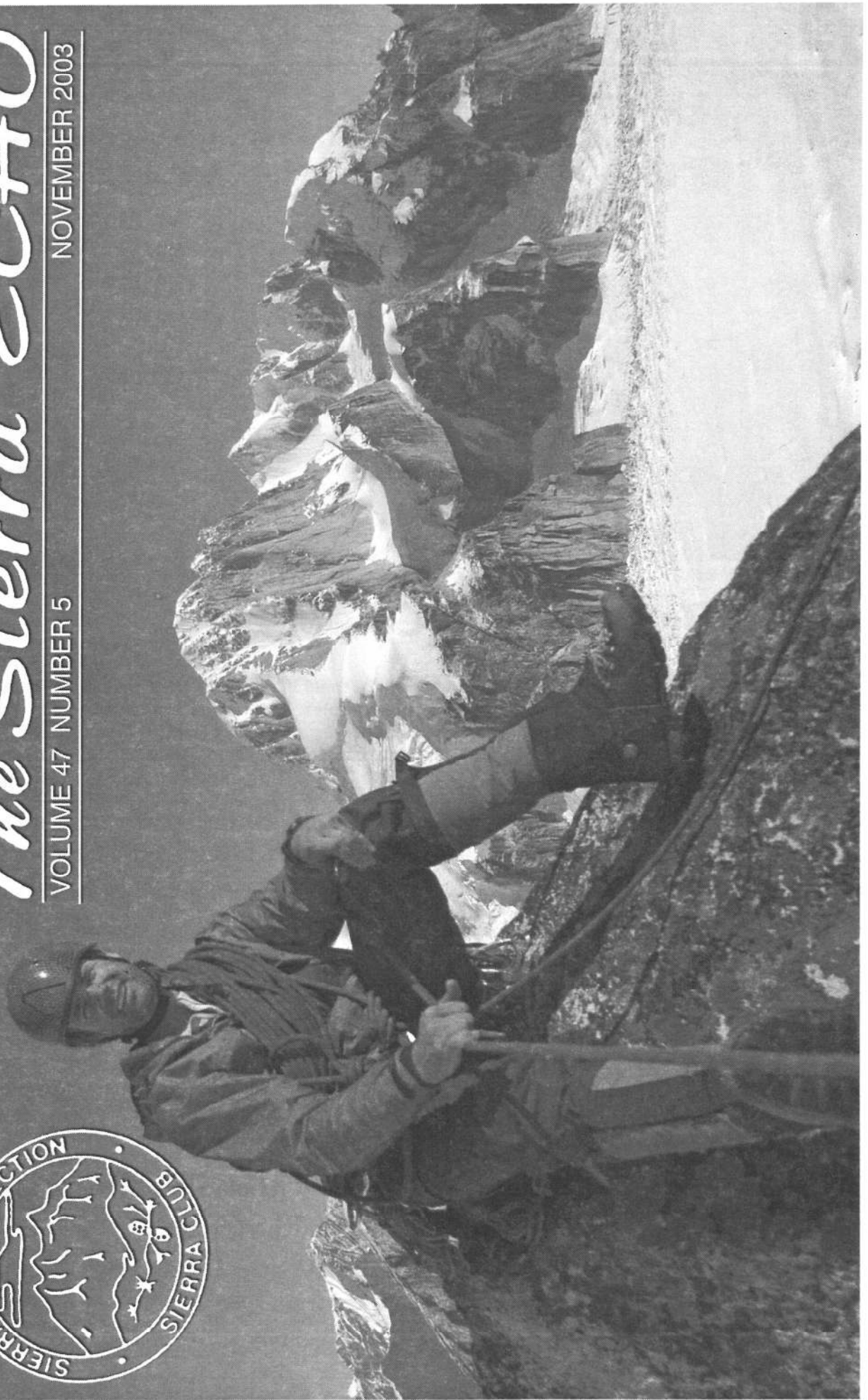
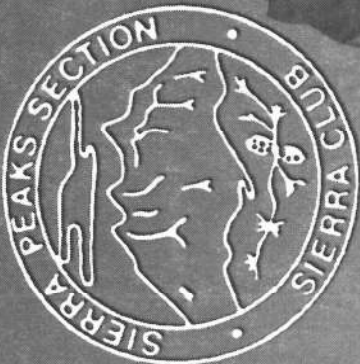


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SPS MONTHLY PROGRAMS

SPS meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month - May through November & January. A joint climbing sections meeting will be held in February. *New meeting Location:* Meetings are held at 7:30pm, 3435 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles. Downstairs from the Angeles Chapter Headquarters - Lower Plaza Conference Room. Free and secure parking. Enter from Mariposa, just N of Wilshire. Mention Sierra Club at parking lot office and get white ticket. Newcomers welcome.

December 2003 No Meeting

January 14, 2004 Kurt Wedberg will speak at the SPS Annual Banquet. See detail in this issue of *The Echo*.

February 5 Thur Hundred Peaks, Sierra Peaks, Desert Peaks, Ski Mountaineers, Lower Peaks Joint Meeting: Join us for the annual joint climbing groups social meeting, hosted this year by HPS. See related article this edition of *The Echo*. Refreshments provided by host. 6:30 pm swap meet, 7:30 pm show at LA Zoo Grande Room.

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KURT WEDBERG

SPS 2003 BANQUET SPEAKER
 CASTAWAY RESTAURANT
 JANUARY 14, 2004

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Fall/Winter Trips 2003-04



DECEMBER

I: Dec 6 Sat LTC, Mt Lowe (5603') Beginning Navigation Clinic: Requires a \$25 deposit. Reserv/Ldr: Diane Dunbar. Asst: Richard Boardman

I: Dec 7 Sun LTC, WTC Warren Pt Navigation: Navigation noodle at Joshua Tree National Park. Send sase with navigation experience/training, any WTC to Ldr: Harry Freimanis. Asst: Bob Bradshaw

JANUARY

I: Jan 5 Sun LTC, WTC, Warren Pt Navigation. Navigation noodle at Joshua Tree National Park for either checkout or practice (I/M) or Advanced (E). To receive homework assignment, send sase with navigation exper./training, to Ldr: Harry Freimanis. Asst: Bob Bradshaw

M/E: Jan 31 Sat LTC, SPS, DPS Local Baldy Snow Practice: For aspiring M & E candidates, and for others who want to practice or brush up on new techniques. Restricted. Lack of snow may cancel. Send SC#, climbing resume, 1 sase and email address to Ldr: Nile Sorenson Co-ldr: Doug Mantle

FEBRUARY

M/E Feb 7 Sat LTC, SPS, DPS Local Baldy Snow Practice. We will review all aspects of snow climbing, rope travel on snow, use of the ice axe, and snow anchors. For M & E candidates, and for others who want to practice or brush up on aspiring new techniques. Restricted to SC members with prior experience with the ice axe. Lack of snow may cancel. Send SC#, climbing resume, 1 sase and email address, H&W phones to Ldr: Nile Sorenson. Co-ldr: Tina Bowman.

