

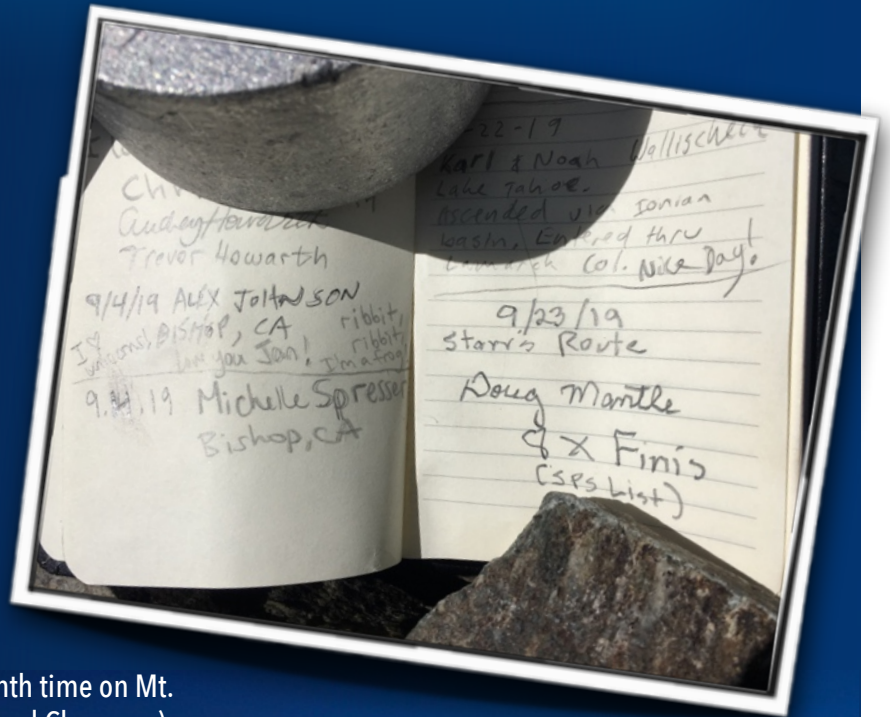


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Doug Mantle Does It Again

Doug Mantle finishes the list for the eighth time on Mt. Goddard. Story page 4 (Photos by Michael Chamoun).



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Climbs in the Alps, the SPS Banquet,
Outings, Mystery Peak Puzzle





Echoes from the Chair

By Jim S. Fleming

Hello, my fellow Sierra enthusiasts! Welcome to a new year and a new decade, with new challenges for all of us! This year, we have a new addition to the SPS management

committee in Jason Seieroe, who joins us as our Fifth Officer/Outreach. Welcome, Jason! Our returning cast of characters this year includes Paul Garry (Vice Chair/Banquet), Tina Bowman (Secretary), and Alexander Smirnoff (Treasurer). I appreciate that all of them have agreed to continue their participation and have placed their trust in me to continue as Chair.

Thanks to all of you who joined us at Almansor Court for the annual banquet on January 26th and especially to Paul Garry for continuing to organize the event. I know what a challenge that can be. It was great to see all of the familiar faces, and some new folks as well. We will return to the venue next year (unless someone comes up with a viable alternative).

This year, we will be focusing on the need to increase our membership. It is no secret that we are getting a bit slower and older, and the club and our group need to find ways to entice the younger generation to climb with us and take on leadership

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roles. Our veteran membership can help in this effort, providing wisdom and guidance to our new folks. So, we all can be a part of the transition to a new age of climbing! Be safe out there, and see you in the mountains this year!

Jim
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Poster of the Sierra Peaks

Formerly, Kathy Rich was able to have the poster printed at her local Costco and mail it to those who wished to purchase it, but that store no longer has a photo center. What she recommends is that people order copies themselves from the Costco Photo website and pick them up at their local store. (Possibly Costco can mail them.) To get the pdf to use for printing, go the SPS web site here: <https://www.sierraclub.org/angeles/sierra-peaks/sierra-peaks-list-poster>.

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Welcome New Members!

JD (John) Morris

JD lives in San Jose but prefers spending as much time as he can away from the Bay Area and in the hills and mountains with friends and family. After climbing throughout the western United States, South America, and the summit of Denali, JD first heard of the SPS list when he signed up for Bob Burd's Sierra Challenge in 2010. Since then, the SPS list has been a steady focus, and in recent years the dream of dayhiking the entire list—completing each round-trip hike in under 24 hours—appears likely to come true with plenty of the long-distance days and all of the California 14ers behind him. He's most looking forward to meeting and hiking with the people whose names have consistently graced all the pages of the SPS peak registers!



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Josef Mueller

Josef grew up as a video gamer in Germany, but he became fascinated by the Sierra in 2016 during an internship in the United States. This experience also led him into hiking and backpacking. His real Sierra experience, however, started with Whitney and Brewer. Since then he has scaled a dozen Sierra peaks. He is looking forward to hiking with SPS members and climbing more challenging peaks.



Congratulations!

Doug Mantle

Doug Mantle finished the list for an historic eighth time on Mt. Goddard on September 23, 2019. His SPS climbs now total 2100 over fifty years (forty-two/year average), and he's climbed at least twenty SPS peaks every year of those fifty, an achievement celebrated on Mt. Stanford (N), seen at right in the photo by Michael Chamoun. Congrats! Wow!



Michael Gosnell

Michael Gosnell earned his Geographic Emblem on Emerald Peak, as seen above (with Tina Bowman photobomb) on August 23, 2019.

Ratings for Scramblers now Posted

You may recall that we published an article in the April-June 2019 *Echo* by Philip S. Bates on his rating system for class 1-4 climbs that builds upon the Yosemite Decimal System. Phil's definitions of the various classes—along with peaks on the SPS list and non-listed Sierra peaks with the scrambling rating system designations—are now on the SPS web site. Check it out! We encourage you to add additional information and create a dialog with Phil about his system. Because the Scrambling Ratings are more detailed than the standard class 1-4, they are far more useful to us when we plan Sierra climbs. See <https://www.sierraclub.org/angeles/sierra-peaks/ratings-for-scramblers>.

Mountain Records

By Harry Langenbacher, Mountain Records Chair

This table summarizes the status of forty-eight peaks with register needs. “All” means it needs a book and container. “Book”—just a book. “Container” means the peak had book(s) in unreliable containers, so it may need a fresh book by the time you get there! Please assume all peaks need pencils.

More details about these summit register needs, such as book size, etc., can be found at <http://summitregister.org>. Please contact me through the website with questions or with reports on summits you climb, whether or not the register is in good shape or bad.



Middle Pal register, August 27, 2017 (Photo by Tina Bowman).

Adams Peak	All	North Palisade	Book
Agassiz Mt	Container	Olancha Peak	Container
Alta Peak	Book	Perkins Mt	Container
Black Hawk Mtn	All	Pyramid Peak S	Container
Black Mtn	Book	Recess Peak	All
Carillon Mt	Container	Red and White Mtn	All
Cathedral Peak	All	Rose Mt	All
Dana Mt	Book	Round Top	Book
Eagle Scout Peak	Book	Royce Peak	All
Elwell Mt	Book	Russell Mt	Book
Emerson Mt	Container	Sawtooth Peak N	All
Excelsior Mtn	Container	Sirretta Peak	Container
Four Gables	All	Split Mtn	Book
Gibbs Mt	Book	Stanford S Mt	All
Kaweah Mt	Container	Stanislaus Peak	All
Kern Peak	All	Starr King Mt	Container
Leavitt Peak	Container	Three Sisters	Book
Matterhorn Peak	Book	Tinemaha Mt	Container
Merriam Peak	Book	Tower Peak	Book
Morgan S Mt	All	Twin Peaks N	All
Morrison Mt	All	Vandever Mtn	All
Moses Mtn	All	Virginia Peak	All
Muah Mtn	All	Vogelsang Peak	Book
Needham Mtn	All	Whorl Mtn	All

Around the Web

By Dave Sholle

Editors' note: Dave Sholle is our correspondent for this column sharing web links that SPS members may find interesting. If you see something you think would interest other members, please send it to Dave at dsholle@verizon.net.

