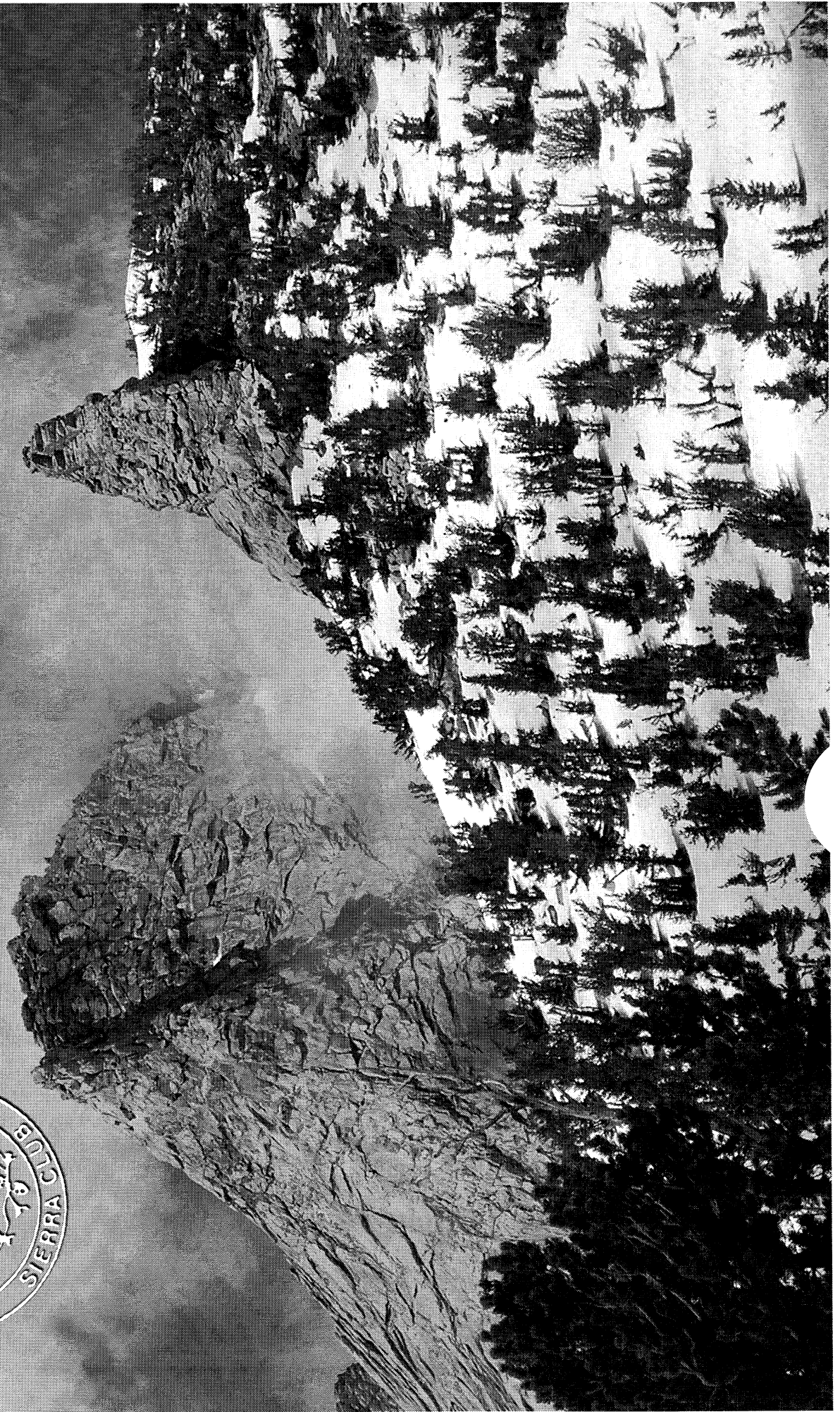


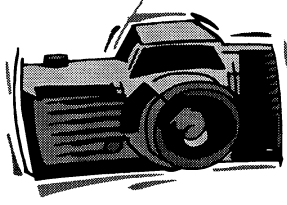
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SPS PROGRAMS

SPS meetings are held at 7:30 PM, ground floor of 3435 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, downstairs from the Angeles Chapter headquarters. Newcomers welcome. Parking is free and secure. Enter from Mariposa, just north of Wilshire. Mention Sierra Club at garage gate and get white ticket.

July, August & September 2005 - It's climbing season. No section meeting, but there are lots of great trips being led. Sign-up and for a great Sierra adventure.

October 16, 2005 - Sunday, SPS 50th Anniversary Ban-

quet *Hold this date!* Taix Restaurant, Los Angeles will be the site of the SPS 50th Anniversary. Join your fellow climbers commemorating 50 years of climbing in the "Range of Light" Our feature program will be a video highlighting the last 50 years and a commemorative issue of the Echo will be distributed.



Update - Get Well Wishes from the SPS to RJ Secor

A number of SPS members have made the trip to Los Angeles to visit RJ. Thank you to everyone who has been, and encouragement to others to stop by. RJ is recovering - although this is going to be a long climb for him. After our visit RJ's mother phoned and gave us an up date on his condition. RJ is walking, eating and reading. He still is not able to carry on a conversation, but he does follow conversations with gestures and head movements. For current information on RJ's recovery, a few sources are the web site www.mt-whitney.info/viewtopic.php?t=507, www.supertopo.com or go to www.summitpost.org for reports on sightings of the accident. RJ Secor is currently staying at a rehabilitation center, the address follows:

Country Villa Rehabilitation Center, Room #211B (Window)
 340 S. Alvarado, Los Angeles, CA 90057
 Center Phone is: 213/484-9730
 Visiting hours (Call first to check): 10:00 AM – 9:00 PM, 2 people max



JULY

MR: Jul 22 - 31 Fri - Sun Tunemah, Finger, Reinstein, o.p. Scylla, Goddard Goddard Creek Area: Hike in via Crown Valley and Blue Cyn from near Wishon Reservoir. Do Tunemah, Finger, Reinstein. Visit Goddard Creek, explore this infrequently visited area. Explore many lakes and unnamed peaks. Opportunity for Scylla, Goddard, various unknown peaks via atypical routes. Back via Blackcap Basin in circle route. Many miles, much hiking x-c with backpack, probable class 3+ on routes. E-mail Ldr: RON HUDSON, Co-Ldrs REINER STENZEL, PATTY RAMBERT

I: Jul 23-25 Sat-Mon Mt. Stanford-North, (12,838'): SPS introductory trip in eastern Sierra geared to prospective SPSers and WTC students. Relaxed, casual and enjoyable. Sat backpack 6 mi and 1,400' of gain to western most Hilton Lake at 10,353'. Sun climb class 2 Stanford in 5 mi rt and 2,500' of gain, all x-country. Legendary community happy hours Sat and Sun evenings. Mon backpack out 7 mi and 3200' loss. Send sase, \$5 permit fee to Ldr: PATTY KLINE. Asst: KENT SCHWITKIS. Naturalist: SHERRY ROSS.

