

A Tribute to the Honorary Members of the Sierra Peaks Section: Norman Clyde, Glen Dawson & Jules Eichorn - Part III

From summit of Michael Minaret, Clyde Minaret in background on left. Shot by Glen Dawson on 7/31/31 during second ascent, and after first traverse from Clyde M, with Jules Eichorn and Walter Brem. [Glen did not take photos during the Starr search in 1933.]

*by Bill Oliver
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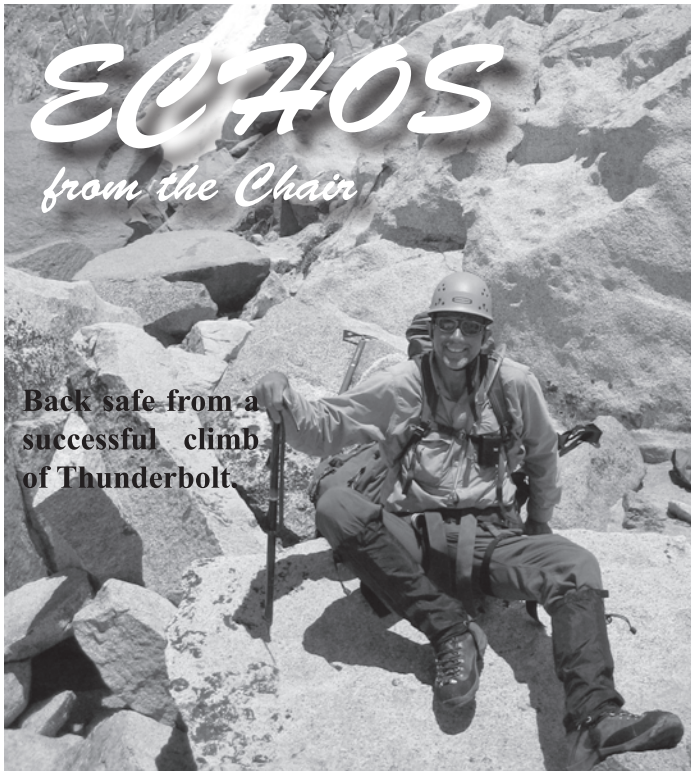
From summit of Clyde Minaret, Michael Minaret on left. Shot by Glen Dawson (age 17) on 7/26/29 during second ascent (a year after Norman) with Bill Horsfall and John Nixon.

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new piece of gear we simply can't live without, but not quite being able to part with that which it replaces; for experiencing the joy of the mountains and the exhilaration of their many offerings. But before plunging headlong into this season, take a moment to reflect on last year, remember the injuries and losses, and vow to climb safely and intelligently. As many have discovered, only a moment of inattention can lead to serious mishap. For example, I'm sure you'll remember the first summit attempt of René Descartes. On the way up his climbing partner asked the innocuous question "Are we at the top yet," to which the philosopher mistakenly replied "I think not," and promptly vanished!

I've not much news to report on for this Echo issue, apart from once again thanking R.J. Secor for his service as Mountain Records Chair, and welcoming Harry Langenbacher as the new Chair (see page 5 for Harry's report). In a separate article in this Echo I will present a draft version of the Sierra Sampler List (see page 14); comments are welcome.

I hope to see many of you on the trail this summer. In the meantime, please let me know if you have any suggestions for improving SPS; best way to contact me is via email at darrick.danta@csun.edu; the postman also delivers to 9741 Reseda Blvd. #46, Northridge, CA 91324.

- Darrick

MEMORIAL HIKE FOR DUANE McRUER

Oct 14 Sunday Mount Baldy (10,064'): Join us on what would have been Duane's 82nd birthday. From Manker Flat to the summit via the Ski Hut, the hike will be 8 miles rt, 3900' gain. Strenuous, moderately paced. Option to ride ski lift (\$10) and potluck to follow. Meet 8 AM at Manker Flats, 9AM at the ski lift, or 7:15AM at the parking lot at the corner of Mills & Mt. Baldy Rd. Bring food, water, good hiking shoes, good memories to share. Email Mary Mac for additional info. Ldrs: Doug Mantle, Mary McMannes, Tina Bowman, Gene Mauk, Mike Manchester, Bob Hicks. Honorary Ldrs: Betty & Lara McRuer

SPS List Finish Climb

Make plans now to help **Randall Danta** celebrate his finish of the SPS List on Independence Peak Saturday September 15. Climb at 8, party afterwards in town. For further information, see Outings this edition or contact Randall at rdanta@pdaeng.net.



"Now That's What I'm Talking About!"

Alex Amies
Secretary
Sierra Peaks Section

Onward & Upward!

New e-mail address for Greg Mason - nosamg@gmail.com

New e-mail address for Keith Martin - keithwmartin@sbcglobal.net

New e-mail address for Henry Arnebold - harnebold@roadrunner.com



SPS TEES



Front: NORTH PAL
Back: FULL SPS LIST by geographic area with Mountaineer and Emblem Peak highlighted

M, L & XL in Sand, Ash & Yellow

\$12 + \$3.50 shipping

(\$4 shipping when ordering 2 or more shirts). Send your order to Datty Kline and make checks payable to SPS

From the Editor
We Love Letters



Write to us! We like hearing your thoughts and opinions, and don't forget, a picture is worth a thousand words. You can send digital files or hard-copy. TIF or JPG files are best; and

MANY THANKS to our mailer **Beth Epstein** for all of the extra effort she put into the last mailing. The rule of thumb is that if we have more than 200 copies to mail, we mail them bulk, which is, to say the least, a nightmare! We at this time have precious few more than 200, which makes it hardly worth the blood, sweat and tears. The Management Committee

voted at the last meeting to mail future editions via 1st class until the end of the year and reevaluate the dues amount for sustaining vs. non-sustaining membership.

-SD

In Memory of Howland "How" Haskell Bailey

"How never met an adventure he didn't like, and a hair-raising bad road or swaying vine bridge only improved the experience."

Trip leader How Bailey descending from HPS moonlight climb of Mt. Baldy, August 14, 1976.



photo by Bob Cates

Once again, the climbers and the hikers are saying goodbye to another one of our favorites--Howland "How" Bailey who passed away the day after Christmas at the age of 94 years young. I first met How in 1982 on the DPS listed peak, Spectre. After a long, hot, and arduous day, How and I were instant friends and continued to be so over the years. His big warm smile and quiet demeanor impressed all of us. His daughters

sent me his funeral program--and there were so many things about How that many of us never knew. He never bragged about his own accomplishments (and there were many) but instead asked us about ours.