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.

MARCH

E/M: Mar 14 Sun LTC, SPS, DPS Stony Point Rock Workshop/Checkoff. This intermediate and advanced workshop is based on the rock requirements for M & E leadership. Checkoffs for M & E rock must be pre-arranged. Restricted trip. Send SASE or e-mail, SC#, climbing resume, \$15.00 deposit (refunded when you show) Ldr: Ron Hudson Asst: Patty Rambert

Mar 20 Sat Deadline for Leadership Training Seminar. Last day for receipt of application and payment by LTC Registrar for enrollment in April 3 seminar. Next seminar: Fall 2004. Registrar: Steve Botan - ltcregistrar@angeles.sierraclub.org

APRIL

C: Apr 2-4 Fri - Sun LTC, Harwood Lodge, WTC Wilderness First Aid Short Course. Runs from 7:30 pm Fri to 6:00 pm Sun. Fee includes lodging and meals. CPR within previous 2-yrs required. Fee TBD. For application e-mail LDR. Steve Schuster

Apr 3 Sat Leadership Trainin Seminar

I/M: Apr 17-18 Sat-Sun LTC, WTC Indian Cove Navigation. Navigation Noodles to satisfy Basic (I/M) level nav.requirements. Sat for practice. Sun for checkout. To receive homework assignment, send navigation experience/training, any WTC, sase to Ldr: Harry Freimanis. Asst: Bob Bradshaw

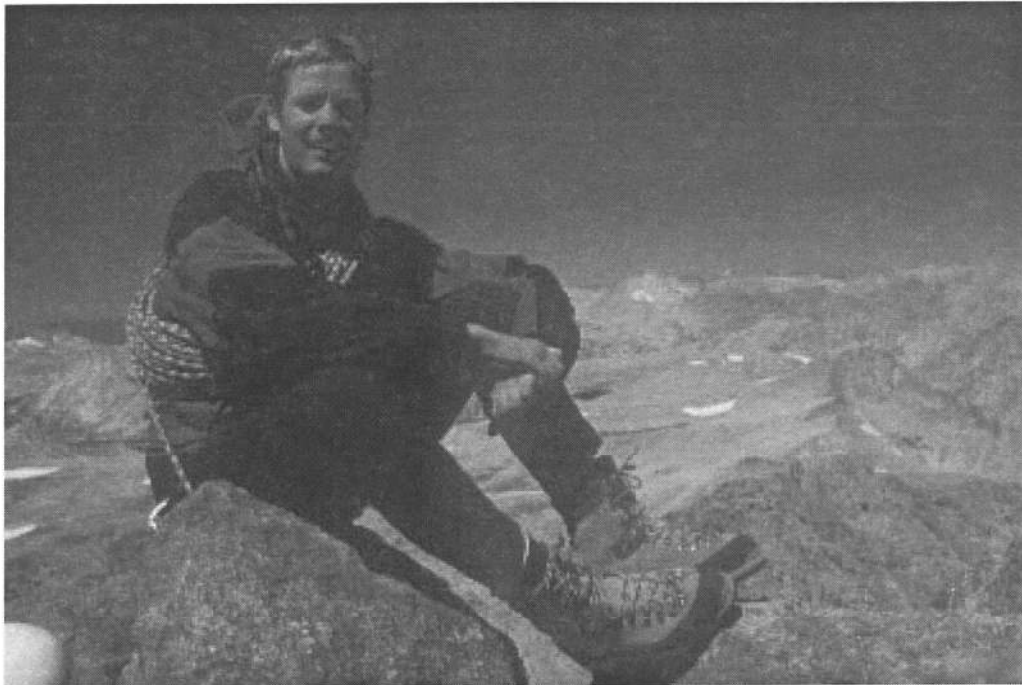
M/E: Apr 24-25 Sat - Sun , LTC, SPS, DPS Sierra Snow Checkoff For M & E candidates wanting to check off leadership ratings. Practice available for those wanting to brush up on new techniques. Restricted trip. Send SC#, climbing resume, 2 SASE or 1 SASE and e-mail, H&W phones. Ldr: Randall Danta Co-Ldr. Tom McDonnell

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KURT WEDBERG

SPS 2003 BANQUET SPEAKER

CASTAWAY RESTAURANT - JANUARY 14, 2004



Come hear world renowned professional mountain guide Kurt Wedberg's multi media presentation on climbing Ecuador's volcanoes and Aconcagua.

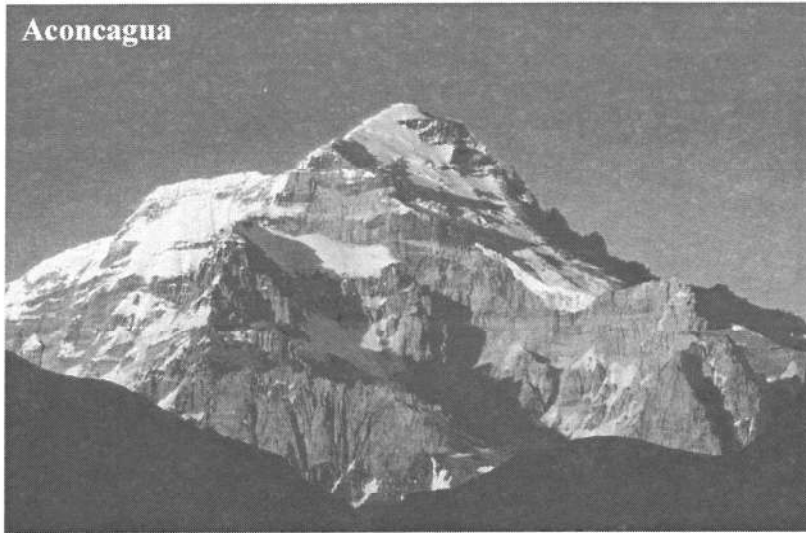
**SPS Annual 2003 Banquet
Wednesday, January 14, 2004**