I: Jul 28 - Aug 1 Thu-Mon SPS/Loma Prieta, Goat Mtn. (12,207), State Peak (12,620), Marion Peak (12,719): Join this 50th SPS anniversary climb of Goat Mtn. and other nearby peaks. This is a strenuous peak bagging adventure with over 5,000' gain on the first day and substantial cross-country travel. Thurs. hike Grouse Lake; Fri. climb Goat Mtn. and may be Kid Peak before moving camp to State Lakes; Sat. climb State and Marion Peaks with lots of cross country boulder and scree hopping. Sun. back track and possibly climb Combs Spur; Mon. hike out. Send sase with \$5 permit fee to Ldrs: MIKE MCDERMOTT, IGOR MAMEDALIN.



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.

All participants on Sierra Club outings are required to sign a standard liability waiver. If you would like to read the Liability Waiver before you choose to participate on an outing, please go to: <http://www.sierraclub.org/outings/chapter/forms/>, or contact the Outings Department at (415) 977-5528 for a printed version.

I: July 29-Aug 1 Fri-Mon SPS/NSS Colosseum Mtn. (12,451), Mt. Perkins (12,566), Mt. Pinchot (13,494), Mt. Wynne (13,179): Join the fun and increase your knowledge of the Sierra on this ambitious mid-season climb of four remote peaks. Friday hike on trail to Mule Lake, 7 miles, 5,400'. Saturday continue over Sawmill Pass to make camp at the beautiful lakes below Mount Cedric Wright, then climb cl 1 Colosseum, 6 mi, 3,200' gain. Sunday hike xc on cl 2 terrain to climb Perkins, Pinchot, and Wynne, 8.5 mi, 3,750' total gain. Monday hike out, 11.5 mi, 600' gain. Send email (preferred) or sase to Ldr: DARRICK DANTA. Asst: KEITH MARTIN.

I: July 30-31 Sat-Sun SPS/WTC Cloudripper (13,525'): Moderate backpack trip to an SPS peak. Sat backpack from South Lake to camp at Green Lake, 3+ miles, 1300' gain. Optional Sat climb to Hunchback (12,311'), 1+ miles, 1300' gain. Sunday climb to peak, 4 miles, 2900' gain, slight class 3 on summit. WTC req. or equiv. Send SASE or e-mail to Ldr: ED MORENTE. Asst: TOM MCDONNELL

AUGUST

O: Aug 5-7 Fri-Sun SPS/International Community, Alta Peak (11,204'): Carcamp (campfire, Happy Hours.) in Sequoia National Park. Trail hike at moderate pace Saturday to peak (approx 14 mi rt, 4000' gain), celebrating 50 years of SPS and leader's 30 years with SC. To reserve, Email/sase to leader: ASHER WAXMAN. Asst: MIKKI SIEGEL.

2005 Summer/Fall Trips Cont.

I: Aug 6-8 Sat-Mon SPS/WTC, Red Slate Mtn. (13,123'): SPS Intro trip geared to WTC students and prospective SPSers. Relaxed, causal, and enjoyable. Sat backpack up McGee Creek to McGee Lakes at 11,040', 6 1/2 mi, 2900' gain. Sun climb class 1 Mountaineers Peak, 4 mi rt, 2,200' gain, considerable cross country. Mon hike out. Legendary community happy hour Sat and Sun eve. Send 2 sase, \$5.00 to Leader: PATTY KLINE. Asst: GREG DE HOOGH.

M: Aug 11-12 Sat-Sun University Pk (13,589'), Independence Pk (11,742'): Carcamp and dayhikes/backpack on the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of the SPS. Send email (preferred) or sase to Ldr: ASHER WAXMAN. Asst: DAN RICHTER.



I: Aug 20-21 Sat-Sun Mt. Baldwin (12,615), Bloody Mtn. (12,552): Enjoy great scenery and a full moon on this trip in the beautiful Convict Lake area. Saturday pack to Mildred Lake, set up camp, then climb Baldwin, 8.7 mi (4.2 xc), 5,000' gain. Sunday climb Bloody, then pack out, 10.7 mi (2.2 xc), 4,000' gain. Send email (preferred) or sase, to Ldr: DARRICK DANTA. Asst: BARRY HOLCHIN.

I: Aug 20-21 Sat-Sun SPS/WTC, Mt. Tom (13,652'): Strenuous climb to the top of massive Mt. Tom out of Bishop. Sat. backpack 4 mi., 2200' to camp at Horton Lake. Sun. climb Tom 7 mi. rt, 3700', pack out 4 mi. Send 2 sase/email, \$5 permit fee, conditioning, experience (including WTC group information), H&W phones and rideshare info to Ldr: MELISSA KANE. Asst: EDD RUSKOWITZ.

I: Aug 20-22 Sat-Mon, Mt. Julius Caesar (13,200'): SPS introductory trip in eastern Sierra geared to prospective SPSers and WTC students. Moderate and enjoyable pace. Sat backpack above Honeymoon Lake, camping at 10,600' (7 mi and 3200' gain). Sun climb class 2 Julius Caesar (9 mi rt., 2600' gain with xc.) Legendary community happy hours Sat and Sun evenings. Mon backpack out 7 mi and 3200' loss. Send sase, \$5 permit to Ldr: PATTY KLINE. Asst: KENT SCHWITKIS.

O: Aug 26-27 Sat-Sun Koip Peak (12,962'), SPS/WTC: Picturesque two day backpack through Yosemite and Ansel Adams Wilderness to Koip Peak. Enjoy this beautiful area of Yosemite and surrounds, including great views of Mono Lake and Mt. Ritter. Good introductory backpack. Travel mostly over trails, 16 mi rt, 4,100' gain. Send SASE / email to leader to reserve a place. Limited space due to permit restrictions (\$5 fee). Ldr: ALEX AMIES examies@yahoo.com). Asst: PATTY RAMBERT.

I: Aug 26-29 Fri-Mon Mt Brewer (13570'), Mt Bago (11870'): Visit this SPS emblem on 4 day pack, bagging Bago on the way just because it's there. 35 miles, 12,000' gain from Onion Valley. No plans to climb North Guard. Email or SASE to George. Ldrs: GEORGE WYSUP, PAT ARREDONDO, GARY SCHENK

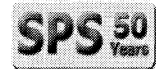
I: Aug 27-28 Sat.-Sun. Vogelsang Pk. (11,493'): WTC/SPS Moderate paced trip out of Tuolumne Mdw. Sat. 8 miles, 2000' gain to camp and Happy hour at Vogelsang Lk. Sun. 2 miles RT class 2 scramble 1500' to peak and then return to cars. Permit limits group size. Email or sase with experience and conditioning info. to: Leader: Scott Nelson. Co-leader: Dan Bovee

I: Aug 27-28 Sat-Sun SPS/WTC Mt Goode (13,085'), Mt Agassiz (13,893'): SPS 50th Anniversary Celebration Hike. Gourmet Backpack! Join us for a weekend of high-altitude decadence. Sat backpack 5 mi, 1400' to Bishop Lake for an elegant dinner. Sun work off those calories and enjoy gorgeous views with 2 mi, 1900' climb of Goode; depending on conditions may ridge-hop 3 mi, 2000' gain to Agassiz. Send e-mail or sase with your most outrageous culinary ideas to Ldr: RON CAMPBELL. Asst: GEORGETTE RIECK



SEPTEMBER

M: Sep 3-5 Sat-Mon SPS/WTC Mt Tyndall (14,018'): SPS 50th Anniversary Celebration Hike Climb in autumn up a 14'er. Strenuous 8 mi 4000' gain up Shepard Pass Trail to Anvil Camp on Sat. Sun climb Tyndall via class 3 north rib and back to camp (6 mi rt, 4000' gain). Mon hike out. Recent 3rd class rock experience required. Restricted to Sierra Club members. This outing is rescheduled from 2004. Send sase/email \$5 permit fee to Ldr: SCOTT LEAVITT. Asst: PATRICK MCKUSKY.