For internet articles of interest to climbers, we'll start with obituaries for Wayne Merry, who was on the team that first climbed the Nose of El Capitan (<http://www.alpinist.com/doc/web20w/newswire-wayne-merry-remembered>), and for Dee Molenaar (<https://rockandice.com/climbing-news/dee-molenaar-last-survivor-of-legendary-1953-k2-expedition-dies-at-101/>). Also see this interview of Dee in 2011: <http://www.alpinist.com/doc/web20w/wfeature-a36-visit-with-dee-molenaar>.

Here's a story about being one tent pole away from death on a solo Antarctica crossing: <https://www.outsideonline.com/2408411/colin-obrady-the-impossible-first-book-excerpt>.

Alex Honnold responded to internet questions: <https://www.climbing.com/videos/alex-honnold-responds-to-internet-questions/>.

Here's a video of Andrzej Bargiel, who made the first Ski Descent from K2. He spoke at the 2019 Banff Film Festival. <https://rockandice.com/videos/climbing/andrzej-bargiel-first-ski-descent-from-k2/>.

Many photos accompany an article about the Dyatlov Pass mystery in the Ural Mountains during the Cold War when a group of students on a cross-country ski tour went missing in 1959: (https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/extra/SoLiOdJyCK/mystery_of_dyatlov_pass).

The following two items were provided by Barbara Sholle: a hiker haunted by last images of man who vanished on Mt. Baldy (<https://www.nbclosangeles.com/news/local/friend-haunted-by-last-images-of-missing-hiker-on-mt-baldy/2275557/>) and Russian climbers on Mt. Lenin (<https://www.cnn.com/interactive/2020/01/sport/russian-climbers-peak-lenin-spt-intl/>).

Barbara and I recently watched a delightful movie on Netflix, *The Climb*, very loosely based on an actual climb of Mt. Everest by an inexperienced climber. Anyone who has ever been through Kathmandu or on the trek from Lukla to Everest Base Camp will enjoy the scenes shot in Kathmandu and along the EBC trek. Don't expect accuracy in all of the mountaineering details (which could pretty much be said about most mountaineering films for the general public), but if you can let that go, you will enjoy the beautiful scenery and a feel-good message (<https://www.netflix.com/title/80194671>).

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Banquet Scoop

By Mary McMannes

As Elton John said at the Oscars, “There’s an amazing amount of talent in this room.” I heartily agree with him when considering our own members and friends of the Sierra Peaks Section who gathered for the annual January 2020 banquet in Alhambra. Rather than go into names and personalities, you can visit our banquet photos and consider the amazing expertise of our present and past climbers who have journeyed to our own Sierra, first ascents in Alaska and the Canadian Rockies, Afghanistan, the Himalayas, Classic Climbs of North America, and several more international peaks. We concur in unison that this is a gathering of greatness.

Happy Hour was cheerful as we’d expect it to be, and we always feel those few seconds of regret when it’s time to sit down at the tables and leave conversations unfinished. Dinner was excellent, and Randy Bernard bowed his head in silent thanks for his red salmon that didn’t swim away. Jim Fleming, chairperson and emcee, welcomed all, and we paused to remember our SPS climbers who are now part of eternal memories: Tom Ross, Edna Erspamer, Mary Sue Miller, John Wedberg, Katherine June (Kilbourne) Hakala, Rayne Motheral and Gordon MacLeod. It’s with thanksgiving that we shared our wilderness adventures with all of them and remembered it wasn’t too long ago they were joining us in happy hour reminiscing too. Further thanks were given to the leaders who are giving time, effort, and spirit in



leading peaks, and gifts cards were happily presented to them— Matt Hengst (six leads), Mat Kelliher (five), Phil Bates (five), Derek Tse (three), and Jack Kieffer (three).

Following the introduction of the SPS officers serving for 2020, the time honored Standing Ceremony began with all basking briefly in the spotlight for achieving various emblems, List Finishers #1, double and triple List Finishers (hooray, Tina for 3x), and



Top: Doug Mantle’s Standing Ceremony surprise. Middle: Speaker Alexander Smirnoff and Yvonne Tang (Photos by Mary McMannes). At left: Mark Allen, Laura Newman and George White (Photo by Dave Sholle).



finally Doug Mantle standing through all, including number #7. Jim Fleming apparently moved on, until Mary Mac leapt from her seat and ran through the audience carrying #8 on a stick. Doug beamed to the great applause for an unbelievable accomplishment.

Congratulations to all of you who wear these laurels of victory with well deserved pride.

Finally, dinner and wines had been consumed, and chairs were turned towards the white screen for a stupendous and perfectly orchestrated program given by Denali victors, Michael Chamoun and



Alexander Smirnoff, simultaneous speakers and in perfect rhythm, trading comments back and forth. Doug Mantle had graciously and humorously introduced our speakers. What was so appealing to us was not only the give and take of these two articulate speakers, but their combination of slides and videos as we traveled with them from camp to camp to the final summit day. A few facts about Denali (McKinley)—the first ascent was 1913 to the 23,310' summit, and it is considered the most prominent



Clockwise from top left: Ed Lubin and Marlen Mertz; Doris Gilbert and Ron Eckelman; Mary Gygax Motheral and Mark Goebel; Jack Wickel, Yvonne Jamison, and Mary McMannes (Photos by Dave Sholle).



isolated peak in the world. Alexander and Michael took separate trips, Alex with his team of three friends he knew well, and Michael with one other companion, whom he had met at random on Mt. Baldy. Denali is all about the weather, and these



climbing teams were blessed with two weeks of great weather. Alexander's team summited in fourteen days, and Michael's duo gained the top in twelve days. We learned about overturned sleds, ravens eating the cache, poop cans, days that never seemed to end, enduring patience, and place names such as Windy Corner, the Head Wall, the



Clockwise from top left: Barbara Lilley and Mary McMannes; speakers Michael Chamoun and Alexander Smirnoff; Neil Robbins and Lisa Miyake; speaker Michael Chamoun and eight-time list finisher Doug Mantle with a surprise award (Photos by Mary McMannes). Above: Ron Hudson and Karen Andersen (Photo by Dave Sholle).



Autobahn, Washburn Thumb, Pain in the Ass Hill, and finally Pig Hill. Technology has changed the game now with the best of equipment and gear, daily weather reports from the rangers, and GPS. But in the end, it's the weather, the stamina, and guts to climb this great mountain, and although two different personalities from two different walks of life, Alexander and Michael had all that is demanded. And they are darned good entertainers and speakers too.



Clockwise from top left: Mary Jo Dungfelder and Gary Schenk (Photo by Mary McMannes). Pat and Gerry Holleman; Henry Arnebold and Patrick McKusky (Photos by Dave Sholle). Barbara and Dave Sholle; Iris Ma and Scott Barnes (Photos by Mary McMannes).

Heavenly shades of night were falling, and it was time to say goodnight and make our way to the Almansor parking lot. Thanks, Paul Garry, and the SPS management for another successful and entertaining gala. I leave you with a lovely end of life quote from founder and pioneer of Mammoth skiing, Dave McCoy, who left us February 8th, age 104: "Longevity happens because you do something fun."

