from her with advice, comments, and ideas. Her enthusiasm for the SPS and her experience from seven years working with the management committee are definitely helping us!

I look forward to serving as your chair for the upcoming year. The new management committee will have our work cut out for us. If there is something you would like the management committee to do or have any comments, please reach out to me or any other committee members!  
*-Alexander Smirnoff ([chair@sierrapeaks.org](mailto:chair@sierrapeaks.org))*

## Welcome New SPS Members!

### Tohru Ohnuki

Tohru has been hiking and backpacking in the Sierra and beyond for several years and is a WTC instructor for West LA and assists with AMP. He has been training for rock climbing and winter mountaineering and looks forward to snow climbs in California. He has courageously stepped from new member to management committee in the blink of an eye!



### Aaron Schuman

Aaron Schuman has climbed 204 SPS peaks and has still higher ambitions. He likes to lead class 2 and 3 trips for the Loma Prieta Peak Climbing Section. His trip reports in the PCS newsletter Scree are notorious for their fictional nature. Aaron loves



to share his favorite Sierra Nevada trivia and can often find just the right pop song to express the mood of the mountains.



### Sara Burns

returned in 2014 as a WTC instructor with Group 3 and is working towards an outings leader rating.

In 2013 Sara graduated WTC with Long Beach/South Bay Group 3 and the Advanced Mountaineering Program. With eight SPS peaks now under her belt, she has

### Tanya Roton-Kelliher



Tanya, a 2010 WTC San Gabriel Valley graduate, completed the HPS list on Five Fingers with husband Mat in November 2013. Now

she's looking forward to getting out into the Sierra more often to explore the beauty of its peaks and is excited to do so as an SPS member.

### Samantha Olsen



Samantha recently joined the SPS. She is an environmental lawyer who lives and works in the Sacramento area.

## Our New Outings Leaders

for your mountaineering leadership.

We're proud to announce that Mat Kelliher has become an M-Rock leader. The SPS is grateful



# The SPS Banquet A Sure Cure for January Doldrums

By Mary McMannes, Roving Girl Reporter

The best of California's mountaineers gathered once again to celebrate themselves, each other, and the goodness of lasting friendships at the annual Sierra Peaks banquet on January 26, 2014, at an old familiar place, Taix's in Los Angeles. It was good to be back. The place was packed to the hilt, and banquet organizers

Alexander Smirnoff and Regge Bulman were smiling broadly knowing that their hard work had paid off and that a stunning evening was ahead of everyone. Adding finishing touches were Kathy Rich and Eric Scheidmantle. Peter Croft was setting up his slide show, and if one didn't know who he was, you'd assume he was the man next door who'd help you with a plumbing problem or find your lost dog. He's a humble and nice guy who happens to be a big-



Bill Oliver, our gnarly friend, had flown in from Denver and along with Susana Reyes would soon bestow the Francis P. Farquhar Award on R.J. Secor as Mom Leah and SPS members applauded R.J.

Not only was it great to see so many past friends, but the added treat was meeting the younger and newer generation joining us, too. I was happy to meet Lisa Barboza (our northern rep from Palo Alto), who is soon to be one of our newest SPS List Finishers. Shane



door who'd help you with a plumbing problem or find your lost dog. He's a humble and nice guy who happens to be a big-



Smith, our Eastern Sierra representative, was also present, and he too is poised to finish the list. It was good to see Bob Wyka, who kept to his schedule of ten Sierra peaks per year (with one rather long hiatus); forty years later Bob is running for the finish line, too. Eddie 2 Man Herrman was looking handsome



(accompanied by our favorite Edna Erspamer), and he's celebrating his 85<sup>th</sup> February birthday while still burning up the trails to desert peaks. Legendary climbers Barbara Lilley and Gordon MacLeod came early, getting a front row seat for Peter's show. I



hope Peter was aware that Barbara was the first woman to climb Lost Arrow in Yosemite as she followed the lead of Royal Robbins. Or maybe Peter came early to see



Greg Vernon) and finally 7x List Finisher, the one and only Doug Mantle whose representative, "Doug on a Stick," took full honors for an achievement that only can be imagined by those who know the supreme commitment of finishing the list even once. One person was heard



afterwards saying, "I was lucky to be sitting at a table with all active climbers, so we could talk about our peaks." Taking editorial license, I'd have to say that all our members seated at every table are active climbers,



Barbara.

And oh, it was great seeing RCS climbers LeRoy Russ and Margo who set their own rock climbing records a few decades ago. Ron Eckelmann reminded R.J. that he (Ron) had given R.J. his first ride to the Sierra and still remembered picking up that young teenager in Lot C at LAX where the backpack was taller than the new boy climber.

After a great repast of delicious food and wine, the official ceremony began with SPS Chair Eric conducting all the formalities, our favorite being the Standing Tradition with all members and guests on their feet, and finally narrowing the gap of standees to SPS List Finishers and then Double List Finishers (Tina Bowman, R.J.,



Page 4 top from left: Bruno Geiger, Mary McMannes, Rayne Motheral, Dan Richter. Middle left: Kathy Rich, Peter Croft (photo by Bill Oliver). Lower right: Henry Arnebold, Mary Motheral, Bill Oliver. Bottom left: Pat Holleman, Holleman, Joy Goebel, Mark Goebel. This page, top left: Ed Hermann and Edna Erspamer. Top right: Doris Gilbert, Vic Henney, Ron Eckelmann, Sue Wyman-Henney. Center: Don Sparks, Tina Bowman Middle left: Jeff Koepke, Mary Jo Dungfelder, Gary Schenk, Rudy Fleck. Bottom right: Lisa Miyake, Stephanie Smith, David Chapman, Peter Lara, Sandy Lara. (Unless indicated all photos by Mary McMannes).

and even the graying of the SPS doesn't keep those who have been bitten with peak and trail fever ever to stop being active in the game of wilderness adventure. Surely, the peaks may be lower, trails are wider, and the backpacks lighter, but there are no barriers that keep this bunch in the corral. Once an SPSer, always an SPSer.

Gleeful in winning raffle prizes were Henry Arnebold, Monica Suua, Yvonne Lau, Kathleen Jee, Jim Hager, Barbara Lilley, and Joe Speigl. Thanks to Bishop's Kurt Wedberg and Sierra Mountaineering International, who so generously gave us our raffle prizes.

And then it was time for entertainment from the Big Top, as Peter Croft shared climbing photos and personal anecdotes beginning with his young life in Western Canada and onto Yosemite, "the center of the universe," and continuing throughout the Sierra Nevada. His best stories were about his rock climbing and ski buddies: Galen Rowell showing up for a climb wearing his harness inside out, Dave Nettle known as the hard man of the Sierra, Conrad Ankar, newly back from Everest and his Mallory and Irvine saga. There was a lot of laughter throughout the program along with awe-inspiring slides as Peter spun tales of life on sheer walls and impossible cracks with comments as, "Oh yeah, Whitney Portal, big pitches, big pancakes, and big hamburgers." And, "Wear a helmet? Only in a car."

Thanks to all who worked with SPS management and Taix's to make this one spectacular evening. Many of us have attended several SPS banquets in our lives, and each one is memorable and special in its own way. The underlying theme that we'll all agree on is the pride we have in being a member of an organization that boasts exceptional folks who have done wondrous things in their lives, whether today, tomorrow, or years ago. There's a guy in my neighborhood who drives around in a classic grey Oldsmobile with the license plate that translates to Mister Big Stuff. Well, if he wants to see really big stuff at close range, come to the next List Finisher or SPS Banquet.



## Francis Farquhar Mountaineering Award Presented to R.J. Secor at the SPS Banquet

By Bill Oliver

I have not attended an SPS Banquet since relocating to Colorado almost twelve years ago. So it was a special gift to me to attend and see so many familiar, beautiful faces—and a delight to see so many new, younger faces. The SPS is in good hands!

We're all well aware of R.J. Secor's magnificent contribution to Sierra mountaineering as embodied in his three editions of *High Sierra—Peaks, Passes & Trails*. Who could imagine entering our Range of Light without first consulting the Sierra Bible! His work benefits from many predecessors going back to the *Sierra Club Bulletin* climbing guide series initiated by Richard Leonard in 1937, with subsequent guides authored by Hervey Voge, Andy Smatko, and Steve Roper. He has made more than seven hundred Sierra ascents on about three hundred peaks, and he was the second person to complete the SPS List twice (now four people). He has also authored popular climbing guides for the Mexican volcanoes, Aconcagua, and Denali.

Sierra Club awardees have the option of receiving their awards at a special ceremony in San Francisco in the fall. Fortunately for us, R.J. elected to have the presentation in LA, and the SPS was delighted to host it within their annual banquet, which had over a hundred attendees. (Of the twenty-six Farquhar awardees, ten have been SPS members, regular or honorary.) SC board member Susana Reyes made the formal presentation. Also attending was Judy Anderson, who serves on the Club's Awards Committee. As a co-nominator of R.J. for the award (along with Dan Richter and Kathy Rich), I was honored to introduce him briefly at the dinner. As he began his amazing program on high-angle Sierra exploits, Peter Croft also acknowledged R.J.'s contributions. (I invite you to Google Francis P. Farquhar for background info.)

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Above: Francis Farquhar Award presented to R.J. Secor, at left, by Susana Reyes, center, with Bill Oliver, right (photo by Mary McMannes)

# Labor Day on Mt. Whitney, September 1959

By Gordon MacLeod



*We asked Barbara Lilley and Gordon MacLeod whether they might have a Sierra story previously untold in the Echo that they'd like to share with the SPS. In reply Gordon sent us this delightful mountain tale. We'd love to have your stories too!*  
—The editors

On the day before that Labor Day, three hikers joined two of us backpack fishermen. We fishermen were on a nine-day trip along the John Muir Trail at a campsite southwest of Mt. Whitney. Those three hikers/climbers were from San Diego and told us of a fabulous female mountain climber from there, who had recently moved from San Diego to Los Angeles (where the two of us were from) and said we should get in touch with her sometime.