I: Sep 9-11 Fri-Sun, Trail Pk (11,623'), Wonoga Peak (10,371'): SPS 50th Anniversary Celebration Hike. Leisurely paced ascents of two unlisted peaks with time to reflect on the just under 50 full years since SPS' founding. Camp Fri pm at Tuttle Cr (5120') near Lone Pine with extended happy hour; move Sat am on paved road to Horseshoe Mdw (10,000'). Sat climb mostly Class 1 Trail Pk, on the SPS' first qualifying list, from the Pacific Crest Trail, 8-10 mi rt depending on route options with 1700' gain. Then, a long happy hour. Sun climb easy Class 2 Wonoga from Little Cottonwood Cr, 2 mi rt with 1100' gain. Send sase with H&W phones & e-mail address to Asst Ldr. JERRY KEATING. Ldrs: GORDON MACLEOD & BARBARA LILLEY.



2005 Fall Trips Continued

I: Sep 9-11 Fri-Sun SPS/WTC Joe Devel Pk (13,327'): From Horseshoe Meadows we'll moderately pack in 11 mi., 1700' gain/1000' loss over Cottonwood Pass to camp at Lower Rock Creek Lake. Sat. climb Joe, 5 mi. 2600', then happy hour and campfire (woohoo!). Sun. pack out. Send 2 sase/email, \$5 permit fee to Ldr: EDD RUSKOWITZ. Asst: MELISSA KANE.

I: Sep 9-12 Fri- Mon Leavitt Peak (11569'), Stanislaus Peak (11233'), Blackhawk Mtn (10247'), Disaster Peak (10047'): Spend Grandparents' Day hiking trails and some xc in the Sonora Pass area on this SPS introductory trip. Leavitt 12 miles 3700' gain; Stanislaus 9 miles 2600' gain; Blackhawk 23 miles 6500' gain (early start!); Disaster 7 miles 3600' gain. Car camps between. Climb any or all. Paved hwy driving. Email or SASE to George. Ldrs: GEORGE WYSUP, PAT ARREDONDO, ASHER WAXMAN

I: Sep 10-12 Sat-Mon Bloody Mtn. (12,552'): SPS Intro Trip geared to new and prospective SPSers and WTC students. Moderate backpack for class 2 pk south of Mammoth. Sat bpkp 8 mi, 2600' gain to Dorothy Lake. Sun climb class 2 Bloody in 4 mi rt, 2400' of gain, mostly x-country. Mon bpkp out 8 mi, 2600' loss. Legendary community happy hours Sat and Sun evenings. Send sase, \$5.00 permit fee to Ldr: PATTY KLINE. Asst: KEITH MARTIN.

I: Sep 16-18 Fri-Sun SPS/Wilderness Adventures Mineral Kings' Sawtooth Peak (12,343) & Needham Mountain (12,520): SPS 50th Anniversary Celebration Hike Visit vertical vistas in southern Sequoia N.P. Friday, moderately strenuous 3.7 mile, 2,600 ft gain trail backpack to camp near Monarch Lakes. Possible day-hike over Sawtooth Pass to Columbine Lake. Saturday, strenuous xc 6 mi, 3,700 ft climb of the two peaks. Sunday, return. Must be comfortable with steep, off-trail hiking. Send \$5 permit fee, 2 SASE to Ldr: MARK MITCHELL, Co-Ldr: KEITH MARTIN.

M: Sept 17-19 Sat-Mon Mt. Gayley (13,510'), Temple Crag (12,976'): Sat 5 mi, 2400' gain bpkp from Galcier Lodge to basecamp W of Willow Lk; Sun climb Gayley, 2 mi, 3100' gain via "Yellow Brick Rd"; Mon climb Temple Crag 1.5 mi 2700' gain SE face and pack out. Send \$5 permit fee Ldr: VIRGIL POPESCU, Co-Ldr. PATTY RAMBERT

M: Sep 23-25 Fri-Sun SPS/WTC Tower Pk (11,755'): SPS 50th Anniversary Celebration Hike. Northern Sierra Class 3 Mountaineers Peak. Strenuous trip (29 miles RT, 4500' gain) restricted to Sierra Club members.

Participants must be comfortable on Class 3 rock. Friday backpack from Leavitt Meadows Trailhead to camp at Tower Lake (13 miles, 2400' gain). Saturday climb peak (2100' gain) and pack out part way for short hike out on Sunday. Send e-mail to Ldr: JOHN CHESLICK. Co-Ldr: PATTY RAMBERT

I: Sept 25 Sun LTC/WTC Grinnell Ridge Navigation: Navigation Noodle in San Bernardino Nat. 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

OCTOBER

I: Oct 1-2 Sat-Sun SPS/WTC North Maggie Mtn (10,234'): SPS 50th Anniversary Celebration Hike Great intro to SPS backpack for recent WTC graduates interested in bagging their first peak in the Western Sierra. Plan on a leisurely start Saturday morning from Hidden Falls campground. Backpack in (2-3 miles) followed by happy hour Saturday night. Sunday morning peak climb (approx. 3 miles, 3000 ft. gain) cross-country. Return to the cars Sunday late afternoon. Send email with experience (including WTC group information) and contact information to Ldr: JENNIE THOMAS. Asst: GREG ROACH.

Oct 16 Sunday, 5PM, Taix restaurant Los Angeles - SPS 50th Anniversary Banquet. Commemorative video and Echo publication



Oct 29 SAT Outings Management Committee Outings Assembly: Join the Outings Management Committee for a session on the present and future of the chapter's outings program and learn more about the National Leader Standards. All Sierra Club members are invited, especially outings leaders, provisional leaders, and outings chairs. Save this date! Bring your lunch. We'll meet at 9:30 am-1:00 pm at Eaton Canyon Nature Center, 1750 N. Altadena Dr, Pasadena. From 210 freeway eastbound, exit Altadena Dr, north 1.5 miles to park entrance on right. From 210 westbound, exit Sierra Madre Blvd, west 1 block to Altadena Dr, north 1.5 mi. For more information contact Donna Specht 714-963-6345 or e mail donnaspecht@juno.com

NOVEMBER

I: Nov 5 Sat Sawtooth Pk (S) (8,000'+): SPS/HPS Intro trip in the Southern Sierra. 9 mi rt, 2400' gain at a moderate pace. Email or phone leader the week prior to the outing for info. Snow cancels. Ldr: Gary Schenk. Asst: George Wysup.