Tickets \$28.00

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Aconcagua

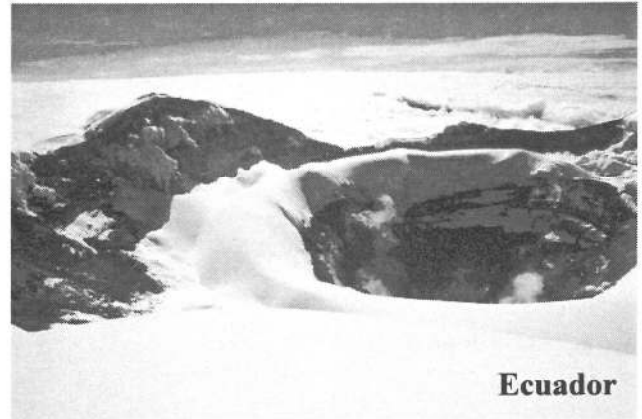


Kurt Wedberg, son of SPS climber and early section member John Wedberg, has been selected to speak at the 2003 annual section banquet. Kurt's multi-media presentation will feature climbs on Ecuador's volcanoes and Aconcagua.

Ecuador is host to several high volcanoes and a number of beautiful jungles. Chimborazo is the highest peak in Ecuador at 20,703'. Located close to the equator

where the earth is the thickest, it's summit is the point on our planet farthest away from the center of the earth. Cotopaxi is 19,347' and one of the highest active volcanoes in the world. Cayambe is 18,997' and the only place in the world where the latitude and temperature reach zero degrees. From highly glaciated peaks to indigenous people living at its base and exotic jungles, Ecuador is one of the prettiest countries in South America.

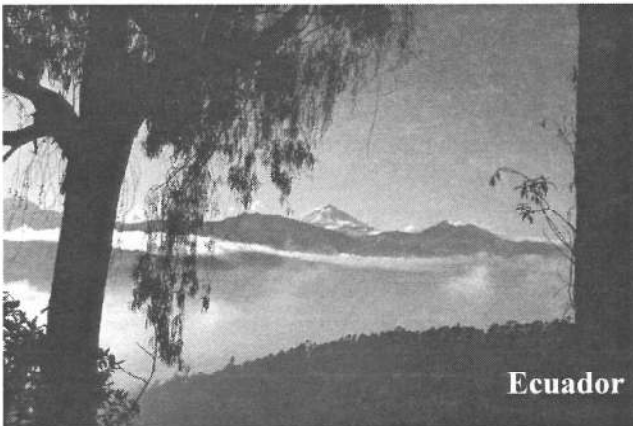
At an altitude of 22,841 feet, Aconcagua is the highest peak in the Western Hemisphere and a highly sought after summit by climbers from all over the world. Formed by volcanic forces, this mountain boasts several glacial formed valleys decorated with many species of wildflowers in addition to other alpine fauna along its base. On its upper flanks lay glaciers,



Ecuador

knife-edge ridges, and multiple layers of exposed rock bands. With its summit being the highest point in the world outside of Asia, Aconcagua is for many mountaineers the highest mountain they will attempt throughout their climbing career.

From high peaks and big expeditions to unique cultural experiences this show has it all. Join us for this very special evening of slides and stories of adventure in South America from seasoned mountain guide Kurt Wedberg.



Ecuador

Sierra Peaks Section Meeting Minutes

August 13, 2003

SPS Management Committee Meeting

Location: Sierra Club/Angles Chapter Office

Attended by: Joe Wankum, Henry Arnebold, Mike Dillenback

As there was not a quorum, no Management committee meeting was held.

General Meeting

New attendees were introduced. Joe Wankum gave an overview of the section and its activities to the newcomers.

Outings were reported on and a few upcoming trips were discussed. The schedule is quite busy at this time.

Rich Henke gave a particularly interesting show on some first ascents of glaciated peaks in Patagonia, as well as a backpack to Fitz Roy and Cerro Torre.

SPS Membership News

Congratulations to Emblem holders

569 Rick Dolphus 10/12/03 Split Mtn.

Happy Reading - New Echo Subscribers:

James Conley



Address Changes

Mary & Rayne Motheral



Robert Wyka



Judi Richardson



Mt. Harrington
Photo by Ron Hudson



Mountain Records

We had another good season for placing register books on our listed peaks. Chris Artale placed an ammo box and book on Muir, Arturo Crespo put a book on Tyndall, Don Croley took a SPS cylinder and book to Russell, Gary Morris also placed a book on Tyndall, R. J. Secor put a book on Goode, Tracy Sulkin left one on Mt. Tom, and Sara Wyrens took a book to Kern Peak. I put books on Banner, Ritter, and Clyde Minaret and left an ammo box on Ritter. Thanks to all who helped out with reports and placing books and containers. Keep those reports coming—thanks!

In recent years Steve Eckert has helped out not only with reports but also with a list of the “needs” on his climber.org web site. He has also provided an e-mail link to me from that site, by which I’ve received various register reports. Thanks, Steve!

