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SPS MONTHLY PROGRAMS

SPS meetings are held in the Los Angeles room behind the cafeteria at the DWP, 7:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month.

Department of Water & Power, 111 North Hope Street, Los Angeles. Free parking (please inform parking attendants that you are attending a SC meeting).



June 12 - Wednesday - Rich Henke will show his slides of a unique 70-mile, 10-day canoe trip in British Columbia on the Bowron Lakes from September 2001. See great fall color and wildlife.

July 10 - Wednesday - Larry Tidball will show his slides of his climb on the West Rib of Denali (See photo left of travel along the West Rib).

August 14 - Wednesday - Historic Ski Mountaineering Film. View a film of the SPS/SMS members skiing and climbing in the Sierra and local mtns. in the 1960's. See Barbara Lilley, Rich Gnagy and SMS founder Walter Mosauer.

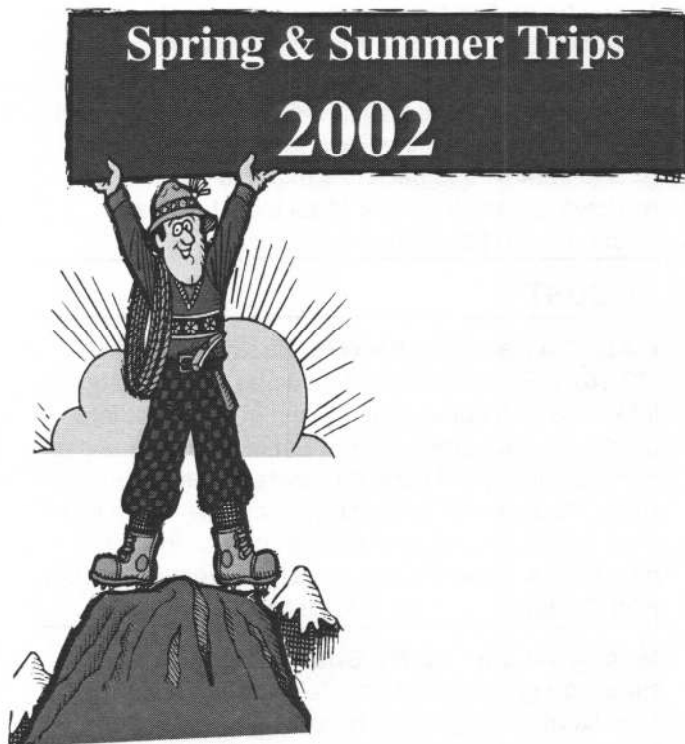
September 11 - Wednesday - Steve Smith will give his slide show of "Four of the Seven Summits". Don't miss his climbs of Denali, Elbrus, Aconcagua and Kilimanjaro.

October 9 - Wednesday - Wally & Sherry Ross, biologists, will give a program on birding in the Sierra.



Front Cover

Scan of paper Echo cover resulted in marginal legibility so image in scanned file was replaced by this 7/82 photo of Clarence King and nearby peaks from seldom-visited North Dragon Pass.



MAY

I: May 18-19 Sat-Sun Palos Verdes-South Bay, HPS & SPS Owens Peak (8453') & Pinyon Peak (6805'). Ldr. Bob Beach co-ldr Keith Martin.

TI: May 18-19 Sat-Sun SMS & SPS Dunderberg & Excelsior. Co-ldrs Reiner Stenzel, Randall Danta.

RM: May 18-19 Sat-Sun, Mt Gilbert (13,106') and op. Mt. Johnson (12,871): Ldr: Barbee. Tidball Co Ldr: Scot Jamison

May 18 Sat LTC Beginning Nav Class Ldrs.: Prinzmetal, Freimanis, Courtney, Creighton

May continued

I: May 19, LTC Grinnell Ridge Navigation Ldrs.: Freimanis, Bradshaw

TM: May 24-27 Fri-Mon SMS & SPS Mt. Brewer Co-ldrs: Reiner Stenzel, Alvin Walter.

I: May 31 - Jun 1 Fri - Sat LTC Route Finding & Outing Ldrship Clinic Ldrs.: Prinzmetal, Courtney, Beach

JUNE

RM/E: Jun 1-2 Sat-Sun LTC/SPS/DPS Sierra Snow Checkoff Ldrs: Nile Sorenson and Dan Richter

MR: June 1-2 Sat-Sun. Mt Baxter (13,125'): SPS/WTC Ldr: Patty Rambert, Asst: R.J. Secor.

See past editions of *The Sierra Echo* for detailed write-ups of trips without full write-ups. Trips previously described are listed without detailed write-ups in subsequent publications. Note all trips listed as MR or ER are restricted trips open to Sierra Club members only with the appropriate rock or snow skills. For all trips remember to send a SASE, Sierra Club #, experience and conditioning resume (if you are not known to the leaders), H & W phone #s, e-mail address optional, and rideshare information.

JUNE continued

I: Jun 1-2 Sat-Sun Olancho Peak (12,123'): Ldr: Patty Kline. Asst: Maria Roa

ER: Jun 7-9 Fri-Sun Mt Darwin (13,831'). Ldr. Tom Bowman. Asst. Doug Mantle.

MR: Jun 8-9 Sat-Sun SPS/WTC Mt. Ritter (13,143') Banner Pk (12,936') Ldr. Maria Roa
Asst. Mike Adams.

MR: Jun 14-16 Fri-Sun SPS/WTC Mt Keith. Ldr. Asher Waxman, asst. Will McWhinney.

I: Jun 15- 16 Sat-Sun Homers Nose: Ldr: Reiner Stenzel. Asst: Sara Wyrens.

M: Jun 21-23 Fri-Sun Mt Bradley (13,289'), Center Pk (12,760'): Ldr: Tom McDonnell. Co-Ldr: Nile Sorenson

I: Jun 22-24 Sat-Mon WTC Kern Peak: (11,510'): Ldr: Patty Kline. Asst: Will McWhinney.

I: June 22-23 Sat-Sun WTC Mt. Langley (14,042'): Ldr: Patrick McKusky. Co-Ldr: Sarah Anderson.

I: Jun 22- 23 Sat-Sun Florence (12,432') Vandever Mtn (11,947'): Ldr Sara Wyrens. Co-ldr Randall Danta.

MR: Jun 29- Jul 2 Sat-Tues SPS/WTC Mt Brewer (13,570'), North Guard (13,327') South Guard (13,232'). Ldr. Beth Epstein, Co-ldr. Kim Gimenez.

JULY

M: Provisional Jul 13-14 Sat-Sun SPS/WTC Mt Sill (14,153'): Restricted trip limited to SC members with strong physical conditioning and 3rd class rock and snow (ice axe and crampons) experience. Sat backpack from Glacier Lodge trailhead to camp near Palisade Glacier. Sun ascend Mt. Sill via the North Couloir. Send 2 sase or e-mail Ldr: Maria Roa. Asst: Beth Epstein.