How was a premature baby and frail--but he didn't let that stop him from a life of incredible adventures. He lived life to the fullest right to the end. In his twenties, he scaled school buildings and in his nineties, he was delighted when he bid and made his first seven no-trump bridge hand. How's educational background is impressive with degrees from Haverford, Duke, Caltech; winning scholarships until he earned his Ph.D. in physics. He was barely twenty when he landed a teaching position in Tarsus, Turkey; and during vacations he'd ride his bike all over the place cov-

ering ground whether it was the road to Glasgow or Baghdad! Anne was his wife of fifty-eight years, and she said, "How never met an adventure he didn't like, and a hair-raising bad road or swaying vine bridge only improved the experience."

He taught at M.I.T. during World War II, and after the war moved to California where he worked for RAND Corporation in Santa Monica. Rand continued to employ him well into his eighties. Of course, coming to California provided the arena for How becoming a mountain man. He joined the wonderful Sierra Club and bagging peaks became a mission. He earned his SPS Emblem in 1966, his DPS Emblem in 1967, and completed the HPS list in 1969. How was a favorite leader for all the sections, and he made a game of connecting his peak climbing routes in the San Gabriels with canyon and ridge hikes he often did by himself. The Sierra Club honored him with the HPS John Backus Leadership Award (1968), Angeles Chapter Outings Service Award (1978), and the coveted Chester Versteeg Outings Award (1983).

This great mountaineer with the heart of an explorer managed to visit over one hundred countries with his beloved Anne by his side. Later, he led his daughters, Bernadine and Barbara, and his four grandchildren on many backpacking and peak adventures starting at the crack of dawn and being picked up days later somewhere in the Sierras. How loved his friends, and his great smile will not be forgotten. Even in his nineties, this exceptional scholar, climber, and hiker met each day with joyous appreciation. There was always an adventure to be had whether re-living memories of scaling difficult peaks or winning a hand at bridge. How blessed our lives and will be greatly missed.

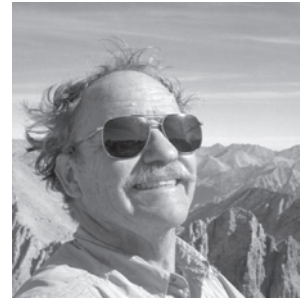
- Mary McMannes



MOUNTAIN REGISTER REPORT

by Harry Langenbacher

This list is based on the data shown on Steve Eckert's web page at <http://www.climber.org/data/SierraPeaks/RegisterNeeds.html> which was maintained by Steve and Tina Bowman before I got involved. I will work with Steve to keep this web page up to date, so please check it before you climb. I will have a web page, now under construction at <http://langenbacher.org/summitregister/> with information about Sierra Summit registers. Please check it out and give me suggestions.



SIERRA NEVADA REGISTER NEEDS 4-18-07

Barnard Mt

need container and book

Bear Creek Spire

need book and pencil

Black Giant

need book

Black Mtn

need book

Bloody Mtn

need book

Bradley Mt

need book

Cathedral

needs book and container

Charybdis

need container (rusty cans and spiral book there now)

Cirque Peak

need book

Cloudripper

need book

Dade Mt

need book

Eagle Scout Peak

need book (nearly full) and container (bad plastic pipe)

Emerson Mt

need book and pencil

Gabb Mt

need book

Gayley Mt

need pencil

Gibbs Mt

need container and book

Goddard Mt

need book

Goethe Mt

need container and book

Hitchcock Mt

need book

Irvine Mt

need book

Joe Devel Peak

need book

Koip Peak

need book

Lamarck Mt

need book

Leavitt Peak

need book

Lion Rock

need book

McAdie Mt

need book

McDuffie Mt

need book and container

Morgan S Mt

need book

Morrison Mt

need book and container

North Palisade

need pencil

Pickering Mt

need container

Recess Peak

need container

Royce Peak

need book

Silver Peak

need book and container

Split Mtn

need book

Stanford S Mt

need book and container

Starr King

water damage to book - needs plastic bag or container repair

Thunder Mtn

need container and book

Tinker Knob

need book

Twin Peaks N

need book

University Peak

need container (lid dropped down a crack)

Vogelsang Peak

need LARGE book

Warren Mt

need ammo box (cylinder is stuffed)

Williamson Mt

need ammo box and book

Young Mt

need container and book

Management Committee

Meeting Minutes and Other Business

Approved Meeting Minutes SPS Management Committee

Wednesday, March 21, 2007

Mimi's Café, 8455 Firestone Blvd, Downey

Present: Darrick Danta, Stephanie Gylden, Tina Bowman, Sara Danta, Larry Hoak, Gary Schenk, Barbee & Larry Tidball
Excused: Alex Amies, Bob Beach, Henry Arnebold.

