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First SPS Virtual Banquet

Antarctica and Mt. Vinson

View of the vast Antarctic ice sheet
(Photo by Paul Garry). Story page 4.





Echoes from the Chair By Tina Bowman

The wheels are grinding ever so slowly with the pilot outings. Our chapter's Safety Committee Chair and SPS member, Ron Campbell, noted that National requested proposals for pilot trips in October and has tentatively approved but not scheduled a simple dayhike sponsored by the Griffith Park Section. Sad to say, but official SPS overnight

backpacks and straightforward, simple climbs seem to be far in the future for us. But stay tuned! Perhaps the SPS can offer an introductory-type trip—short backpack, class 2 climb—as a pilot trip. Leaders, think about what might work well for a pilot outing. No doubt reporting will be required, and there may be special trip restrictions.

So for now, it looks like we'll need to go on private or guided trips if we wish to climb our beloved Sierra peaks this summer. Let us hope that fire season is not nearly as horrific as last year's, but I'm not sanguine that will be the case with the low snow-year. You can reach out to fellow SPSers with an ad in the *Echo* for climbing partners and peaks you'd love to climb this summer, or post in our Facebook group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/366711653441263>.

Thanks to Jim Fleming for taking the helm as chair the past three years. I'm pleased to be working with another great management committee. Laura

Newman is our new treasurer, taking over from Alexander Smirnoff, who served for many years so well in that position. Jim will take my past position as secretary and will chair the Emblem Committee; Paul Garry will continue as vice-chair/banquet chair; and Alexander will now serve as fifth officer, mostly working with Jason Seieroe, our appointed outreach chair.

I greatly enjoyed Jason Pair's Zoom talk on May 11th about his climbs of Dragon and Gould last summer with Donovan, his son and also an SPS member. Thanks to Jason Seieroe for setting it up. If you haven't participated in one of these, I encourage you to do so! It's a great way to meet other members and stay connected to our SPS community in the absence of our outings and banquet.

Elsewhere in this issue please read about the proposal to change the bylaws to make the treasurer either an elected or appointed position. We'll welcome arguments against the proposed change as well as more arguments for it in the next issue of the *Echo* so that we can hear from both sides before the ballot goes out toward the end of December.

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Call for Nominations!

It's that time of year when we're looking for members to run for the SPS management committee and to serve on the nominating and election committees. Are you interested? Know someone who might be willing to serve? Please contact Tina Bowman, chair, to make suggestions. Her email is tina@bowmanchange.com.

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Proposed Bylaws Change

The SPS management committee is proposing a change in the section's bylaws for the next regular ballot. We would like to have the option of the treasurer being either an elected member of the management committee or an appointed member. The treasurer may then be able to serve longer than the five-year limit of elected members. It will allow the treasurer to make reports to the committee but, if an appointed treasurer, not necessarily attend each management committee meeting. Finally, having the position be elected or appointed will help ensure that a person well-qualified will serve as treasurer.

The proposed change is detailed below with existing words struck through and proposed new words underlined.

(d) ~~Treasurer~~ Fourth Officer: The Fourth Officer shall be responsible for tasks as assigned by the Chair.

The Fourth Officer has full voting privileges as a member of the Management Committee. The Fourth Officer may serve as the Treasurer, although the Treasurer may be a person appointed by the Management Committee. Under the general supervision of the Management Committee, the Treasurer shall have the custody of the funds, and keep an accurate record thereof; shall make disbursements when authorized to do so by the Management Committee or Chair; shall prepare a financial statement, itemizing receipts, disbursements, and financial position, to be submitted quarterly (or upon request) to the Section Management Committee and the Chapter Executive Committee; shall maintain all records for a complete and satisfactory audit and shall collect and disburse all funds for special events. Any officer may collect funds which will then be turned over to the Treasurer.

(e) ~~Alternate Officer~~ Fifth Officer: The Alternate Fifth Officer shall be responsible for tasks as assigned by the Chair. The Alternate Fifth Officer has full voting privileges as a member of the Management Committee.

Call for Angeles Chapter ExCom Candidates

The Sierra Club Angeles Chapter nominating committee is looking for members from sections and groups across the Chapter to run for the chapter Executive Committee (ExCom). We are striving for the Angeles Chapter leadership to reflect the diverse membership and population of the Los Angeles and Orange Counties. We believe that environmental injustice/climate change disproportionately hurts the most marginalized people in society—including people of color, people from working-class backgrounds, women, and LGBTQ people. We believe that these communities must be centered in the work we do. Hence, we strongly encourage applications from people with these identities or who are members of other marginalized communities.