Tina Bowman, Mountain Records Chair

FEATHER PEAK

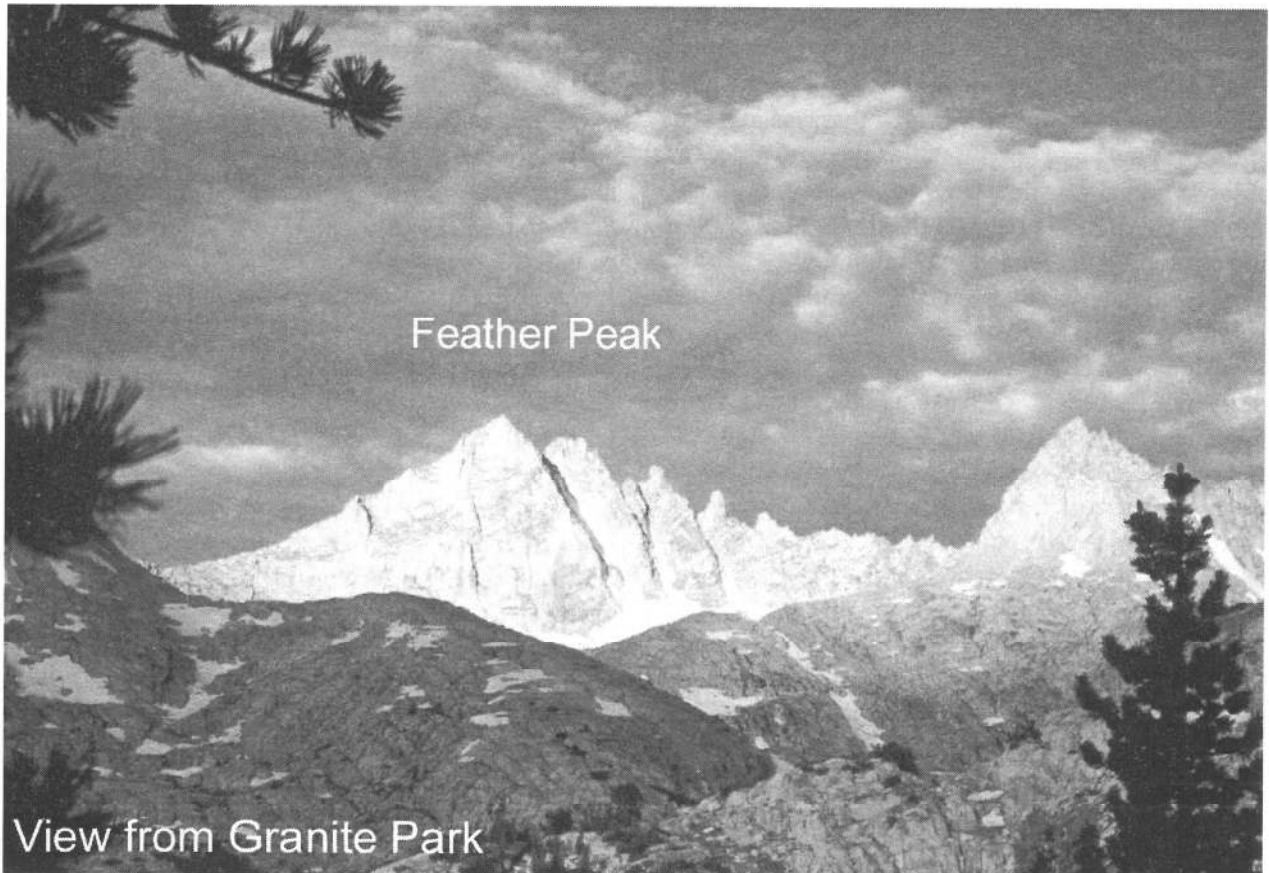
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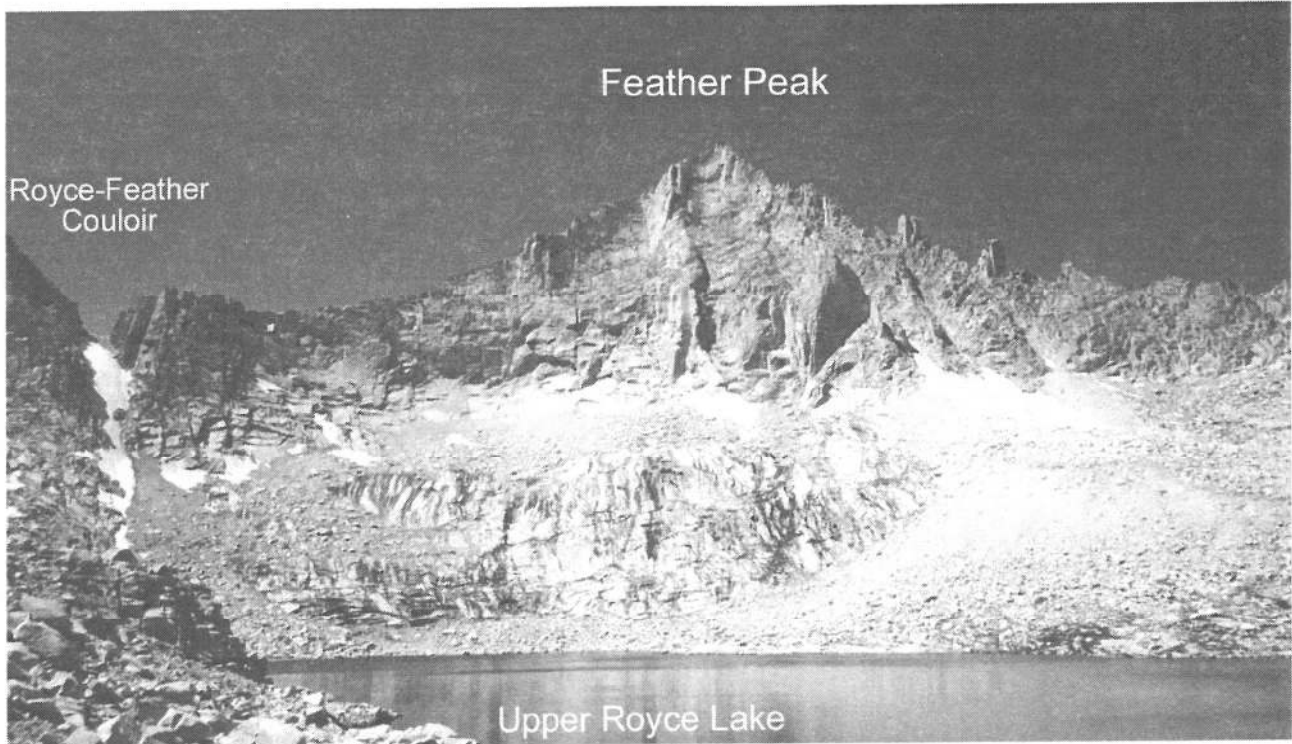
by Reiner Stenzel