See you next year, same time, same place. Be well, and have fun. Until then, I remain the Roving Girl Reporter, Mary McMannes, 2020.



Summertime in the Alps: Mont Blanc and Other Adventures

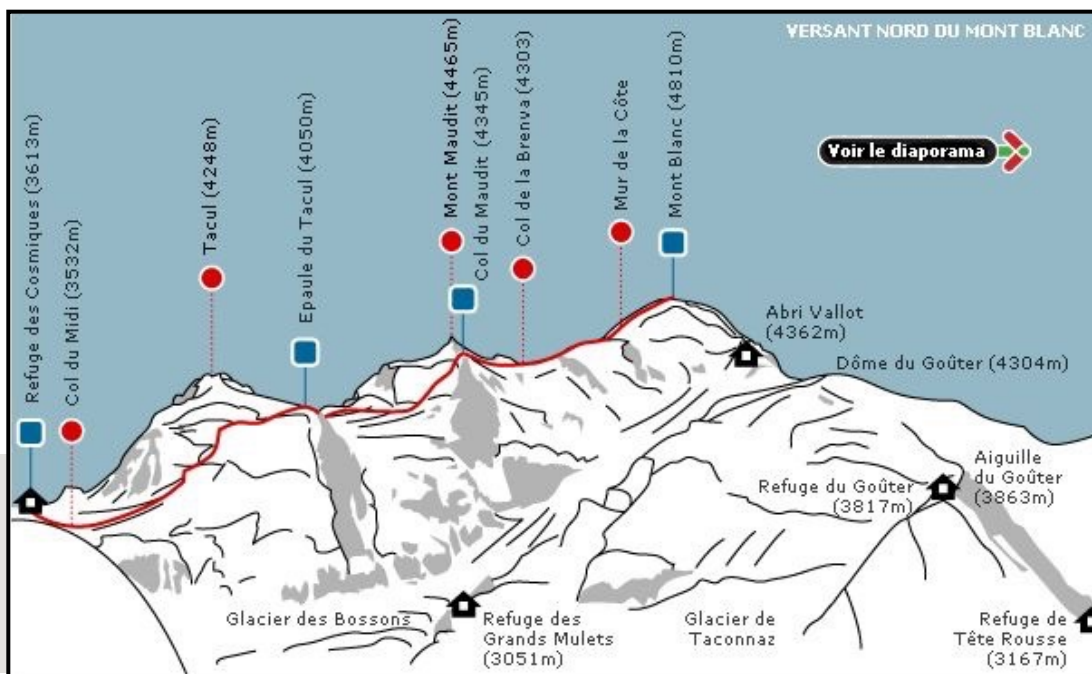
By Jason Seieroe



The summer of 2018 was my first trip to the Alps, and it was amazing! Along with SPS and WTC friends Phil Bates, Jack Keiffer, Nile Sorensen, and Julia Tock, I spent two weeks in the Swiss, French, and Italian Alps, climbing the Matterhorn, Gran Paradiso, and Breithorn. The Matterhorn was my highest peak and one of the most exhausting days of my life, but also thrilling. I had never climbed in an area with such massive glaciers and so much snow (I love our Sierra Nevada mountains, but we just don't have the huge glaciers and snowfields that exist in the Alps). The trip was

great, but due to weather we were unable to climb our biggest objective, Mont Blanc (or Monte Bianco in Italian). I wanted to go back and climb Mont Blanc in 2019, and luckily I found that Phil, Derek Tse, and Kay Keng Phy were also up for the challenge.

Above: Mont Blanc
(Photo by Jason Seieroe).





Europe (the Aletsch Glacier, fourteen miles long). The weather was unseasonably warm in the afternoon (over 50F on the summit of 13,000' peaks covered in snow/ glaciers) with snow flurries in the evening making the rocky routes icy and slippery, so we spent the days hiking across the glaciers, climbing what was safe to do so, and enjoying the amazing views.

During our stay at the hut we were visited by Kay and Derek, whose route brought them by the base of the train station, so they came up for some food and to say hi.

Mont Blanc sits at 15,774 feet above sea level, the highest peak in the Alps and Western Europe. It lies on the border between France and Italy, and depending on whose map you are looking at, the summit is either shared by or completely in France. Last year we had decided to climb the more technically challenging and strenuous Trois Monts (or Three Mountains) route. It gets its name from the fact that you have to climb over two other 4,000m peaks on the way to the final summit of Mont Blanc.

We all arrived in Switzerland a little over a week before our planned climb of Mont Blanc. Derek and Kay had planned to spend the week hiking much of the Swiss Alpine Pass Route while Phil and I planned to spend much of the week acclimatizing and climbing the peaks and snowfields around the Eiger. Phil and I spent a couple days adjusting to the time zone and exploring towns before taking the train up from Grindelwald, through the North Face of the Eiger, and out onto the top of the glaciers at the Jungfraujoch train station (11,332'). We spent the next few nights sleeping in the highest occupied hut in Switzerland. The Monchjoch Hut is located at the base of the Monch at 11,975' at the top of the longest glacier in

We left the area after several days of good acclimatization to make our way over to Chamonix, France, our base for climbing Mont Blanc.

We originally planned on having a couple days in Chamonix before we headed up to the approach hut for Mont Blanc's Trois Monts Route, the Cosmiques Hut, but again the weather had other ideas in mind. The weather wasn't looking good for our planned day, so we pushed it up a day and quickly made our way up to the hut only one day after arriving in Chamonix. We would have no additional days to hang out at the top of the cable car at 12,604'. We would spend one night at 11,854' and then head up to the summit the next morning.

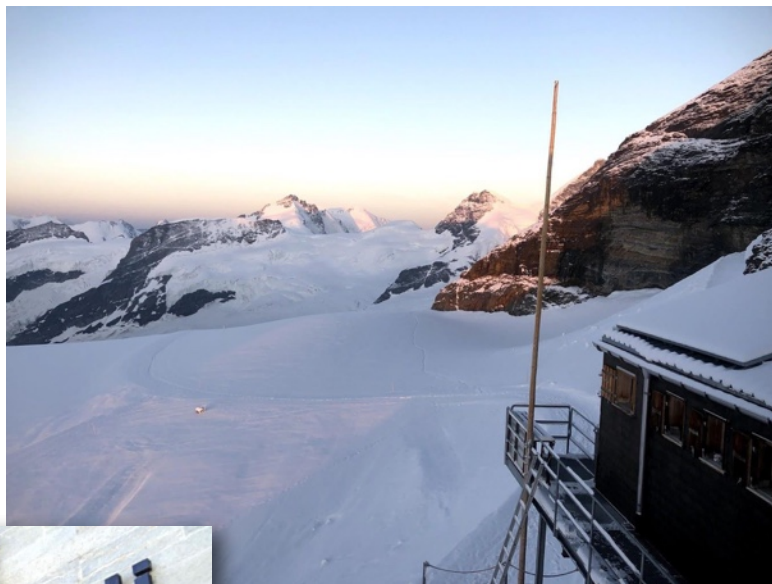
After repacking all of our bags for the hut stay and climb, we got tickets



Top: Phil leading the way as we explore a ridgeline leading to Grosses Fiescherhorn (13,284'). Left: Miles of glacier lie ahead as we hike down the Ewigschneefeld glacier toward Grosses Fiescherhorn (Photos by Jason Seieroe).

for the Aiguille du Midi cable car ride up to 12,604', put on crampons and got out ice axes and glacier ropes for the climb down to the snowfield and short climb up to the Cosmique Hut. We got some great views of the first portion of our planned route for the next day, which is good because you can't see much of it in the darkness of a 1:30 am start time. With the good weather window forecast, the place was packed with climbers looking to bag the highest peak in the Alps. We enjoyed our family style meal and got to know our fellow climbers before repacking our gear for the climb and settling in for a few hours of sleep.