1. Call to Order: 7:35
2. Approval of Minutes: A quorum was not present, so no voting could take place; approval of Minutes held over to the April meeting.
3. Announcements: The SPS Banquet held in February was a success, drawing 55 participants. However, we still lost money. Ideas for next year include: holding the event on Sunday evening instead of Saturday to increase attendance; holding the banquet in fall (October or November) at the close of the climbing season instead of waiting until February; increasing the cost so we do not lose money; and getting a speaker who could insure a big draw, perhaps presenting something on a historical theme.
4. Webmaster Report: Larry Hoak reported that the SPS website consistently ranks 9th or 10th in number of hits on Angeles Chapter sites. He made a plea for new outings, more landscape oriented photos to use on the site, and links to other sites of interest to SPS members.
5. Treasurers Report: Henry was not there to deliver a report.
6. Publications: New Echo Editor Sara Danta reported that the latest issue was at the printers and should be distributed in the latter part of March. The problem of bulk mailing was discussed: while there is a cost savings, bulk mail requires at least 200 and adds considerably to the time and effort expended by the mailer (Beth Epstein). Currently, Sustaining Members get Echos mailed via First Class, while the rest receive theirs via bulk mail. A suggestion was made to simplify the process by mailing all Echos First Class (which must be done anyway when the number drops under 200, which sometimes occurs) and also to consider increasing subscription rates to cover the cost of mailing all issues First Class.
7. SPS Outings: Outings Co-Chairs Barbee and Larry Tidball reported that they received a good slate of trips for the upcoming season, including at the M and E level. They made a special plea for trips in October, which currently has none. Anyone interested in leading a late season trip needs to submit it by May 25 for inclusion in the next Echo. Tina Bowman, who heads both LTC and MOC, also was on hand to comment on the SPS outings program. In spite of the perception held by some that SPS outings are increasingly less favorably viewed by National and that trips are becoming too difficult and overly bureaucratic to run, she reported that the SPS outings program is strong, entirely supported by National, and that new requirements such as for recertification in first aid and submission of participant medical forms for restricted trips are not seen as onerous by most leaders. She noted that several leaders currently are completing requirements for M and E, but encouraged others to follow suite.
8. SPS Archives: Alex Amies and Larry Hoak were instrumental in developing a system whereby certain materials, such as membership lists, that need to pass each year to new SPS Secretaries are now being archived on a site maintained by Angeles Chapter.
9. Mountain Records: Current Mountain Records Chair RJ Secor did not attend the meeting and so did not report on activities. The Chair will make another attempt to contact him regarding this important aspect of SPS. If RJ is unable or unwilling to fulfill the duties of Mountain Records Chair, a replacement will be sought.
10. Other Business: Other business items discussed included abolishing the Mountaineers List along with the positions of Regional Representatives.
11. Adjournment: The Meeting ended at 8:35 p.m. The next SPS Management Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 11 at a location to be determined.

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Approved Meeting Minutes SPS Management Committee Wednesday, April 11, 2007, 7:30 p.m. Griffith Park, Crystal Springs Ranger Station

Members present: Henry Arnebold, Bob Beach, Darrick Danta.

Excused: Alex Amies, Stephanie Gylden.

Guests: Sara Danta, Gary Schenk.

1. Call to Order: 7:35 pm.
2. Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the January 10 and March 21 Management Committee were read and approved.
3. Webmaster Report: Larry Hoak had previously distributed his report on SPS Website activity via email.
4. Treasurers Report: Current accounts for the first quarter of 2007 are: expenditures \$2,365.27; income \$3,532.00; checking account balance \$5,214.15; savings account balance \$4,910.88. The Banquet lost \$401.43, but otherwise SPS is in good financial shape.
5. Mountain Records Report: Efforts to contact RJ Secor proved unsuccessful, so the Chair was directed to seek a replacement.
6. New Business
 - a. Echo Mailing: Mailing the Echo via bulk mail is slow and places a burden on the Mailer, Beth Epstein. It was decided to use First Class for mailing subsequent 2007 issues of the Echo. Further investigation will need to occur into the "Sustaining Member" Category of SPS Membership.
 - b. SPS "Fun" List: A draft Sierra Sampler List was distributed for Member review. Interest in this List is such that the Chair was directed to pursue further refinement and possible vote by the Membership.
 - c. Joint Meeting: The Chair was directed to find out more on the subject of hosting a joint climbing section meeting in the Fall.
 - d. Banquet: The next SPS Banquet is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, January 24, 2008. A speaker is being sought.
7. Other Business: Sara Danta reported on the Echo and asked for reimbursement from SPS for expenses incurred in taking computer classes and purchasing computer software in connection with editing the Echo. The Board approved reimbursement totaling \$974.23.
8. Adjournment: 8:10 pm. Next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, June 13 at a location to be determined.

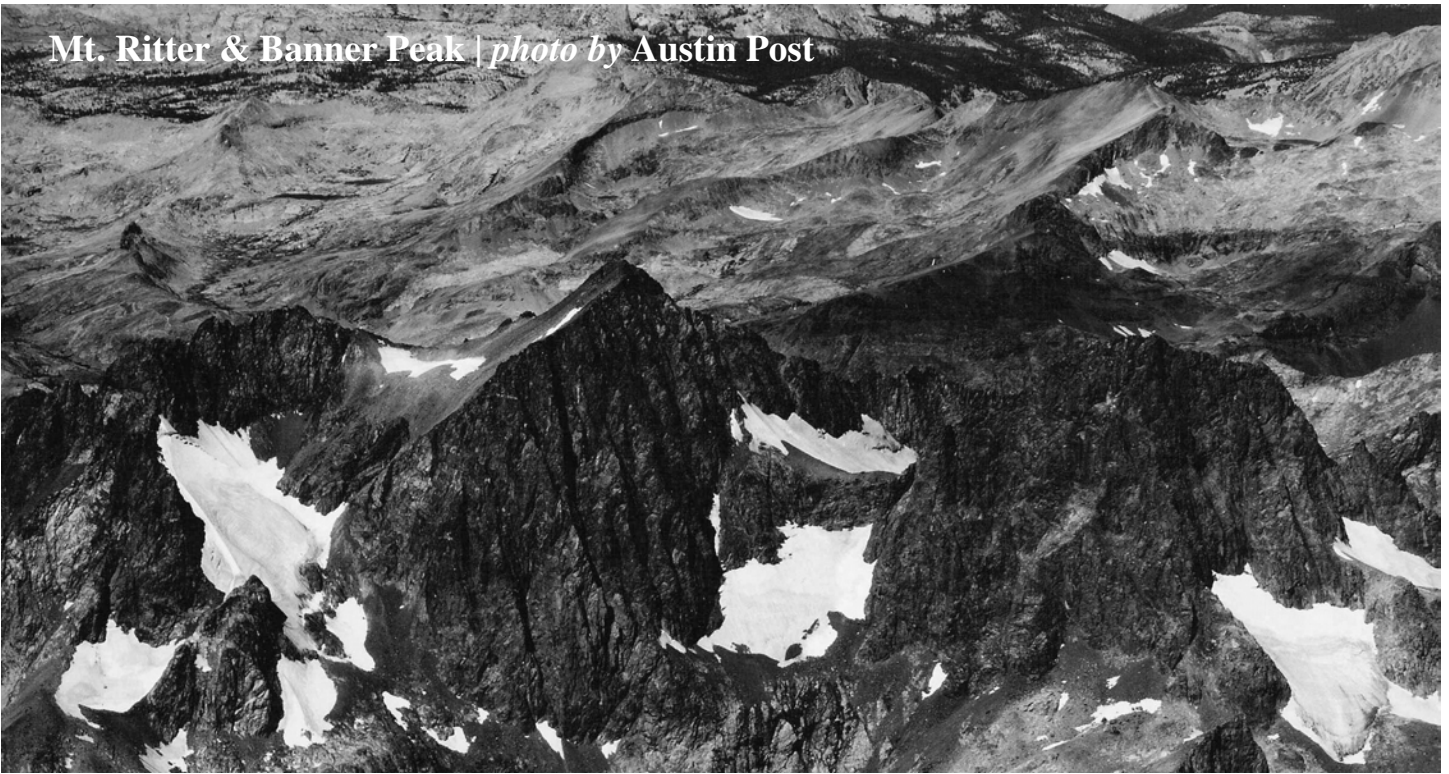
SPS Treasurer's Report 1st Quarter 3/31/2007