Feather Peak is a beautiful Sierra peak that gets rarely climbed by the SPS since it is not on the "List". It is located northwest of Royce and Merriam and makes a great weekend climb from the Pine Creek trailhead (7,400'). This is what Leslie Hofherr and I did to escape the heat of a mid-summer weekend. We ascended the Pine Creek trail, passed the two Pine Creek Lkes, Honeymoon Lke (10,400'), and entered beautiful Granite Park. At the 11,400' level we left the trail over Italy Pass and hiked XC 0.2 mi south to Lke 11,420', about 0.4mi N of the two upper Royce Lakes. There we set up camp after the 8mi, 4000' hike. In the afternoon I explored the route to Feather Peak via the couloir between Royce and Feather (UTM 41 32 200N, 3 43 000E, NAD 27). The couloir was snow filled and looked intimidating from a distance. To brighten the mood we went fishing. No luck in our Lke 11,420' but at the Chalfant Lakes we got six fine rainbows for dinner. On the hike up I had collected a pound of fresh mushrooms,

king boletes. Our gourmet dinner consisted of soup, sautéed mushrooms, fresh trout fried in butter with slices of lemons, and alas, some freeze-dried dinner improved with fresh onions. Not bad for Sat night.

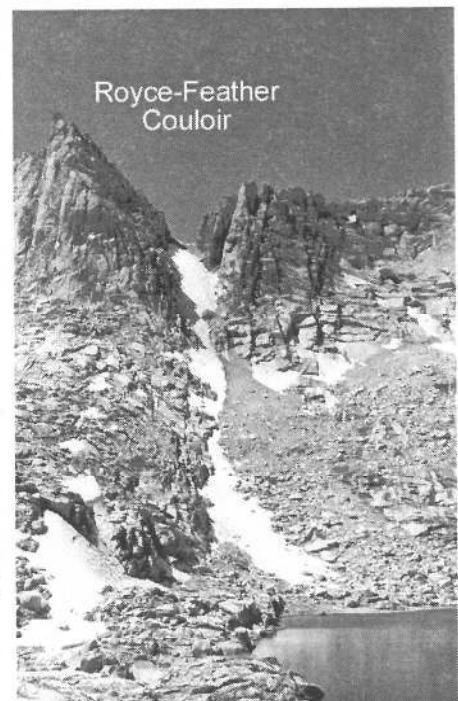
On Sun, 8/17, 7:30am, we headed over a small pass (11,900') to the beautiful Royce Lakes. We crossed between the upper (11,800') and main Royce Lake (11,725') and ascended the steep





couloir between Royce (13,282') and Feather (13,240'). It was filled with stone-hard old snow that turned partially into ice. We had no ice axe and crampons. Anyhow, an ice axe would be useless since one cannot arrest a fall on 40+deg ice. So we climbed the narrow gap between the ice and the rock on the right (N) side of the couloir. Climbing directly the cl 4-5 rock face was no option. Most of the chute walls consisted of red-brown rock that was in a state of decay. Few hand and footholds were reliable. Lots of loose gravel was deposited on ice. About 2/3 up into the chute Leslie reached the limits of her nerves and returned. I proceeded to climb into the 12,500' saddle and that was the crux of the climb. From there I climbed the SE ridge of Feather, staying first below the ridge to avoid a pillar with a drop-off along the ridgeline. There was a broad chute parallel to the SE ridge, which started out sandy, then turned into talus and eventually into smooth slabs. Staying on the SE ridge was the best and an enjoyable cl 3 climb. At 10am I found the summit register, a white plastic container with a spiral notebook, 2/3 filled. The peak is frequently climbed but the "familiar" SPS names are missing. Too bad since this is a worthy peak to climb. The NNW ridge has many impressive pillars, little "feathers". The NE face drops steeply into the upper Royce Lke. The formidable "Feather Couloir" on the NNE side is a 700', 60 deg snow/ice-filled chute. The easiest route is from the southwest via "Feather Pass" (UTM 41 31 785N, 3 42 209E, NAD

27). The summit views from Feather Pk are outstanding, ranging from nearby Seven Gables to the more distant Mts. Humphreys, Abbott, Bear Creek Spires, Tom, etc. On the way up I found a white feather and appropriately placed it into the summit register. Then I retraced my steps, carefully climbed down the Feather-Royce chute and met up with Leslie at the south shore of the upper Royce Lake. We hiked back to camp, packed and left just after noon. It was an enjoyable but long hike down to the cars. By 4pm it was still about 99 deg in Bishop, quite a temperature shock from the high country. Five hours later, at home near the coast, it was a pleasant 65 deg. This weekend climb was very enjoyable.



George's Birthday Trip

Mt. Morrison, Mt. Conness, Mt Dana & Lassen Pk

July 18-28, 2003
by George Wysup

It was time for me to visit my relatives in Klamath Falls and Olympia. I planned to drive up there because it really costs to fly to Klamath. I figured, why not try for a few sierra peaks on the way there? It's sort of on the way.

I really don't know why, but I settled on Mt Morrison, Mt Conness, and Mt Dana. For the first two I would need a companion to placate the ol' ball and chain (wife Angie). So I invited a bunch of people. To my amazement, some actually went with me!

Jim Kalember leapt at the chance; it seems he needed to condition for some *real* hikes later in the Summer. Jim has a rep for being a bit on the crazy side, so I wanted a totally sane person along to balance him. Tom Connery and Zobeida Molina (herself soon to be a birthday gal) rounded out the crew for the (Friday) July 18 Morrison climb. Gary Schenk, Mary Jo Dungfelder, and Kathy Brown promised to show up July 19.

Mt Morrison (12,277')

I drove to the Convict Lake trailhead parking lot the eve before. It's a good spot because there are seldom any noisy campers there and the price is right. The 4 of us were ready to depart the Convict Lake picnic area before 7am.

Tom and I had studied the topo map and some trip reports on website climber.org. The other resources were word of mouth from Patty Rambert and Secor's book (SPS does not publish peak guides or maps). Some of the advice was of the sort, "follow a jeep trail for 100 yards", "go to the first tarn and turn right at the obvious bowl", "follow the use trail", stuff like that. In any case, a frontal assault on Morrison from the east side was out of the question, as it is spectacularly steep from that side. The south side was said to be class 2— my kind of number; I leave class 4 and 5 for others. The elevation gain was estimated at 4700' in a bit over 3 miles, so we expected some steepness. Here's what we did.