Executive committee members build relationships with other community partners and influence what is important to the Angeles Chapter, recruit members, and improve the Chapter's diversity. Members prepare for and attend the Executive Committee meetings and consider the interests of the entire Chapter when voting. Candidates are then considered for the Chapter Elections in November 2021.

Contact Nominating Committee Chair, Tejinder Dhillon at tejinder.k.dhillon@gmail.com or co-chair Donna Specht at donnaspecht@juno.com for more information.

2020 Sierra Peaks Section Management Committee



Elected

Tina Bowman	Chair tina@bowmanchange.com
Paul Garry	Vice-chair/banquet vicechair@sierrapeaks.org
Laura Newman	Treasurer treasurer@sierrapeaks.org
Jim Fleming	Secretary secretary@sierrapeaks.org
Alexander Smirnoff	Fifth officer officer@sierrapeaks.org

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The One and Only? The 2021 Sierra Peaks Section Banquet

By Tina Bowman

Forty-nine people met virtually for the 2021 SPS annual banquet via Zoom with members from Arkansas, Colorado, and northern California able to attend since travel wasn't an issue. Vice-chair and banquet chair Paul Garry began the evening at 7:00 with introductory remarks, and then Tom, my husband and co-host for the meeting, explained how the four breakout rooms were set up and how attendees could move from room to room to visit with friends and check in on who was doing what. Until 8:00, members roamed at will among the rooms which were hosted by Paul, chair Jim Fleming, outgoing treasurer and incoming fifth officer Alexander Smirnoff, and me. I was pleased that some new members attended—notably Bill Carpenter, Catherine Rossbach, and Chuck Schillings and his wife Chandra Campbell—telling us a bit about themselves. Many long-time members attended, Vicky Hoover being

the one with the longest membership (and great stories of trips that others in attendance had participated on).

Outgoing chair Jim Fleming introduced and thanked the 2020 management committee and introduced the 2021 committee. I reported on who earned which emblem this past year, and then Jim led us in the traditional last-person-standing routine with a twist. Rather than standing, we all joined the past chairs in raising our hands and keeping them up until only one person was left holding up a hand (Doug Mantle wasn't there, so it wasn't Doug). We had a brief slide show as Jim read the names and said a little about each member who died over the past year. Jim then introduced Paul, who was also our speaker for this year's banquet.

Paul gave a great talk, "Mt. Vinson: Climbing to the Top of the Bottom of the World," on his trip to Antarctica in December 2019 to climb his fourth of the Seven Summits, the high points of each continent. Paul's slides and videos gave us a great sense of what it was like to be in Antarctica and what it takes to climb in such a cold, remote, and very different place. Because of the wealth of details in his talk about the expedition, only a very few questions remained to be answered after the presentation. With that we said our goodbyes and left the banquet with a click of the mouse.

The question remains: will this be the only virtual banquet of the Sierra Peaks Section? I'm hopeful we'll be able to meet in person for

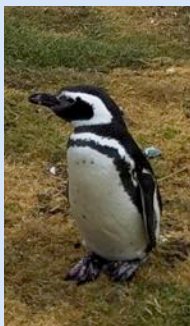


Left: Paul Garry with Union Glacier base camp behind and a reminder that he is 8,000 miles from home. Below: Camp 2 (Photos by Paul Garry).



2021 Banquet, continued

the 2022 banquet, but it was so good to see people who usually don't attend because of distance. Who knows what the future will hold? But this virtual banquet was definitely a success.



Clockwise from top left: Magellanic penguin on island preserve near Punta Arenas, arriving in Antarctica on a Russian Ilyushin-76 cargo plane, aerial view of peaks in the Ellsworth range, the team pulling sleds from base camp to camp 1 with Paul in foreground (Photos by Paul Garry).



SPS Listed Peaks: Summit Register Needs

By Harry Langenbacher,
Mountain Records Chair

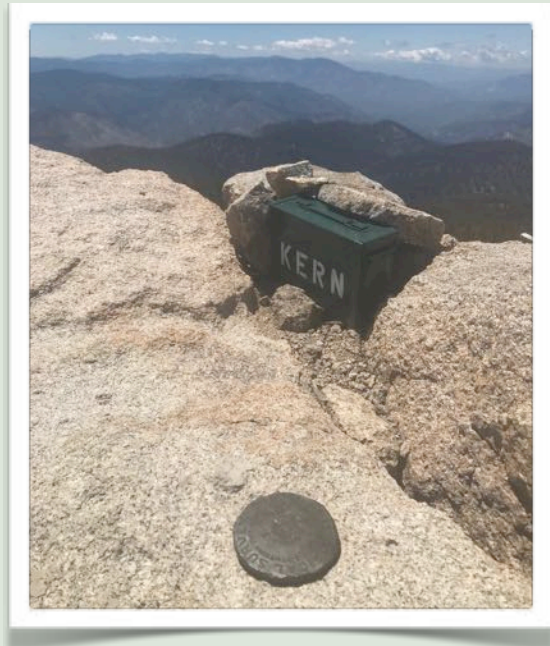
Here are the peaks on the SPS list that are in need of register books and/or containers. I hope there are almost two hundred SPS peaks out there that DO have registers!