2005 Fall Trips Continued

I: Nov 11 Fri Owens Peak (8,453'):

SPS/HPS SPS 50th Anniversary climb.



Join the veterans of the SPS on Veteran's Day as they celebrate the 49th anniversary of the first SPS trip to Owens Peak. Moderate pace, 7 mi rt, 3200' gain. Phone or email leader the week prior to the trip for information on meeting location and time.

M/E: Nov 12-13 Sat-Sun LTC/SPS/DPS/WTC Indian Cove Rock Check-off:



SPS 50th Anniversary Year and time to encourage new leaders for the next 50 years. M & E candidates wanting to check off leadership ratings. At Joshua Tree National Park. Practice and instruction available for those wanting to brush up on new techniques. Restricted to SC members with some prior basic training on rock. Send 2 sases to Ldr: DAN RICHTER. Co-Ldr: PAT MCKUSKY.

SPS Treasurer's Report

2nd Quarter 6/30/05

Prepared by Henry Arnebold

Checking Account

Income:

a. Merchandise	\$ 0.00
b. Peak List	\$ 0.00
c. Echo	\$ 1,400.00
d. Banquet	\$ 0.00
	\$ 1,400.00

Expenditures:

a. Echo Printing	\$ 227.33
b. Banquet Deposit	\$ 200.00
	\$ 427.33

Balance on 3/31/05	\$ 3,388.67
Income	\$ 1,400.00
	\$ 4,788.67
Expenditures	-\$ 427.34
	\$ 4,361.34

Savings Account

Balance on 3/31/05	\$ 4,862.04
April interest income	\$ 1.97
May interest income	\$ 2.07
June interest income	\$ 2.00
	\$ 4,868.08

SPS June/July 2005 Membership Updates

Congratulations

Barbee Tidball Senior Emblem #135 on Olancha
Larry Tidball 2nd time Emblem #8 on Olancha

Welcome New Subscribers

Greg Mason
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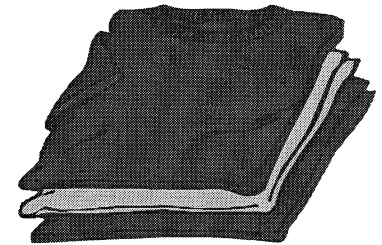
New Addresses

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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

Echoes from the Chair

Hi to all SPS
climbers,

This is your climbing chair! I am heading out to lead Sill/Polemonium. A few challenges will be faced - more snow than usual, swifter/deeper stream crossings and a July trip that will feel like May/June.

I have been very busy this spring. Some trips have been rescheduled, cancelled and others have been very, very interesting with trailhead conditions, etc. I have had successful climbs of The Northern Peaks - Castle Peak, Mt. Adams, Mt. Ellwell, Sierra Buttes, Mt. Lola; Mt. Perkins; Mount Clark, Gray Peak; Muah and Cartago; Coyote and Angora.

My other celebration was Mount Shasta for my 57th Birthday. Then for the first time in 5 years, joined the SCMA at Courtright to climb 5th Class for 3 days. Power Dome was super! I can CLIMB!

Hope you are hooking up with others to get out there! Lots of things coming up this summer, enjoy and be safe!

Want to wish the best to our friends that have had Cardiac or other events, and hope they will recover quickly and be out there with us all. Hoping not to forget anyone but best wishes to RJ Secor, Henry Arnebold, Reiner Stenzel and any others that have been laid up for one reason or another.

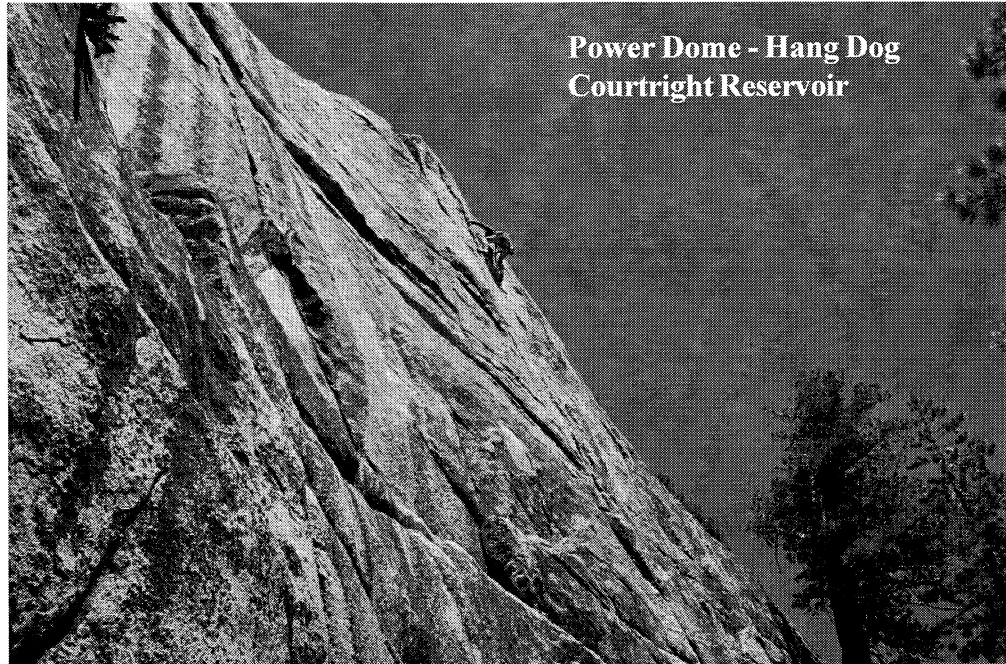
The SPS Anniversary Celebration is in full swing. Contact Dan Richter with any information you might have that should be included. I hear David Sholle is busy interviewing and video taping important people from the past and future of the SPS. Let him know if you want to be included!

Our List Server is up and running, with all thanks going to JOE WANKUM! If you haven't provided a current e-mail address to Henry Arnebold, get in touch to be included!

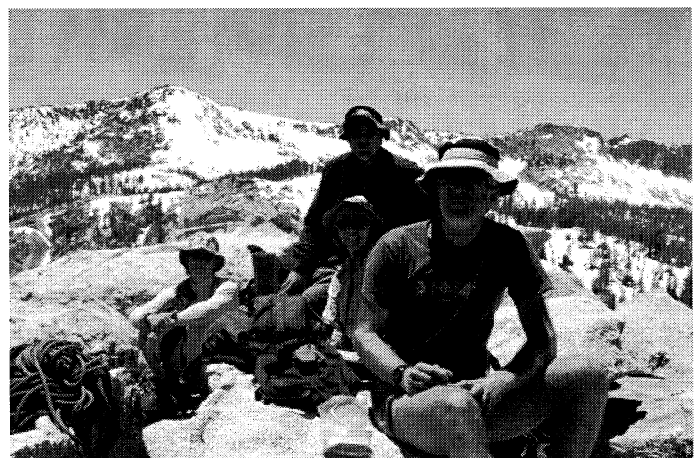
It has been wonderful to see all the WTC students, leader candidates and other SPS climbers out in the backcountry and also active on the web sharing information about conditions, private hikes, etc.