JULY continued

I: Provisional Jul 13-14 Sat-Sun WTC, Lone Pine Peak (12,943): Sat moderate 4 mi, 3600' gain backpack to Meysan Lakes. Sat afternoon lounge or explore. Sun early xc 2 mi, 1900' gain to peak, return to camp and pack out. Send 2 SASE Ldr: Dan Bovee. Co-Ldr: Will McWhinney.

I: Jul 13-15 Sat-Mon SPS/WTC Four Gables (12,720): SPS Intro. trip in eastern Sierra geared to prospective SPSers and WTC students. Relaxed and enjoyable pace. Sat backpack from North Lake over Piute Pass to Lower Desolation Lake, 8 mi, 2000' gain. Sun do Four Gables in 8 mi rt, 1500' of gain with use trail and x-country, some class 2 on pk. Legendary community happy hours Sat and Sun evenings. Send 2 sase, \$5 permit fee per person Ldr: Patty Kline. Co-Ldr: Joe Wankum.

I: July 19-22 Fri-Mon Pettit (10,788'), Piute (10,541'), Volunteer Pk (10,481') Death marchers/list baggers note. Send 2 SASSE for particulars. Ldrs: Doug Mantle & Tina Bowman.

MR: July 19-23 Fri-Tue Cardinal Mtn. (13,396'), Mt Wynne (13,179'), Mt. Pinchot (13,494'), Pyramid Pk #1 (12,779'), Arrow Pk (12,959'), Striped Mtn. (13,179'): Fri hike a strenuous 8+ miles over Taboose Pass, 600' gain. Set camp and climb Cardinal. Sat climb Wynne & Pinchot. Sun climb Arrow & Pyramid. Mon relaxed day climb Striped and op. Goodale. Tues. home. Ldr.: Larry Tidball, Co-Ldr: Barbee Tidball

I: July 20-22 Sat-Mon Julius Caesar (13,200') SPS intro trip in eastern Sierra geared to prospective SPSers and WTC students. Mod and enjoyable pace. Sat backpack above Honeymoon Lake, camping at 10,600' (7 mi, 3200' gain). Sun climb Julius Caesar (9 mi rt, 2600' gain with xc). Legendary comm. happy hrs Sat and Sun eve. Send 2 SASE, \$5.00 permit fee per person (SPS). Ldr: Patty Kline Co-Ldr: Bob Michael.

Sierra Club National Trip July 26 - August 4 Minarets Mountaineering Classic, Ansel Adams Wilderness, California

Trip #02154A Cost \$675; Deposit \$100

Leaders: Margi Waller & Anne Muzzini with Climbing Leaders Doug Mantle & Tina Bowman

Summary - Experienced mountaineers will retrace the routes of the first explorers of the Minarets. On layover days we'll have opportunities to enjoy either technical (limit of six participants) or non-technical peak climbs. (Prior rock climbing experience is required for technical ascents.) A packer assist will lighten our loads and allow us to combine strenuous days with great food and a few creature comforts at night. To learn more: <http://www.sierraclub.org/outings/national/brochure/02154a.asp>

I: July 27-28 Sat-Sun SPS/WTC Vogelsang Pk (11,493'): Sat backpack 7 mi 1200' gain from the Tuolomne Meadows trailhead up the Rafferty Creek drainage to Vogelsang High Sierra Camp. Explore the lakes around Tuolomne Pass. Sun hike 4 mi rt, 1600' gain to summit and back to camp, then backpack 7 mi down to cars, long day 11 mi total. Ldr: Sarah Anderson. Co-Ldr: Patrick McKusky.

AUGUST

I: Aug 3-4 Sat-Sun SPS/WTC Basin Mountain (13,181'): Gourmet Peak Bag! Join us for a 'tasty' trip into the Sierra above Bishop, and help the leaders produce a memorable dinner Sat night and breakfast Sun morning. We'll cap-off breakfast with a climb of Basin Mountain for fantastic views of the Sierra Crest. Cost will be maximum of \$20 per person including permit fees. Send 2 sase, e-mail, diet restrictions Ldr: Ron Campbell. Co-Ldr: Georgette Rieck.

M: Aug 3-4 Sat-Sun Mt. Goethe (13,263') and Mt. Emerson (13,204'): Moderately strenuous trip. Hike from North Lake (9,200') to camp site near Loch Leven Lake (10,500'). Climb Emerson and return to camp for Happy Hour. Sunday climb Goethe and home. Ldr.: Larry Tidball, Co-Ldr: Scot Jamison

I: Aug 3-5 Sat-Mon Mt. Stanford #2 (12,836'): SPS Intro. trip in eastern Sierra geared to prospective SPSers and WTC students. Relaxed and enjoyable pace. Sat backpack 6 mi, 1400' gain to western most Hilton Lk at 10,353'. Sun climb class 2 Stanford (5 mi rt, 2500' gain all xc) Legendary community happy hours Sat and Sun evenings. Send 2 sase, \$5 permit fee per person Ldr.: Patty Kline Co-Ldr: Keith Martin

M: Provisional Aug 9-11 Fri-Sun SPS/WTC Mount LeConte (13,845+'), Mount Corcoran (13,714+'): Fri 7 mi 6000' hike from Tuttle Creek trailhead near Lone Pine to camp. Sat 3200' climb up 3rd class ledge system to LeConte summit. Traverse to Corcoran and descend north notch back to camp. Sun walk out. Climb restricted to very experienced SC members. Helmet required and rope may be used. Send 2 sase, \$5 permit fee, Ldr: John Pater-son. Co-Ldr: Mike Adams.

M: Aug 10 -11 Sat-Sun McAdie (13,799') A small group will do this climb as a day hike from Whitney Pk (15mi rt, 6000' gain). Class 3 summit probably unroped. We can plan to stay at Portal campground Fri and Sat nights. Note date may change. Ldr: Asher Waxman Co-Ldr: Matthew Richardson.

Join SPS Leaders on Sierra Club National Trips

**July 26 to August 4th and August 18 to 25th
Check out luxury climbing in the Sierra!!!**

AUGUST continued

I: Aug 10-11 Sat-Sun Kearsarge Pk (12,618') & Mt Gould (13,005') Two nice class 2 day hikes from Onion Valley. Kearsarge (6 mile round tri, 3400' gain); Gould (8 mile round trip, 3800' gain with class 3 summit). Moderate pace. Suitable for beginning Sierra climbers in good conditioning. Send e-mail with experience etc. Ldr: Larry Hoak Co-Ldr: George Wysup.

I: Aug 10-12 Sat-Mon Mt Morgan #2 (13,002') SPS introductory trip in eastern Sierra geared to prospective SPSers and WTC students. Relaxed and enjoyable pace. Saturday backpack (6 mile, 1000' gain) to Davis Lake. Sunday climb Mt. Morgan (3.5 mile round trip, 3200' gain) Legendary commiserary and happy hours Saturday and Sunday evenings. Send 2 SASE and \$5.00 permit fee per person (SPS). Ldr: Patty Kline Co-Ldr: Rick Jali.