The next day at that point where the John Muir Trail intersects the trail to Mt. Whitney, my companion says excitedly: "Let's climb Mt. Whitney!" My response was "What for?"!

On the summit of Mt. Whitney, while eating lunch near one of those San Diego folk, I saw two hands reach to get a hold on the summit

plateau and immediately mantle up, followed by two other climbers. I was very impressed that the lead climber was a female, and as she passed by that San Diego guy next to us, he immediately recognized her and jumped up to greet her and then introduced Barbara Lilley to me! Wow! Talk about small worlds!

Those three climbers didn't stop for lunch, but instead marched off to a cliff area to the north and disappeared. Those climbers, I founded out later, were employees at Hughes Aircraft in Culver City, and all were members of the Sierra Club's RCS (Rock Climbing Section). One of them was Sy Osssofsky, then chairman of the RCS, and Barbara Lilley was secretary! Another "Wow!"

*Photos composited above from various sources: background photo of Mt. Whitney East Face, Mumtaz Shamsee. Upper left: Barbara Lilley, Niles Werner collection courtesy of Bob Cates; Right, Gordon MacLeod, 1973 climb of Mt. Foerster, by Jerry Keating; Barbara Lilley on Lytle Peak, 1952, courtesy of Frank Sanborn collection; Bottom left: Barbara Lilley and Gordon MacLeod, photo by Mary McMannes*

This continues what we hope will be a series of brief articles contributed by SPS members who would like to share information about their favorite pieces of trail technology. For this issue Tina Bowman tells us about a piece of technical equipment that makes her life better in the mountains. How about you? Send your proposal or article to Tina at [tina@bowmandesigngroup.com](mailto:tina@bowmandesigngroup.com)

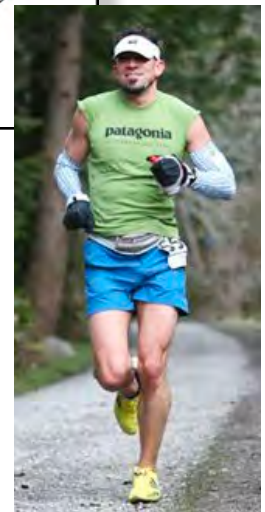
## Arm Warmers

By Tina Bowman

Arm warmers are as low tech as you can get, but I love them and have used them for over twenty-five years. Although arm warmers are my own hiking fashion statement, I'm quite surprised more people haven't adopted them for hiking. They're simply stretchy sleeves without the rest of the shirt, and that's the beauty of them.

Why arm warmers? Unless it's really cold, I soon am too hot hiking with both a short- and long-sleeved shirt on. Once it's warm, I generally like to wear a short-sleeved shirt, but I don't like to stop to change clothes. What to do? Wear arm warmers! While I'm warming up, I have them pulled all the way to my shoulders. As I heat up, I push them down and often leave them as cuffs. I can easily pull them off while I hike and loop them over my waist belt until I stop for a break and put them away or put them on again.

I've used various brands over the years and don't have a specific recommendation. You'll probably want to try them on to make sure that the grippy elastic at the top isn't too tight or loose. It's very annoying to keep pulling up the sleeves if the elastic is too loose, but you don't want to cut off circulation! They are available in various fabrics—wool, polyester, both smooth and fleecy—and different weights, from light-weight, very well ventilated ones that are great for sun protection to much warmer ones for those chilly times. Once available only in black and found only in cycling shops, arm warmers are now available in white for sun protection or colors and patterns and can also be found in running stores and, of course, on-line. Beth tells me that Moeben is a brand popular with ultrarunners; they make them in all sorts of colors and patterns.




Photos: Above, Tina Bowman on Three Sisters outing by Mumtaz Sharsee. Clockwise: Primal Wear brand tattoo pattern; Moeben - sponsored athletes running, biking.



# Mt. Clark Southeast Arete

## August 23-26, 2013

By Beth Epstein



On August 23–26, Mat Kelliher led an SPS climb of Mt. Clark's Southeast Arete. After backpacking from Mono Meadows to a forested camp on the ridge between Red and Gray Creeks, eleven participants summited on Saturday and were rewarded with spectacular views of the Yosemite peaks all around—and the mushroom clouds of smoke from the Rim Fire raging to the north. Mat Kelliher, Beth Epstein and Brad Jensen were the leaders, and Tami Abdollah, Amin Faraday, Bill Kells, Jeremy Netka, Jeff Atijera, Stacy Sanchez, Jim Fleming and Ted Lubeshkoff completed the team. Participant Jeff Atijera took the pictures here as well as the cover photo of the renowned step-across (which Clarence King called "the horrible cleft" but across which he and Gardiner nonetheless transported a transit and barometer on the first ascent). More of Jeff's images can be seen here:

<https://plus.google.com/photos/100088233330092517228/albums/5916417996276619985>



*The class 3 face before the step-across, Mat Kelliher belays Brad Jensen. The Rim Fire. Clark from the South on the return to camp. Back row left to right: Beth Epstein, Brad Jensen, Jim Fleming, Ted Lubeshkoff, Bill Kells. Front row: Jeff Atijera, Stacy Sanchez, Tami Abdollah, Amin Faraday, Mat Kelliher, Jeremy Netka. (Photos by Jeff Atijera)*

# South of the Border for Pico de Orizaba

By Tina Bowman

Years and years ago I missed a chance or two to join some SPS friends for climbs of Mexico's volcanoes. When Sophie Taylor, my tent mate from the attempt to climb McKinley in 2012, proposed my joining her to climb Pico de Orizaba (also known as Citlaltepetl-- 18,491' or 5,636m) in January, I seriously considered it. Orizaba is the highest volcano in North America, in fact, the third highest peak of the continent. Many climbers find it is an excellent peak to test their handling of high altitude. The normal route from the north up the Jamapa Glacier is not technically difficult.

My earlier invitations were for trips over Thanksgiving, a good time to climb the mountain both for snow conditions and for being able to acclimatize in the Sierra in most years. I didn't say yes to Sophie right away because I was concerned about altitude training. Still, I wanted to see Sophie, who lives near London, and decided to give it a go.

Sophie had embarked on quite a project: to climb the Seven Volcanoes (highest volcano on each continent) in a

record time of five months as a fundraiser for cancer research in the United Kingdom. After her father died of esophageal cancer in 2008, Sophie decided to do a big climb each year as a fundraiser. For 2013-14 she upped the ante quite a bit with the volcanoes project. Orizaba was the second peak on her list; she'd already climbed Mt. Sidley (14,058' or 4,285m) in Antarctica on December 28.

Summit Orizaba is the guide service Sophie chose for the climb, so I went along for the ride, as it were. While climbing without a guide is a reasonable thing to do, I certainly appreciated all the logistical help the service provided. A person could certainly take advantage of their other services without having a guide for the actual climb; one can have as much or as little assistance as desired. The Cancholas, who run Summit Orizaba, make everything as easy as possible and have a very helpful web site: <http://www.summitorizaba.com>. Having read RJ's Mexico's Volcanoes, I appreciated having so many travel details taken care of. I would be horrified to try to drive out of Mexico City, even with RJ's detailed directions. I arranged my flight to

*Above: Sunrise shadow cast by Orizaba's summit (photo by Tina Bowman).  
Below: Orizaba, route and hut visible (photo by James Little).*



Mexico City to arrive about the same time as Sophie's, i.e., 5:30 am Tuesday, January 14<sup>th</sup> (ugh). I found good fares on Aeromexico, though the flight from LAX to Mexico City was actually on Alaska Airlines. Summit Orizaba provided directions to get to the Estrella Roja (Red Star) bus ticket counter in the airport, where I met Sophie. For under \$50 I purchased a round trip ticket on an express bus from the airport to Puebla, where we bought tickets for the local Valle bus to Tlachichuca for a little more than \$5. Both bus rides lasted about two hours. The second bus paused in front of the Cancholas' climbers' hotel, but Sophie and I didn't realize this was where we wanted to get off and so rode another three blocks to the rudimentary bus station. Helpful folks on the street guided us back to the hotel, probably used to seeing foreigners wandering about with packs and huge duffel bags. For those not using the Summit Orizaba guides, the Cancholas can provide fuel, purified water, climbing gear as well as the rooms with meals and transportation to the climbers' hut. They easily accommodated my being vegetarian.

A group of twelve joined us that evening, having just come down from the mountain. Most of them were from Colorado, and



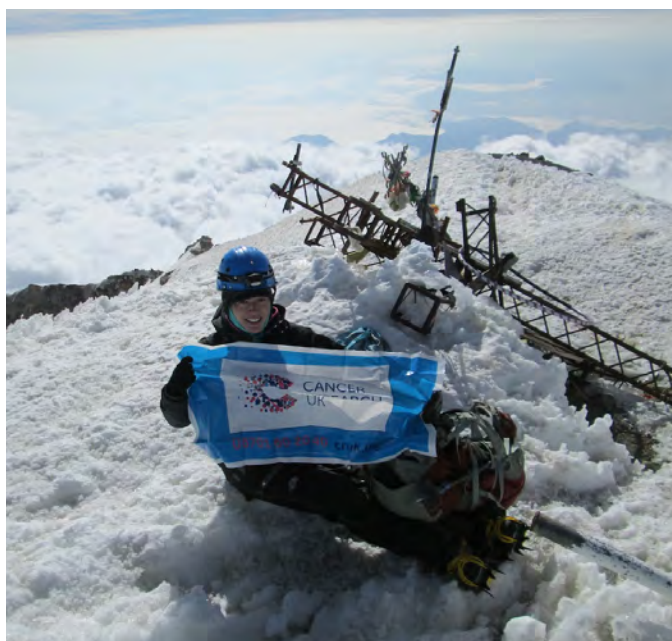
Top: Piedra Grande hut. Middle: View of the route from the hut. Bottom: Sophie Taylor inside Piedra Grande hut (Photos by Tina Bowman).

their informal leader, Dave Covill, president of the state Highpointers Foundation, bent my ear quite a bit about peak bagging.