We finished eating breakfast around 1:30 am and were about to head out with headlamps ablaze when



we had a change of plans. We had planned for two rope teams of two climbers to improve our speed (the whole route is glaciated so we would be roped up before leaving the hut), but Phil hadn't been feeling great the previous week and so decided to stay behind to improve the team's overall

chance of summiting. After some deliberation, we settled on Phil staying at the hut while I jumped on to the rope team with Kay and Derek. I would be in front as I knew the route the best, Kay in the middle, and Derek sweeping. A few minor rope and gear adjustments, and we were off by about 2 am, well behind the other teams.

We quickly made our way down from the hut and across the Col du Midi snowfield to start our way up the first major climb of the day. The 1,600' climb up Mont Blanc du Tacul starts out as a gradual climb; after about 500' we crossed the first crevasse with a big step up and started to catch other teams. The climb steepened as we passed several more



Top: Watching the sun rise and first light hit the summit of Jungfrau (13,642') from the warmth of the Monchjoch Hut (Photo by Jason Seieroe). Middle: The team at Aiguille du Midi, left to right Kay Keng Phy, Jason Seieroe, Phil Bates and Derek Tse. Right: Kay on the final approach to the Cosmique Hut (Photos by Derek Tse).



crevasses and slower climbing teams in the pre-dawn darkness, eventually crossing over the shoulder of Du Tacul.



Top: Kay taking the big step up and over the first crevasse while Jason belays from above. Middle: Visibility was poor beyond Col Maudit: we couldn't see much further than the length of our rope team. Right: Approaching Col Maudit (Photos by Derek Tse).



The walk over to Mont Maudit was longer than I thought, and we started feeling the elevation as we began our ascent towards the technical crux of the route. Even though this climb is only another 900', the top ~200' is known to be ~50 degrees and can be icy. When we got to that section, it didn't disappoint. We had a four-to-six-foot step up to the slope over a bergschrund and onto an icy slope with a fixed line approximately fifteen-to-twenty feet up the slope. Derek took the lead here and made his way up to the fixed line, placing several pieces of protection along the way. As we made our way up the fixed line, I noticed the ice quality was quite varied, making me really happy the fixed line was anchored to stable rock towards the top of the slope.

By the time we crossed over the Col du Maudit, several teams had already started coming down, not because they had summited, but because of fierce winds and clouds that had engulfed the top of the mountain. Visibility was poor (50-100'), but we were able to follow the established route (it wasn't snowing) and put on additional layers to stay warm in the ~30 mph winds. Many teams coming down due to the cold simply didn't have enough warm layers to handle the cold, but we all still had more emergency layers in our packs and pushed on.



Left: At the summit of Mont Blanc, Kay Keng Phy and Derek Tse behind, Jason Seieroe in front. (Photo by Jason Seieroe). Below: Jason Seieroe jumps over the final crevasse on the descent (Photo by Derek Tse).

We still had another 1,500' or so to our summit.

This was when the elevation really started slowing us down. With 1,000' of elevation to go, I was taking two breaths per step to keep the pace slow enough for Kay to catch her breath. The altitude was definitely affecting her speed. As Kay would later say, "Being on a rope team means we're in it together and that means you get to pull my weight." I think my days on the high elevation snowfields by the Eiger had really paid off, helping me to acclimate well. We were all still moving forward and in good spirits though, so we pushed on for what felt like forever before the terrain started to flatten out at the summit.

At 11 am, nine hours after starting, we finally made it to the summit! A guide and his clients were taking some summit shots after their ascent up the standard Gouter route, but we were still in the clouds with no visibility. This was the highest Kay and I had ever climbed and was the biggest climb for all of us unguided. We started taking our own photos so we could start the long journey down, but as we began to descend



there were some short breaks in the clouds and we snapped a few more before starting our long descent back to the warmth and safety of the hut some 4,500' and five miles below us.

The return was still slow going. We rappelled the icy face of Col Maudit (two raps with a 50m rope), and the rest of the steep snow was slushy, so we had to be careful to avoid dangerous slips. It took us about eight hours to return, getting us back to the hut after the normal dinner time. Luckily, we had been updating Phil on our progress and he had asked the kitchen to save us food. We were the last party to return to the hut, thoroughly exhausted, but we made it. We had successfully climbed the highest peak in Western Europe via a physically and technically challenging route. It took me two years, but the experience was worth it, and sharing it with great friends like Phil, Derek, and Kay made it all that much more meaningful.



Outings

We've chosen the photo at left showing climbers ascending Mt. Emerson on an SPS trip to represent the outings section. Do you have a photo you would like to see here? If so, please send your submission as an email attachment to tina@bowmanchangethe.com or via USPS to Tina Bowman.

Ascending Mt. Emerson on August 27, 2017 (Photo by Mat Kelliher).

April 4 | Sat **LTC**
Leadership Training LTP Seminar: Deadline to register. For more information see <https://www.sierraclub.org/angeles/leadership-outings/leadership-training-seminar>.

April 18 | Sat **LTC**
Leadership Training LTP Seminar: Get more information here: <https://www.sierraclub.org/angeles/leadership-outings/leadership-training-seminar>.

April 18-19 | Sat-Sun **LTC**
M/E: Sierra Snow checkoff/Practice: For M and E candidates wanting to checkoff leadership ratings. We welcome others

SPS outings can always be viewed online on the electronic Angeles Chapter Schedule of Activities:

<http://angeles.sierraclub.org/activities>
<https://sierraclub.org/angeles/sierra-peaks/outings-schedule>

who wish to practice new techniques. Restricted to SC members with some prior basic training with the ice axe. Send SC#, climbing resume, email, H&W phones to Ldr: Nile Sorenson. Co-Idrs: Neal Robbins, Phil Bates, Jack Kieffer.

April 25-26 | Sat-Sun **LTC, WTC, HPS, DPS, SPS**
I: Navigation: Warren Pt Navigation Noodle: Navigation noodle at Warren Pt to satisfy the basic (I/M) level navigation requirements. Sat for practice, skills refresher, altimeter, homework, campfire. Sun checkoff or additional practice. Send email with contact info (mailing address, phone numbers), navigation experience/training, any WTC, leader rating, rideshare to Ldr: Robert Myers. Asst: Ann Shields. Note: Early (at least two weeks prior to the event) sign-up for all navigation checkoffs and practices is recommended. These outings require substantial pre-outing preparation work, including completion of both a comprehensive written exam and a route planning assignment that will be mailed to you prior to the checkoff. See Chapter 6 of the *Leadership Reference Book* for more information.

OUTINGS

May 1-3 | Fri-Sun

WTC, SPS

M: Southern Sierra Sojourn: If you enjoyed the JTree climb of 4377, you should join us for this trip in the Southern Sierra for an early season climb of SPS peaks Smith and Crag. On Fri we will hike in on trail to our camp (4.5 mi, 1300' gain), before continuing on to climb SPS peak Smith (9520') and unlisted Jackass Peak (9280') in the afternoon (additional 5.5 mi, 1700' gain, half XC). Sat will take us through the woods to a fun 3rd class climb of SPS Crag Peak (9480') and possibly the nearby USGS Crag Peak (9440') before returning to camp for a well-earned celebratory happy hour (9 mi, 2600' gain, mostly XC). Sun we hike out to our cars and grab some non-dehydrated food in town before driving home (4.5 mi, 100' gain). Good potluck contributions, conditioning, helmet, and comfort on 3rd class terrain required. Preference given to WTC Students. Co-sponsored with WTC. Send experience and conditioning to Ldr: Jason Seieroe. Assts: Mat Kelliher and Regina Sullivan.