We went from the picnic area at 7600', bearing about 125 deg up a moderate slope through gentle enough brush, avoiding the clogged gully against the

mountainside. After about 600' of this we came to— guess what— a jeep road! We followed this as it turned into a wide open use trail following a gully. There were some interesting ice caves in the gully, though there was generally no snow at this level. We reached a plateau at about 10,000', but there were no obvious tarns. Figuring that the descriptions probably meant "lake" instead of "tarn", we passed lake 3003m and continued up the stream to what looked like tarns. To the right we spied a rather nasty appearing bowl. Could this be the route? No. The bowl was impossible. Everything is limestone and the blocks lean such that there are no hand holds. We veered to the right and painfully ascended a steep, rubble-filled chute and continued up a slope. Reaching the 11000' level we intersected the use trail that we should have taken!

Over 1000' below, Zobeida pointed out what she thought was a use trail going up another bowl. The alpha males in the group informed her that she must be mistaken and, besides, she's only a girl and what do you know about route finding? She just shrugged. Of course she was right. We could have saved over an hour and a lot of effort had we believed her. It's her fault for not insisting.

Anyway, we had now found Zobeida's use trail— the hard way. By now the clouds (courtesy of remnants of a Texas hurricane) were building fast. We pushed up the use trail which, by now, was steep, loose, and intermittent. Reaching a point about 500' below the summit, a loud thunderclap convinced all of us except Krazy Kalember to save this for another day (the peak was not to be my birthday present). He continued on to, we speculated, his death by electrocution. As we hustled down (the correct route this time) it began to rain and the thunder continued. We waited for Jim at the 10000' plateau. We didn't have to wait long; Jim was motivated to descend in a hurry after a quick, wet, and very windy sign-in. But he got the peak! There were no witnesses, but I believe him.

The return trip from this point was dry, warm, and highlighted by the eating of ripe gooseberries. It seems that, after scaring us away from the summit,

the thunderstorm decided to go elsewhere. We did notice some brush-filled depressions that were probably what people referred to as "tarns" when they contained water. The round trip took us about 9 hours— it should have been less than 8 hours.

We all headed north to Lee Vining for a nice dinner at Nicely's, then went up the hill toward Saddlebag Lake to await the next day's adventure.

Mt Conness (12,590')

We found Gary, Mary Jo, and Kathy Friday evening at Saddlebag Lake and arranged to meet at 8am to start the hike. Which we did.

Probably the easiest way to proceed would be from Sawmill campground, about 250' below Saddlebag, and follow the trail to the Carnegie Biological experiment station at 9850'. However there is seldom any vacant parking spots there on Summer weekends. So we started at 10,100' and went downhill cross country about 2/3 mile, and were fortunate to find the experiment station with no problem. The good use trail became intermittent, but the general idea is to follow the creek, staying to the north of it so not to trample the meadow or stir up the mosquitoes. After having to recover from too many false leads I gave the route finder job to Kathy. She unflinchingly led us through the more difficult part.

As the terrain steepened and the meadows disappeared at about 10,700' we turned SSW and skirted a snow field on the right, climbing through large talus blocks. Climbing directly up the snow was probably a superior tactic, but only 3 of us had ice axes to make this safe. We reached a ducked chute marking the right turn up to the saddle at 11,400'. From this saddle an easy walk along a sandy use trail led us to the base of Conness.

The summit block is interesting in that the route is like a winding staircase in many stretches. It has a knife edge to negotiate, and there is a short bit of what I consider mild class 3. Once on the summit the views, as usual, are remarkable.

On the return, the snow field was softer and some got down post haste with a bit of a glissade, avoiding the talus blocks route. The stats were about 10 miles round trip and something over 3000' elevation gain. We required about 7 unhurried hours for the trek. It rained lightly on us as we neared our vehicles, and it rained seriously later in the evening.

We returned to Lee Vining for bites to eat, then scattered to sleep at various places. The plan was to reconvene at 7am Sunday for the hike to Mt Dana.

Mt Dana (13,057')

We parked just outside Yosemite's east entrance at Tioga Pass (9950'). A use trail starts right at the tool booth. At first the path winds around some small lakes and through lupine choked meadows, then gets more serious and heads uphill. Soon the path goes through talus, which increases in size toward the summit. The mountain gets a bit steep near the top, and a variety of use trails is offered. The trail is only about 3 miles long (one way) and is very popular. We met many other people, including a pair of young Norwegians and a young fellow from Michigan (a UPS employee) who knew the area's natural science much better than any of us.

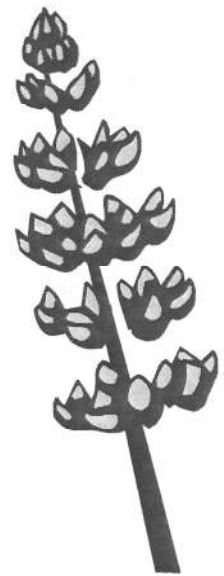
The hike was pleasant enough, though not exactly a lot of fun. The view was the big attraction. To the west was Mono Lake, to the east was Cathedral Peak and Half Dome, to the south was Lyell glacier, and to the north was . . . Mt Conness! Spectacular.

Lassen Pk (10,457')

I had plans to hike a peak or 2 or 3 on my return trip, but things didn't work out as well as I'd hoped. I managed to catch an intestinal bug, which rather weakened me. I thought it might be giardia, but none of the others had it. Probably e-coli from a greasy spoon.

The trail to Mt St. Helens was closed, so at least I didn't have to worry about getting a permit. Some other time— maybe after (during?) the next eruption. So I settled for Lassen Peak, which is the highest point in Shasta County. Lassen Nat'l Park is quite interesting, volcanically speaking, and attractive, well worth a visit. There is a fine trail to the summit, starting at about 8480'. The trail is very . . . uh . . . volcanic, and the views are nice enough.

The most interesting part of the hike is in the variety (and sheer number) of people who try for the summit. There must have been at least 200 people on the trail in the 3 hours it took me to get up and back. There are people of all ages and persuasions. Some kids who could not have been more than 7 years old did it (some whining, sure). There were Germans, Englishmen, people with unrecognizable accents. Anyway, even I did it.