Checking Account

Income:	Expenditures:
Echo-----1770.00	Banquet-----2097.43
Merchandise-----66.00	Postage-----245.33
Banquet-----1696.00	Copies-----3.09
<u>\$3,532.00</u>	Ink refill-----19.42
	<u>\$2,365.27</u>
Balance on 12/31/2006-----4047.42	
Income-----3532.00	
<u>\$7579.42</u>	
Expenditures-----2365.27	
<u>\$5,214.15</u>	

Savings Account:

Balance on 12/31/06 ---4904.83	
January Interest- -----2.08	
February Interest-----1.88	
March Interest-----2.09	
<u>\$4,910.88</u>	
Banquet Report	
Income:	Expenditures:
Ticket Sales	Taix's Restaurant-----1687.43
\$32 X 53= 1696.00	(food & beverage)
	Banquet speaker-----200.00
	Banquet gifts (drawing)--210.00
	<u>\$2,097.43</u>
Expenditures-----2097.43	
Income-----1696.00	
Loss-----(\$401.43)	



Outings Safety

by *Tina Bowman*

Chair, Mountaineering Oversight Committee

In order to “explore, enjoy, and protect,” we lead groups to wild places on outings we want to be safe, enjoyable, and environmentally responsible. Recently a task force looked at safety on mountaineering outings and developed a document, “Safety Management on Restricted Mountaineering Outings,” which you may see at the Mountaineering Oversight Committee’s page of the Clubhouse extranet site at <http://clubhouse.sierraclub.org/outings/mountaineering/index.asp>. If anyone doesn’t know the password, they can get it by going to the home page at <http://clubhouse.sierraclub.org/> Near the top middle of the home page, there’s a “get the password” thing to click on. Or another way in is to go to <http://clubhouse.sierraclub.org/outings/Mountaineering/SafetyManagement.PDF>. I strongly suggest that leaders of all our outings review the full document. While the focus was on mountaineering outings, some parts of the document apply to almost any outing. The main point to emphasize here is remaining aware of changing environmental conditions and the physical and mental condition of the group.

Mental Aspect of Safety Management

- Fatigue—physical fatigue can dull mental awareness of risk and diminish concentration on the task at hand, such as descending a relatively easy slope and taking a misstep or misjudging the size of a rock in the trail and tripping;
- Distractions—similar to fatigue in removing concentration from one's movement over the terrain, such as looking back to respond in a conversation and then tripping over a root;
- Over-confidence—over estimating the ability and experience of the individual or group, for example, assuming a group will move as quickly at the end of a long day as at the beginning or assuming that a roped team on a snow slope can arrest the slip of one member; and
- Complacency—for example, what the group climbed up with confidence may present challenges on the way down because of fatigue or awkward moves. What has been done before may present challenges in the current circumstance. Talus slopes can change in their stability as the slope changes.

Awareness of these factors—the leaders' knowing and applying safety protocol and good judgment—is key to accident prevention. For example, leaders should remind participants on the descent that the climb is only half over and that they must stay focused on the climb. Monitoring the physical, emotional, and mental condition of the group is an essential aspect of good leadership and safety management.

Examples of Keeping Safety Paramount

These examples apply to leaders and participants.

- Being in good condition to climb safely (cardio-vascular conditioning as well as muscle strength and endurance);
- Staying stable and completely in balance on and off the trail;
- Monitoring changing environmental conditions;
- Making sure all members of the group have appropriate and necessary clothing and gear;
- Keeping ice axe self-arrest skills well practiced;
- Staying firmly attached to the ice axe;
- Keeping away from exposure by anchoring oneself or staying well back from a cliff while waiting on a climb;
- Not touching rocks above unless one is sure that the rocks are completely stable;
- Staying well hydrated and eating enough to keep up with the energy demands of the outing;
- Carrying a first aid kit appropriate for the outing and your level of first aid training. For suggestions see http://clubhouse.sierraclub.org/outings/medical/first_aid/kits.asp;
- Reviewing your first aid training prior to leading an outing;
- Having a safety management plan for alerting rescue services if needed; and
- Periodically reviewing the lightning and altitude illness protocols available on Clubhouse: <http://clubhouse.sierraclub.org/outings/medical/library/lightning.asp> and <http://clubhouse.sierraclub.org/outings/medical/library/altitude.asp>.

These are just a few ideas of ways we consciously can make outings as safe as possible.



Leadership Training Committee Schedule of Activities

Leadership Training Program Seminar

October 13, 2007, Location TBA (Sept. 29 deadline to register)

Wilderness First Aid

Nov 2-4 Wilderness First Aid Basics Steve Schuster
(see following page)

Navigation Practices and Checkouts

June 16	Basic GPS Class, Eaton Cyn Nature Center	Phil Wheeler
Sept 30	I/M, E P,C Grinnell Ridge, SBNF	Harry Freimanis
Oct 13	Beginning nav.clinic Mt Lowe area	Diane Dunbar
Oct 21	I/M P, C Indian Cove, Joshua Tree	Harry Freimanis
Nov 17-18	I/M P, C Indian Cove, Joshua Tree	Harry Freimanis
Dec 1	Basic GPS Class, Eaton Cyn Nature Center	Phil Wheeler
Dec ?	Beginning nav.clinic Mt Lowe area	Diane Dunbar
Dec 9	I/M, E P,C Warren Point, Joshua Tree	Harry Freimanis
Jan 13, 2008	I/M, E P,C Warren Point, Joshua Tree	Harry Freimanis