For a more verbose description of these needs, see <http://summitregister.org/> or contact me at register@Langenbacher.org for updates.

Be aware that summits needing containers may also need books, since the books there were in temporary containers. Some of the last reports I got on these peaks are quite old, so temporary storage might not have lasted.

Please send me updates on any peaks you climb so I can add them or remove them from this list. And PLEASE always carry a spare PENCIL and don't leave pens since ink washes away. A whole pencil only weighs 4 grams!

I have plenty of ammo boxes and register books, so please let me know, well in advance, when you need one.



Peak	Needs	Peak	Needs
Agassiz	Container	Needham	Both
Alta	Book	North Palisade	Book
Black Hawk	Both	Perkins	Container
Black	Book	Pyramid S	Container
Carillon	Both	Recess	Book
Dana	Book	Red and White	Container
Disaster	Both	Rose	Both
Eagle Scout Peak	Book	Round Top	Book
Elwell	Book	Royce	Both
Emerson	Container	Russell	Book
Excelsior	Container	Sawtooth N	Both
Four Gables	Container	Sirretta	Container
Haeckel	Both	Split	Book
Kaweah	Container	Stanford S	Both
Langley	Book	Stanislaus	Both
Leavitt	Container	Starr King	Container
Lone Pine	Book	Three Sisters	Book
Lyell	Book	Tinemaha	Container
Merriam	Book	Tower	Book
Morrison	Both	Twin Peaks	Both
Muah	Container	Vandever	Both
Mokelumne	Both	Virginia	Both
Morrison	Both	Vogelsang	Book
Muir	Book	Whorl	Both

Above: Kern Peak register box placed by Michael Chamoun in June 2020 (Photo by Michael Chamoun).

Zoom Trip Report: *From Dragon to Gould*

By Dan Richter

On Tuesday, May 11th, the SPS had a Zoom meeting with Jason Pair talking about his climbs of Dragon and Gould last August. Accompanying Jason on the trip was his son Donovan, who had just turned fifteen at the time of the climb and is our youngest member.

The Zoom format is well suited to these presentations, and it is almost like our old monthly meetings, where we would all get together and share our experiences of the past month. Before Jason began, we had a chance to say hi to our old friends and climbing buddies.

I had expected Jason to show some still pictures with commentary but was pleased to see that he had put his presentation together as a well-edited video. Jason uses a GoPro



Donovan Pair traversing to Gould from Dragon (Photo by dad Jason Pair).

and takes panoramic images with his iPhone. Although he also takes a Sony mirrorless light-weight SLR, he uses it less and less. He edits it all together with captions, arrows, and graphics. The end result was great and very entertaining, taking me back to thirty years ago when as an excited new leader I led a group up Dragon.

What I liked the most about the presentation was that it was permeated with Jason and Donovan's enthusiasm, and as I listened to him talk I could see the future of the section—two new generations of SPSers endlessly in love with the Sierra like us old timers.

As a side note, it was interesting to hear "Lilley Pass" mentioned and no mention of Barbara herself. The past is merging with the future.

You can see the full video of the climb in the SPS section of Jason's and John Sheehe's website at <https://theearthbeneathyourfeet.com/Hikes/HikeDetails/3957492f4d3050534c756e4363453871446164627a413d3d>.

The Earth beneath Your Feet

SPS members Jason Pair and John Sheehe have a website you might like to check out: <https://theearthbeneathyourfeet.com>. As the home page explains, "The Earth Beneath Your Feet is a resource for hiking enthusiasts of all experience levels. We're here to help you find your next favorite hike or personal challenge with our videos, which show you exactly what you're getting into before you ever hit the trail." The categories are family hikes, Sierra Nevada hikes (SPS peaks and others), California Hikes (many hikes of peaks on Hundred Peaks Section and Lower Peaks Committee lists), international hikes, and United States hikes. Besides great video, each hike has other information about reaching the trailhead, difficulty of the climb, aesthetic rating, distance, and type of hike taken, such as a dayhike or backpack. A verbal description of the climb and route accompanies each video. Just double-click on a peak on the map in one of the categories, and you're in business. A store will also be offered on the website. The site is a wonderful resource, and the videos are just plain fun to watch. Enjoy!