Wednesday morning we rode in a Jeep up the paved, dirt, and then 4WD dirt road to the Piedra Grande hut at about 14,000', a gain of about 5,500' from Tlachichuca. Partway up the mountain we stopped at a tiny village to pick up the cook, who fed us at the hut and looked after our gear while we were climbing. We took a hike to about 15,000' that afternoon and then relaxed. The hut has three levels of sleeping platforms and can accommodate thirty or more climbers without too much crowding. We lucked out and had only four there our first night.

Thursday we chose to laze around. Our guide, Juan, arrived. It was a short day because of our plan to get up at 1:00 am to begin our climb. More people joined us at the hut, a couple from Wyoming and a Mt. Shasta guide and his clients from LA and Chicago. Three fellows from Utah came up around lunchtime; two of them had already climbed the peak a few days earlier, but the third had been ill from the altitude. The three had gone back to Tlachichuca for a night. Off they went, sombreros on their heads at about 2:30 pm, sort of the opposite time from when most climbers depart the hut. They were back about 9:45 after a successful climb. Two brothers from Seattle, who slept in the smaller hut a short

Top: View of Orizaba from Tlachichuca. Middle: Sophie Taylor, with her cancer project flag. Bottom: The author on the summit (photos by Tina Bowman).



distance away, had a successful climb and ski descent on Thursday as well. They were on a driving trip from Seattle to Patagonia.

Friday would be a big test for me. How would I do with the altitude? For training I had done one measly day hike up San Gorgonio (11,500'), peanuts compared to Orizaba. At 2:30 five of us left the hut: Sophie and I with Juan and James from Toronto with his guide, Daniel. The route starts by walking up a no-longer functioning aqueduct (a covered—mostly—small cement and stone channel) and then becomes trail. We passed one tent platform a short distance above the hut, several at about 15,000', and more at the base of the Labyrinth section. Here we stopped to put on crampons, harnesses, and helmets. Especially in retrospect, I wasn't pleased to be short-ropeed from there to the top, but I suppose Juan assumed our skills were weak and he wanted to do more than simply lead us on the route.

The Labyrinth is a steeper, rockier section that we easily negotiated. It is well marked with large ducks and some small flags. We were on snow to the top of this section, sometimes a bit steep but not scary. The snow was in excellent condition with only a little ice around some rocks, easily avoided.

Above the Labyrinth we took a break. Daniel and James took a short break above us, and by the time we started again, they were far above us. We were now on the Jamapa Glacier, following orange flags in the snow. We saw no crevasses on our route and followed various zig-zags in the snow—slowly—pausing often to catch our breath. It would have been the perfect time to use the rest step, but we didn't. It was about 9:45 when we reached the summit. Woo hoo! We had had strong winds when we switchbacked to the west, but on the summit we were out of the wind in a hollow in the snow by several crosses that mark the high point of the crater rim. We enjoyed forty-five minutes on the summit.

So how did we do with the altitude and the poor sleep of the night before? It varied. Sophie retched after about 800' gain and was thinking of going down to try the next day. I suggested that we go a little slower and that she give it another try—that made a huge difference. On the snow slopes, the pace was just a hair too fast, causing us to pause often rather than continuing at a slower, sustainable pace (and probably arriving faster). James, pushed by his guide to over-exert himself, promptly vomited on the summit. I had had mild headaches off and on at the hut, which disappeared when I drank more water, and I didn't have a headache at all once we left the hut. I certainly was breathing hard, and on the way down I could tell I was bordering on being queasy from exertion and eating little, but the queasiness never developed.

We were back to the hut at 2:45, congratulated by the others at the hut. Soon we were in a 4WD truck on our way to Tlachichuca for a great dinner, shower, and a bed. Saturday morning, we retraced our route on the busses to the airport and said our goodbyes. Before 10:00 pm, I was back at LAX, very happy to be greeted by Tom after the adventure. My altitude gamble had paid off, a long shot!

# Thoughts About the Wilderness Act on Its Golden Anniversary

By Jerry Keating

With the fiftieth anniversary of the Wilderness Act close at hand, it's timely to think about this major conservation achievement and to recall how it affects the SPS. Surprisingly, no notice of the legislation's enactment appeared in *The Sierra Echo* around the time of its signing by President Johnson. However, the *Echo* did report that the High Sierra Primitive Area had been enlarged and reclassified as "wilderness" to give it further protection against inroads by the works of man, a change made in April 1964 by the U.S. agriculture secretary.

Signed on September 3, 1964, the Wilderness Act originally included 9.1 million acres of already protected federal lands. Now it comprises some 110 million acres of federal lands administered by the National Park System, the Forest Service, the Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Bureau of Land Management.

At 6 a.m. the day after that signing, the SPS was starting a three-day backpack to make the section's first climb of Mt. Goddard. "An EXTREMELY STRENUOUS TRIP" read the announcement in *Angeles Chapter Schedule 176*, "Not for beginners." But some novices did show up, and the pace for them was too fast on each of three days, and there was no assistant leader. Separations occurred each day, and a written protest followed. Subsequently, attention that should have

gone to the Wilderness Act was focused instead on dealing with the complaints, which had gone all the way up to Sierra Club headquarters. For the record, the trip had thirty-two participants, some of whom were beginners. No one was injured on the trip, and Goddard was climbed by twenty participants, half of them much slower than the lead group.

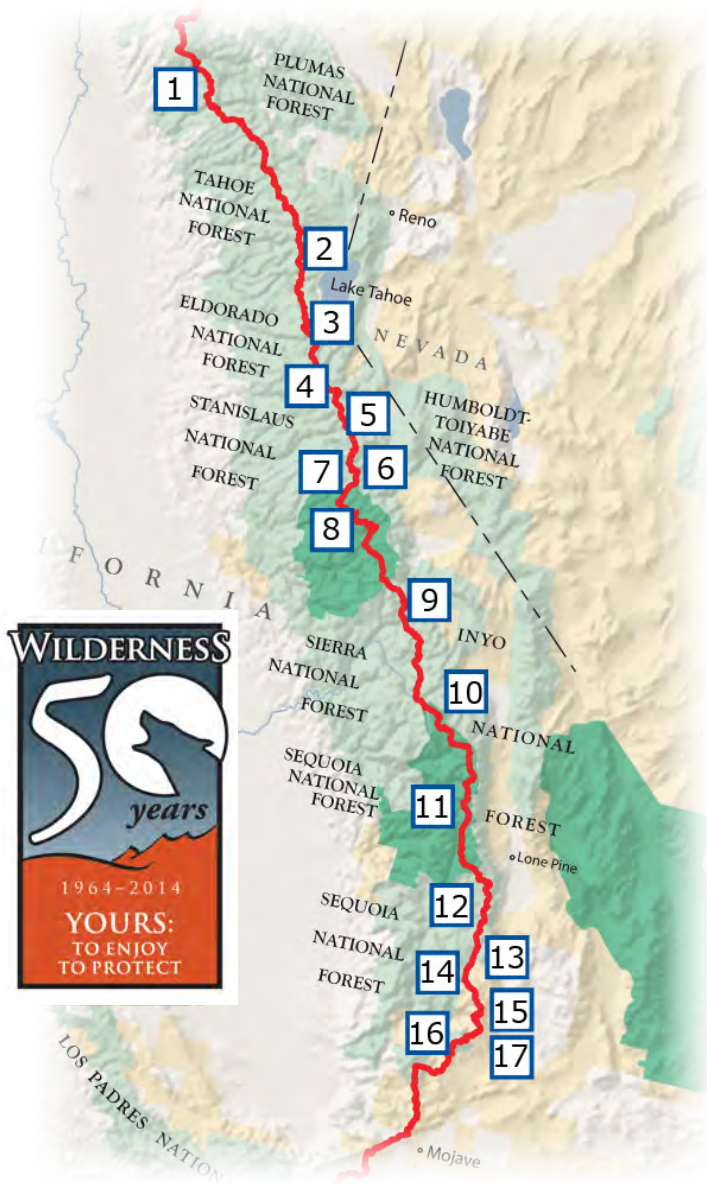
Thankfully, this writer that weekend was on an independent and somewhat longer trip elsewhere in the Sierra organized by Andy Smatko. On that trip, all eleven participants moved together or in organized subgroups. But on returning home, we all were drawn somewhat into the Goddard controversy rather than actively celebrating the new Wilderness Act.

A month earlier, sixty-eight people were on a scheduled trip to Julius Caesar, and that peak was climbed after a female member (the *Echo* editor) awoke Sunday morning with abdominal pains that turned out to be acute appendicitis. Two of the fastest climbers raced back to the roadhead to summon emergency assistance, while ten persons stayed with the patient and the others set off as a group for the peak. A helicopter evacuation occurred, freeing more climbers to head for the peak, including the two "tigers" who'd summoned the rescue and hiked back up to camp. This trip showed a well-organized response to an unexpected problem, and at one time or another forty-five climbers reached the peak.

As chair, John Robinson declared at year's end that 1964 likely would be remembered, paradoxically, as a year of progress and problems for the section. He mentioned trip turnouts of as many 124 and the need either to limit party size or to schedule more concurrent trips as a means of reducing party size. And he asked when increased trip regulations and safety restrictions reach the point where they diminish the wilderness value of an outing.