KOIP-GIBBS

August 9 & 10, 2003

by Joe Wankum

Saturday, all eight participants climbed Koip, including WTC student Lisa Quane on her first Sierra peak climb. Sunday, five climbed Gibbs, while the other three settled for a view of the old mining activity east of Mono Pass. Markey and Robert Neighbors qualified for SPS membership on Gibbs. And Susan Livingston, who could probably have done the climbs in half the time, had a chance to develop and practice patience in putting up with a slow paced leader. It was a pleasure to have all of these, as well as Richard Whitcomb and Maria Montag on the trip.

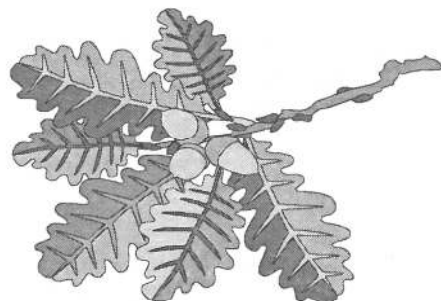
Parker Pass: Saturday, with the temperature somewhere near the freezing point, the leader got in the permit line at 7:15 and finally had a permit an hour and a quarter later. This resulted in a rather late, almost 9 am, departure from the Mono Pass trailhead (1.4 mi west of Tioga Pass and 5.6 mi east of the Tuolumne Meadows permit station). Mike Dillenback, on his first assist with the SPS, made up for lost time by leading the group over Parker Pass (6 mi, 1500' gain) and down to a rocky camping area, somewhat out of the wind, in 3-1/2 hours.

Koip: After spending an hour for lunch and setting up tents, it was nearly 1:30 when the group left for Koip. The switchbacks that show on the map seemed to take forever, but the last of the group made the summit by 5 pm, and all were back in camp by 8:15. Most of the group shared food and stories for a short time before settling in for the night.

Mono Pass: Sunday, with I-leader Markey available and willing to assist, Mike bowed out of the climb to stay with the non-climbers. A 7:15 planned departure was delayed while one participant spent time searching for trash which had been stashed under a rock. After the lost items were found and hurriedly stuffed into a pack, the group hiked out to near the trail junction west of Mono Pass.

Gibbs: After dropping the backpacks, the group started the Gibbs climb at 8:30. A plan to climb to the west ridge, then the south ridge was changed

when a trail was encountered part of the way up the south slope. The trail disappeared all too soon in the midst of loose, steep talus, but the group eventually made the west ridge, then contoured northeast up toward the summit. All were on top by 11. After a half hour for snacks, peak identification, and photos, the group descended by way of the easier west ridge for a brief lunch and time to re-pack.



Pack out: Around 1 pm, O-leader Robert led the pack out. All were at the cars by 2:30, where a couple of rangers shortly arrived (with a chainsaw) and treated us to a quick (and noisy) demonstration of removal of a tree that had fallen into the parking lot.

I'd like to thank Markey and Robert for their assistance. And I'd especially like to thank Mike for helping plan and in joining to lead this trip.

SPS T-SHIRTS

Own Your Own SPS T-Shirt. They come with a picture of North Palisade on the front and the entire SPS list by geographic area, with Mountaineer and Emblem Peak easily identified on the back. T-Shirts come in Medium, Large and Extra Large. Colors are sand, ash and yellow. Cost is \$12.00 plus \$3.50 shipping for 1 and \$4.00 for 2 or more T-shirts. Buy them from Patty at the SPS meetings and save the shipping charge. Make check payable to the SPS. Send your order to: Patty Kline



WE GET LETTERS

Dear Editors;

I found in July-August issue an interesting article on Mt. Muir.

I have climbed all the peaks listed except the three Needles and possibly I walked up one of them on one of my Whitney trips.

Bibliography omits one of the best: Climbing California's Fourteeners by Stephen Porcella and Cameron Burns published by the Mountaineers (1998)

Glen Dawson

To *The Sierra Echo* - November 17, 2003

Nancy and I just returned this weekend from two trips abroad, and the latest, *Sierra Echo* was among the enjoyable items in the large mail accumulation. I want to commend you two for taking so much time to provide readers with insight into Barbara Lilley's long involvement in the SPS and other climbing groups.

Just before the SPS Smith Mtn. trip in September, she and Gordon MacLeod had been out for seven weeks completing the range and county high points in Utah. On One of the days of that trip, according to Gordon, they did a round-trip climb involving some 5200 feet of gain. Not bad for two of the SPS's most senior active members!

I hate to mention it, (*Barbee's note - but I'm glad you are*) but I am archive-sensitive and would like to mention the misplacement of two captions.

The caption/credit on pg. 8, Vol 47. No. 4 (...outing to Mt. Corcoran) goes with the picture on pg. 9. (*Barbee's reply - oops. I'm not sure how that caption got moved - but that also explains why the picture did not come out with the best quality either. My apologies all round here.*)

The caption/credit on pg. 10 (...Yosemite) goes with the photo on pg. 13 (The picture on Pg. 10 was taken in 1950 on Avawatz Peak and is part of the Louise and Niles Werner Collection looked after by Angeles Chapter Historian Bob Cates. "Photographer unknown," reads the text that accompanied this picture when Bob e-mailed it to me.)

The photo on pg. 11 is also part of the Lousie and Niles Werner Collection. It was taken in 1950 in Mexico's Sierra San Pedro Martir. "Photographer James Bonner." reads one part of the text that accompanied this picture when e-mailed to me by Bob; elsewhere in the same text, however, Niles Werner is listed as the photographer. I'd overlook this conflict and, should there be a need to identify a source, simply credit the Werner Collection.

Finally, in case someone inquires, the image of Barbara Lilley on the front page (center) of the *Echo* was taken 11, 1959, just steps away from the lookout perched atop The Needles. It was the second day of an SPS-backpack in Sequoia National Forest.