This continues 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 Barbara Sholle 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 Bowman at tina@bowmanchange.com

Ultimate Direction Hydration Vest: My Most Recent Gear Addition

By Barbara Sholle

Not being a runner, I decided to purchase a hydration vest anyway for light hiking. I've had it for a few months, and I absolutely love it! Since the pandemic, most of my hiking has been confined to Signal Hill. The vest is perfect. Weighing around ten ounces and having space for a phone, bottle, and jacket, it is a convenient item for anyone who doesn't want to carry a fanny pack or daypack. One of the models has two included 500ml bottles. Mine has only one. (The two-bottle model wasn't at REI Outlet when I got mine.) The brand is Ultimate Direction. Currently, REI Outlet carries two models: the Adventure Vesta 4.0 sells for \$104.73 and the Race Vesta is \$85.73.



Ultimate Direction makes numerous vests in men's and women's specific fit. The Adventure Vesta is the women's model; the Adventure Vest, the men's. The new Adventure Vesta 5.0 is a 16.5L volume, the 4.0 (seen here) is 12.4L. The Ultra Vesta is 10L, and the Race Vesta is 8L. — Eds

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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.

Submitted by the Hollemans and Beth Epstein is a very thought-provoking article that maybe no single person has reached the summits of all fourteen 8000+ meter peaks, despite forty-four people making that claim: <https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2021/sports/tallest-mountain-summit.html>.

If you have been traveling in the mountains for many years you might enjoy <https://backpackinglight.com/you-know-youve-been-backpacking-a-long-time-when/>.

You can view animation and graphics about the surging Muldrow glacier on the north side of Denali here: <https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2021/04/13/climate/muldrow-glacier-alaska-mount-denali.html>.

Submitted by Beth Epstein, we have "Climate Change Forces Brutal Choices at National Parks": <https://www.nytimes.com/2021/05/18/climate/national-parks-climate-change.html>.

A hiker was rescued from a peak in the Angeles National Forest via an internet GPS sleuth: <https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-04-15/lasd-finds-hiker-found-safe-in-angeles-national-forest-gps-expert>. (A follow-up to the story is that the hiker was deep in an area that was completely closed because of burn recovery.) Another man was rescued after five days in a closed area of the San Gabriels: <https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-05-21/hiker-rescued-after-5-days-in-angeles-national-forest>.

A missing hiker on Mount Whitney was found dead: <https://sierrawave.net/missing-hiker-on-mt-whitney-found-deceased-by-ino-county-search-and-rescue/>.

Slovak "sherpas" in the Tatra mountains are the last of their kind in Europe: <http://www.bbc.com/travel/story/20210420-the-last-sherpas-of-europe>.

You can watch highlights of Sean Villanueva's first-ever solo Fitz Roy traverse: <https://www.epictv.com/media/podcast/moonwalking-%7C-behind-the-scenes-of-sean-villanuevas-solo-fitz-roy-traverse/608324>.

Adventure Journal published an unusual story: "Lost Cat Joins Skiers On Climb of 10,000-Foot Peak in Swiss Alps" (<https://www.adventure-journal.com/2021/04/lost-cat-joins-skiers-on-climb-of-10000-foot-peak-in-swiss-alps/>).

Here's an amusing short article about dating climbers: <https://www.climbing.com/people/5-climber-guys-youll-date-if-you-move-to-colorado/>.

This video is of the first ascent of K6 Central in the Karakoram by couple Jeff and Priti Wright: <https://www.climbing.com/videos/watch-this-husband-and-wife-make-one-of-the-most-badass-first-ascents-of-last-year/>.

Submitted by Beth Epstein, Covid-19's impact on Nepal is reviewed here: <https://www.nationalgeographic.com/culture/article/a-pandemic-surge-threatens-livelihoods-in-nepal>. Similarly, the loss of trekkers has had a huge impact on tourism in Nepal: <https://www.latimes.com/world-nation/story/2021-05-09/mount-everest-economic-boom-bust-covid-19>.

Various Everest News

I'm not sure how China is going to enforce this at the summit of Everest with the huge lines of climbers seen in photos on summit day in recent years, but it has a plan to set a "line of separation" to prevent climbers mingling with those on the Nepalese side: <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-china-57053982>.

Here are some stories about Covid on Everest: <https://explorersweb.com/2021/05/01/covid-at-everest-base-camp-a-doctor-speaks/>, <https://www.outsideonline.com/2422982/covid-outbreak-everest>, and <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-56854986>.

Finally, why do climbers really die on Everest? Find out at <https://www.outsideonline.com/2423965/why-do-climbers-die-on-everest>

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.