*From Jerry Keating: "The June 1957 Echo reports 61 persons enjoyed the Olancha Peak area on May 4-5, 1957, and 53 of them made up the main party. Of the 53, 42 made the summit. John Robinson was the leader. . . . What he didn't report then is that the route from Olancha Pass to the summit was all cross country. Part of that route appears in the photo, and you'll see more than 15 persons in the shot. The group camped in trees west of the summit. Later, the Pacific Crest Trail was built roughly along part of the route the backpackers took to camp. At 6 a.m. Sunday morning May 5, Robinson led 42 persons up the snow-covered slope in 1 1/2 hours to the summit. . . . The area is now in the South Sierra Wilderness, and the party size for backpacking groups is limited to 15." (Photo by Jerry Keating).*





At the time, John may not have fully foreseen the party size limits that evolved in the years to come as the growing number of federally designated wilderness areas often had party size limits built into them.

One example this writer can cite is the first formal outing in the SPS old-timers series. Conducted in 1985, this trip had thirty-nine participants show up, and thirty-six started for Trail Peak from Horseshoe Meadow. Most of the route is in the Golden Trout Wilderness, so the group had to be divided into clusters of no more than the fifteen allowed to comply with rules enacted after the area's 1978 designation as a wilderness area. No permit was required since we weren't overnighing there. But backpacking trips to Kern Peak do require a permit.

In the Sierra, the areas now protected by the act include these wildernesses: Ansel Adams (new name for expanded Minarets Wilderness), Bright Star, Bucks Lake, Carson-Iceberg, Chimney Peak, Desolation, Dinkey Lakes, Domeland, Emigrant, Golden Trout, Granite Chief, Hoover, Ishi, Jennie Lakes, John Krebs, John Muir, Kaiser, Kiavah, Mokelumne, Monarch,

Owens Peak, Owens River Headwaters, Sacatar Trail, Sequoia-Kings Canyon, South Sierra, and Yosemite.

Might it be worth climbing the high points of each of these wilderness areas to complement the SPS peaks list and the new explorer list? For list finishers, most of these high points already have been accomplished. As a starter, take a look at the succinct information in [www.wilderness.net](http://www.wilderness.net). Consider Spanish Peak (7017') in the Bucks Lake Wilderness far to our north. I doubt many of our dedicated peakbaggers have reached this high point in Plumas National Forest.

## The Wilderness Act Golden Anniversary

To celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of President Johnson's signing of the Wilderness Act on September 3, 1964, the Sierra Club is encouraging its outing leaders to lead trips into the various wilderness areas to celebrate and highlight the creation of those wilderness areas. Leaders are asked to promote a wilderness theme, asking, "What's your idea of wilderness? What does wilderness mean to you? What's your favorite wilderness experience?" These are good questions for us to consider.

From 9.1 million acres in fifty-four national forests in thirteen states, wilderness areas now include about 109 million acres in 757 areas and forty-four states. California has 149 wilderness areas covering about 15 million acres. Twenty-six of these are in the Sierra Nevada.

Great information for leaders and everyone else can be found at <http://www.wilderness50th.org/toolbox> and <http://www.wilderness.net/index.cfm?fuse=NWPS&sec=WhatsWilderness>

Map	Wilderness Area	Year Created
1	Bucks Lake	1984
2	Granite Chief	1984
3	Desolation	1969
4	Mokelumne	1964
5	Carson-Iceberg	1984
6	Hoover	1964
7	Emigrant	1975
8	Yosemite	1984
9	Ansel Adams (originally Minarets)	1964
10	John Muir	1964
11	Sequoia-Kings Canyon	1984
12	Golden Trout	1978
13	South Sierra	1984
14	Domeland	1964
15	Chimney Peak	1994
16	Kiavah	1994
17	Owens Peak	1994

Not included on the map: Dinkey Lakes, Ishi, Jennie Lakes and Monarch, 1984; Bright Star and Sacatar Trail, 1994; Owens River Headwaters and John Krebs, 2009.

# SPS Peaks in a Day

Day hikes to SPS peaks rarely require wilderness permits and thus the advanced planning to secure the permits. Though of course we want our outings always to be ecologically friendly, day hikes offer more flexibility in the number of participants. The SPS management committee is hoping that this list of peaks that can reasonably be hiked in a day will encourage leaders to offer more of these easier-to-plan outings. Thanks to Kathy Rich for compiling the list with a little bit of help from others. -TB

Index	Peak Name	Index	Peak Name	Index	Peak Name
1.2	<a href="#">Owens Peak</a>	9.3	<a href="#">Kearsarge Peak</a>	18.9	<a href="#">Bloody Mountain</a>
1.3	<a href="#">Spanish Needle</a>	9.4	<a href="#">Mount Gould</a>	19.9	<a href="#">San Joaquin Mountain</a>
1.4	<a href="#">Lamont Peak</a>	9.5	<a href="#">Mount Rixford</a>	20.5	<a href="#">*Mount Starr King</a>
1.5	<a href="#">Sawtooth Peak (S)</a>	9.6	<a href="#">Mount Bago</a>	20.6	<a href="#">Half Dome</a>
1.6	<a href="#">Rockhouse Peak</a>	9.10	<a href="#">Dragon Peak</a>	20.7	<a href="#">Clouds Rest</a>
1.7	<a href="#">Taylor Dome</a>	10.3	<a href="#">Mount Perkins (via Armstrong Cyn)</a>	21.1	<a href="#">*Cathedral Peak</a>
1.8	<a href="#">Sirretta Peak</a>			21.2	<a href="#">Vogelsang Peak</a>
1.9	<a href="#">Crag Peak</a>	11.8	<a href="#">Spanish Mountain</a>	21.6	<a href="#">Koip Peak</a>
1.10	<a href="#">Smith Mountain</a>	11.9	<a href="#">Three Sisters</a>	21.7	<a href="#">Mount Gibbs</a>
2.4	<a href="#">North Maggie Mountain</a>	12.2	<a href="#">Mount Tinemaha</a>	21.8	<a href="#">Mount Dana</a>
2.5	<a href="#">Moses Mountain</a>	12.5	<a href="#">Birch Mountain</a>	22.1	<a href="#">Mount Warren</a>
2.7	<a href="#">Vandever Mountain</a>	12.6	<a href="#">The Thumb</a>	22.2	<a href="#">Mount Conness</a>
2.8	<a href="#">Florence Peak</a>	14.1	<a href="#">Temple Crag</a>	22.3	<a href="#">North Peak</a>
2.9	<a href="#">Sawtooth Peak (N)</a>	14.2	<a href="#">Mount Gayley</a>	22.4	<a href="#">Excelsior Mountain</a>
2.10	<a href="#">Needham Mountain</a>	14.7	<a href="#">Mount Agassiz</a>	22.5	<a href="#">Dunderberg Peak</a>
3.1	<a href="#">** OLANCHA PEAK</a>	14.8	<a href="#">Mount Goode</a>	22.9	<a href="#">**MATTERHORN PEAK</a>
3.2	<a href="#">Cartago Peak</a>	14.9	<a href="#">Cloudripper</a>	23.1	<a href="#">Black Hawk Mountain</a>
3.3	<a href="#">Muah Mountain</a>	14.10	<a href="#">Mount Johnson</a>	23.2	<a href="#">Leavitt Peak</a>
3.4	<a href="#">Cirque Peak</a>	14.11	<a href="#">Mount Gilbert</a>	23.3	<a href="#">Stanislaus Peak</a>
3.5	<a href="#">Mount Langley</a>	15.9	<a href="#">Mount Lamarck</a>	23.4	<a href="#">Disaster Peak</a>
4.1	<a href="#">Mount Corcoran</a>	16.2	<a href="#">Mount Emerson</a>	23.5	<a href="#">Highland Peak</a>
4.2	<a href="#">*Mount LeConte</a>	16.4	<a href="#">Basin Mountain</a>	23.6	<a href="#">Mokelumne Peak</a>
4.3	<a href="#">Mount Mallory</a>	16.5	<a href="#">Four Gables</a>	23.7	<a href="#">Round Top</a>
4.4	<a href="#">Mount Irvine</a>	16.6	<a href="#">Mount Tom</a>	23.8	<a href="#">Freel Peak</a>
4.5	<a href="#">*Mount McAdie</a>	17.5	<a href="#">Recess Peak (from west)</a>	23.9	<a href="#">Pyramid Peak (N)</a>
4.6	<a href="#">Mount Muir</a>	17.7	<a href="#">*Bear Creek Spire</a>	23.10	<a href="#">Dicks Peak</a>
4.7	<a href="#">**MOUNT WHITNEY</a>	17.8	<a href="#">Mount Dade</a>	23.11	<a href="#">Mount Tallac</a>
4.8	<a href="#">Thor Peak</a>	17.9	<a href="#">**MOUNT ABBOT</a>	24.1	<a href="#">Granite Chief</a>
4.9	<a href="#">Lone Pine Peak</a>	17.10	<a href="#">Mount Mills</a>	24.2	<a href="#">Tinker Knob</a>
5.3	<a href="#">*Mount Russell</a>	17.11	<a href="#">Mount Morgan (S)</a>	24.3	<a href="#">Castle Peak</a>
5.4	<a href="#">Mount Carillon</a>	18.1	<a href="#">Silver Peak</a>	24.4	Mount Rose
5.5	<a href="#">Tunnabora Peak</a>	18.4	<a href="#">*Red Slate Mountain</a>	24.5	<a href="#">Mount Lola</a>
6.1	<a href="#">Alta Peak</a>	18.5	<a href="#">Mount Stanford (N)</a>	24.6	<a href="#">English Mountain</a>
6.2	<a href="#">Mount Silliman</a>	18.6	<a href="#">Mount Morgan (N)</a>	24.7	<a href="#">Sierra Buttes</a>
9.1	<a href="#">*University Peak</a>	18.7	<a href="#">Mount Baldwin</a>	24.8	<a href="#">Mount Elwell</a>
9.2	<a href="#">Independence Peak</a>	18.8	<a href="#">*Mount Morrison</a>	24.9	<a href="#">Adams Peak</a>



# Register Needs



*By Harry Lagenbacher*

Unfortunately, the list has grown this year, with more additions than subtractions. I will keep providing supplies to help reverse the trend. I have nearly gone through my second batch of new style SPS canister-sized books and am ordering more. I still have plenty of ammo boxes and books to fit them, too. PLEASE see my web site at <http://summitregister.org> for

more detailed descriptions of some of these missing registers, and to see the containers and books I have. Shoot me a message in advance if you are climbing any of these peaks, and I will be glad to provide supplies and additional information from my archives of reports if it is available. Keep checking [summitregister.org](http://summitregister.org) for updates before going climbing so you will have fresh information. Always assume that an extra pencil will be needed.