**Sierra Club National Trip August 18-25
Gnarly Adventuring Above Yosemite Valley
Trip #02170A Cost \$615; Deposit \$100
Leaders: Bill Oliver & Will McWhinney**

Summary - John Muir came to Yosemite in 1868. He marveled at this wonderous place, exploring its canyons and climbing its peaks. We, too, will marvel, explore, and climb. First we spend four days among the pinnacles and domes of Toulumne Meadows. Then we backpack from the valley to Little Yosemite Valley for a three-day finale. Ascents will include Cathedral Peak, Eichorn Pinnacle, Mt. Starr King, and Half Dome (cables). Rock climbing experience required only for optional summit blocks. Non-climbers welcome for non-technical segments. For information log on to - <http://www.sierraclub.org/outings/national/brochure/02170A.asp>

ER: Provisional Aug 23-25 Fri-Sun Palisade Crest (13,553') One of the Sierra's majestic rock climbs. Backpack in Friday (7 mile, 3500' gain with cross country travel). Peak on Saturday via NorthWest ridge, 4.5 mile round trip, 2500'+. Hike out Sunday. 4th class climb over clean rock to dramatic windy pinnacles. Helmets and climbing gear required. Send 2 SASE, \$5.00 permit fee (SPS-refundable) Ldr: Tom Bowman Co-Ldr: Larry Tidball.

I: Aug 23-25 Fri - Sat Joe Devel Pk (13,327') Moderately paced backpack for hikers with good attitudes at high altitude. Friday backpack 9 mile, 1500' gain from Cottonwood Lks above Lone Pine to camp at Rock Creek. Saturday day hike 5 mile round trip, 2600' gain to climb peak, then enjoy happy hour in the evening. Sunday 9 mile pack out with some gain. WTC students, please mention if you are signing up for course completion. Send 2 SASE. Ldr: Peggy Kinney, Co-Ldr: John Cheslick

I: Aug 24-25 Sat-Sun SPS/WTC Mount Goode (13,085') Sat easy paced backpack to camp near Bishop Lake, 4 mi 1400' gain. Sun climb Goode via south ridge, 1 mi 2000' gain, and pack out. Send SASE or e-mail, \$5 permit fee Ldr: Helen Qian. Co-Ldr: Tracy Sulkin.

I: Aug 28-30 Wen- Fri Kennedy Mtn (11,433'), Mt Harrington (11,009') Climb these peaks from camp, (8 mi, 3000' gain each). Some class 3 on summit of Harrington. Time to explore in Monarch Divide area. Ldr: Ron Hudson Co-Ldr: Patty Rambert.

I: Aug 31 - Sept 2 Sat - Mon: Florence Pk (12,432'), Needham Mtn (12,520+'), Vandever Mtn (11,947') Mineral King area, Sat backpack over Franklin Pass and climb class 2 Florence (9 mi, 4400' gain). Sun climb class 2 Needham (6 mi, 3700' gain). Mon pack out and bag class 1 Vandever (10 mi, 3500' gain). Ldr: Ron Hudson Co-Ldr: Patty Rambert.

I: Aug 31 - Sept 2 Sat - Mon Needham (12,467'), Sawtooth (12,343') Sat backpack 6 mi to Lower Monarch Lakes (10,380') and set up camp. Rise early Sun and bag Needham followed by Sawtooth, 8 mi, 2600' gain, class 2. Bring secret ingredient for garbage-bag salad and/or happy hour. Most creative wins God Bless America T-Shirt. Mon pack out. Ldr: Georgette Rieck. Co-Ldr: Ron Campbell.

I: Aug 31 - Sept 2 Sat-Mon SPS/WTC Mt. Henry (12,196') SPS intro. trip in western Sierra geared to prospective SPSers and WTC students. Mod. enjoyable pace. Sat backpack 12 mi and 2000' of gain to Goddard Canyon. Sun climb Henry in 6 mi rt, 3600' of gain, all x-country, some class 2 on pk. Legendary happy hours Sat and Sun evenings. Mon backpack out 12 mi. Send 2 sase, \$5 permit fee per person, Ldr: Patty Kline. Co-Ldr: Joe Wankum.

SEPTEMBER

I: Sept 7-8 Sat - Sun Smith Mtn. (9515'), Blackrock Mtn (9635') Intro trip with car camp on Kern Plateau during uncrowded weekend. Leisurely paced xc ascents (brief class 2) of an SPS peak and an unlisted one. Smith (4 mi rt, 1100' gain) Blackrock (2 mi rt, 700' gain) Send SASE after AUG 1. Ldr: Jerry Keating, Co-Ldrs: W. Whisman & Nancy Keating.

I: Sept 7-8 Sat-Sun SPS/WTC Cirque Pk (12,900') Sat backpack to Long Lake, 5 mi, 1200' gain from Horseshoe Mdw above Lone Pine. Sun climb peak, 5 mi rt, 1800' on class 2 ridgeline, return to cars. Send 2 sase or e-mail sase Ldr: Tom McDonnell. Co-Ldr: Cheryl Gill.

CLIMB WITH THE SPS

Read this schedule for the best climbing trips in the Sierra!

SEPTEMBER *continued*

I: Sep 7-8 Sat-Sun SPS/WTC/GLS Sawtooth Pk #2 (12,343') and Needham Mountain (12,520'): A leisurely backpack, but a tough peak climb. Sat leave Mineral King and pack up to Lower Monarch Lake, 6 mi, 2600' gain, then relax and enjoy a potluck dinner. Sun start early and climb Sawtooth and Needham, strenuous 8 mi rt, 2600 gain all xc, then pack down to the trailhead. WTC or equivalent required. Ldr: Will McWhinney. Asst: Teresa Nick.

I: Sep 21 Sat Three Sisters (10,619') LIST FINISH: Join us for a 12 mi, 2500' gain hike to a class 1 peak in the western Sierra Nevada. Champagne on the summit; list finish party Sat night. Send email or SASE with party qualifications to Ldr: Reiner Stenzel. Co-Ldr: Gerry Holleman.

Sep 21 Sat LTC Deadline for Leadership Training Seminar: Last day for receipt of application and payment by LTC Registrar for enrollment in October 5 seminar. Next seminar: Spring 2003.

M: Sept 27 -29, Fri-Sun Tower Peak (11,755) w/ op. Ehrnbeck Peak (11,249) Loop trip with car shuttle through lands being considered for Wilderness designation. Trip to start at Buckeye Pass from Twin Lakes and complete trip by hiking through Levitt Meadow. Tower Peak is an SPS Mountaineer's Peak and Ehrnbeck is suggested for the adventure. Passably good fishing - although trip 2 years ago saw only small trout. Ldr. Barbee Tidball, Co-Ldr. Scot Jamison.

I: Sept 28-29 Sat-Sun SPS/WTC Mt Bolton-Brown (13,491'), Mt Prater (13471'): Sat backpack 6 mi, 3900' to Red Lake above Big Pine. Sun climb Bolton-Brown (SW slope) and Prater (SE slope), 7 mi rt, 6000' and backpack out. Send 2 sase or e-mail Ldr: Dave Endres. Co-Ldr: Mike Adams

I: Sept 28-29 Sat-Sun SPS/WTC Clouddripper (13,525'): Sat backpack from South Lake to camp at Green Lake, 4 mi 1000' gain. Sun climb Clouddripper via north slope, 3 mi 2500' net gain, and pack out. Ldr: Helen Qian. Co-Ldr: Maria Roa.