Rock Practices and Checkouts

To be scheduled

Snow Practices and Checkouts

To be scheduled

Environmental Awareness

June 15-17 Nature Knowledge Workshop L. Argento

Look at the Chapter's Schedule of Activities for outings sponsored by the Natural Science Section, some times co-sponsored by other entities such as the Hundred Peaks Section. Check also the LTC web site—see below—and <http://angeles.sierraclub.org/ltc/transfers/ltc>

The LTC web site also has a calendar of events and information about training not offered by the Sierra Club: angeles.sierraclub.org/ltc/



Wilderness First Aid Basics (WFAB)

(2 days), 16 hour course for students who have submitted proof of CPR training or the Airway/Breathing Skills Session course mentioned below; next WFAB class scheduled:

November 3-4, 2007

Note: Students must complete the Airway/Breathing Skills Sessions (1 evening) unless they submitted proof of CPR with application for WFAB; next Airway/Breathing Skills Session is scheduled:

November 2, 2007



WFA staff who are long-time wilderness travelers, trained and experienced in first aid

During hands-on rescue of an accident "victim" WFAC students control bleeding and immobilize the head and neck



Staff member Donna demonstrates the proper way to clean a wound

One student immobilizes the head and neck while another conducts the secondary survey on victim



We Get Letters

April, 2007

Dear Angeles Chapter Committee/Section Chair:

Through the Los Angeles Inner City Outings Committee, the Angeles Chapter reaches out to the urban youth of LA. We've come to a time when we need your support.

Help Los Angeles urban youth enjoy and explore our wonderful parks, mountains and beaches with hikes, car camps, snow sledding and tidepooling adventures.

Demand for our trips exceeds our resources. We need more funds to pay for transportation and more leaders for our outings.

How can your group help?

Contribute funds:

\$100 pays for a day trip to the Santa Monica Mountains for 30 children

\$650 will send a bus-load of kids to the San Gabriel Mountains for a day in the snow

\$1,200 will cover the bus, lodging, and food for 40 children, teachers, and leaders for a weekend at Harwood Lodge.

Make checks payable to Sierra Club Foundation/Los Angeles ICO and mail them to:

Catherine Ronan, ICO Treasurer
22127 Ybarra Road
Woodland Hills, CA 91364

Become a volunteer or leader for Inner City Outings:

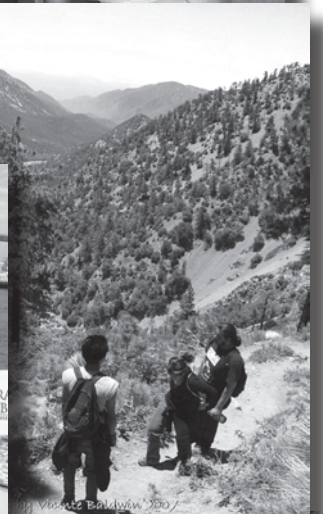
Contact Jayne Rosenthal, ICO Volunteer Coordinator at jayneros@earthlink.net to find out more.

Please help get out the word to your members.

Last year 4,500 Los Angeles children enjoyed our outings. Help us to do more! Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Neat
Chair, Los Angeles Inner City Outings Committee

ICO Inner City Kids



The Sierra Sampler: Draft II

by Darrick Danta

The Sierra Sampler is a subset of the existing SPS List comprised of 100 peaks that conform to the following criteria: 1) they are relatively safe to climb; 2) they are enjoyable to climb; 3) they can be climbed in a three-day trip; and 4) they include peaks from all parts of the Sierra. The intension of the Sierra Sampler is to provide a goal for individuals who may not complete the full SPS List or to mark a milestone along the way toward completing Emblem Status or full List completion.

In what follows, peaks included in the Sierra Sampler are in bold; peaks on the existing full SPS List not included in the Sampler List are indicated in strikethrough. The number of selected peaks for each Section is indicated after the Section name.

Like all lists, this one represents compromise, weighing of factors, a bit of juggling, and some guess work. The name “Sierra Sampler” was suggested by Patty Kline after I floated the subject with her and a few others in SPS. I announced the idea in the last Echo under my Chair’s column, received positive comment from a few members, developed an initial list, presented it to the SPS Board for comment and suggestions, and sent this preliminary version to several List Finishers for critical review. I want to thank Tina Bowman and Ron Hudson for making excellent suggestions for improvement, many of which have been incorporated in the second draft presented below. Any mistakes, though, of course are my doing.

What I would like is each of you, the loyal SPS Membership, to review the list, make comments, and suggestions for improvement. I will collect all these up, and try to make a final revision for approval and implementation. So, you’ve got your homework; NO EXCUSES!

1. SOUTHERN SIERRA-4			
<i>Index</i>	<i>Peak Name</i>	<i>Elevation</i>	<i>CL</i>
1.1	Pilot Knob (S)	6,200+	2
1.2	Owens Peak	8,453	2
1.3	Spanish Needle	7,841	3
1.4	Lamont Peak	7,429	2
1.5	Sawtooth Peak (S)	8,000+	2
1.6	Rockhouse Peak	8,360+	2
1.7	Taylor Dome	8,802	2S3
1.8	Sirretta Peak	9,977	1
1.9	Crag Peak	9,480+	3
1.1	Smith Mountain	9,533	2

2. MINERAL KING & KERN RIVER-5			
<i>Index</i>	<i>Peak Name</i>	<i>Elevation</i>	<i>CL</i>
2.1	Kern Peak	11,510	1
2.2	Angora Mountain	10,198	2
2.3	Coyote Peak	10,892	2
2.4	NorthMaggie Mtn	10,234	1
2.5	Moses Mountain	9,331	3
2.6	Homers Nose	9,023	1
2.7	Vandever Mtn	11,947	1
2.8	Florence Peak	12,432	2
2.9	Sawtooth Peak (N)	12,343	2
2.1	Needham Mtn	12,520+	2S3