Off to the Mountains,

Patty



Power Dome - Hang Dog
Courtright Reservoir



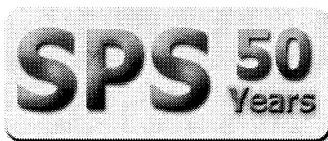
Summit Photo of Dogtooth Peak

Patty center with Keith Martin and Ron Hudson, Photo by Greg Vernon

Attention Leaders!

Don't forget that under the new national leader standards, leaders are to be current in first aid. Under these standards, first aid training is current for four years. We expect to have an extension until January 2006 for leaders to become current. All you need is a four-hour course, and CPR is not required (and doesn't count toward the requirement for renewing first aid). With support from the Friends of the Angeles Chapter Foundation, the Leadership Training Committee (LTC) offers free CPR/First Aid courses (\$50 will hold your spot and be returned to you at the door). These fill quickly! Excellent options to consider are the one-day "Wilderness First Aid Introduction" and "Wilderness First Aid Refresher" courses being offered November 5 and 6 respectively. You can get more information about these at the LTC website: angeles.sierraclub.org/ltc. The free courses have a pop up and link from the home page; for the wilderness first aid related courses, go to the LTC Activities Schedule and click on the link under Wilderness First Aid. You can get classes also through your local Red Cross. If you took wilderness first aid to become an I-, M-, or E-rated leader, you do not need to take the course again, though it's always a good idea.

Happy trails,
Tina Bowman
Chair, Leadership Training Committee



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

In celebration of the Sierra Peaks Section 50th Anniversary Charlie Knapke, SPS webmaster with the help of Jerry Keating have put together a history of the early days of the SPS and *A Collection of Ancient Trip Reports*.

Go to the Angeles Chapter website, then click on Sections, then the Sierra Peak Section. Once you are in the SPS website just click on the anniversary logo and begin your trip into the "ancient" lore of the SPS!

Unclimbed' Peak 12,400+ (On Sawtooth Ridge .5 miles S of Glacier Lake)

Author: Kyle Atkins

Date: 16 Aug 1974

Peaks: Peak 12400 , Sawtooth Ridge

Place: California

R. J. Secor's possible unclimbed Peak 12,400+ on Sawtooth Ridge .5 mi. S. of Glacier Lk. was climbed on 16 August 1974 by K. Kyle Atkins and Greg Sonegere. There was no cairn, no register and I did not leave one. It is interesting to note that the nearby bump on the east ridge of Eocene had been christened 'The Citadel' and climbed 6 times by that date. The first was 1934. Apparently it is on a route then used to cross the Sawtooth Ridge.

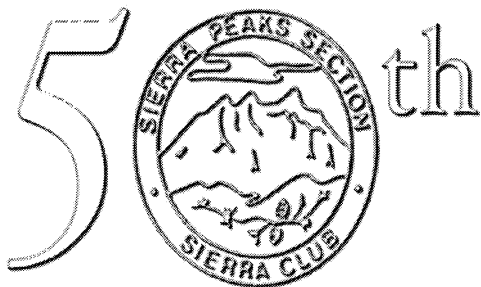
Note to readers - RJ has not confirmed or denied weather this is the famous "unclimbed peak".

Sierra Club Outings Launches Contest

The Sierra Club Group and Chapter Outings Committee (GCOC) is sponsoring a contest to develop a program identifier for Club outings leaders. The program identifier is a suitable design for patches, shirts, hats, etc. It will provide recognition to those individuals who volunteer their time and expertise to lead outings, and will serve to help outings participants identify outings leaders at trailheads.

Sierra Club membership is not required to submit an entry. Submissions will be judged by an independent panel based on originality, content, technical quality, and visibility. Contest deadline is August 31, 2005. The winner will be announced at the Sierra Summit in San Francisco, September 8-11, 2005. The winning entry will be awarded a cash prize of \$500. Send entries by email to gco@sierraclub.org or by postal mail to: Group and Chapter Outings, Sierra Club, 85 Second Street, 2nd Floor, San Francisco, CA 94105-3459 Entries submitted by postal mail must include both hardcopy and ".jpg" file (5 mb maximum) versions of the entry. CONTACT: Danielle Vaughan 415-977-5528

Memorable Mountains



While I have only climbed 103 of the peaks on the List, the approaches have been significant. These climbs have occurred over the past 25 years while I have been living in Colorado, so it takes a bit of time just to get to the trailhead.

In the early 1980's I was fortunate enough to have met long-time SPS'ers Burton Falk and Jim Scott in the Miami airport at midnight. Since then, we have shared many Sierra Peak climbs and hours of enjoyment on the trail.

Over the course of the ensuing years there have been many memorable Sierra climbs but a couple of them stand out above the rest. Probably my most memorable climb was on Devil's Crag #1. It took us two trips to finally stand on the summit. I enjoyed this mountain for its pure mountaineering allure. The peak had a little bit of everything including a memorable approach and descent. Burton Falk experienced a tense moment while rappelling off the peak when the rappel rope was nearly severed due to a rock bursting under the rope. Closer examination after he reached safety showed that he was literally hanging from two remaining strands of rope! We made a quick repair to the rope and were able to get Jim Scott down the pitch.

The other memorable climb was on Cathedral Peak. I climbed it on one of those patented sunny California days that you dream about all Winter long. Warm rock, light breezes and protection that gives you courage; what else is there in life?

Well, mountain memories wouldn't be complete without remembering being scared out of your wits by those intense lightning storms or freezing your buns off during an unexpected heavy wet snowstorm. But, that's why we climb isn't it?

Charlie Winger

This is an account of an April 1980 climb of University that appeared in a 1980 Echo and again in the Southern Sierran a few years ago. It was for me a memorable and instructive climb that others may enjoy reading about.

GEOFF'S GLISSADE

Why do we climb mountains? Well, one happy reason is to slide back down.

Geoff Glassner, our friend and leader on this early spring climb, had persuaded us (Dave Vandervoet, Larry Hoak, Gerry & Pat Holleman, Bob Fielding, Kent Davis, Butch Hoover, Dennis Hall & me) that University's north face offered the grandest glissade in the Sierras. He had climbed it and slid back down three times before and was eager to show us what great fun it was.

On our early morning climb from Bench Lake we discovered that the slope was steep enough and the snow hard enough so that to feel comfortable we had to chop steps as well as wear our crampons. After leaving the summit we stopped at a point just below it, looked down that steep 600- to 700-foot slope and ordered. Geoff assured us. We were anxious. He said it would be fun. We weren't so sure. We looked around for a place to start that wasn't so steep.