Sadly, people who find old registers have kept posting their location on the web, making them susceptible to theft. Please, tell your family and friends about them, but not the whole world!

Thanks to everyone who has sent me reports and pictures this last year and especially to everyone who has replaced a missing book and/or container. Happy peak-bagging, everybody!

Agassiz	needs container, book	Morrison	needs container, book
Black Hawk Mtn	needs container, book	Moses Mtn	needs book 10" x 6.5"
Black Mtn	needs book	North Peak	needs container, book
Brewer	needs ammo box, book	Recess Peak	needs container, book
Carillon	needs book	Red & White Mtn	needs container, book
Center Peak	needs container, book	Rose	needs container, book
Conness	needs container, book	Round Top	needs book 10" x 6.5"
Cotter	needs book 10" x 6.5"	Royce Peak	needs container, book
Crag Peak	needs permanent container	Russell	needs container, book
Dade	needs container, book	San Joaquin Mtn	needs container, book
Dana	needs book	Seven Gables	needs book
Darwin	please move to summit	Sill	needs ammo box, book
Dunderberg Peak	needs container, book	Split Mtn	needs book 8" x 5"
Eagle Scout Peak	needs book	Mt Stanford S	needs container, book
English Mtn	needs book	Stanislaus Peak	needs container, book
Ericsson	needs container, book	Starr King	needs dry container
Foerster Peak	needs book	Tower Peak	needs book 8" x 5"
Four Gables	needs 3.75" x 6"	Trojan Peak	needs container
Gabb	needs container	Twin Peaks N	needs container, book
Gibbs	needs book 10" x 6.5"	Tyndall	needs ammo box, book
Goethe	needs container, book	Virginia Peak	needs container, book
Langley	needs book 10" x 6.5"	Warren	needs permanent container
Lion Rock	needs book	West Vidette	needs book
Matterhorn Peak	needs book 10" x 6.5"	Young	needs permanent container
Mokelumne Peak	needs container, book		



# Alternate Route for a Climb of Black Crown

By Gordon MacLeod

Recall that "Black Crown" is the name Doug Mantle applied to a possibly "worthy" peak in the January–March 2014 issue of *The Sierra Echo*. It might very well be "worthy." Barbara Lilley and I made two trips to climb the thing. The first was on a Labor Day weekend in 1977, via the route described by Doug from the "col" south of Blue Canyon Peak, then eastward along the ridge towards Peak 11,969' on the 15' topo (alias 11,987' on the 7.5' map). We aborted the climb at that "gap just west of the peak . . . where difficulties abound" (Doug's words).

Two years later we returned again on a four-day Labor Day weekend in 1979, but this time we did climb Peak 11,969', but not by the ridge route to that col west of the peak, but by a 3rd class route directly to that col itself, thereby avoiding the ridge altogether. We reached that col from the **south** via a trail-less route that passed the east side of Tunemah Lake. We returned by the same route by which we had come past the southeast side of Tunemah Lake, then followed the west side of Alpine Creek to a point west of Tunemah Peak. We then ascended to the pass just north of Burnt Mtn, which we then climbed on the return. From there we proceeded down to Blue Canyon Creek—at a junction, we met the trail that leads back through Crown Valley to the roadhead south of Wishon Lake. We had camped at that junction on the way in, and it was also where we camped on the way out. (It is interesting to note that my 1953 copy of the Marion Peak 15' topo indicates at that very point there is the a tiny black symbol for a building, but also indicates the trail up Blue Canyon ends! There was no evident indication of any building or that the trail ends at that point in 1979.)

Be aware that this climb is a "big deal" in terms of the effort involved—no matter what route you use!

# Outings



Photo by Hal Browder

Apr 12 | Sat

LTC, WTC, DPS

**I: Places We've Saved Navigation Noodle in Mojave National Preserve:** Join us for our 10th navigation outing at this jewel of the Mojave, which was preserved under the California Desert Protection Act as a result of the efforts of Sierra Club activists and others. A basic to advanced cross-country navigation workshop will be conducted out of the Mid Hills area in the pinyon and juniper forests at 5500' elevation. Potluck and social on Sat, and for those arriving early on Fri. Limited to 14 participants. Send email/ sase to Ldr: Robert Myers. Co-Ldrs: Virgil Shields, Ann Pedreschi Shields, Adrienne Benedict.

Check out the SPS web site for an even more up-to-date listing of upcoming trips at <http://angeles.sierraclub.org/sp>

Also, please check at [summitregister.org](http://summitregister.org) whether a peak needs a register book or pencil before you go on a climb.

# OUTINGS

Apr 23 | Wed

LTC, SPS

**Workshop: Advanced Mountaineering Program (AMP9)—Basic Safety System:** First of four climbing workshops open to SC members with prior roped climbing experience. Today's indoor evening workshop of four 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 ([dan@danrichter.com](mailto:dan@danrichter.com)), Asst: Pat McKusky.

Apr 26 | Sat

LTC, SPS

**M/E R: Advanced Mountaineering Program (AMP9)—Belaying:** Second of four 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 ([dan@danrichter.com](mailto:dan@danrichter.com)), Asst: Pat McKusky.

Apr 26 | Sat

LTC, WTC, HPS, DPS, SPS

**I: Warren Point Navigation Noodle:** Navigation noodle at Joshua Tree National Park to satisfy the basic (I/M) level navigation requirements. Sat for practice, skills refresher, altimeter, homework, campfire. Sun checkout. Send email/sase, contact info, navigation experience/training, any WTC, leader rating, rideshare to Ldr: Robert Myers. Asst: Phil Wheeler.

Apr 26-27 | Sat-Sun LTC

**M/E: Sierra Snow Checkoff/Practice:** For M and E candidates wanting to check off leadership ratings and/or others who wish to practice new techniques. Restricted to SC members with some prior basic training with the ice axe. Send SC#, climbing resume, e-mail, H&W phones to Ldr: Nile Sorenson, Co-ldr: Doug Mantle.

## The Angeles Chapter Awards Banquet

will be held May 4th at the Brookside Country Club (near the Rose Bowl), honoring 2013 awards and featuring Kurt Wedberg, professional mountain guide and founder of Sierra Mountaineering International, as the keynote speaker. Reservations are \$40 and must be made by April 20th.

See [http://angeles2.sierraclub.org/about\\_us/awards\\_banquet](http://angeles2.sierraclub.org/about_us/awards_banquet) for more information.



May 3 | Sat

LTC, SPS

**M/E R: Advanced Mountaineering Program (AMP9)—Rappelling:** Third of four 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 ([dan@danrichter.com](mailto:dan@danrichter.com)), Asst: Pat McKusky.

May 10-11 | Sat-Sun

LTC, SPS

**M/E R: Advanced Mountaineering Program (AMP9)—Rock Climbing Techniques and Anchors:** Fourth of four 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 ([dan@danrichter.com](mailto:dan@danrichter.com)), Asst: Pat McKusky.

May 16-18 | Fri-Sun LTC

**C: Wilderness First Aid Course:** Runs from 7:30 am Fri to 5 pm Sun. Fee includes instruction, lodging and meals. Proof of CPR within previous 4 yrs required to enroll. Fee \$220 (full refund until 4/11/14). For application send e-mail or sase, to Ldr: Steve Schuster.

May 23-26 | Fri-Mon LTC

**MR: Mt. Gabb (13,680'), Mt. Julius Caesar (13,200'), Mt. Hilgard (13,361'):** Possible snow climb of three peaks in the Lake Italy area. Fri backpack from Pine Creek to camp 6 mi, 3800'

# OUTINGS

gain. Sat climb Gabb via class 3 route. If time and energy permit, climb Hilgard via a class 2 traverse, 13 mi, 7500' gain. Sun climb Julius Caesar 6 mi, 3800' gain. Mon. pack out. Trip restricted to Sierra Club members with experience on third class rock and snow using ice axe and crampons. Send climbing resume, conditioning, SC#, two copies of the Sierra Club medical form ([http://angeles.sierraclub.org/ltc/transfers/Participant\\_Medical.pdf](http://angeles.sierraclub.org/ltc/transfers/Participant_Medical.pdf)) and carpool information by SASE or e-mail (preferred) to Ldr: Gary Schenk, Co-Ldr: Tina Bowman.

**May 31 | Sat LTC, WTC, HPS, DPS, SPS**  
**I: Navigation--Heart Bar Peak (8332')**  
Practice navigation for Sun's checkoff on this 7 mi RT, 1400' gain hike. We will take a cross-country route to Heart Bar Pk and practice micro-navigation skills along the way. Send email (preferred) or sase, with contact info & recent conditioning to Ldr: Robert Myers. Co-Ldrs: Jane Simpson, Adrienne Benedict, Ann Pedreschi Shields.