May 1-3 | Fri-Sun

LTC

C: Wilderness First Aid Course at Harwood Lodge: The course runs from 7:30 am Fri to 5:00 pm Sun. Fee includes instruction, lodging, and meals. Proof of CPR within previous 4 yrs required to enroll. Fee \$325 (full refund until 3/27/20). For sign-up, see instructions and application at www.wildernessfirstaidcourse.org.

May 16-17 | Sat-Sun

LTC

M/E-R: Indian Cove Rock Checkoff and Practice: M- and E-level rock checkoff and practice for LTC leadership candidates wishing to pursue a rating or practice skills. Also open to Advanced Mountaineering Program students wanting to solidify what they learned in the course. Practice Sat and optionally checkoff Sun. Restricted to active Sierra Club members with previous rock climbing experience. Climbing helmets and harnesses required. Email climbing resume to leader to apply. LDR: Patrick McKusky. Assts: Dan Richter, Matt Hengst

May 23 | Sat

LTC

I: Navigation: Beginning 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

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

May 23-25 | Sat-Mon

SPS

I: Olancho Pk (12,123'): An SPS Intro trip geared towards newcomers. We'll cross Olancho Pass to climb this emblem peak at a moderate pace. Totals for the three-day trip will be 25 mi roundtrip with 4900' of gain. Send email or SASE with

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Visit the SPS website for an even more up-to-date listing of upcoming trips at <http://www.sierraclub.org/sps>

Also, please check at summitregister.org whether a peak needs a register book or pencil before you go on a climb.

experience and conditioning to Ldr: Gary Schenk, Co-Lder: Tina Bowman.

June 5-7 | Fri-Sun

SPS

I: Kern Pk (11,510'): Join us for a ramble through the lush meadows and forests of the Kern Plateau. We'll climb one of the two tallest peaks on the Plateau and enjoy vistas stretching north to Whitney and south to the Mojave. And of course we'll have a potluck (or two) as well. We'll enter and leave via the Blackrock Trailhead off the Sherman Pass Rd. Trip stats: Fri, 8.5 mi, 1800' gain, 2000' loss; Sat summit climb 3.5 mi, 2900' gain. Sun out. Send recent experience and conditioning to Leaders. Preference to recent WTC students. Ldr: Ron Campbell. Co-Ldr: Bill Payne.

Jun 6-7 | Sat-Sun

LTC, WTC, HPS, DPS, SPS

I: Navigation: Mt. Pinos Navigation Noodle: Navigation noodle at Mt Pinos to satisfy the basic (I/M) level navigation requirements. Sat for practice, skills refresher, altimeter, homework, campfire. Sun checkoff or additional practice. Send email with contact info (mailing address, phone numbers), navigation experience/training, any WTC, leader rating, rideshare to Ldr: Robert Myers. Asst: Ann Shields. Note: Early (at least two weeks prior to the event) sign-up for all navigation checkoffs and practices is recommended. These outings require substantial pre-outing preparation work, including completion of both a comprehensive written exam and a route planning assignment that will be mailed to you prior to the checkoff. See Chapter 6 of the *Leadership Reference Book* for more information.

Jul 17-19 | Fri-Sun

WTC, SPS

I: Kern Pk (11,480'): Join us for this moderately strenuous trip at a relaxed pace up into the beautifully scenic Golden Trout Wilderness in the Sierra Nevada to climb this gorgeous SPS peak high atop the Toowa Range in the Inyo

National Forest. Fri we'll pack in out of Blackrock Campground on trail to our campsite in the shadow of Indian Head near Red Mdws for a total of 8.25 mi with 1,800' feet gain. Fri night we'll enjoy a Festive Happy Hour under starry night skies essentially unlit by the late-rising waning crescent moon. Sat we'll set out early and ascend mostly XC up forested slopes to the remnants of the old lookout on the summit and enjoy exquisite views of the Whitney area, Mineral King, the Southern Sierra, and the Domelands. Returning the way we came up, we'll arrive back at camp with a day's total of about 9.0 mi with 3,000' gain, ready for another Festive Happy Hour under that nearly moonless night sky. Sun we'll head back out the way we came in for a day's total of about 8.25 mi with 2,000' gain. Satisfies WTC experience trip requirements. Wilderness permit limits group size. Email leader with contact and carpool info, recent conditioning and experience, including high-altitude experience, for trip status and details. Ldrs: Mat Kelliher, Stephen McDonnell

Jul 31-Aug 2 | Fri-Sun

WTC, SPS

MR: Twin Pks (12,323') and Virginia Pk (12,001'): Join us for a moderately strenuous early summer loop-trip out into northeastern Yosemite NP for a fun and rocky ridge traverse to these two gorgeous peaks in the Sierra Nevada near Bridgeport. Fri morning we'll start out from Virginia Lks (9,852') and pack in on trail into the Yosemite Wilderness and set up camp alongside a gorgeous alpine lake at 10,250'. Expect a day's total of about 8.2 mi with 2,600' gain. Sat morning we'll rise at first light to ascend a steep and sometimes loose Class 2 gully to the sometimes Class 3 ridge that connects Twin Pks and Virginia Pk; once atop that ridge we'll make our way to the north to the summit of Twin Pks, then retrace our steps for a bit to travel south along the ridge on our way to the summit of Virginia Pk, before making our way back to camp. Expect about 4.5 mi for the day with 3,000' gain and 2,700' loss. Sun morning we'll pack up and head out over Virginia Pass (10,550') and then down Glines Cyn and Green Crk to the Green Lks trailhead (8,120') for a day's total of about 5.5 mi and 1,100' gain (3,200' loss). Festive Happy Hour Fri and Sat evenings under nearly full moon-lit, summer night skies! This is a Restricted Mountaineering outing; participants must be current Sierra Club members and must submit a Sierra Club Medical Form to join us. Absolute comfort on talus and exposed Class 3 terrain required. Helmet, harness, belay device, and experience with their use is required. Email leader with

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contact and carpool info, recent conditioning and experience, including high-altitude experience, for trip status and details. Ldr: Mat Kelliher. Co-ldr: Jeremy Netka.

Aug 8-10 | Sat-Mon

WTC, SPS

I: Mt Davis (12,303'): Join us for this strenuous but amazingly scenic trip up into the Thousand Island Lk region of the Ansel Adams Wilderness to climb this often-overlooked peak in the Ritter Range. Sat we'll pack in out of Agnew Mdws via the River Trail along the scenic Middle Fk of the San Joaquin River about 8.75 mi (2,500' gain) and set up camp at Thousand Island Lk. That night we'll enjoy a festive Happy Hour under the waning gibbous-lit summer night skies. Sun we'll set out at first light for the summit of Mt Davis over steep, sometimes loose, always rugged, cross-country terrain. We'll enjoy phenomenal views up top and then return to camp the way we came up for a day's total of about 6.5 RT miles and 2,600' gain. Another festive Happy Hour that night, and then Mon morning we'll pack up and

head back out to Agnew Mdws via the High Trail. Satisfies WTC Experience trip requirements. Permit limits group size and permit costs (about \$10 per person) will be split among the group. Email leader with contact and carpool info, recent conditioning and experience, including high-altitude experience, for trip status and details. Ldr: Mat Kelliher. Co-ldr: Stephen McDonnell.