Sierra Peaks Conservation Issues

By Sharon Moore, Conservation Chair

As you know, it has been a low-snow year. Routes will be snow free earlier in the season, some water sources may dry up, and fires are likely later in the summer (if not sooner). In the event of extreme fire danger, complete forest closures are possible. Please be aware of any fire restrictions if you camp or backpack, and be sure to have a California Campfire Permit in the areas that require them for using stoves. Getting one is very simple. In person you can get one at any CAL FIRE, U.S. Forest Service, or BLM station or office. Online, you can watch a video, take a quiz, and download the certificate to print or save on your smart phone. Go here to get started: <https://www.readyforwildfire.org/permits/>.

Another issue to be aware of is that outdoor recreation has become more popular than ever, and many popular trailheads have filled their quotas for the season. You may need to stay flexible, go for walk up permits if available, or hike in via non-quota or less popular routes. You will probably encounter more trash in the front country and rule breaking by clueless newbies. Let's hope they don't get into too much trouble. Please stay COVID-safe on your trips and continue to Leave No Trace.

Some good news, though! Thanks to the Great American Outdoors Act, the Forest Service will have more funding for maintenance and repairs. In summary, they've funded trail work projects on the heavily traveled PCT and JMT and will be repairing, upgrading, and adding toilet facilities at heavily used campgrounds and trailheads as announced on Sequoia National Forest's home page (<https://www.fs.usda.gov/sequoia/>):

USDA FOREST SERVICE INVESTS IN INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS ON NATIONAL FORESTS

The USDA Forest Service today announced the investment of \$285 million to fund Great American Outdoors Act projects across the nation that will help address critical deferred maintenance and improve transportation and recreation infrastructure on national forests.

This investment will assist in the improvement of California recreation facilities, trail maintenance, and restoration and repairing of roads, bridges, tunnels, and parking areas by leveraging National Parks and Public Land Legacy Restoration Funds provided by Congress. This funding comes at a crucial time as visitation to California national forests [has] dramatically increased as people seek safe opportunities to enjoy the outdoors over the last year.

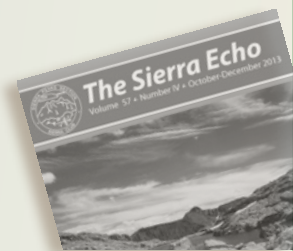
For more information on these projects in the Pacific Southwest Region, visit: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/r5/landmanagement/projects/?cid=fseprd796823>. [See also <https://www.fs.usda.gov/managing-land/gaoa/>.]

Just for Fun

Let's play Spot the Ptarmigan! See the challenge on the following page. Answers and more information about this smallest member of the Grouse family will be in the next Echo.

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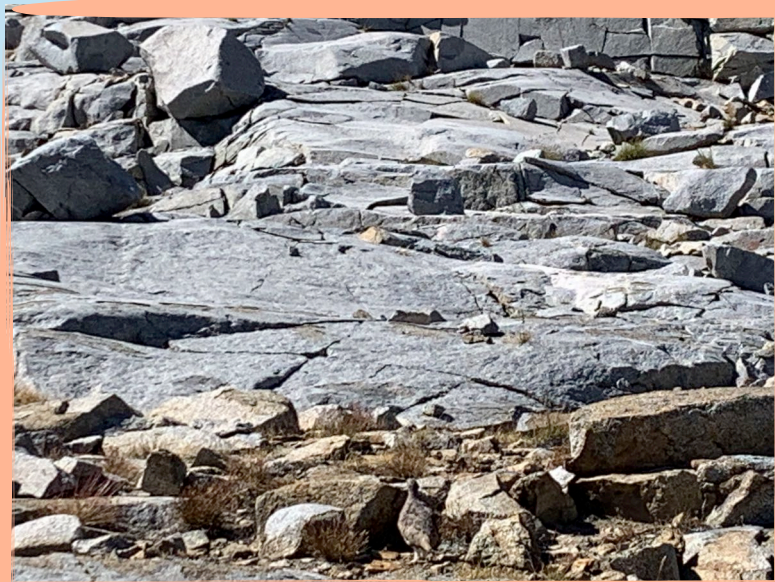
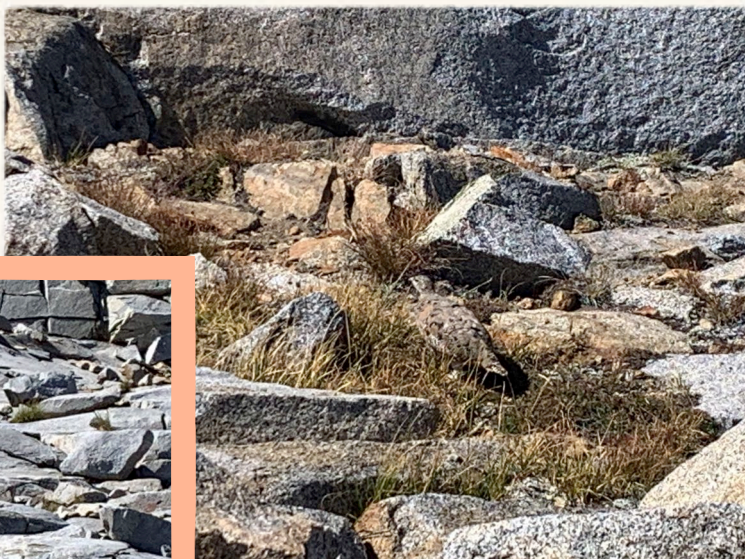
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Spot the Ptarmigans!