3. OLANCHA TO LANGLEY & WEST-6			
<i>Index</i>	<i>Peak Name</i>	<i>Elevation</i>	<i>CL</i>
3.1	** OLANCHA PEAK	12123	2
3.2	Cartago Peak	10,480+	2S3
3.3	Muah Mountain	11,016	2
3.4	Cirque Peak	12,900	1
3.5	Mount Langley	14,026	1
3.6	Mount Guyot	12,300	1
3.7	Joe Devel Peak	13,327	2
3.8	Mount Pickering	13,474	2
3.9	Mount Chamberlin	13,169	1
3.1	Mount Newcomb	13,422	2
3.11	Mount Hitchcock	13,186	1
4. CORCORAN TO WHITNEY-5			
<i>Index</i>	<i>Peak Name</i>	<i>Elevation</i>	<i>CL</i>
4.1	Mount Corcoran	13714+	2
4.2	*Mount LeConte	13930	3
4.3	Mount Mallory	13845	2
4.4	Mount Irvine	13780+	2
4.5	*Mount McAdie	13799	3
4.6	Mount Muir	14012	3
4.7	**MOUNT WHITNEY	14491	1
4.8	Thor Peak	12306	2
4.9	Lone Pine Peak	12943	2
5. WHITNEY TO WILLIAMSON-3			
<i>Index</i>	<i>Peak Name</i>	<i>Elevation</i>	<i>CL</i>
5.1	Mount Young	13,176	1
5.2	Mount Hale	13,494	1
5.3	*Mount Russell	14,088	3
5.4	Mount Carillon	13,517+	2
5.5	Tunnabora Peak	13,563	2
5.6	Mount Barnard	13,990	2
5.7	Trojan Peak	13,947	2
5.8	Mount Tyndall	14,019	2

5.9	**MT WILLIAMSON	14,370+	2
6. KAWEAHS AND WEST-4			
<i>Index</i>	<i>Peak Name</i>	<i>Elevation</i>	<i>CL</i>
6.1	Alta Peak	11,240+	1
6.2	Mount Silliman	11,188	1
6.3	Mount Eisen	12,160+	2
6.4	Lippincott Mtn	12,265	2
6.5	Eagle Scout Peak	12,000+	2
6.6	Mount Stewart	12,200+	2
6.7	Lion Rock	12,360+	2
6.8	**MOUNT KAWEAH	13,802	1
6.9	Red Kaweah	13,720+	2
6.1	*Black Kaweah	13,720+	3
6.11	Picket Guard Peak	12,303	2
6.12	Kern Point	12,730+	2
7. GREAT WESTERN DIVIDE-2			
<i>Index</i>	<i>Peak Name</i>	<i>Elevation</i>	<i>CL</i>
7.1	*Triple Divide Pk	12,634	2
7.2	Glacier Ridge	12,360+	2S4
7.3	Whaleback	11,717	3
7.4	*Milestone Mtn	13,638	3
7.5	Midway Mountain	13,665	2
7.6	*Table Mountain	13,632	3
7.7	*Thunder Mtn	13,517+	3S4
7.8	South Guard	13,232	2
7.9	** MOUNT BREWER	13,570	2
7.1	North Guard	13,327	3S4
8. KINGS KERN DIVIDE-5			
<i>Index</i>	<i>Peak Name</i>	<i>Elevation</i>	<i>CL</i>
8.1	Mount Jordan	13,320+	3S4
8.2	Mount Genevra	13,054	2
8.3	*Mount Ericsson	13,583+	2
8.4	Mount Stanford (S)	13,973	3

8.5	*Deerhorn Mtn	13,281	3
8.6	*East Vidette	12,356	2S3
8.7	West Vidette	12,533+	2
8.8	*Junction Peak	13,845+	3
8.9	Mount Keith	13,976	2
8.1	Mount Bradley	13,264	2
8.11	Center Peak	12,730+	2S4

9. KEARSARGE PASS VICINITY-5

<i>Index</i>	<i>Peak Name</i>	<i>Elevation</i>	<i>CL</i>
9.1	*University Peak	13,589	2
9.2	Independence Peak	11,742	3
9.3	Kearsarge Peak	12,618	2
9.4	Mount Gould	13,005	1S3
9.5	Mount Rixford	12,887	2
9.6	Mount Bago	11,870	1
9.7	*Mount Gardiner	12,907	4
9.8	Mount Cotter	12,713	2
9.9	**MT CLARENCE KING	12,907	4S5
9.1	Dragon Peak	12,927+	3S4
9.11	Black Mountain	13,291	2
9.12	Diamond Peak	13,127	2

10. BAXTER PASS TO TABOOSE PASS-4

<i>Index</i>	<i>Peak Name</i>	<i>Elevation</i>	<i>CL</i>
10.1	Mount Baxter	13,136	2
10.2	Colosseum Mtn	12,451	1
10.3	Mount Perkins	12,566	2
10.4	Mount Wynne	13,179	2
10.5	Mount Pinchot	13,494	2
10.6	Pyramid Peak (S)	12,779	2
10.7	*Arrow Peak	12,959	2
10.8	Striped Mountain	13,179	1
10.9	Goodale Mountain	12,772	2S3
10.1	Cardinal Mountain	13,396	2

11. WESTERN MID-SIERRA-4

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<i>Index</i>	<i>Peak Name</i>	<i>Elevation</i>	<i>CL</i>
11.1	*Mount Ruskin	12,920	3
11.2	Marion Peak	12,719	2
11.3	State Peak	12,620	2
11.4	Goat Mountain	12,207	2
11.5	Kennedy Mountain	11,433	1
11.6	Mount Harrington	11,009	3
11.7	*Tehipite Dome	7,708	2S3
11.8	Spanish Mountain	10,051	1
11.9	Three Sisters	10,612	1

12. SOUTH PALISADES-4

<i>Index</i>	<i>Peak Name</i>	<i>Elevation</i>	<i>CL</i>
12.1	**SPLIT MOUNTAIN	14,042+	1
12.2	Mount Tinemaha	12,520	2
12.3	Mount Prater	13,471	1
12.4	Mt Bolton Brown	13,491	2
12.5	Birch Mountain	13,602	2
12.6	The Thumb	13,356	2
12.7	Disappointment Pk	13,917	4
12.8	*Middle Palisade	14,012	3
12.9	*Norman Clyde Pk	13,855	4
12.1	Palisade Crest	13,553	4

13. MT GODDARD VICINITY-1

<i>Index</i>	<i>Peak Name</i>	<i>Elevation</i>	<i>CL</i>
13.1	Observation Peak	12,362	2
13.2	Giraud Peak	12,608	2
13.3	*Devils Crag #1	12,400+	4
13.4	Wheel Mountain	12,774	3
13.5	*Mount McDuffie	13,282	2
13.6	Black Giant	13,390	1
13.7	*Charybdis	13,096	3
13.8	Seylla	12,956	2
13.9	**MOUNT GODDARD	13,568	2
13.1	Mount Reinstein	12,586	2
13.11	Finger Peak	12,404	2
13.12	Tunemah Peak	11,894	2