Notice to all Leaders

Please send in trip stories: write-ups of your adventures or mis-adventures for publication in *The Sierra Echo*. Pictures with stories are always welcome too. Send Word files via e-mail or hard copies via the mail. Photos send .jpg files or actual photos via the mail. Send a SASE for any that you want returned. *Thank you, Editors.*

OCTOBER

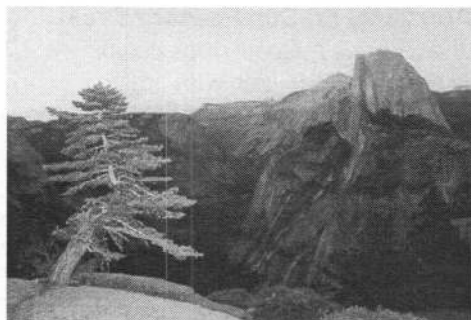
Oct 5 Sat LTC, Leadership Training Seminar: Become a qualified Sierra Club leader! Deadline for receipt of application and payment is Sep 21. Next seminar: Spring 2003

I: Oct 5-6 Sat-Sun Mt Irvine (13,780'), Mt Mallory (13,845') Late season climb of these peaks SE of Mt Whitney. Sat backpack to Meysan Lake, 5 mi, 3600' gain. Sun climb peaks and pack out, 8 mi, 2800' gain. Ldr: Ron Hudson Co-Ldr: Patty Rambert.

I: Provisional Oct. 5-6 Sat-Sun SPS/WTC Florence Pk. (12,432'), Vandever Mtn. (11,947'). Southern Sequoia fall backpack. Sat 5 mi, 2500' gain to camp at Florence Lake and 6 mi, 2200' gain to Florence. Prizes for best happy hour contribution. Sun pack up, climb Vandever on way out, 11 mi, 2600' gain. Send 2 sase Ldr: Dan Bovee. Co-Ldr: Beth Epstein.

I: Oct 12 Sat-Sun Kearsarge PK (12,618') DOUBLE LIST FINISH Join us for our double SPS finish. Day hike from Onion Valley, 5 mi, 3400' gain. Celebration on summit and potluck dinner Sat evening. Ldrs: Greg & Mirna Roach.

M: Provisional Oct 12-13 Sat-Sun SPS/WTC Dragon Peak (12,927') & Mt. Gould (13,005'): Restricted trip 3rd class rock experience. Sat start from Onion Valley above Independence, backpack to unnamed lakes beyond Golden Trout and climb Gould. Sun, climb Dragon and pack out. Send 2 sase or e-mail Ldr: Maria Roa. Asst: Nile Sorenson.

**YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK
Half Dome - Summer 2002 Closures**

Hikers with a hankering for an up-close Half Dome experience will need to plan their trek more carefully than usual this

summer. Park officials announced that the last half-mile of the popular trail to the summit of Half Dome - from the shoulder to the cables at the top -- will be repaired starting July and will be off-limits part of the time. Specifically, hikers will not be able to use that part of the trail from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday between July 8 and Sept. 19 so repair crews can work.

ECHOES FROM THE CHAIR

I just attended the recent DPS banquet. It is the figurative close to their climbing season, and the beginning of ours for the year. I saw many familiar SPS faces during the enjoyable evening, and of course lots of trips were being planned. Mammoth Mountain ski trips are winding down. So squeeze in your last few lift turns as the snow recedes. It's time for backcountry skiing and the first of the spring Sierra snow climbs!

The Section has a great schedule of upcoming trips. Many thanks to the leaders and to Asher Waxman, SPS outings chair. More listings are always welcomed. It is heartening to see several introductory level trips being led. I am continually asked by newcomers to recommend an outing to "get their feet wet" with the Section. These easier climbs, often co-led with WTC, accomplish this and are the best way to foster new members.

You may already know that there has been a change at the helm of the Chapter's Leadership Training Committee (LTC). Tina Bowman is the new Chair, taking over from Dan Richter. Both are past SPS Chairs, and very accomplished leaders and climbers. The SPS appreciates Dan's stewardship of LTC, and congratulates Tina on her new responsibilities. This is an apt time to encourage SPS members interested in becoming leaders to do so, and those who are already leaders to consider upgrading their skills and ratings. Feel free to contact Tina with any questions on the process.

Cheers, Erik Siering/SPS Chair 2002



December 12, 2001

Location: Department of Water and Power building, downtown L.A. Minutes taken by Matthew Richardson.

Sierra Peaks Section Meeting Minutes

Ballots were solicited for the Management Committee election, and election committee members left the

Management Committee Meeting

Attended By: Erik Siering, Ron Hudson, Maria Roa, Matthew Richardson, Patty Kline, Ann Kramer, and Barbee Tidball

The meeting began at 6:40 P.M.

The minutes of the November meeting were read and approved.

Ron gave an update on outings. He has received the proof sheets of upcoming SPS trips from the editor of the Angeles Chapter activities schedule. Ron also mentioned a recommendation by Safety Co-Chair Duane McRuer that two members be added to the Mountaineers List. Duane nominated Craig Connely, and Matthew nominated Erik Siering. They were both approved.

Maria presented a Treasurer's report. We have \$3,206.73 in checking and \$547.76 in savings. She also gave a membership update. The SPS now has 190 active members.

Barbee reminded committee members to push sales for the upcoming SPS banquet. She discussed the counting of SPS Management Committee election votes, which will take place during tonight's general meeting.

Patty suggested that we order another batch of SPS t-shirts, as our stock is running low. The committee authorized her to spend approximately \$300 for thirty more shirts.

Ann gave a report on a controversy, which is developing within the chapter's Ex-Com, concerning the makeup of key outings-related committees. In response to this controversy, the SPS Management Committee drafted and unanimously approved the following statement: "The Angeles Chapter Safety Committee, Leadership Training Committee, and Outings Management Committee, as currently constituted and chaired have the full confidence and support of the Sierra Peaks Section. We strongly endorse retaining the current leadership and composition of these committees."

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 P.M.

SPS General Meeting

The meeting was chaired by Erik Siering.

Erik reminded attendees that it's important for all to sign in on the D.W.P.'s sign-in sheet for each meeting.

room to count the votes.

Ron went over recent SPS outings.

Barbee didn't have any conservation updates this time, but she gave a plug for the 2002 annual SPS banquet.

There were many new attendees, too numerous to list. We hope they'll visit us again!

The results of the election were announced. The 2002 SPS Management Committee will consist of Erik Siering, Maria Roa, Matthew Richardson, Asher Waxman, and Joe Wankum. Thanks also to the other very qualified candidates!

Erik introduced Nile Sorenson, Matthew Richardson, Maria Roa, and Joe White, the climbers whose June ascent of Denali is the subject of tonight's program. Nile did an excellent job of presenting slides taken by him and Matthew.

Sierra Peaks Section Annual Banquet**Wednesday, January 9, 2002**

Buon Gusto's in Long Beach.