Answers in the next issue.

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Wolves in the Sierra!

News from *California Fish and Wildlife News* and the *Los Angeles Times*

Although gray wolves have moved from Oregon into California since 2011, the most recent arrival, OR-93, has come farther south than any of his predecessors. Originally from a pack southeast of Mt. Hood, the young male moved into Mono County, crossed the Sierra in winter to Fresno then San Luis Obispo. To read more, see <https://cdfgnews.wordpress.com/2021/02/25/dispersing-gray-wolf-travels-from-oregon-to-the-central-sierra-nevada/>. A May 11th story in the *LA Times* about another wolf (OR-103), who has come into

California from Oregon, also reports that OR-93's GPS collar stopped working in April after he came into San Luis Obispo County. Whether it's a dead battery, satellite issue, or an unfortunate fate has yet to be determined. See more here: <https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-05-11/rare-gray-wolf-or-103-treks-into-california-becoming-second-to-arrive-from-oregon-this-year>.

Also, *Smithsonian Magazine* ran an article in the April 2021 issue about a female wolf who made her way from the northern Rockies to Lassen County in 2015 as well as about concerns of ranchers, other wolves now in California, and more. See <https://www.smithsonianmag.com/science-nature/wolf-discovered-california-conservation-ranchers-180977179/>.

Time to Renew!

Subscriptions to the Echo expire on December 31st. If you haven't renewed, please do so! You can download the renewal form from the SPS web site here: <https://www.sierraclub.org/angeles/sierra-peaks/membership>.



Top: OR-93 and his distinctive purple collar. Right: Gray wolf track from the CDFW webpage "Distinguishing between Coyotes, Wolves and Dogs" and <https://wildlife.ca.gov/conservation/mammals/gray-wolf> (Photos courtesy California Department of Fish and Wildlife).



**SPS Management Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 13, 2021
7:00 pm via Google Meet**

1. Call to order at 7:02. Present were Tina Bowman, chair; Alexander Smirnoff, fifth officer; Jason Seieroe, outreach; Jim Fleming, secretary; Laura Newman, treasurer; Joe Wankum, web master.
2. Standard business and reports.
 - a. Approval of minutes (February 2021)—approved via email.
 - b. Chair—see below under new business.
 - c. Vice Chair—no report.
 - d. Outings—No outings until after July 4th at the earliest (no changes).
 - e. Treasurer’s report—see attached report. In transition to the new treasurer. Discussion of when the report should be issued—will be at the end of the month going

- forward. No reply from Greg Mason to Laura about forwarding the treasurer@sierrapeaks.org email to her.
- f. Emblem Committee Report—no new activity since the last report.
 - g. Outreach—next program (trip report) will be on May 11th at 07:00 pm—Jason Pair. It will be posted by Jason on the Facebook page. Tina to ask Tom Bowman about hosting and recording it on his Zoom account.
 - h. Archives—no report.
 - i. Echo
 - i. Deadline for next issue?—May 25th
 - ii. Hand over more issues to be scanned and uploaded to the website?—a low priority and a slow process. Laura has left info and needs to get in touch with Harry Langenbacher.
 - iii. Move to HTML version (update)?—no report. May drop for now (low priority as well).
 - j. Mountain Records—no report.
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SPS Income Statement May 23, 2021