Sep 5-6 | Sat-Sun

WTC, SPS

I: Sawtooth Pk (N) (12,343'): Join us for a Labor Day weekend in the Sequoia National Forest out of Mineral King to ascend an amazingly scenic peak with outstanding views in all directions. Sat morning we'll pack in on trail at a relaxed pace and set up camp at Lower Monarch Lk for a day's total of 3.4 mi with 2,800' gain. Sat night we'll celebrate with a Festive Happy Hour under nearly full moon-lit night skies. Sun plan to set out at first light on trail and later cross country to the summit of Sawtooth Pk for a total of 2.2 mi and 2,400' of gain. After savoring the views up top, we'll

From the Outings Chair

By Phil Bates

Hi, All you SPSers,

At this point, we're headed for a below-average snow year in the Sierra. While this is bad from the general California drought and fire danger perspective, it is nice that we will be able to get deeper into the Sierra sooner than last year. We should also have fewer lingering mosquito issues too.

I hope that folks have planned or are planning their summer objectives. Remember that Inyo Permits are released six months in advance. That means the August permits have nearly all been released for the taking. Note that [Recreation.gov](https://www.recreation.gov) still has a bug whereby some permits are released at midnight versus 7am PST. This issue is not consistent, so it's something to watch for when considering popular trailheads.

As some of you might already know, the national arm of the Sierra Club will require that all outings use a new and more extensive waiver form for ALL Sierra Club-sponsored outings. The Angeles Chapter Safety Committee and Ron Campbell have worked very hard to try to make the new form as painless and useful for our outings program as possible. Here is the current link to the new group and individual forms: <https://www.sierraclub.org/angeles/leadership-outings/forms-resources>.

Last, we would very much like to have more SPS members lead posted trips next season. So please contact me if you need guidance or support in setting up trips. Remember to give the outings chair(s) and the MOC time to review and approve any M, MR, or ER trips.

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return to camp, pack up, and head out. Permit costs (about \$10 per person) will be split among the group. Email leader with contact and carpool info, recent conditioning and experience, including high-altitude experience, for trip status and details. Ldr: Mat Kelliher. Co-Ildrs: Tiffany Bruno, Justin Bruno.

Sep 17-20 | Thur-Sun

SPS

I: Mt Kaweah (13,802'): Join us on this outing to climb an SPS emblem peak, starting from Mineral King. Thur we will backpack on the Sawtooth Pass trail and use trail to Glacier Pass and Spring Lk, then go x-c to join the Black Rock Pass trail, over the pass and down to camp at Little Five Lks (c 10 mi, 4000' gain). Fri we'll continue on trail down to Big Arroyo (2.9 mi, 900' loss), set up camp, hike on the High Sierra Trail,

and then go x-c to the summit of Mt Kaweah (c. 5 mi, 4300' gain), retracing our steps to camp. Sat we'll move camp back to Spring Lk (c. 8 mi, 2200' gain), and Sun return over Glacier Pass to Mineral King (c. 5 mi, 1800' gain), optionally hiking up class 2 Empire Mtn from the pass along the way (add c. 1.5 mi, 500' gain RT). Send conditioning to Ldr: Tina Bowman. Co-Ildr: Jim Fleming.

Sep 18-20 | Fri-Sun

SPS

I: Mt Gilbert (13,106'): Join us on our last trip of the summer to climb this scenic SPS peak in the North Palisades area near Bishop. Fri we'll pack in on trail at a moderate pace from our trailhead at South Lk (9,800') about 3.0 mi with 1,800' gain to our camp at one of the Treasure Lks (11,175'). After setting up camp, we'll spend a leisurely afternoon around the lakes



Dare to Lead! Spring Leadership Training Seminar Set for April 18, 2020

Becoming a Sierra Club outings leader starts with curiosity and a love of the outdoors. What better way to step up and lead than by taking advantage of the training opportunities that the Angeles Chapter's Leadership Training Committee provides each year?

As home to one of the largest outings programs on the planet, the Sierra Club Angeles Chapter's many groups, sections, and committees sponsor 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 on April 18th in Culver City. Deadline to register is April 4th.

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.

The all-day class costs \$25. The application is on-line with other information at <https://www.sierraclub.org/angeles/leadership-outings/leadership-training-seminar>. At this site, <https://www.sierraclub.org/angeles/leadership-outings/angeles-chapter-leadership-training-program>, you can learn more about the Leadership Training Program and view the LTC's upcoming offerings, which are also on the Schedule of Activities page. Scholarships are available for those with financial need. Apply to LTC Chair Anne Marie Richardson AMLeadership@gmail.com

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and enjoy a Festive Happy Hour that night under moonless night skies. Sat we'll set out with our daypacks for the summit of Mt Gilbert; after enjoying expansive views up top, we'll head back down to camp for a day's total of about 4.0 mi with 2,200' gain. We'll enjoy another Happy Hour that night under starry skies, and in the morning we'll pack up and head out the same way we came in. Comfort on steep, sometimes sandy, sometimes talus-choked, slopes required. Very small permit-quota severely limits group size. Permit costs (about \$10 per person) will be split among group. Email leader with contact and carpool info, recent conditioning and experience, including high-altitude experience, for trip status and details. Ldr: Met Kelliher. Co-Ldr: Jeremy Netka.

Sep 18-20 | Fri-Sun WTC, SPS

I: Iron Mtn (11,184'): We are on a three-day adventure in the Ansel Adams Wilderness in search of the vistas of the Ritter Range from atop Iron Mountain with the bonus of visiting at least three lakes. Total stats: 19 mi & 5300' gain. Fri morning we begin near Devils Postpile on the Beck Lk trail, leave it to go cross country to visit Gertrude Lk and finally make camp near Anona Lk (8 mi, 2600' gain). Sat morning we rise before daybreak to summit Iron and return to our camp for a celebratory Happy Hour (6 mi, 2700' gain). Sun pack out via Fern Lk trail (5mi) to complete our ambitious loop. Ldrs: Megan Birdsill & Dave Jahng

Sep 26 | Sat SPS

I: Cloudripper (13,525'): Please join in the fun as Corrine Livingston finishes the SPS list for a second time on this class 2 peak! We'll start from the area of Parcher's Camp on the road to South Lk from Bishop. Expect about 11 mi and 5000' gain for the day and a great celebration on the summit. Contact leader with your conditioning. Ldr: Tina Bowman. Co-Ldrs Daryn Dodge, Kathy Rich, Lisa Barboza, Paul Garry, Phil Bates.

Sep 27 | Sun LTC, WTC, HPS, DPS, SPS

I: Navigation: Mt. Pinos Navigation Noodle: Navigation noodle at Mt Pinos to satisfy the basic (I/M) level navigation requirements. Practice skills or checkoff. Send email with contact info (mailing address, phone numbers), navigation experience/training, any WTC, leader rating, rideshare to Ldr: Robert Myers. Asst: Ann Shields. Note: Early (at least two weeks prior to the event) sign-up for all navigation checkoffs and practices is recommended. These outings require substantial pre-outing preparation work, including completion of both a comprehensive written exam and a

route planning assignment that will be mailed to you prior to the checkoff. See Chapter 6 of the *Leadership Reference Book* for more information.

Oct 17 | Sat LTC

I: Navigation: Beginning 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 (Sierra Club), refunded at trailhead to Leader: Diane Dunbar. Co-Ldr: Richard Boardman.

Oct 30-Nov 1 | Fri-Sun LTC

C: Wilderness First Aid Course at Harwood Lodge: The course runs from 7:30 am Fri to 5:00 pm Sun. Fee includes instruction, lodging, and meals. Proof of CPR within previous 4 yrs required to enroll. Fee \$325 (full refund until 9/25/20). For sign-up, see instructions and application at www.wildernessfirstaidcourse.org.