## SPS Leaders: It's That Time of Year

*By Gary Schenk, Outings Chair*

Yes, time to start thinking about the upcoming Sierra climbing season. We had a good season last year, and can have an even better schedule this year.

This year, 2014, is the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Wilderness Act. What better way to celebrate this landmark than leading a trip in the Sierra Nevada? Please consider putting together trips for all levels of experience. Beginner's introductory trips are always popular and at the same time bring new members to the section and club, while giving good experience to rookie climbers. The national office is also supportive of mountaineering trips. It's all good.

Trailhead quota information for Inyo National Forest can be found here: [https://fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE\\_DOCUMENTS/stelprdb5143453.pdf](https://fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/stelprdb5143453.pdf)

Wilderness permit information for various national forests and parks can be found here: [http://angeles.sierraclub.org/sps/wilderness\\_permits.htm](http://angeles.sierraclub.org/sps/wilderness_permits.htm)

Permits can be obtained here: [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov)

Club waivers and mountaineering applications can be found on the LTC website: <http://angeles.sierraclub.org/ltc/forms.html>

Outings can be submitted through OARS or sent to the Outings Chair at [gary@hbfun.org](mailto:gary@hbfun.org)

Any questions you have about trips or the new OARS system can be sent to the same address.

Thanks for leading.

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**May 31-Jun 1 | Sat-Sun WTC, SPS**

**MR: Mount Abbot (13,704')**: Snow mountaineering outing for Sierra Club members only. Sat backpack from Mosquito Flat trailhead to camp by Mills Lake, 3.5 mi, 1,800' gain. Sun cross-country snow climb Mount Abbot from Mills Lake, third-class via the Abbot glacier, 2 mi rt, 2000' gain, then pack out. Helmets, ice ax, crampons, medical form, and recent snow and 3rd class rock mountaineering experience required. Send an e-mail with SC#, resume of recent mountaineering experience and conditioning, H&W phones, and rideshare info to Ldr: Stephanie Smith. Co-Ldr: Mike Adams.

**Jun 1| Sun LTC, WTC, HPS, DPS, SPS**

**I: Grinnell Ridge Navigation Noodle:** Navigation Noodle in San Bernardino National Forest for either checkout or practice to satisfy Basic (I/M) or Advanced (E) level navigation requirements. Send email/sase, contact info, navigation experience/training, any WTC, leader rating, rideshare, to Ldr: Robert Myers. Asst: Phil Wheeler.

**Jun 6-8 | Fri-Sun NSS**

**O: Nature Knowledge Workshop:** Enjoy a weekend of nature discovery in the San Bernardino Mountains. From our streamside camp accommodations, we'll explore our natural surroundings on easy guided walks or moderate hikes led by our professional naturalists. They will also share their expertise in a variety of natural history topics such as reptile, bird, plant, mammal, insect, Native American, and earth science studies through hands on and special interest

# OUTINGS

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workshops. \$165 for Sierra Club members, \$185 for non-members includes lodging and meals. Reservation deadline May 28<sup>th</sup>. See <http://www.angeles.sierraclub.org/nss/nkw.html> for more information. Ldrs: Cliff and Gabi McLean.

**Jun 14 | Sat LTC, WTC, HPS**

**I: Beginning Navigation Clinic:** Spend the day one-on-one with an instructor, learning/practicing map and compass in our local mountains. Beginners to rusty old-timers welcome, and practice is available at all skill levels. Not a checkout, but it will help you prepare. Many expert leaders will attend; many I-rated leaders started

here in the past. 4 mi, 500' gain. Send sase, phones, rideshare info, \$25 deposit, refunded at trailhead (Sierra Club) to Ldr: Diane Dunbar. Co-Ldr: Richard Boardman.

**Jun 29–Jul 5 | Sun–Sat SPS**

**I/ M: Day hike peaks south of Lake Tahoe** with wild flowers and car camping. Leavitt, Highland, Disaster, Freel, Round Top, Mokelumne, Tallac. Moderate pace with 1 peak per day. Hikes are on trails and cross-country (some brush). 3rd class summit on Round Top, otherwise class 1 or 2 summits. Hikes vary in length 5 to 14 mi round trip. Maximum daily altitude gain is about 3,500'. Group size is limited by campground availability over this holiday period and by number of 4WD vehicles for access to some trailheads. For reservations contact ldrs: Larry & Barbee Tidball.

**Jul 11–13 | Fri–Sun WTC, SPS**

**I: Pilot Knob (12,245')**: Come join us for a fun outing in the Humphreys Basin west of North Lake in the eastern Sierra. The trip will begin on Fri at the Bishop Pack Station near North Lake (9345') with a backpack over Piute Pass to the Lower Desolation Lake area (approx. 8 mi, 1855' gain). Sat we will travel cross-country east through the Humphreys Basin to Pilot Knob and return to camp for a fun happy hour (approx. 8 mi round trip,

## OARS: a New Era for Outings

By Gary Schenk

For better or worse, the old Angeles Chapter *Schedule of Activities* is part of history now. OARS is now the vehicle for leaders to publicize trips and for participants to find trips.

Finding a trip you'd like to join is easy. The Angeles Chapter web site has a link to the new electronic Schedule of Activities here: <http://angeles2.sierraclub.org/activities>. The user has different choices to locate trips by clicking tabs "List View," "Calendar View," or "Map View." Under "Search Options," a participant can search for outings by date, entity, activity type, or leader.

The SPS web site also has an OARS page for outings sponsored by SPS: <http://angeles.sierraclub.org/sp/outingsAwesome.asp>. As you can see, our outings are awesome.

OARS updates these outings pages as soon as an outing is approved by the various outings chairs. No more six month lead time for the old schedule! This makes things very convenient for DPS and HPS leaders, who can plan non-restricted outings with minimal lead time. SPS leaders, having to deal with the quota system in the Sierra, generally still need to plan well in advance.

Leaders can still submit trips to the outings chair the old-fashioned way by e-mail or even the antique

method of U.S. mail. (The Outings Chair would consider it a hoot to get a trip write-up by telegram.) Leaders now have another option, one which the section's outings chair is very fond of, which is to enter their outings directly into OARS. These outings must still be approved by the SPS Outings Chair, of course.

To enter the trip directly into OARS, the leader first contacts the outings chair, who will then approve the leader to enter trips. Once this is done, the leader logs onto the OARS Activity Entry page: <https://tioga.sierraclub.org/activity-entry/login.jsf>. First-time users will need to get a password.

After logging in, click on "Create New Activity"; this will put you in the "Activity Details" tab. In the "Entity" field use the drop-down menus to select Sierra Peaks as the sponsor. Most of the fields are self-explanatory. One hitch is the "Begins" field, which requires a begin time. Most SPS trips are screened, so it's best to pick midnight as the time and then click "Time Tentative." The "Registration Option" fields can be used, but please note, these have nothing to do with screening participants. At the bottom, click on the link to add a leader. You cannot save without adding a leader. After all this, simply save and then logout. The system will notify the Outings Chair that an outing is awaiting approval.

Simple! Give it a try.

Any questions about OARS or its use can be addressed to [gary@hbfun.org](mailto:gary@hbfun.org)

# OUTINGS

1,050' gain/loss). Pack out on Sun. Send e-mail and hiking/backpacking resume to co-ldrs: Wayne Vollaire, Linda Robb.

**Jul 25-27 | Fri-Sun SPS**

**MR: Mt. Russell (14,088'), Mt. Tunnabora (13,563'), Mt. Carillon (13,573'):**

Restricted mountaineering trip for Sierra Club members. Fri backpack

from Whitney Portal to camp at Upper Boy Scout Lk (2.5 mi, 3000'). Sat we'll climb the south slopes up to the Russell-Carillon plateau and climb Russell by the 3rd class and exposed east ridge. We'll then descend the east ridge and head to Tunnabora and Carillon before descending back to camp (6 mi, 4000').

Helmets, medical form and recent 3rd class or higher rock experience required.

Send e-mail with

resume of recent experience and conditioning, H&W phones, and rideshare

info to Ldr: Joe Speigl, Co-Ldr: Anne Marie Richardson.

**Aug 3 | Sun LTC WTC, HPS, DPS, SPS**

**I: Mt. Pinos Navigation Noodle:** Navigation noodle in Los Padres National Forest for either checkout or practice to satisfy Basic (I/M) or Advanced (E) level navigation requirements. Send email or sase, navigation experience/training, rideshare info, contact info, any WTC, leader rating to Ldr: Robert Myers, Asst: Phil Wheeler.

**Aug 7-10 | Fri-Sun SPS**

**ER: Mt Goddard (13,568'), The Hermit (12,328'):**

Strenuous outing into the Evolution area of the central Sierra to climb a pair of the most remote emblem and mountaineer's peaks in the range, Mt Goddard and The Hermit. On Thur we'll pack from North Lake over Lamarck Col and through the upper Evolution basin to reach Wanda Lake, 12 mi, 4600' gain with much XC. On Fri we'll climb Mt Goddard following the 3rd class Starr's Route, 6 mi and 2800' gain. On Sat we'll climb The Hermit, which is mainly 2nd class but with a 4-5th class summit block, 7 mi, 1800' gain. Sun we'll reverse the backpack, 12 mi, 2800' gain. Participants must be in excellent condition, have alpine roped climbing experience, and be comfortable on 3rd class and loose talus. Send e-mail or SASE with climbing resume and recent experience to Ldr: Neal Robbins, Co-Ldr: Matt Hengst.

**Aug 15-17 | Fri-Sun WTC, SPS**

**I: Cloudripper (13,525'):** Join us on this adventurous backpack in the John Muir Wilderness, with views of the Palisades Glacier, stunning alpine lakes and a fun climb of Cloudripper—the highest peak in the Inconceivable Range of the Palisades with a superb payoff—views of several peaks including Mt. Sill, North Pal, Mt. Agassiz, Goode, Humphreys, and many more.