14. NORTH PALISADES-4			
<i>Index</i>	<i>Peak Name</i>	<i>Elevation</i>	<i>CL</i>
14.1	Temple Crag	12976	3
14.2	Mount Gayley	13510	3
14.3	*Mount Sill	14153	2
14.4	**NORTH PALISADE	14242	4
14.5	*Thunderbolt Peak	14003	4S5
14.6	Mount Winchell	13775	3
14.7	Mount Agassiz	13893	2
14.8	Mount Goode	13085	2
14.9	Cloudripper	13525	2
14.1	Mount Johnson	12871	2
14.11	Mount Gilbert	13106	2
15. EVOLUTION AREA-5			
<i>Index</i>	<i>Peak Name</i>	<i>Elevation</i>	<i>CL</i>
15.1	Mount Thompson	13494	2
15.2	Point Powell	13360	2
15.3	Mount Wallace	13377	2S3
15.4	Mount Haeckel	13418	3
15.5	Mount Fiske	13503	2
15.6	Mount Huxley	13086	3
15.7	**MOUNT DARWIN	13831	3S4
15.8	Mount Mendel	13710	3
15.9	Mount Lamarck	13417	1
15.1	*The Hermit	12328	2S5
15.11	Mount McGee	12944	3
15.12	Emerald Peak	12546	2
15.13	Mount Henry	12196	2
16. HUMPHREYS BASIN AND WEST-5			
<i>Index</i>	<i>Peak Name</i>	<i>Elevation</i>	<i>CL</i>
16.1	Mount Goethe	13,264	1
16.2	Mount Emerson	13,204	2
16.3	**MT HUMPHREYS	13,986	4
16.4	Basin Mountain	13,181	2
16.5	Four Gables	12,720+	1

16.6	Mount Tom	13,652	2
16.7	Pilot Knob (N)	12,245	2
16.8	Gemini	12,880+	2
16.9	*Seven Gables	13,080+	2
16.1	Mount Senger	12,286	2
16.11	Mount Hooper	12,349	2S4
17. BEAR CREEK SPIRE AREA-5			
<i>Index</i>	<i>Peak Name</i>	<i>Elevation</i>	<i>CL</i>
17.1	Merriam Peak	13,103	2
17.2	Royce Peak	13,280+	2
17.3	Mt Julius Caesar	13,200+	2
17.4	Mount Hilgard	13,361	2
17.5	Recess Peak	12,813	2
17.6	Mount Gabb	13,780+	2
17.7	*Bear Creek Spire	13,720+	3S4
17.8	Mount Dade	13,600+	2
17.9	**MOUNT ABBOT	13,704	3
17.1	Mount Mills	13,451	3
17.11	Mount Morgan (S)	13,748	2
18. MONO CREEK TO MAMMOTH-4			
<i>Index</i>	<i>Peak Name</i>	<i>Elevation</i>	<i>CL</i>
18.1	Silver Peak	11,878	2
18.2	Mt Izaak Walton	12,077	2
18.3	Red & White Min	12,816	2
18.4	*Red Slate Mtn	13,123+	1
18.5	Mount Stanford (N)	12,836	2
18.6	Mount Morgan (N)	13,002	2
18.7	Mount Baldwin	12,615	2
18.8	*Mount Morrison	12,277	2
18.9	Bloody Mountain	12,552	2
19. RITTER RANGE AND VICINITY-3			
<i>Index</i>	<i>Peak Name</i>	<i>Elevation</i>	<i>CL</i>
19.1	Iron Mountain	11,148	1
19.2	*Clyde Minaret	12,264	4

19.3	**MOUNT RITTER	13,143	2
19.4	Banner Peak	12,936	2
19.5	Mount Davis	12,303	2
19.6	Rodgers Peak	12,978	2
19.7	Electra Peak	12,442	2
19.8	Foerster Peak	12,057	2
19.9	San Joaquin Mtn	11,598	1

20. CLARK RANGE AND VICINITY-4

<i>Index</i>	<i>Peak Name</i>	<i>Elevation</i>	<i>CL</i>
20.1	Merced Peak	11,726	2
20.2	Red Peak	11,699	2
20.3	Gray Peak	11,573	2
20.4	*Mount Clark	11,522	3S4
20.5	*Mount Starr King	9,092	5
20.6	Half Dome	8,840+	2
20.7	Clouds Rest	9,926	1

21. MT LYELL AND NORTH-4

<i>Index</i>	<i>Peak Name</i>	<i>Elevation</i>	<i>CL</i>
21.1	*Cathedral Peak	10,911	3S4
21.2	Vogelsang Peak	11,493	2
21.3	Mount Florence	12,561	2
21.4	Mount Maclure	12,880+	3
21.5	**MOUNT LYELL	13,114	3
21.6	Koip Peak	12,962	1
21.7	Mount Gibbs	12,773	1
21.8	Mount Dana	13,057	1

22. TIOGA PASS TO BOND PASS-5

<i>Index</i>	<i>Peak Name</i>	<i>Elevation</i>	<i>CL</i>
22.1	Mount Warren	12327	1
22.2	Mount Conness	12590	2
22.3	North Peak	12242	2
22.4	Excelsior Mtn	12446	1
22.5	Dunderberg Peak	12374	2
22.6	Virginia Peak	12001	2

22.7	Twin Peaks	12323	2
22.8	*Whorl Mountain	12033	3
22.9	**MATTERHORN PK	12279	2
22.1	Pettit Peak	10788	2
22.11	Volunteer Peak	10481	2
22.12	Piute Mountain	10541	2
22.13	*Tower Peak	11755	3

23. BOND PASS TO LAKE TAHOE-5

<i>Index</i>	<i>Peak Name</i>	<i>Elevation</i>	<i>CL</i>
23.1	Black Hawk Mtn	10,348	2
23.2	Leavitt Peak	11,569	1
23.3	Stanislaus Peak	11,233	1
23.4	Disaster Peak	10,047	2
23.5	Highland Peak	10,935	2
23.6	Mokelumne Peak	9,334	2
23.7	Round Top	10,381	3
23.8	Freel Peak	10,881	1
23.9	Pyramid Peak (N)	9,983	2
23.1	Dicks Peak	9,974	2
23.11	Mount Tallac	9,735	1