	YTD	Final	Final	Final	Final	Final	Final	YTD	YTD	YTD
	2021	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
INCOME										
Echo Subscriptions	1,319	1,835	1,360	1,560	1,560	1,630	1,580	1,710	1,710	1,570
1st yr free subscriptions										-10
Banquet Income	-	2,800	2,905	4,645	4,110	3,760	2,795	2,650	3,165	3,025
Donations	845	340	440	560	666	888	655	798	911	751
Merchandise Sales	-	39	27	276	395	262	112	157	112	306
		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Income	2,164	5,014	4,732	7,041	6,731	6,540	5,142	5,315	5,898	5,642
EXPENSES										
Postage	133	609	-4	14	938	522	314	292	364	310
Printing	129	578	898	640	706	433	418	315	364	376
Merchandise	191	-	-	196	234	130	-	17	687	285
Raffle		-	-	250	-	-	-	-	-	-
Banquet Expenses		3,216	4,206	5,640	4,772	4,710	3,553	3,715	4,252	4,134
Bank Fees	6	18	2	10	6	18	12	-87	25	-54
Website		-	-	268	36	84	96	20	-	-
Charitable contributions		400	-	-	200	200	200	200	200	200
Outreach		-	-	-	899	254	82	-	-	-
Membership meetings/activities		-	-	-	1,257	174	-	101	-	-
Register Related		-	-	-	-	57	-	-	-	-
Other		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	990
Total Expenses	459	4,821	5,102	7,018	9,048	6,582	4,675	4,573	5,892	6,241
OVERALL TOTAL	1,706	193	-370	23	-2,317	-42	467	742	6	-599
Cash In Bank	\$11,084									

PLEASE NOTE The Sierra Club has cancelled all outings and in-person club gatherings through July 4, 2021. Depending on the coronavirus pandemic, this cancellation period may be extended again, possibly affecting SPS outings.

We'll be back!!



We've chosen the photo above taken by Mat Kelliher, 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@bowmanchange.com or via USPS to Tina Bowman.

Leadership Training Course

Unfortunately, because of the Club's continuing ban on outings due to the pandemic (aside from a few pilot outings, which have been planned but haven't yet been allowed to happen), there will be no Leadership Training Course seminar scheduled until the Leadership Training Committee knows when provisional outings for leaders will be allowed to go. LTC will review the seminar in light of the new OLT materials. Meanwhile, the popular online training conducted by Navigation Chair Bob Myers is continuing. Keep an eye on the Leadership Training Seminar page for updates: <https://www.sierraclub.org/angeles/leadership-outings/leadership-training-seminar>.

Although in-person gatherings are postponed until at least July 4th, when published again, 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>

From the Outings Chair

By Phil Bates

Hello SPSers!

Welcome to the third quarter of 2021. This is the period that the summer training season and higher-elevation hikes and climbs really get going! If you're like me, the pandemic and work from home did little to help you prepare for the upcoming outdoors season. If you haven't been out hiking, climbing, and brushing up on your nav skills, now is a good time to get going.

You might have noted that the Sierra snow levels are way below average, on the order of 40% below the norm. While this is not good in some ways, it will help those pushing to get twenty-to-twenty-five peaks this season a leg-up on the SPS peaks count.

As I've noted before, it appears that many of the trail quotas have been reduced, so keep this in mind when planning your climbs.

Last, the Club is not currently sponsoring outings in a normal way; however, it is now possible to plan and do what is termed a pilot outing. These outings are being done in advance of a future more normal outings program, which is hoped by many will start up in the next few months. If you have

Outings Chair, continued

interest in leading a pilot outing, please reach out to me.

Again, it would be great if many of you can post your experiences to our SPS Facebook page ([https:// www.facebook.com/groups/366711653441263/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/366711653441263/)) so we can be more informed and enjoy your adventures.

When upcoming trips are scheduled again, you can visit the SPS website for an up-to-date listing at <http://www.sierraclub.org/sps>

SPSer looking for companions for Sierra climbs

My name is Jeffrey Solomon. Please consider exploring the option to join me on one or more hikes.

949-300-4894
solomc4j@gmail.com

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.fs.usda.gov/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

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



Don Clarke

By Jerry Keating

Turn back the clock more than a half-century, and you'll encounter climbers who joined Frank Sanborn in convincing the Angeles Chapter's officers that weekend outings to the High Sierra were reasonable despite the long driving distance. And that led to the founding of the Sierra Peaks Section in 1955 and the start of scheduled trips in 1956.

Among the eighteen founders was Don Clarke of Pasadena, who long ago relocated to Boise, Idaho, but never lost any of his passion for high mountains. I last spoke to him (by phone) in late 2020, and he still showed that enthusiasm. In fact, I've since learned that, from home, he could see snow-covered peaks that include a ski area.

Above: Don Clarke on the June 23-24, 1956, SPS trip to Matterhorn Peak (Photo from John Robinson Collection).

Sadly, Don passed away this February after being infected by COVID-19, being hospitalized, and then living out the rest of his life at home. He was ninety-five years of age and supported by wife Annelies.