Nov 7-8 | Sat-Sun LTC

M/E-R: Indian Cove Rock Checkoff and Practice: M- and E-level rock checkoff and practice for LTC leadership candidates wishing to pursue a rating or practice skills. Also open to Advanced Mountaineering Program students wanting to solidify what they learned in the course. Practice

We Need Your Stories!

We need YOU to submit reports of SPS and private climbs, Trail Tech articles, Mystery Peak challenges, and anything else you think would be of interest to *Echo* readers! Please send submissions to co-editor Tina Bowman at tina@bowmanchange.com.

Thanks!

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Sat and optionally checkoff Sun. Restricted to active Sierra Club members with previous rock climbing experience. Climbing helmets and harnesses required. Email climbing resume to leader to apply. Ldr: Patrick McKusky. Assts: Dean Richter, Matt Hengst.

Nov 14-15 | Sat-Sun **LTC, WTC, HPS, DPS, SPS**

I: Navigation: Mission Crk Preserve Navigation Noodle:
Navigation noodle at Mission Crk Preserve to satisfy the basic (I/M) level navigation requirements. Sat for practice,

skills refresher, altimeter, homework, campfire. Sun checkoff or additional practice. Send email with contact info (mailing address, phone numbers), navigation experience/training, any WTC, leader rating, rideshare to Ldr: Robert Myers. Asst: Ann Shields. Note: Early (at least two weeks prior to the event) sign-up for all navigation checkoffs and practices is recommended. These outings require substantial pre-outing preparation work, including completion of both a comprehensive written exam and a route planning assignment that will be mailed to you prior

SPS Income Statement 02-26-2020

	YTD	YTD	YTD	YTD	Final	Final	Final	Final	Final	Final	YTD	YTD
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
INCOME												
Echo Subscriptions	1,070	560	310	150	1,835	1,360	1,560	1,560	1,540	1,380	1,400	1,710
Banquet Income	2,925				2,800	2,905	4,645	4,110	3,760	2,705	2,650	3,165
Donations	445	180	90	30	340	440	560	666	878	605	673	911
Merchandise Sales	267				39	27	276	350	157	67	142	112
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Total Income	4,707	740	400	180	5,014	4,732	7,041	6,686	6,335	4,757	4,865	5,898
EXPENSES												
Postage					609	-4	14	938	522	314	292	364
Printing					578	898	640	706	433	418	315	364
Merchandise	38						196	234	130		17	687
Raffle							250					
Banquet Expenses	3,834				3,216	4,206	5,640	4,772	4,710	3,553	3,715	4,252
Bank Fees	-90				18	2	10	6	11	5	-101	31
Website							268	36				
Charitable contributions					400			200	200	200	200	
Outreach								899	254	82		
Membership meetings/activities								1,257	174		101	146
Register Related									57			
	-135											
Total Expenses	3,647				4,821	5,103	7,019	9,048	6,493	4,572	4,539	5,843
OVERALL TOTAL	1,060	740	400	180	193	-371	22	-2,362	-158	184	326	55
Cash In Bank	8,079.74											

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to the checkoff. See Chapter 6 of the *Leadership Reference Book* for more information.

Dec 6 | Sun **LTC, WTC, HPS, DPS, SPS**

I: Navigation: Warren Pt Navigation Noodle: Navigation noodle at Warren Pt to satisfy the basic (I/M) level navigation requirements. Practice skills or checkoff. Send email with contact info (mailing address, phone numbers), navigation experience/training, any WTC, leader rating,

rideshare to Ldr: Robert Myers. Asst: Ann Shields. Note: Early (at least two weeks prior to the event) sign-up for all navigation checkoffs and practices is recommended. These outings require substantial pre-outing preparation work, including completion of both a comprehensive written exam and a route planning assignment that will be mailed to you prior to the checkoff. See Chapter 6 of the *Leadership Reference Book* for more information.

Wilderness Permit Info

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.fs.usda.gov/main/inyo/home
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) 647-304

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

Permits are required in Sequoia National Forest only for overnight stays in the Golden Trout Wilderness. For entry to the Golden Trout Wilderness via the Inyo NF or Sequoia/Kings Canyon National Parks see the links provided for those areas.

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.fs.usda.gov/sequoia
47050 Generals Highway
Three Rivers, CA. 93271-9599
Phone (559) 565-3766 for permit & trail info. Fax (559) 565-4239

For general information go to www.nps.gov/seki. For wilderness permits go to www.nps.gov/seki/planyourvisit/wilderness_permits.htm.

SIERRA NATIONAL FOREST (WESTSIDE) ENTRY

Web site: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/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

SPS Management Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday, December 9, 2019 8:00 p.m.
Via Conference Call

1. Call to order at 8:01; present on the call were Jim Fleming, chair; Alexander Smirnoff, treasurer; Paul Garry, vice chair/banquet; Laura Newman, fifth officer/outreach; Tina Bowman, secretary; Phil Bates, outings; Joe Wankum, web master; Harry Langenbacher, mountain records/ assistant web master.
2. Standard business and reports.
 - a. Approval of minutes (October)—Done via e-mail.
 - b. Chair—see old and new business. Also, Patty Kline wishes to purchase more emblem pins, which the committee authorized.
 - c. Vice Chair—About eight people have reserved tickets for the banquet so far. Alexander will order a check for an honorarium for Michael Chamoun.
 - d. Outings—This is a quiet period, but Phil and Megan Birdsill will represent the SPS and DPS, respectively, at the Reel Rock event, January 15th, at CalTech as approved by the CalTech Alpine Club.
 - e. Treasurer’s report—The SPS has \$9,683 in the bank.
 - f. Emblem Committee Report—Phil S. Bates earned his emblem on Mt Brewer on September 24, 2016; Geographic Emblem on Mt. Keith on August 20, 2019; and Andy Smatko Explorer Emblem on finger Peaks in August 2011. Keith Christensen earned his senior emblem on Mt. Lola on October 13, 2019.
 - g. Outreach—no report.
 - h. Archives— no report.
 - i. *Echo*
 - ii. Deadline for next issue is February 22 (April-June issue)
 - iii. Laura has many issues to scan from Greg Gerlach and is hoping to get some issues from Barbara Lilley to fill in gaps.
 - iii. Move to HTML version (update)—no progress. Harry noted that Drupal might not support html files but that they could be loaded on the sierrapeaks.org web site with links to those files from the Drupal web site.
 - j. Mountain Records—Harry noted by phone and email that what Pete Yamagata has proposed—removing peak registers—on the Facebook SPS page is illegal and other comments might be slanderous.
 - k. IT—no report.
 - l. Website—no report.
 - m. Conservation—no report.
 - n. Safety Chair—no report.
3. Old business
 - a. Chapter award nominations were due November 1st. We had no nominations.
 - b. Nominations for people to run for SPS management committee? All five of us will run again. Jason Seieroe is willing to run.
 - c. *Echo* redaction—Harry has redacted issues of the *Echo* from the 60s and 70s, removing rosters and other blocks of information with addresses and phone numbers and uploaded the issues with an index. He was also able to reduce the file sizes without loss of quality. Laura has worked on some other old issues she found and done some redaction as well. For old issues, Tina suggested it would be good not to redact that material; rosters are of historical interest. Harry can replace the redacted material and upload again. Laura will upload issues to the web site if Joe gives her access and can walk her through the process, which he is willing to do.
4. New business
 - a. Final preparations for SPS banquet—Tina soon will be mailing out a banquet flyer along with ballot and *Echo* renewal form to the few people without email. She and Tom will prepare the printed program, which Laura can print.
 - b. SPS elections—On December 27th Tina will email members with a link to the Survey Monkey ballot as well as pdfs of the banquet flyer and *Echo* renewal form. The election closes on January 26th at the time of the banquet. We can use Survey Monkey for one month for free.
 - c. Paul set the SPS Facebook pages so that any posts by Pete Yamagata for the next thirty days must be approved by one of the page administrators. Pete ranted against the Sierra Club and offered \$100 for the removal of registers (he used to rant that registers had been removed).
 - d. Next meeting will be on Monday, February 10th, 8:00 p.m., via teleconference.