Barbee Tidball opened the evening's festivities by welcoming everyone. She explained that we were a bit crowded at this venue because the anticipated turnout had been very low. As of the previous Friday, the sale of only 32 tickets had been reported. As the banquet got underway, there were 84 people in attendance.

Barbee and Erik Siering raffled-off several great door prizes including books and calendars. The SPS wishes to thank the following people for their generous donations to the raffle:

- Hans Florine donated his book *Climb On!*
- Marc Visnick donated the Lonely Planet's video *Alaska Adventures*
- Bob Koch of AlpenBooks donated the book *Wild Winds* by Ed Darack
- Allison Koop of the Mountaineers Books donated the book *Fifty Favorite Climbs* and *Mountaineering 2002* calendars
- RJ Secor donated his book *Mexican Volcanoes* in addition to calendars

Erik recognized SPS members who earned emblems, senior emblems and master emblems. He also recognized those who finished the SPS peaks list in 2001.

Erik then introduced and thanked the outgoing 2001 management committee: himself, Ron Hudson, Matthew Richardson, Maria Roa and Matthias Selke. Past SPS chairpersons were asked to stand for recognition. The incoming 2002 management committee was then introduced: Erik, Asher Waxman, Matthew, Maria and Joe Wankum.

Barbee introduced Dave Sholle who began the feature presentation, an impressive and entertaining audio/video production of the climb of Mt. Kilimanjaro and Mt. Kenya he and his climbing partners completed in 2000. The presentation also included scenes from his African safari, narration and music.

Wednesday, February 13, 2002
Sierra Club - Angeles Chapter
Joint Meeting Minutes

Location: Department of Water & Power building, Los Angeles

The joint meeting included the following sections:

- Sierra Peaks Section (SPS)
- Desert Peaks Section (DPS)
- Hundred Peaks Section (HPS)
- Lower Peaks Committee (LPC)

Erik Siering, SPS chair, introduced Frank Dobos from the DPS, Byron Prinzmetal, HPS outings chair, Gabriele Rau for the LPC, Keith Martin from the Ski Mountaineers, and Jack Bohlka, Angeles Chapter Development Manager. Jack spoke about the outings and schedule endowment.

First-time attendees were welcomed. They included Derick Danta, Randall's brother.

Patty Kline took the opportunity to market SPS T-shirts to the attendees.

Doug Mantle presented an interesting slide show about his successful climb of Ama Dablam. Ama Dablam, which means "Mother and her necklace", is a wonderfully picturesque 22,600' Himalayan peak.



SPS 2002 Management Committee at the January Banquet
Asher Waxman, Maria Roa, Erik Siering, Matthew Richardson, Joe Wankum

Used crampons need a good home
12 point with straps and both medium and large metal front parts that bolt on
back part. Contact Linda McDermott at 818/416-3604



*Nature
Knowledge
Workshop
June 7-9,
2002*

Are you an avid hiker but are curious about the natural wonders around

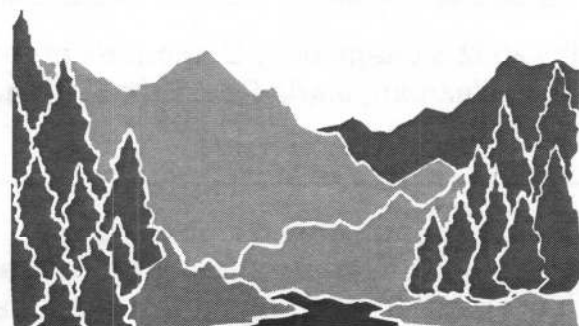
you? Would you like to know about the many inhabitants, both visible and unseen in the trees you walk under, how granite is formed, or what kind of mammal made the tracks across the trail? Or you may be an educator, hoping to glean more information about our mountain ecosystems to pass on to others in the classroom or on a field trip. The Natural Science Section of the Sierra Club's Angeles Chapter invites you to join us for a weekend of exploring, learning and enjoyment. The Workshop site is a resident camp near Barton Flats in the San Bernardino Mountains, in a Jeffrey pine forest bisected by an alder-lined creek. Leadership Training (LTC) credit is available for Angeles Chapter members. Join over a dozen naturalists sharing their expertise in bird and mammal identification, geology, snakes, reptiles, insects and plant study. The Friday evening through Sunday afternoon program includes slow hikes with naturalists, a special slide program on the wildlife of Midway Atoll, and afternoon and evening hands-on learning sessions. Dormitory cabins (6-8 persons; bring your own sleeping bag), hot showers, and six hearty meals are provided in the cost. To register, send 2 stamped self-addressed envelopes, home & work phone numbers, and a check payable to "Sierra Club, NSS" for \$118 with SC#/\$125 non-member, to Reservationist: Dave Goldstein, Dept. N, 9941 Comanche Ave., Chatsworth, CA 91311-3902, 818-709-3731. Sorry, participants must be 15 years or older. Leaders: Bob and Maureen Cates, 818-883-2165, Asst Leader: Liana Argento

Mountain Records

Below is the current list of register and container needs. If you are planning a trip to a peak on this list and could help out by carrying a book and/or container, please let me know. Also, please continue to send in your register reports, even for those peaks not in need of a book or container. Thanks again for the help in keeping our records up to date and in filling needs.

Tina Bowman
Mountain Records

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Barnard	wing nut
Bear Creek Spire	pencil
Bloody	book
Conness	book
Crag	book
Dunderberg	book
Eagle Scout	container (exchange), book
Genevra	cylinder
Gould	book
Jordan	container
Muir	book
North	book
Perkins	container, book
Piute	book
Ritter	book (ammo box?)
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BOOK REVIEW

Coming Out of the Woods, by Wallace Kaufman. Perseus Publishing March 2000.

A book review by Barbee Tidball

Every now and then you wander a bookstore and discover a book that is so well written that you want to meet the author. Wallace Kaufman is such an author. *Coming Out of the Woods* is written about Wallace Kaufman's experience purchasing, developing and living in the woods in North Carolina. The experiences he describes are both universal and unique to East Coast American environments. I would enjoy walking a western Sierra trail with the author – it would be interesting to see and hear what interests him along the trail..



Wallace Kaufman frequently compares his experience living for 25 years at Morgan Branch with Thoreau's Walden. But this isn't a story about leaving civilization behind; it is a story about how civilization is gradually accepted, how technology heals and harms nature. But ultimately it is the belief that in the end no matter what we do, nature will do it her own way and will win.

I have gathered here a sample of quotes from the book. These quotes express the character of the author: sarcastic, sensitive, an environmentalist and a man who was a land developer. Ultimately though it was Wallace Kaufman's acceptance of himself with nature and his love of nature that made this a story to be read.

"Few of us had inherited any strong tradition of dealing with the natural world. Instead, we had grown up on the romantic vision of nature as a peaceable kingdom."

"Gardening, like all dominion, like all conquest, is a system of government and manipulation. At best, it is benign tyranny. It is certainly not democracy."

"Material things that protect us from nature – say hiking boots, foam sleeping pads, binoculars, wet suits, thermal-pane windows, and fiberglass insulation – those are the things that allow us the widest communion with nature ..."