Were we sissies? Only Geoff hurried to put on his glissading pants. We watched as he prepared. It was over in seconds. One moment Geoff was settling himself into his glissading position then he was gone. Our attention was riveted on the uncontrolled bouncing ball of snow, arms, legs and head with an occasional look at his dangerously flopping ice ax. Our stomachs turned as we watched him roll and bounce his way toward the rocks at the bottom. He stopped just in time. For a few long fearful seconds there was no movement. Then he stood, uninjured but wiser, and waved. We sighed.

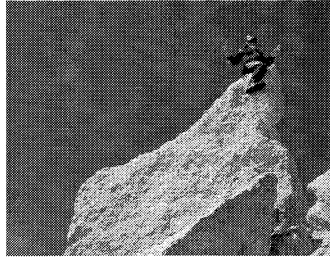
We continued to look for an easier way then started our careful hour-long creep back down. We all climbed the peak. And had one more enriching and instructive mountaineering experience.

Jack Miller

Dade, Pipsqueak and Bear Creek Spire

“The Pipsqueak Kid”.

photo by Dean Boesen
Trip report by Steve Curry



This hike was originally scheduled as a Sierra Club sponsored trip with Asher Waxman leading and RJ Secor assisting. RJ and then Asher had to drop out so we made it a private trip. Participants were Steve Curry (scribe), Dean Bosen and Ted Tassop.

Conditions on June 17-19, 2005.

1. The road to Mosquito Flats TH (trailhead) is open.
2. Snow cover became continuous at 10,600' on the cross country between Long and Treasure Lakes.
3. Treasure Lakes were mostly frozen.
4. Snow conditions were well consolidated in the Hourglass and Cox col and excellent for climbing and descending with crampons and ice ax .

We hiked in Friday after obtaining our permit at Whitney Ranger station on the drive north from LA. We departed the TH at 4 pm and arrived at Treasure Lakes at 7:15 pm; set up camp, ate dinner and got to bed around 10 pm.

We left our camp at Treasure Lakes at 7:30 am and climbed the Hourglass, under beautiful conditions. Dade was summited from 11:00 am (Ted and Dean) to 11:30 am (Steve) and departed at noon. Downclimbing Dade to the Hourglass took 45 minutes across scree, boulders and some snow. Ascending Pipsqueak took Ted about 1 and 1/4 hours and Steve and Dean about 2 hours.

Great 3rd class climbing on Pipsqueak from the Hourglass. It's clean rock with foot and hand positions where necessary and boulder hopping otherwise. Beautiful with the Little Lakes Valley as a backdrop.

Ted topped Pip (Pipsqueak) at 2:00 pm, touched the summit and was off to bag BCS (Bear Creek Spire). Steve and Dean arrived at 2:30 pm, Dean touched the summit, Steve climbed the awkward chimney on the NW side and sat on the summit. Ted says he saw me sitting there from his position on BCS.

I thought about leaving a register on Pipsqueak

Peak, Nalgene bottle with a pencil and a notebook but didn't. I really liked the climb though. The traverse between Pipsqueak and BCS for Dean and me was a struggle with snow, ice and large blocks. Ted stayed on the ridge and had a better traverse. We descended about 25-50' on the East side and it wasn't

pretty. I managed to drop and lose my crampons somewhere on that traverse and didn't learn of this until we were getting ready to descend Cox Col later in the day.

Regarding the ridge between Pipsqueak and BCS - downclimbing to the west was recommended in BobBurd's TR (trip report) on Dade, http://www.snwburd.com/bob/trip_reports/dade_2.html, the ridge being cl.3-4 and lower to the west 2nd class. We didn't go low enough. We descended maybe 40' whereas going down 100'-150' would have gotten us onto the class 2. The ridge was the best route, as the lower slope with ice and snow between the boulders made the traverse more difficult, whereas running the ridge, where the consolidated snow between the boulders was helpful, went quicker for Ted. Dean and Steve arrived at Cox Col around 3:45 pm and spotted Ted about 1/4 of the way from the top of BCS. We elected to stay at the Col and wait for Ted to descend with us. Ted summited at 4 pm. We saw him at the summit. It was an excellent sight and I'm sure a victory for him, and us as well. So, we waited for Ted at the top of the col. I went back a little to look for my missing crampons.

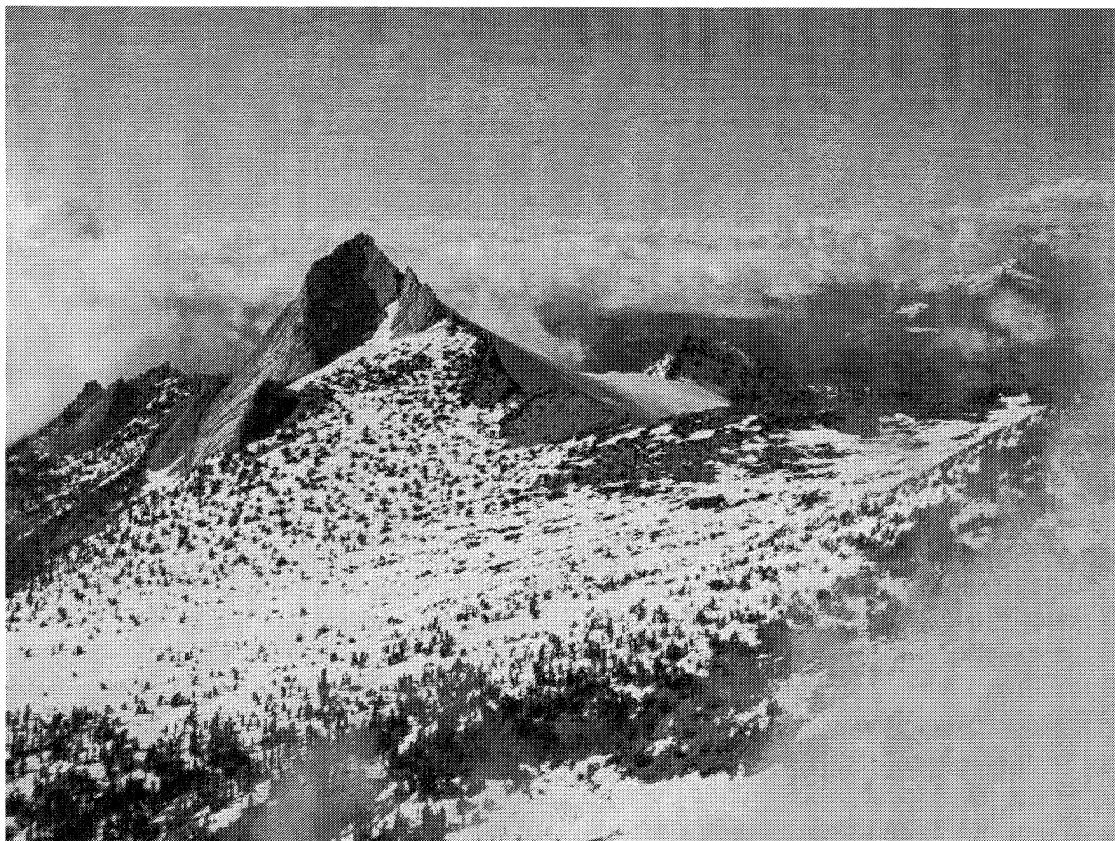
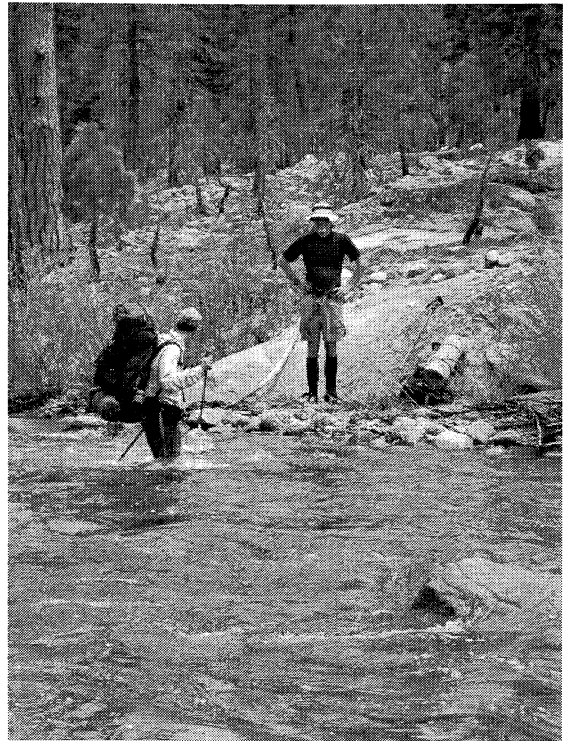
When I got back to Dean's position, Dean said he had seen Ted and he should have shown up by then (5:15 pm) but that he hadn't. We shouted to him several times. Got a response on the first shout so waited another 15 minutes, no Ted. I went over to the base of BCS on the col and saw Ted's tracks descending the col. He hadn't seen us on descending and thought we had gone back to camp so he left while we waited, hence, Ted gets back to camp at around 6:00 pm and Steve and Dean roll in around 7:30 pm. Live and learn.