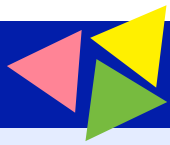
Meeting adjourned at 8:46

Respectfully submitted.
Tina Bowman
Secretary

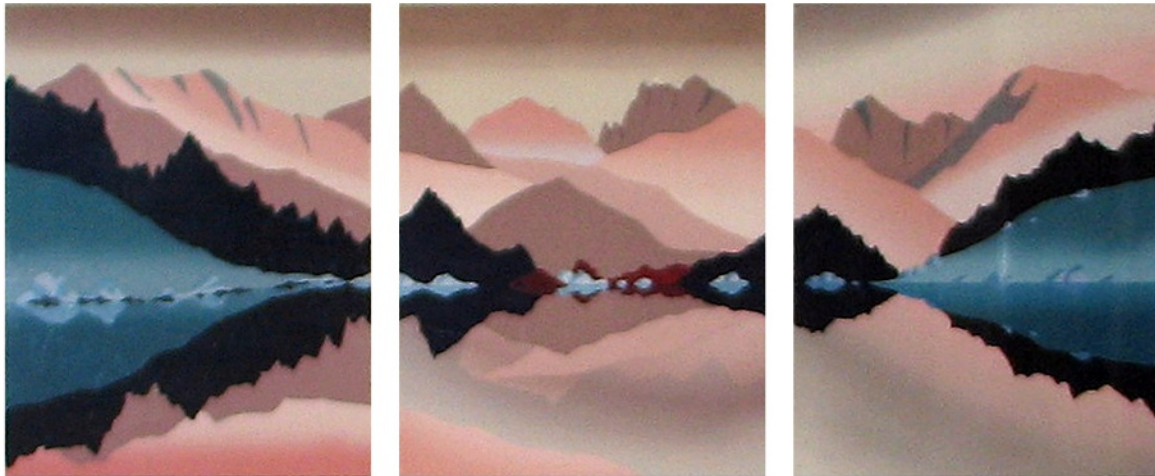
Minutes approved via email.

SPS Management Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 10, 2020, 7:00 p.m.
At Alexander Smirnoff's Home

1. Call to order at 7:27 ; present were Jim Fleming, chair; Alexander Smirnoff, treasurer; Paul Garry, vice chair/ banquet; Tina Bowman, secretary; Jason Seieroe, fifth officer/outreach.
 2. Standard business and reports.
 - a. Approval of minutes (December)—Done via e-mail.
 - b. Chair—see old and new business.
 - c. Vice Chair—banquet review: The banquet went well with sixty-nine attendees. The program was well received, and the two speakers having a conversation about their climbs of Denali worked well. Alexander will refund George Wallerstein's reservation (cancelled in time so that the SPS was not charged); honorarium will be sent to Michael Chamoun (Alexander declined his honorarium). Paul mailed the REI gift cards to the leaders who led the most outings. The banquet brought in \$2925; expenses will total \$4259. Paul is willing to speak about his climb of Vincent Massif at the 2021 banquet.
 - d. Outings—no report.
 - e. Treasurer's report—The SPS has \$9085 in the bank. Alexander will schedule a check for \$200 as a donation to the chapter. He also completed the 2019 audit.
 - f. Emblem Committee Report—Michael Gosnell earned his Geographic Emblem on Emerald Peak, August 23, 2019.
 - g. Outreach—no report.
 - h. Archives—no report.
 - i. *Echo*
 - i. Deadline for next issue is February 22 (April-June issue)
 - ii. Laura is willing to continue scanning old issues.
 - iii. Move to HTML version (update)—no progress.
 - j. Mountain Records—no report.
 - k. IT—no report.
 - l. Web master
 - i. Joe asked for election results for updating the management page; Tina will send that information and a photo of Jason.
 - ii. Joe has eliminated all links to the old waivers/sign-in sheets; the link only goes to the new ones.
 - iii. The Newsletter Index page now has links to all the old *Echos* that have been uploaded as of December. Joe has left the Newsletter page alone for now as he thinks Harry may be working on something there. If not, he will add the links there as well the first chance he gets.
 - iv. The covers on the 1980s *Echos* (on the web site) are not the best resolution. Twenty years ago, these covers were re-scanned at a higher resolution, and Joe believes he has a copy somewhere. He hopes to find the re-scanned covers and will try to replace the *Echos* now on the web site with better resolution covers.
 - m. Conservation—no report.
 - n. Safety Chair—no report.
 3. Old business
 - a. SPS Election results—decide positions for 2020; see 1 above for positions.
 - b. Scrambling Ratings proposal—discussion and approval of keeping the scrambling ratings on the web site.
 4. New business
 - a. Proposal to increase membership (Adrienne Benedict email)—suggestion that the HPS, DPS, and SPS each sponsor (or cosponsor with WTC) one of four outings per year for WTC alumni, one per quarter (each year one of the sections would offer two). The hope is that these outings will lead more WTC alumni to join the climbing sections. The SPS is interested. Discussion about getting more outings, including trips sponsored only by the SPS, possibly through leader meetings. Discussion of making it easier to post and lead meetings with such things as trip announcements that can easily be copied, pasted into Campfire, and revised and a library of trip sheets sent to participants that leaders can access.
 - b. Merchandise proposal—reorders and pricing change (Patty Kline e-mails). MSP to approve purchase of more t-shirts and master emblem pins and to raise the price for t-shirts and pins to \$20, including shipping, to cover our costs.
 - c. Next meeting will be on Monday, April 13, at 8:00 via teleconference.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:28.
Respectfully submitted.
Tina Bowman
Secretary
- Minutes approved via email.



Mystery Peak Challenge Answer



Edna Erspamer's triptych serigraph is of the Pioneer Basin area; no one sent in an answer, right or wrong. Now that you know the area (follow your mental trail from Mosquito Flat at the end of the Rock Creek Road over Mono Pass and go north west to this area), can you name the peaks depicted, which may or may not be on the list?

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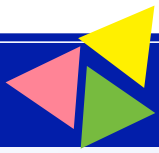


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This occasional just-for-fun puzzle is for you to figure out which Sierra peak or peaks are featured in the image. If you have a fine mystery peak puzzle to challenge *Echo* readers, please send it to tina@bowmanchange.com. We welcome any mountain images, including those from popular culture—imagery used and abused in film and print!

Our new Mystery Peak photo was taken by member James Bias in the Northern Sierra from a saddle of one of the peaks on our list. Another listed peak is in the distance. Can you name both the peak the photo was shot from as well as the one in the distance? Bonus points if you can name the wilderness area in the view as well as another named peak in the picture!

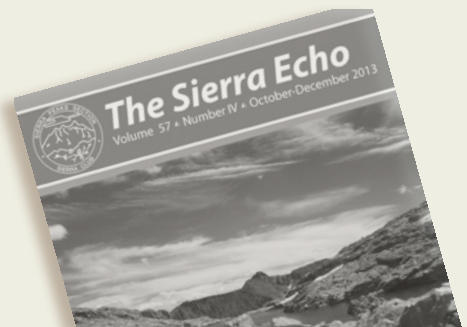
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