Keep up you good work! Jerry Keating

(*Barbee's final note - Thanks Jerry for these corrections and your constant confidence and support in our endeavors to publish The Echo. I know the archival members will be interested in noting the corrections. And sorry the mix-ups were made - so many people were passing photos and notes with the excitement of Barbara's award I guess captions and photos did not always travel correctly together.*)

Four Southern California Forests Threatened by Forest Service Plan

February 5, 2004 Annual meeting of Chapter's climbing sections
looks at saving the places where we hike

"Some people see trees and some people see timber."

We don't need to tell the readers of a Sierra Club newsletter that the current administration in Washington DC is not a friend of our national forests and parks. Whether it's opening the parks and forests to logging, mining and even oil wells, or turning over the management of the forests to private contractors, this administration seems to view the places that are our most valuable natural resources as merely another opportunity for profit.

So what does this have to do with a program hosted by those peak baggers from Hundred Peaks Section and their fellow trekkers from Sierra Peaks and Desert Peaks? Everything. Because if we do not take action now, there will be no natural places left for our hiking adventures. And to take action, first we must understand the problem.

The 2004 annual meeting of the Angeles Chapter's hiking sections offers Chapter members a special opportunity to attend a presentation on the threat to our forests and what we can do to protect them.

Sierra Club Regional Representative, Bill Corcoran — a great speaker — will talk about exactly what is going on in Washington as it affects our forests. Bill keeps up to the minute on the political context of our environment and should be enlightening for all of us.

Our other speaker is someone most of us know, John Monsen, chair of the Angeles Chapter's Forest Task Force. John will talk about the Forest Service's Management Plan for the Angeles, Cleveland, Los Padres & San Bernardino National Forests and the Sierra Club's alternative. John's remarks will be especially timely as the Forest Service is formally releasing its plan and five alternative plans — including the Sierra Club's — the day after this event.

The six plans cover the full range of visions of how the forest should be managed: from the F.S.'s

preferred plan which maximizes commodity extraction, to a proposal that increases "hard" recreational opportunities such as OHV areas, to one that emphasizes maintaining habitat and biodiversity. The Sierra Club proposal supports "low impact" recreation (hiking) and conservation of flora and fauna. John will have graphic representations and photos to illustrate the range of options.

We hope that this program will motivate hikers to turn out at the open houses the Forest Service will be hosting beginning on February 6 to literally cast our vote (a poll is part of the road show) in favor of the Sierra Club approach to forest management.

In case you need to be frightened (or angered) to get motivated, think about this: the Forest Service proposal includes more power lines through the forests, highways through the Cleveland, hydroelectric plants, and even oil drilling in the Los Padres National Forest. To find out more about what we can do to prevent this, join us on February 5 at the Griffith Park Ranger Station Auditorium, 4730 Crystal Springs Drive.

The event is co-sponsored by Desert Peaks, Sierra Peaks, and Ski Mountaineers Sections and Lower Peaks Committee. It begins at 6:30 with the traditional Swap Meet. Bring your unwanted hiking and camping gear to exchange or sell. Wine and munchies will be served. The program begins at 7:30. For directions to the Ranger Station, use your map skills or call (323) 913-4688 or go to the map link at www.ci.la.ca.us/RAP/grifnet/gp/test/general_park_info.

Joint Climbing Sections - HPS, SPS, DPS, and Ski Mountaineers, Lower Peaks Joint Meeting: Join us for the annual joint climbing groups social meeting, hosted this year by HPS. Refreshments provided by host. 6:30 pm swap meet, 7:30 pm show at LA Zoo Grande Room.

Kurt Wedberg

Ecuadors' Volcanoes & Aconcagua

2003 SPS Banquet

January 14, 2004

Name (s) _____

Number of Tickets ____ @ \$28.00

Tickets orders must be received by January 7, 2004

Mail Ticket Order with check to SPS and SASE
to Henry Arnebold, 2459 Escalante, LA Verne, CA 91750-1136

Dinner Selections:

Vegetarian Pasta _____

Chicken Jerusalem _____

London Broil _____

All meals include Ceasar salad, rolls, cheese cake and coffee, tea or sodas.

Location:

Castaway, 1250 Harvard Road, Burbank, CA

Parking - valet

Time:

6:00 pm No Host Bar, 7:00 dinner. Evening's awards program will start at 8:00 pm and the speaker at 8:30 pm.



Tracy Sulkin's observations will be presented to SPS participants over the next few Echoes.

"Outing Etiquette"

What kind of reputation do you have on Sierra Club outings? Are you known for your great happy-hour contributions or for your boorish behavior? Your actions as an outing participant will either put you on the track towards positive references or put your name on the "permanent wait" list. If you're not sure in which direction you're headed, keep reading

Winter/Spring 2003-2004 trips continued

MAY

M/E: May 15-16 Sat - Sun , LTC, SPS, DPS Sierra Snow Checkoff For M & E candidates wanting to check off leadership ratings. Practice available for those wanting to brush up on new techniques. Restricted trip. Send SC#, climbing resume, 2 SASE or 1 SASE and e-mail, H&W phones. Ldr: Nile Sorenson. Co-Ldrs. Doug Mantle, Duane McRuer

I: May 23 Sun , LTC, WTC Grinnell Ridge Navigation Navigation Noodle in San Bernardino National Forest for either checkout or practice to satisfy Basic (I/M) or Advanced (E) level navigation requirements. To receive homework assignment, send sase, navigation experience/training, any WTC. Ldr: Harry Freimanis Asst. Bob Bradshaw

JUNE

C: Jun 11-13 Wilderness First Aid Course Runs from 8 am Fri to 5:30 om Sun. Fee includes lodging and meals. CPR within previous 2 years required. Fee \$165 with SC#/\$175 non-member. (Full refund through May 7, 2004) For application send e-mail to Ldr: Steve Schuster

Signing Up

- Be honest with the outing leader. Exaggerated resumes and conditioning will become evident on the outing and could adversely impact the entire group.
- Ask the leader any serious questions well in advance of the outing. Waiting until you reach the trailhead to ask questions about the outing may be inappropriate.
- Inform the leader well in advance of the outing if you have any special conditions or concerns that he/she ought to know about. Disclosing your heart condition at the trailhead is inappropriate.
- Respond to leader inquiries, ASAP. If a leader asks you to mail the \$5 (typical) permit fee, it is usually to reserve your spot on the participants list. Tardy responses may result in your name being moved to the wait list.

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