We waited at the top middle of the col, it has a shape like a recurved bow, and Ted descended from the low spot of the col nearest BCS. Ted had been becoming dehydrated he reported, having run out of water on BCS. Continued on page 13

Mount Clark (11,522'), Gray Peak (11,573'),

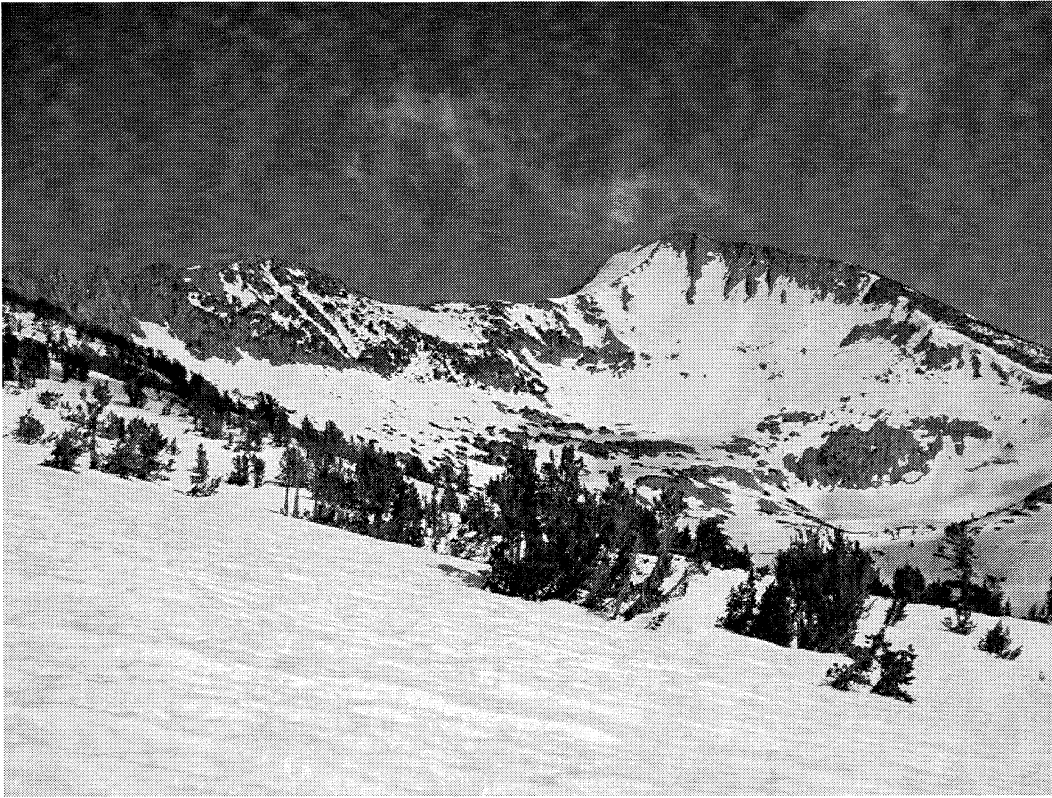
June 16-19, 2005 by Ron Hudson

Thursday morning we ten started on the Mono Meadows trail (Glacier Point road) in Yosemite. After 3 miles the dreaded Illilouette Creek crossing was boldly tested in a dunking by one of us, but the creek was flowing high, fast, and cold this high snowfall winter. So we proceeded another 3 miles on the Buena Vista Creek trail to where the creek was nearby, and appeared relatively tame near a bend and flatter area. The crossing was about thigh-deep with moderate flow; and ski poles made the cold crossing fairly stable and safe. Separate shoes for the slippery rocks helped. We then continued x-c over and around two ridges to the Red Creek drainage, proceeded east up the drainage, along the top of a ridge, and ended up at our planned camp at Grayling Lake. There was hardly any snow until about 8500'. At the 8700' lake there were plenty of spots for our tents on dry ground.. A 9 hour day to get there. Meals and a fire were enjoyed until snowflakes began to fall with the low pressure system that had been stalking the Sierra. We heard the flurries on our tents through the night. By the next morning there



Ron & Alex - Buena Vista Creek photo by Barbee Tidball

Clark Mountain from Grey, photo by John Cheslick



Gray Peak
from slopes of
Clark, photo by
Barbee Tidball

was about ½ inch of snow that melted very quickly from the ground.

The new white stuff on the peaks above prompted us to wait and rest a while. I didn't want to do 2nd and 3rd class on slippery rocks in the wind. By the afternoon the snow had melted, but we just spent the time at camp around the lake, eating by the campfire, and telling mountain stories.