In the 1950s, Don was mainly known for his technical skills, while many others were recognized more for their stamina on peaks not requiring any roping. He and Bud Bingham led the SPS's first climb of Matterhorn Peak in June 1956. At that time, ropes were carried and ice axes were recommended. There was rock climbing from camp on the first day with Dragtooth and the Doodad ascended. On the second day, twenty-two persons reached Matterhorn via a route mostly on firm snow.

Nearly a year later, Don led Boundary and Montgomery for the SPS and advertised the trip as a "warmup for the Sierra, also a DPS emblem peak." Thus, he was promoting the Sierra Nevada while scheduling a climb in the lofty desert range to the east.

A long time has passed, but I hope all readers will continue to appreciate the effort Don and his fellow founders made in getting the SPS off to an extraordinary start.

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Bob Meador

By Mary McMannes

Long time hiker and climber, Bob Meador passed away January 2021 in the Nevada desert town of Pahrump. He was eighty-five. Bob finished the HPS List, then completed the DPS List, dragging friend Jeff Koepke up the final desert peaks. SPS emblem holder #466, Bob made multiple climbs of Sierra peaks, too, with additional favorite companions.

In his prime, Bob climbed with his close friends, affectionately

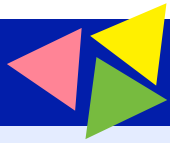
Above: Bob Meador, Rotary member, in Quito, Ecuador, during a volcanoes climbing trip. At right on Pinchincha during that trip, l to r: Vic and Sue Henney, (unknown), Bob Meador, Jeff Koepke (Photo courtesy Sue Henney).



known as Team Cinco, Vic and Sue (Wyman) Henney, Don Weiss, and of course, Jeff Koepke. Their wildest escapades beyond Sierra and desert peaks were in Ecuador and in Mexico for Orizaba and the other Mexican volcanoes, Popo and Ixta. The team reached the top of Popo in howling dangerous winds (Bob known as yelling Cowabunga!).

When at home, Bob practiced as a dentist, and after retiring to Pahrump, led bus trips in Death Valley, where he wowed tourists with his many personal stories, many of which were true. He would want it mentioned that he was a founding member of the Nixon Presidential Library in Yorba Linda and was loyal to Richard Nixon to the very end.

Jeff Koepke writes, "Climbing with Bob was always an adventure, an excellent climber just a little loose. On (*continued on page 18*)



Mystery Peak Challenge Answer



The Mystery Peak featured in Ken Jones' photo from last Halloween is Highland. First to answer and correctly was Ron Bartell.

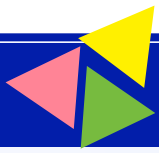
Passages: Bob Meador *(continued from page 17)*



Guadalupe, it got dark, and we were hiking in tennis shoes and shorts. We had none of the ten essentials—in fact we had barely none of anything. Bob looked at me and started laughing in his high-pitched crazy Bob laugh. 'We may not get out tonight, Jeffy Boy. Look at us, none of the ten essentials. Be glad it's a private trip!' We got out by the skin of our teeth and Bob's great navigational skills."

Condolences can be sent to Bob's second wife, Charlotte, and present wife, Leone Wenzel. Bob lived life to the fullest with his best years chasing summits, entertaining old and new friends, and spending his final days in contentment, living in the desert terrain he loved. Team Cinco, now Cuatro, and many others say thanks for all the zesty memories and that something about Bob which was unforgettable.

New Year's 1982 in Mexico City during a Mexican volcano climbing trip, left to right: Don Weiss, Bob Meador, Sue and Vic Henney (Photo courtesy Sue Henney).



Mystery Peak Challenge



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!

Can you name the peaks on the list seen in this photo taken by Coby King? Peaks not on the list? Where was the photo taken? Good luck!

Send your answer to Tina Bowman at tina@bowmanchange.com.

Minutes, continued from page 13

- k. IT—no report.
 - l. Website—discussion of what to put on the website from the videos from the virtual banquet. They have been edited by Tom Bowman, and it was decided to put two links, one of Paul Garry's presentation and a second to the other aspects of the banquet.
 - m. Conservation—no report.
 - n. Safety Chair—no report.
3. Old business
- a. none presented.
4. New business
- a. Review of the bylaws, followed by discussion of the treasurer position—whether to make it an appointed or

an elected position for continuity and so that there are no time limitations. A revision of the bylaws would be required, to be decided by the membership. Discussion to be continued.

b. According to the bylaws, the elected members of the Management Committee may only serve for five consecutive years. Tina Bowman indicated that this would be her last year serving on the Committee.

c. Next meeting date: Monday, June 14th at 7:00 pm, via Google Meet.

Meeting adjourned by the chair at 7:28 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim S. Fleming,
SPS Secretary



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