"If we go into a beautiful forest with no business to conduct, no wood to cut, nothing to collect, no science to conduct, nothing to fear-the forest puts the mind to rest."

"...a clear-cut destroys less than a fire, the eruption of Mount Saint Helens, a tidal wave, or a glacier. A clear-cut does not destroy nature itself but the nature we love and have become accustomed to seeing."

Water Purity in the High Sierra

BY Bob Rockwell

I have been investigating and documenting the issue of water quality in the Sierra Nevada since the mid-1980's, in particular the prevalence of *Giardia lamblia*, or *Giardia* (a parasite), and the likelihood of contracting giardiasis (an infestation of *Giardia*). The latest paper (*Giardia Lamblia and Giardiasis, with Particular Attention to the Sierra Nevada*, 21 January 2002) can be viewed at, for example, <http://www.lomapieta.sierraclub.org/pcs/articles/giardia.asp> or <http://www.yosemite.org/naturenotes/Giardia.htm>. Some pertinent points from it:

Don't worry about getting giardiasis from Sierra water. While *Giardia* cysts have indeed been found in some places, they have not been found in the numbers required to contract the disease. Flawed case studies, careless reporting, and hearsay have all contributed to the widely held but false belief that *Giardia* is a real wilderness problem.

A valid claim that giardiasis was contracted from a specific water source requires affirmative answers to the following questions, at the minimum: (1) Was the presence of *Giardia* confirmed in the laboratory? (2) Was the person *Giardia*-free prior to drinking it? (3) Did the suspect water source contain *Giardia* cysts in sufficient numbers to cause the disease? In particular, question (3) cannot be answered without the help of rarely done sophisticated measurements.

There have been legitimate cases of giardiasis as a result of a visit to the Sierra, but water was not the culprit. The problem is that up to 5% of us are asymptomatic carriers of *Giardia*, coupled with our diminished attention to personal hygiene when in the backcountry. The camp cook who does not wash his hands after defecating can transfer millions of cysts to food or utensils, which can in turn be ingested by his companions. Unfortunately, hand washing, while strictly enforced in other settings to restrict the spread of germs, is rarely mentioned in wilderness education materials.

The US Forest Service has preached the dangers of contracting giardiasis from untreated Sierra water for years, but they recently admitted they don't know if there is any *Giardia* there at all! There are a couple of reasons why they probably won't change their story, though. First, they want to alert people, especially novices who may not be skilled in choosing water sources intelligently, that they may get sick from some water, in some places, some of the time—and *Giardia* is a handy organism to blame it on. Second, if a person believes they contracted giardiasis from Sierra water, they cannot accuse the Forest Service of not warning them.

Virtually all Sierra water is pure, probably purer than your tap water at home. I have spent much of my free time since 1952 in the Sierra, never treating the water and never suffering consequences. The same holds for literally hundreds of similarly active friends and acquaintances. Of course, you do have to "drink smart": Avoid a stream draining a meadow where cattle are grazing or one with billowing clouds of surface foam. Other rules are the following (see the paper for a more complete list, with explanations):

- Large, cold, fast-flowing streams are better than small, quiet, warm ones.
- Streams entering from the side are better than those paralleling the trail.
- Drink from a lake at the inlet (best) or outlet (next best).
- Water at higher elevations is better than lower.
- Springs are particularly trustworthy.

Why not just treat all water and be completely safe? Depending on the choice of treatment, the penalties are cost, trouble, weight and perhaps taste. You may feel it's worth it.

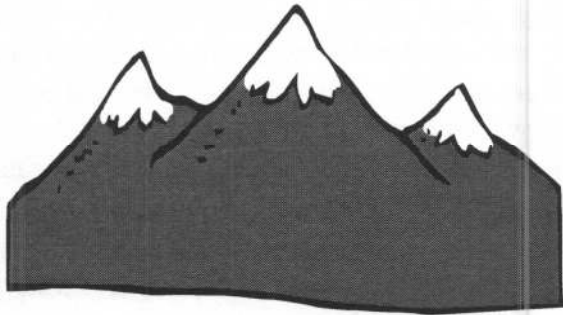
But drinking from a Sierra cup dipped into a pristine stream can be one of life's many pleasures. When any minuscule risk can be easily managed, it seems a shame to do otherwise.

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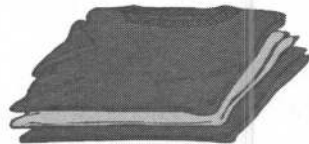
On Saturday, June 15th, a National Day of Action will be held to protest the Recreation Fee Demonstration Program (Fee Demo), known in Southern California as the Adventure Pass.

The main objective of this action will be to focus media attention on the issue, to expose it the public light, and thus undercut the corporate forces promoting Fee Demo on public lands. Much of the past success of Fee Demo proponents has been due to the public's lack of knowledge that the issue even exists. Already, as a result of increasing opposition across the nation, Congressional support for Fee Demo is waning. If this year's event is successful, the first major step will be made towards eliminating Fee Demo, and thereby maintaining the 100-year tradition of public lands being accessible to all people.

The success of the National Day of Action will depend on the support of all those who love our public lands as they are, unadulterated by extravagant facilities and "improvements" run by commercial interests, and un-fettered by fees and privatization. Take part in maintaining your heritage and freedoms. Join citizens around the country on June 15 in standing up for your rights and your public lands. Contact Gary Embrey at (310) 675-8807 or teechur@earthlink.net



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IN HIGH PLACES

MONACO

By Burton "Bon-chic, bon-genre" Falk

When reading accounts of the early attempts on Mt. Everest—or, for that matter, any of the 8,000 meter peaks—you can bet that the first three-quarters of the text will be devoted to conception of the idea, the selection of the climbing team, the problems associated with financing the expedition, the purchasing and shipping of the equipment and provisions, and then the seemingly endless approach march to the base of the mountain, a trek itself punctuated by problems with petulant porters. If you're in a hurry to find out whether the peak was conquered or not, you can usually flip to the last chapter and save yourself a lot of reading.

That's what I suggest in regards to this article. If you want to know if my wife, Jo, and I made the ascent of Monaco's highest point, just skip to the end of this piece. If you want to discover more about the quaint customs of the Provencal, pick up a few pointers on how to make ends meet on the Cote d'Azur for \$500 a day, and learn a little about two post-impressionist artists who lived and loved in the South of France, keep reading.

On Monday, October 1, Jo and I flew into Toulouse, France, 300 miles to the west of Monaco. We landed in Toulouse because my original plan had been to climb 9,665' Coma Pedrosa, the highpoint of Andorra, located in the Pyrenees, 60 miles to the south. Unfortunately, although the rest of my body was willing, my aching right hip was holding out for a better deal. That evening, instead, we drove to Carcassonne, a—and I cringe when using this word—picturesque medieval walled city.

The next afternoon, after spending the morning in Carcassonne, we sped east on the French equivalent of an Interstate Highway, feeding tollbooths all the way, arriving in St-Tropez just before dusk. Checking into the budget-busting Byblos Hotel, we then

meandered down toward the harbor, admiring along the way the pollard plane trees (similar to American sycamores) in the town square, under which a half a dozen games of *petanque* (sort of like lawn bowling sans the lawn) were clicking away.