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# OUTINGS

Fri begin backpacking from the North Fork of Big Pine Creek (at Glacier Lodge) to camp at 5th Lake (6 mi 3200' gain on trail). Sat hike 2.8 mi, 2800' gain all cross-country to climb Cloudripper and then return to camp for our legendary Happy Hour. Sun pack out, and return home. This exciting trip is especially designed for fit WTC students and will count as an experience trip. The gain and elevation make this trip a challenge, good conditioning is a must, but we are taking our time over three days to enjoy the stunning vistas all along the way. Pace will be WTC moderate. Permit limits group size. This is a WTC outing co-sponsored by SPS. Send e-mail with recent experience & conditioning, H&W phones, rideshare info along with WTC Group (if any) & Leaders names to Ldr: Mat Kelliher. Co-ldr: Sridhar Gullapalli. \$7 permit fee.

**Aug 20-24 | Wed-Sun SPS**  
**ER: Mt Brewer (13,570'), North Guard (13,327'), South Guard (13,232'), Mt Jordan (13,320'), Mt Geneva (13,054')**: Strenuous outing into the remote Great Western Divide to climb Mt Brewer, an emblem peak along with other interesting peaks as time and stamina allow. Wed backpack from Roads End to Reflection Lake, 13.5 mi, 5500' gain. Thu climb South Guard, Brewer and North Guard, 9.5 mi, 6300' all x-c. Fri climb Geneva and Jordan, 5.5 miles, 3700' all x-c. Sat pick

up what we missed or Mt Francis Farquhar. Sun pack out 13.5 miles. Totals for the outing are 42 miles, 15,500' gain. Participants must be in excellent condition, have alpine 4th class roped 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: Neal Robbins, Co-Ldr: Jack Keifer.

**Sep 4-6 | Thu-Sat WTC, SPS**  
**I: Dicks Pk (9974'), Mt Tallac (9735'), Freel Pk (10,881')**: Ever wonder what it's like north of Yosemite? Here's an opportunity to explore peaks in the Desolation Wilderness SW of Lake Tahoe. Thu we'll pack into Gilmore Lake via the Glen Alpine Trail (5 mi, 1800' gain), make camp. and climb Dick's Peak (5 mi, 1600'). Fri we'll climb Mt.Tallac (4 mi, 1400') then pack out (5 mi). Fri night we'll car camp at the Armstrong Pass Trailhead before day hiking Freel Peak on Sat (11 mi, 2800'). Send recent experience, conditioning, and contact and carpool info to Ldr: Neal Robbins, Asst Leader: Sandy Lara.

**Sep 5 | Fri SPS**  
**I: Eastern Sierra Sojourn**: Leisurely hikes to three peaks near Mammoth Lakes. 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 Sherwin Creek Campground (7600'). On Sat, two peaks on opposite sides of the Mammoth Scenic Loop: Earthquake Dome (9350'), 4 mi rt with 700' gain partly x-c; then, Dry Creek Knoll (8842'), 3 mi rt, 500' gain

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For more information, see the back of this newsletter. All questions, copy, and photo submissions should be directed to **Tina Bowman, Editor, The Sierra Echo**, preferably via e-mail at [tina@bowmandesigngroup.com](mailto:tina@bowmandesigngroup.com). Refer to the SPS Roster for mailing address. The *Echo* will also be available as a PDF download at the SPS web site and via a link sent to all SPS members opting for this method.

## Don't forget!

It's time to renew your Sierra Echo subscription if you haven't done so already. The \$10 subscription is due by April 30<sup>th</sup>.

For more information, see the back cover of this issue. Please make out checks to the Sierra Peaks Section and mail to the treasurer:

Michael Gosnell, SPS Treasurer  
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# OUTINGS

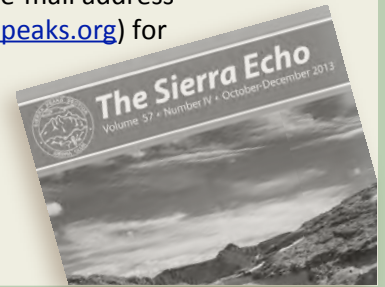
partly x-c. Good panoramas on both peaks. On Sun, drive on paved and forest roads east of U.S. 395 to climb Gilbert Peak (8566'), 5 mi rt, 700' gain about half x-c. Other Explorer Emblem peaks nearby for independent consideration. Co-leaders: Larry and Barbee Tidball. Send sase with H&W photos and e-mail address (sase not needed for those supplying e-mail addresses) to Reservationist: Jerry Keating.

**Sep 21 | Sun LTC, WTC, HPS, DPS, SPS**

**I: Grinnell Ridge Navigation Noodle:** Navigation Noodle in San Bernardino National Forest for either checkout or practice to satisfy Basic (I/M) or Advanced (E) level navigation requirements. Send email/sase, contact info, navigation experience/training, any WTC, leader rating, rideshare, to Ldr: Robert Myers. Asst: Phil Wheeler.

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In addition to the permit information described below, most reservations for the Inyo National Forest and the Desolation Wilderness up to 48 hours in advance of entry can be handled at <http://recreation.gov>

### INYO NATIONAL FOREST

Web site: [www.r5.fs.fed.us/inyo](http://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  
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Mammoth Lakes Visitor Center, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546  
(760) 924-5500

Mono Basin Scenic Area Visitor Center, Lee Vining, CA 93541  
(760) 647-304

### KERN PLATEAU

Web site: [www.r5.fs.fed.us/sequoia](http://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

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Web site: [www.nps.gov/yose](http://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

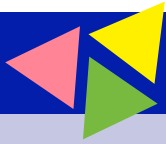
### SEQUOIA AND KINGS CANYON NP

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

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Web site: [www.fs.fed.us/r5/sierra](http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/sierra)  
Ansel Adams Wilderness—North Bass Lake Ranger District  
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## Mystery Peak Challenge!

This occasional just-for-fun puzzle is for you to figure out which Sierra peak or peaks are featured in the photo. The puzzle is taking a break this issue, but if you have a fine mystery peak puzzle to challenge *Echo* readers, please send it to [tina@bowmandesigngroup.com](mailto:tina@bowmandesigngroup.com). Especially welcome are mountain images from popular culture—imagery used and abused in film and print.

Last issue's puzzle was supplied by Shane Smith. And we have a winner—Ron Bartell! Thanks and Congratulations. Ron wrote the following:

*The peak is Mt. Goddard.*

*View N peaks - Ritter Range at L, McGee at near R, Seven Gables(?) above McGee*

*View E peaks - Agassiz, Winchell, Thunderbolt/N Pal, Norman Clyde/Middle Pal*

*View S peaks - Three Sirens at far L, Scylla at L*

*View SE peaks - Split at L, Charybdis just L of center, McDuffie R just touching horizon*

*-Ron*

*P.S. Done from memory, might have IDed a few more if I'd gotten the topos out...*

The answer to the previous puzzle, also supplied by Shane Smith, is at right on page 25.

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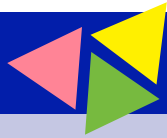
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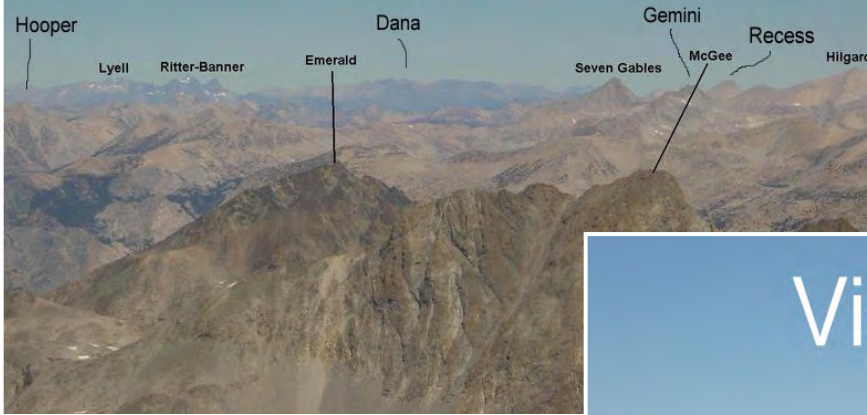






# Mystery Peak Answer

## View North



Last issue's puzzle was created by Shane Smith. The answer was one of our emblem peaks, Mt. Goddard. Shane supplied us with these keys.

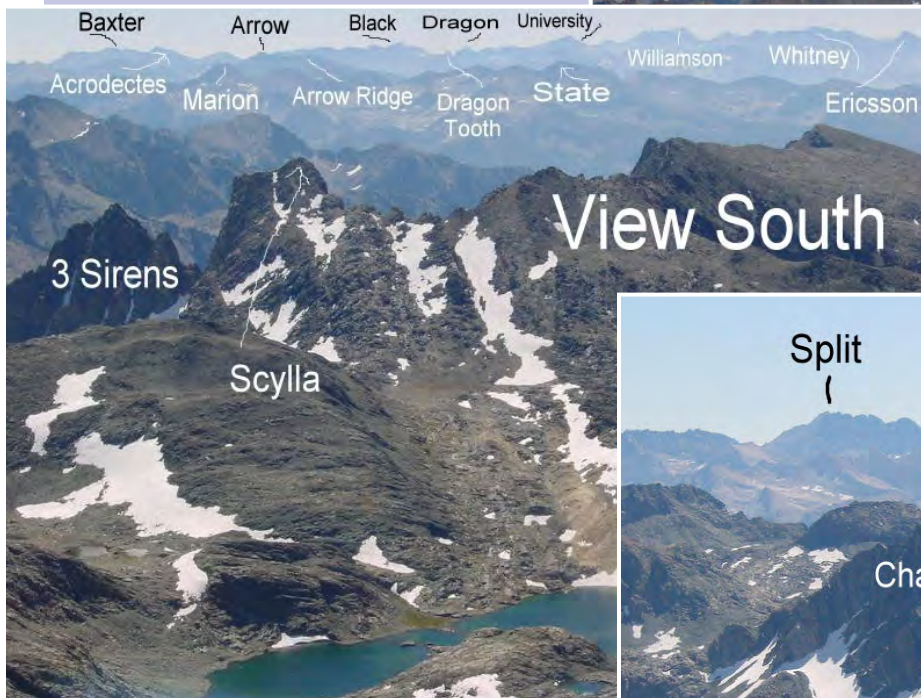
Check out the SPS web site if you have not visited in a while—the puzzle also appears there!