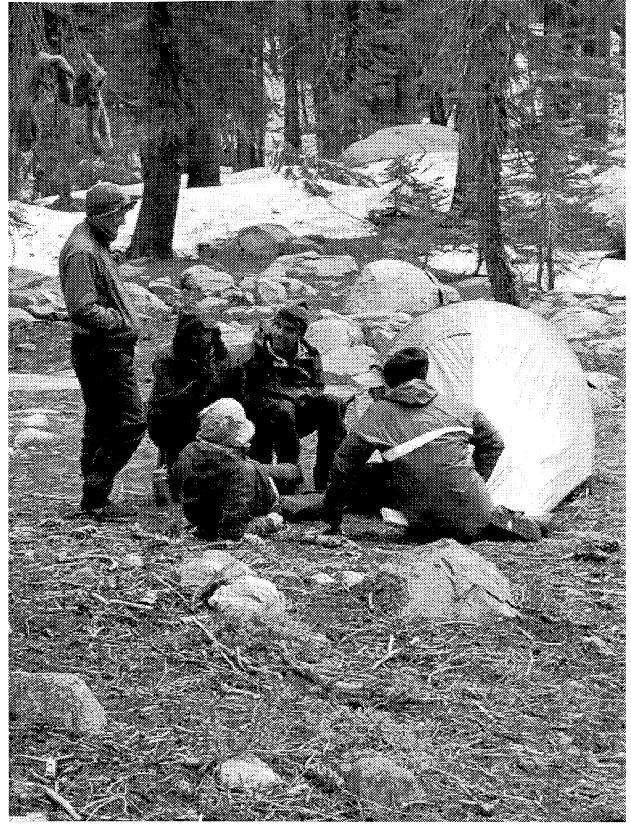
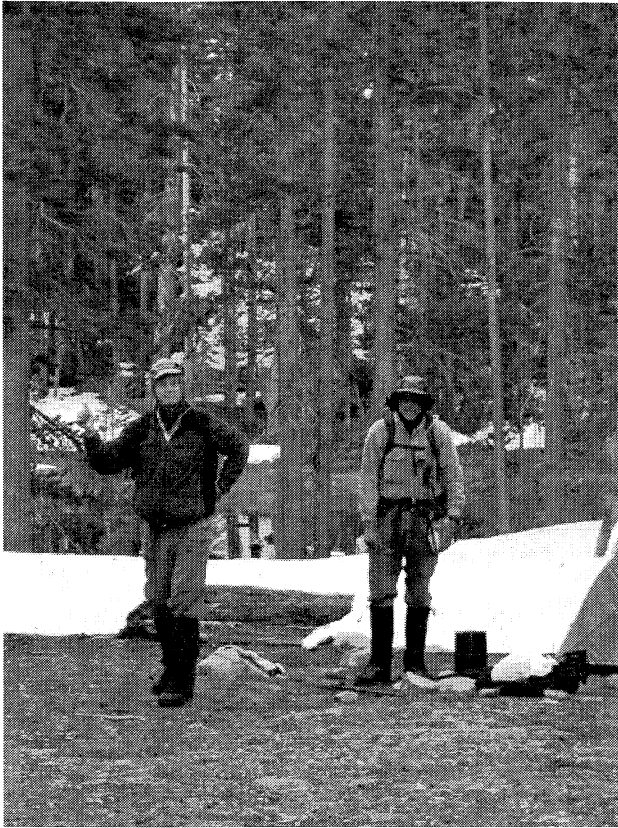
Thoroughly rested, on Saturday we went for Clark. More x-c through the forest and around ridges, with crossing streams on logs, we went to the peak's base via the Gray Creek drainage. Snow was deep above 10,000' but consolidated, except on steep rocky areas as the peaks and ridge tops, where it often was bare. Some class 2-3 got us to a notch, we then opted to belay along a ledge on the east side of the ridge before the summit; it had a 4th class move, and we did this to avoid steep hard snow. Next was 3rd class rock and some snow with ax and crampons. Then it was climbing mostly 3rd class about 120' belayed – this took a while — 10 people one at a time with two 4th class moves, ending just 20' below the summit. We reached the summit in 5 hours from camp. Enjoyed the views, but clouds began rising to the summits so we got off the peak soon – but downclimbing belayed one by one again. We managed to avoid the ledge belay by downclimbing

and traversing the steep snow; which was softer and safer in the afternoon. The snow slope below us was spectacular, dropping down 1500' very steeply to the frozen lakes below.

Gray Peak loomed to the south, and enthusiasm was rampant, so we went for it even though the time was 3 PM. Two did opt to retreat back to camp without Gray. I had studied a route for Gray while on Clark through the talus, snowfields, scrub trees, steep snow slope, then final rocky ridge to the top. It took only 2 hours from Clark. At the summit the 8 of us could see Yosemite Falls in its full splendor at high snowmelt, and waves of peaks blanketed in snow all around. Then the 3 hours back down the high slopes via the Red Creek drainage, and amid clouds on loose talus, snow slopes, deadfall, avalanche debris, and myriad snowmelt creeks, put us back at camp at 8 pm.

With hot water and a warm fire waiting for us, it was well-earned relaxation after the 14½ hour day. Then a well deserved sleep. Two left early to go for Red and Merced on their own, and us other 8 went back the way we came the next day, taking 7 hours for the return. The big creek crossing was still ice-cold, but went OK.

We had a strong and qualified group: 3 E and 3 M rated leaders, 4 climbers new to SPS, but skilled



Clark trip climbers. Left Photo - Randall and Darrick Danta heading for Red & Merced. Right photo - Bad weather day; cold in late June!

on snow – 3 of them well on their way to their leader rating, having passed their snow checkouts already. We had a very congenial group, and it was nice to have both young and old hands on this exposed and challenging early season trip (Tioga Pass was still

closed). Participants on this Angeles Chapter Sierra Club SPS trip were leader Ron Hudson, asst leader Patty Rambert, Randall and Darrick Danta, Barbee and Larry Tidball, John Cheslick, Jeff Dhungana, Alex Smirnoff, and Shane Smith.

Dade, Pipsqueak and Bear Creek Spire continued

He ate some snow and ice on his descent.

The weather was fantastic the entire weekend given that there were reports of possible rain/snow. Friday night the wind did blow fierce, estimated at 50 mph but we had a well protected campsite in the trees in the middle area between the lakes. A nice spot slightly cramped with 3 but the best we found.

Sunday we hiked out, 8 am to 10:30 am. Steve slipped on ice twice and fell. There were patches of snow and ice on the well defined trail into Little Lakes Valley. Hiking poles probably would have helped me there. Or the Yaktracs I left in the car. Oh, and we missed on the exit to the cross country part of our entrance. I mistook Box Lake for Long Lake and added probably an extra 3/4 of a mile to our cross country travel. Oops!

BCS looked great. I have to go back. If I'd thought about it at the time, I'd have realized that there was no better time to do it than then. Shoulda, woulda, coulda.

I'm definitely going back up Little Lake Valley. It's beautiful and so readily accessible. Perhaps BCS as a day hike next time. Abbot and Mills also look like possibilities for a day hike or stringing several together for a weekend. --Steve

July addendum to the story - Two weeks later Steve went back and climbed Bear Creek Spire and found his crampons.

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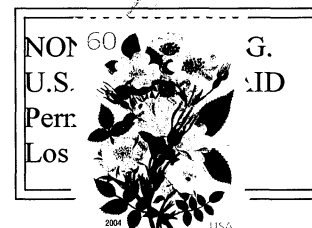
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