Continuing on to the Vieux (Old) Port, we discovered the harbor to be awash with yachts, each vessel moored aft end toward the long quay, each transom proclaiming the ship's homeport. To our surprise and delight, we had arrived St-Tropez in the midst of a giant three-day regatta. The quarter-mile stretch of indoor/outdoor quayside restaurants bustled with sockless yachtsmen in topsiders, elegant, suntanned women, and a bevy of high maintenance dogs. Using our best Inspector Clouseau-style French, we blundered our way into one of the finer eateries, where we found ourselves surrounded by the *crème de la crème* of European sailing society. After dinner, shedding our socks—but leaving our hiking boots on—we too ambled up and down the quayside, mixing in perfectly, no doubt, with the stylish, affluent, *bon chic, bon genre* crowd.

St-Tropez, as it turns out, was just another port town until 1956, when film director Roger Vadim introduced both it and Brigitte Bardot, the latter described as “one voluptuous woman in head scarf, Ray-Bans, and capris,” to the world in *And God Created Woman*. Following the movie's release, St-Tropez and the sultry Mlle. Bardot never looked back.

Wednesday morning, October 3, dawned warm with a high overcast. Jo and I walked east along the coastal path (*sentier du littoral*), which wends its way around the peninsula on which San Tropez is located, passing by a handful of pocket beaches (some sporting nude bathers) and several large estates. If my hip and I hadn't been involved in serious contract negotiations, we

probably would have completed the entire 7-mile hike. That afternoon, back in town, we visited the Musée de L'Annonciade, a 16th-century chapel converted to an art museum, where paintings by Signac—the founder of the local art colony—Matisse, Signard, Braque, Dufy, Vuillard, and Rouault, all of whom painted in and around St-Tropez, were proudly displayed. As we left town the following morning, we had a good understanding of why the town's harbor and its surrounding almond-hued buildings have entranced so many artists for so many years.

Continuing east along an exceptionally scenic coastal road, we headed for Cannes, home of the world's most famous film festival. Arriving in that handsome seaside city about 3 p.m. on a gloriously clear fall afternoon, we checked into a Best Western hotel (*Mon dieu*, they're everywhere!), and then strolled around for a couple of hours before settling in for dinner at an excellent restaurant, the Felix, on the broad beachside Boulevard de la Croisette. The next day, October 5, following brief stops in Antibes, Cagnes-sur-Mer and Grasse, we backtracked west some 125 miles to Arles, an ancient city located at the apex of the marshy Rhone River delta—the Camargue, where at the Hotel du Forum, across a small square from the restored *Café La Nuit*, immortalized in Van Gogh's *Terrace de Café le Soir*, we registered for a two-week Elderhostel session entitled "The Light of Provence," a study of Vincent Van Gogh and Paul Cézanne.

Indulge me, fellow highpointers, while I make a couple of brief, hopefully not overly trite observations regarding Van Gogh and his tribulations. First, similar to the early Impressionists, Vincent also pushed the artistic envelope. His frenzied vision, his use of wildly contrasting colors, and his exaggerated brush and palette strokes, however, were just too *avant-garde* to be appreciated by art purchasers of his day (in fact, he sold virtually nothing during his lifetime, and he depended on a small allowance provided by his brother, Theo, a Parisian art dealer, for his meager existence). Another problem for Van Gogh concerned his tempestuous personality. It was difficult for him

to get along with others, and, in fact, just a year before his death, his neighbors in Arles circulated a petition to have him evicted—a circumstance few locals are now keen to acknowledge. At yet another time, Paul Gauguin, who had come down to Arles to paint with Van Gogh, was driven away by Vincent's overwhelming intensity—and, oh yeah, because the Dutch painter was wielding a straight razor. Moments after Gauguin boarded a Paris bound train, Van Gogh, despondent, sliced off his ear.

In spite of his travails, however, Van Gogh painted tirelessly. I have this mental image of him, laden down with easel, paints, brushes, etc., trudging out each morning into the Arlesian countryside, where he would spend the day turning the most commonplace subject matter into something magical. Although he painted only the last 10 years of his 37-year lifespan (he committed suicide in 1890), Van Gogh produced some 2,000 canvases. Ironically and sadly, not one of his original works can be viewed in Provence today. Receiving little recognition, economic or otherwise, while he lived, the prices for his paintings have now skyrocketed to the point they are well beyond the reach of any of the local museums.

After a week in Arles, our Elderhostel session moved on to Aix-en-Provence, commonly referred to as Aix (and pronounced like the letter X), to spend a second week considering the genius of Paul Cézanne (1839-1906).

Differing from the stormy Van Gogh in both personality and style of painting, the self-critical Cézanne, in fact, positively dallied with his canvases, reworking them over and over, producing only some 800 pieces during his entire 67 years. Also, whereas the Dutch-born Vincent was an alien in the south of France, and was no doubt somewhat uncomfortable as such, Cézanne grew up in Aix, where his father was a prosperous banker. It's not that Cézanne was problem free—he sired a child by his mistress, Hortense, after which his father, in an attempt to force a break with the woman, cut off his allowance—it's just that, unlike Van Gogh, he

could afford a few of the artist's luxuries, including a studio.

But the two painters were similar in that Cézanne also pushed the artistic envelope—breaking his subject matter into geometrical shapes, i.e., cones, cylinders, spheres, and deconstructing his colors into multi-hued patches.

Indeed, Cézanne's innovations were so significant that most art historians today consider him to be the father of modern art; some going so far as to say that cubism, fauvism, constructionism and many other early 20th Century styles are merely "Cézanne misunderstood."

Mountain lovers hold Cézanne in high esteem, as well, due to his life-long fascination with Mont Sainte-Victoire, a limestone peak rising some 3,000' to the northeast of Aix. In her book "Cézanne in Provence," Evmarie Schmitt states, "In over thirty oils and forty-five watercolors he depicted it from a great variety of vantage points—frontally, from the side, close up, from a distance—creating in every case a new impression of the landscape." It was his favorite subject matter.

Cézanne himself said of the peak, "Look at Sainte-Victoire there. How it soars, how imperiously it thirsts for the sun! And how melancholy it is in the evening when all its weight sinks back... Those blocks were made of fire and there's still fire in them. During the day the shadows seem to creep back with a shiver, as if afraid of them."

Pablo Picasso, the brilliant Spanish-born painter, was also attracted to the Mont Sainte-Victoire region. In his last years, he bought a magnificent villa just north of the mountain, and there, on its grounds, he is buried today. As for myself, I'd like to return to Aix someday, not only to bag Sainte-Victoire, but also to wander around the nearby Montagne du Luberon (the site of Peter Mayle's home as described in his "A Year in Provence"), and the Monts de Vaucluse, at the base of which, at the Fontaine de Vaucluse, a full-fledged, crystal-clear river springs forth.