<http://angeles.sierraclub.org/sps/>

## View East



## View South



## Split

Cardinal

Striped

Charybdis

McDuffie

## View Southeast

Photos courtesy of Bob Burd.

Puzzle by Shane Smith, Eastern Sierra Rep

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## SPS Management Committee Meeting via Skype, October 23, 2013

Attendance: Alexander Smirnoff (Chair), Eric Scheidemantle (Past Chair), Rudy Fleck (Vice Chair), Jim S. Fleming (Secretary), Michael Gosnell (Treasurer), Tohru Ohnuki (Outreach), Greg Mason (IT Coordinator), Kathy Rich (Webmaster).

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Chair Alex S.
2. Committee Reports
  - a. Approval of Minutes—there were none to approve.
  - b. Outgoing Chair—Eric S. talked about the things the section should try to accomplish in the coming year. Suggested making smaller, more varied activities during the year in order to attract new members; fun things like trips to Joshua Tree (group campground) and Sequoia and using social media as a means to network.
  - c. Chair—Alex S. echoed the thought of Eric—we need to work this year to make the section attractive and viable. By our next meeting (April), Alex would like to have the members of the MComm look at some ideas previously generated in June of 2013 and pick two or three doable ones from the minutes of that meeting to prioritize and explore further for viability.
  - d. *Sierra Echo*—Beth Epstein and Tina Bowman have agreed to remain as the editors for the section newsletter, and Reggie Bulman agreed to continue as the mailer.
  - e. Outings—Gary Schenk was not at the meeting (no report).
  - f. Treasurer—the baton is being passed from Alex S. to Michael Gosnell. A Pay-Pal account has now been set up (though it needs to be tried out). An email notice to this effect should be sent out on April 1<sup>st</sup>, as well as posting it on the web site with a reminder to pay dues. Our account balance stands at \$9,365.
  - g. Banquet—this is our 60<sup>th</sup> year celebration!
    - i. Alex S. wants to start planning this early, due to its historical importance! Planning begins with this meeting.
    - ii. The venue for the event is to be determined. This may be dependent upon whom the section is able to schedule as the event speaker. Decided to avoid Taix Restaurant, if possible. Other venues are going to be studied in the coming weeks.
    - iii. Speaker—We discussed speaker possibilities for the banquet. Alex S. will talk to his contact at Patagonia to see if we could get someone from the company to serve as the keynote speaker. We also discussed and agreed that if someone from Patagonia performs the keynote speech, we would donate all profits from the banquet to environmental efforts at Patagonia.
    - iv. Tentative date for the banquet is Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Check with HPS to make sure that there is no conflict with their banquet (also held in January).
    - v. Discussed extra activities (i.e. video presentations). Nothing formal resolved.
    - vi. Discussed making time at the banquet for “button-holing” leaders to lead trips. Group did not support this idea (may be other ways to get leaders to do this w/out disturbing event).
    - vii. It was decided to change the Policies & Procedures to make the Vice Chair the head of the Banquet Committee instead of the Secretary. Vice Chair Rudy Fleck is going to invite people to help with the event (several already expressed an interest in doing this). Michael Gosnell and Reggie Bulman indicated that they would help also.
  - h. Emblem Committee—the Secretary chairs this committee. Other members are Kathy Rich and Daryn Dodge. All currently awarded emblems are posted on the web site. No new activities to report.

- i. Outreach—it was decided that the Outreach Chair will now be head of the Membership Committee. Alex S. will meet with Tohru Ohnuki to talk over ideas for outreach. Plan is to come up with three or four ideas to accomplish goals in the coming year and go over them with the MComm at the next meeting. Greg Mason has compiled a list of members who haven't paid their dues for the 2013 and/or 2014 years. The treasurer should send out a reminder to them to pay their dues and offer Pay-Pal as an option to do so.
  - j. Archivist—Dan Richter was not available (at AMP meeting). He is working on items for UCLA.
  - k. Mountain Records—the current chair of this committee hasn't responded to attempts to contact him about continuing in the position. Kathy R. will call him to ask about this.
  - l. IT Improvements: Greg Mason reported that he is working on upgrading the section's Google account to make it a non-profit status. He is also working on an electronic form for the SPS membership. Another project is an electronic survey of the membership (to be reviewed by the MComm)—it could be used to determine how and why people joined the section. Greg also has a listing of the I and M leaders for the Section and he is updating the mailing list.
  - m. Web site updates: Kathy Rich reported that she has been in contact with the Angeles Chapter regarding their proposal to modernize and upgrade section web sites hosted by the Angeles Chapter web site. They plan to use Drupal, which is an open source content management system (CMS). Apparently there is a steep learning curve involved in using this software. She is maintaining our site using the status quo until further notice using Dreamweaver software. A few new items have been added to the web site—the Vagmarken Sierra Crest list, the “mystery photos” competition, Trail-Tech articles, and information on how to order the SPS Peaks Poster designed by Darrick Danta. Still to be updated is the new 2014 management team on the “Contact us” page.
3. New Business
    - a. Policy and Procedure changes
      - i. It was MSP to remove the requirement that only active members may vote (with the exception of those who are only Echo subscribers).
      - ii. It was decided to change the head of the Banquet Committee from Secretary to Vice Chair. See further notes above.
    - b. Future of the Section
      - i. Discussion of outreach and how to attract new members (continued). One idea is a survey of new and existing members to see why and how they joined the Section.
      - ii. Discussion of how to get leaders to lead more SPS trips. Greg M. will make up a list of leaders who could be involved in a forum on Skype to plan outings. Rudy F. will head up the effort and work with Greg M. on this.
      - iii. Discussion of how to get more trips considering the new permit environment—ideas include day hikes, targeting WTC & AMP members. Kathy R. has compiled a list of some 80 SPS peaks that can be done as day hikes. She will send it to the members of MComm.
    - c. Trip planning meetings
      - i. The PCS (Peak Climbing Section) of the Loma Prieta Chapter has been very successful in doing this. Per Kathy R., a reminder needs to be sent out for the *Echo* deadline.
      - ii. Idea of having speakers at the meeting (like Aysel Gezik). Kathy R. reported that she recently attended a meeting of the Cal Tech Alpine Club and was able to speak to Ms. Gezik about the idea. The meeting was held at the Beckman Auditorium and was free. The section could co-sponsor meetings there for free, only needing to supply refreshments.

- iii. Discussion of using Skype for people that live far away (see notes above).
- iv. One idea from Gary Schenk involves a brief article on OARS and outings in the next *Echo*. Perhaps the SPS leaders e-mail server could be employed (Greg M. to look into).
- d. Membership-related items
  - i. Discussion of charging an extra \$1 fee for people paying by Pay-Pal. Kathy R. to see about paying using this method and reporting back.
  - ii. Discussion of a proposal to charge an extra \$2 for people receiving hard copies of the *Echo* (to be continued).
  - iii. As stated earlier, Reggie Bulman agreed to continue as the *Echo* mailer.
  - iv. As stated earlier, Greg M. has compiled a list of people who haven't paid dues. To be coordinated and completed.
  - v. Using Meetup to generate interest in the section and attract new members (to be continued).
  - vi. Adding leadership rating to the roster (to be continued).
- 4. Old Business (none to report)

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Alexander Smirnoff at 09:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Jim S. Fleming  
 SPS Secretary 2014

**Letters to the Management Committee**

SPS Banquet Tickets

Timely information on banquet ticket prices was sent only to members who receive the e-mail. *The Sierra Echo* with this information was not received until after January 1, thus penalizing other members by requiring them to pay \$10 more. This was unfair, unethical, and inconsiderate and may have discouraged some from attending the banquet who otherwise might have come. Although those who do not receive SPS e-mail are a minority, ALL members should be treated equally in such matters.

Also, SPS Management Committee (and other) members are reminded that the \$10 paid yearly by members is NOT "dues" but is intended only to cover the cost of printing and mailing the *Echo*, as authorized by the Angeles Chapter. Therefore, anyone who pays this \$10, INCLUDING NEW MEMBERS, is legally entitled to receive a printed copy of the *Echo* if they so prefer. (Perhaps those who choose an electronic copy of the *Echo* should not be paying the full price.)

Barbara Lilley

<b>SPS Income Statement</b>											
Through 2/25/14		Submitted by Alexander Smirnoff, Outgoing Treasurer									
	YTD	YTD	YTD	YTD	YTD	YTD	YTD	YTD	YTD	YTD	Final
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2012
<b>INCOME</b>											
Echo Subscriptions	1,190	925	530	260	70	20	20	20	10	10	1,850
Banquet Income	2,940	4,510	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,800
Donations	405	385	120	65	15	0	0	0	0	0	325
Merchandise Sales	27	107	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	39
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Postage	(4)	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	609
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Banquet Expenses	4,206	5,640	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,216
Bank Fees	2	(0)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18
Charitable contributions	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	400
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>5,103</b>	<b>5,890</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4,821</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>(541)</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>650</b>	<b>325</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>193</b>



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