On October 20, bidding our new Elderhostel friends *adieu*, we drove east once more, heading for Nice, on the beautiful Cote d'Azur, where the Maritime Alps plunge into the Mediterranean. Checking into the sea front Hotel Negresco, the Belle Époque-style Grande Dame of Nice hotels, we spent an hour wandering through that venerable establishment, where each floor is decorated to commemorate some era of French history. Our floor, for instance, was decorated in the 1960s style; our bathroom furnished with a turquoise glitter bathtub, commode and bidet; our corridors covered with original Vasarely op-art carpeting.

Amidst all the opulence, however, we were feeling a pang of anxiety. A highpoint was beckoning, and we were lingering in base camp. Next morning, securely strapping on both money and seat belts, we began a breathtaking drive east along the winding, cliffside Moyenne Corniche, a drive bringing back memories of a similar excursion taken by Cary Grant and Grace Kelly in the classic Alfred Hitchcock movie, "To Catch a Thief." We were on our way to the Principality of Monaco, all 473 acres of it, the last bastion of an ancient European dynasty, a visit we had dreamed of for years!

Forty-four years, to be precise. In 1957, the year Jo and I got married, we were determined to visit the south of France—we enrolled in night French classes at Long Beach State; we read F. Scott Fitzgerald's "Tender is the Night." We would have made the trip, too, were it not for a series of minor distractions, i.e., a pregnancy, the subsequent need to get serious about a career, my return to school to study something practical. Now, finally, we were in the Cote d'Azur, and, boy, were we psyched.

Entering the Principality, which is hewn out of the southeastern corner of France, we arrived almost immediately at the *Jardin Exotique*, a glorified cactus garden, just off the Corniche. Backtracking a couple hundred yards to find a parking spot, we then walked to the entrance of the *Jardin*, where we discovered a fairly hefty entry fee was involved. Inquiring as to the actual location of the high point, the ticket

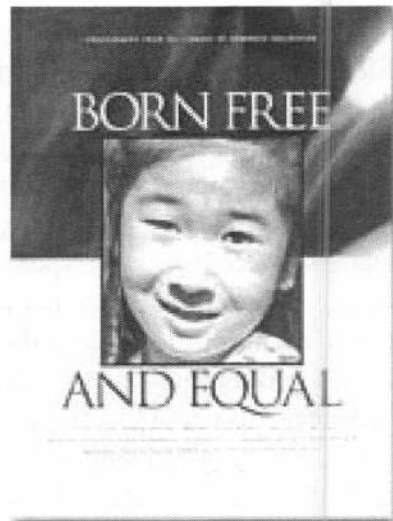
seller confessed, "Oh, that's across the street, up the hill. There's no fee required if that's all you want to do. Just walk up the steps. You'll find it."

And so we began our ascent of Monaco's 458'

(140 meter) unnamed, unmarked highpoint. Ten minutes later, barely breathing hard, we arrived at the base of a large antenna, presumably the country's highest ground, where we traded gleeful high fives. Below, stretched out a spectacular panorama—from the Italian Riviera in the east, through a fleet of yachts in the harbor to the left center, to the Royal Palace, on a promontory, "The Rock," almost directly below. To our right, toward Nice, tawny limestone cliffs fell into the sea. Throughout the Principality, dozens of apartment buildings rose into the salubrious Mediterranean air. Above us, beyond a band of pricey single-family dwellings, pine-covered slopes soared into an incredibly blue sky.

While glancing upward, we also noticed a sign on the top of a nearby 20' retaining wall—the border with France, according to our map—proclaiming in effect, "Entering Monaco." Uh oh, if that were Monaco up there, this wasn't Monaco's highpoint down here. Reluctant to leave any stone unturned, we worked our way up to the top of the wall, and thus, mixing our metaphors, we covered all our bases.

Après climb, we continued east a short distance to Menton, an attractive French seaside town just on the Italian border, and there we treated ourselves to a traditional Cote d'Azur lunch of *moule* (mussels) and *pomme frites* (French fries), accompanied by a wonderfully tasty chilled Rose. It was *tres bon* ending to a *magnifique* highpoint adventure.



PRESENTATION & BOOK SIGNING

Born Free and Equal: The Forgotten Manzanar Photographs of Ansel Adams

Date: May 19, 1:30 - 3:30 pm

Location: Japanese American National Museum, 369 1st Street, Los Angeles

Who: Archie Miyatake, former internee; Sue Kunitomi Embrey, Manzanar Committee Chair; William H. Michael, Director, Eastern California Museum; Wynne Benti, editor/publisher of *Born Free and Equal: The Story of Loyal Japanese Americans*.

Ansel Adams' virtually unknown work *Born Free and Equal: The Story of Loyal Japanese Americans* written and photographed in 1843 at Manzanar War Relocation Center will be brought to light after 60 years in a presentation and book signing Sunday, May 19 at the Japanese American National Museum in Los Angeles.

An outspoken opponent of Japanese American internment, Adams, best known for his Sierra Nevada landscapes, photographed Manzanar War Relocation Center in 1943. So moved by his experience at Manzanar, Adams wrote *Born Free and Equal: The Story of Loyal Japanese Americans* published in 1944 by now defunct U.S. Camera. Within a month of hitting stores the book completely disappeared from shelves causing speculation that it had been confiscated. *Born Free and Equal* was not reprinted in its unedited form until this year with the publication of the new edition by Spotted Dog Press of Bishop, California, forty miles north of the Manzanar site.

Editor Wynne Benti will give a slide presentation on this work, the obstacles and frustrations that Adams faced preparing the photographs for exhibition during World War II. Benti currently serves on the board of the Friends of the Eastern California Museum in Inyo County, home to the largest collection of Manzanar-related artifacts in the world. She is also the daughter of former Los Angeles news anchorman, Joseph Benti.

"The book is magnificent. I know Ansel would be thrilled at what you have accomplished here." —Mary Street Alinder, Ansel Adams' biographer.

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CONSERVATION 2 LINERS

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□ California Wild Heritage Campaign

The California Wild Heritage Campaign (CWHC) is working to permanently protect special wild areas and rivers. The Sierra Club along with many other grassroots organizations has supported legislation to win permanent protection of California's remaining wilderness and wild and scenic rivers. The CWHC's efforts are challenged by snowmobile and other motorized interests.

Senator Feinstein's support is needed and her position on the Senate Energy Committee makes her support even more critical for wilderness designation. Please send a letters urging Senator Feinstein and Boxer to support CWHC's effort's to protect Caples Creek, Castle Peak, Grouse Lakes and Meiss Meadows areas. Or Take a minute to look at the CWHC website to find out more about areas that are near you.

For information on this issue see Snowlands Network www.snowlands.org or California Wild Heritage Campaign at www.californiawild.org

□ Owens Valley : more information than you could ever possibly want.....

Recently on the CNRCC-Desert Forum list I am across this information on the Owens Valley dry lake dust control. Driving along 395 after a recent Sierra trip I noticed that one can really see the affects of this work....

" The plan is to cover the entire Owens Valley dry lake with a combination of three dust control measures: shallow flooding (which you can now see), managed vegetation (they found something that actually likes the soil out there!) and the rest of the lake bed will be covered with gravel. Fore more information than you could ever possibly want to know, see: <http://www.epa.gov/region09/air/owens/index.html>." Ron Norton.

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