24. NORTHERN SIERRA-4

<i>Index</i>	<i>Peak Name</i>	<i>Elevation</i>	<i>CL</i>
24.1	Granite Chief	9,006	1
24.2	Tinker Knob	8,949	1
24.3	Castle Peak	9,103	2S3
24.4	Mount Rose	10,776	1
24.5	Mount Lola	9,148	1
24.6	English Mountain	8,373	2
24.7	Sierra Buttes	8,591	1
24.8	Mount Elwell	7,818	1
24.9	Adams Peak	8,197	2



A Tribute to the Honorary Members of the Sierra Peaks Section: Norman Clyde, Glen Dawson & Jules Eichorn - Part III

by Bill Oliver

First, a Quick Retrospective

Tribute Part I

On the Way to Whitney

[Sierra Echo, 2/89] – briefly covered the Sierra Club’s early Annual Outings (High Trips) with emphasis on the years 1929-31. [The four-week High Trips typically had 150 participants, plus about 25 packers - and more stock than should be mentioned (200).] It also chronicled Norman Clyde’s peak-bagging frenzy beginning in 1924. In 1929 Glen Dawson (from Los Angeles) and Jules Eichorn (from San Francisco) were on their first High Trip together. Although the 17-year-old youths happened to both be in a party that summited Seven Gables, they really had not yet connected. However, they heard gnarly campfire stories about the climbs each was doing, and at the end of the trip they agreed to join forces the following summer.

Did the boys connect? Well, after the 1930 Outing Will Colby would write in the Sierra Club Bulletin (SCB 2/31): “Some youthful enthusiasts, including Glen Dawson, Jules Eichorn and John Olmstead, swarmed over everything that looked formidable in the way of a mountain peak.” One noteworthy “swarm” was the second ascent of Devils Crag – first topped by Charles Michael solo in 1913, and later only reconned by Norman Clyde. The trio later managed the first traverse from Mt. Sill to North Pal, ascending from Dusy Basin.

The 1931 High Trip would be a phenomenal year for Sierra Club mountaineering and for Glen and Jules, especially after the arrival of Robert Underhill. The Harvard instructor was then the country’s leading technical alpinist, and he introduced modern rope management to the Club. This included proper techniques for belaying the leader and the first use of pitons and carabiners in the Sierra. A highlight of Underhill’s sojourn included the electrifying first ascent of Thunderbolt Pk. After

the High Trip his High Sierra romp concluded with his teaming with Norman, Glen and Jules in the inaugural classic East Face Route on Whitney – completed in only 3¼ hours of roped climbing. Two 19-year-old lads were elated beyond words. [In 2006 Glen Dawson (age 94), the only living member of that party, celebrated the 75th Anniversary of this seminal climb!]

Tribute Part II

Beyond Whitney

[Sierra Echo, 4/92] – followed the climbing exploits of Clyde, Dawson and Eichorn for only the next two peak-filled years – 1932-33. A gnarly triumph outside the Sierra Nevada was in the Sierra San Pedro Martir – an ascent of El Picacho del Diablo, at 10,171 feet the high point of Baja California. This exploit included Clyde and Dawson plus Bestor Robinson, Nate Clark and Dick Jones, Glen’s boyhood friend. Also noteworthy in 1932 was the founding, at last, of the San Francisco Bay Chapter’s Rock Climbing Section – the Club’s first activity section.

Quoting now from the 1933 Outing Report by Ethel Boulware (SCB 6/34): “*Composed partly of ambitious climbers determined to scale every formidable peak in sight and partly of those out for rest and relaxation, the party soon resolved itself into two sections – the knapsacking mountaineers and the stay-at-homes. The climbers adept in the use of the rope would make up ‘The Polemonium Club,’ aptly named for the sturdy, violet-colored flower common among the highest Sierra crags and crevices, and its members were particularly entitled to proudly wear a feather in their caps.*”

The High Trip followed an itinerary similar to that of 1930 (beginning at North Lake and coming out below Bishop Pass). This time Jules and Glen, with assist from Norman, put 15 climbers atop Devils Crag – constituting its third ascent. Back in the Palisades, Glen and Jules climbed Peak 13,956 (now 13,855 and

named Norman Clyde Pk) and then managed the first harrowing traverse from it over to Middle Pal. At the end of the trip, Ms. Boulware would write: *“If any old-timer has entertained pessimistic doubts of the continued existence of the Sierra Club, let him count the number of young people signing up for the outings, let him watch them taking eager instruction in rock climbing, and swarming, as never before, up difficult peaks, and his conclusions may be radically changed.”*

Tribute II concluded this way: “The 1933 High Trip ended on schedule at South Lake on Saturday, August 5th. Over the weekend everyone scrambled back to their mundane lives – Jules to San Francisco and Glen to Los Angeles. Not quite everyone, however. Norman Clyde’s life was in the mountains. Also still in the High Sierra was Pete Starr (Walter Starr, Jr), camped near Lake Ediza – below Ritter and close to the Minarets ...”

Tribute Part III *Development of the Rock Climbing Sections*

... The harsh reality is that by August 5th the body of Pete Starr had already lain motionless for two days on a barren ledge high on the NW face of Michael Minaret! Climbing solo, as was his habit, he would not be missed until August 7th, when a tentative plan called for Walter Starr, Sr to meet his son at Glacier Lodge. The two did not meet, which led to some anxiety for the Sr Starr. However, it was not until Pete failed to arrive at his work office on the morning of August 14th that the alarm went out.

The Search for Pete Starr

Walter Starr, Jr, although not involved with Club High Trips, was indirectly well known to Pol-emonium Club members based on his numerous summit register entries throughout the High Sierra. Normally traveling fast and solo, he was, at age 30, very close to completing his “Guide to the High Sierra and John Muir Trail.” Neither Clyde, Dawson nor Eichorn had ever actually met Pete, although registers indicate that some of their summits were attained in close time proximity to his. Glen almost felt like he knew Pete based on reading the latter’s often lengthy entries. As a young man, Pete’s father had fairly broad Sierra mountaineering experience, including the first ascent in 1896 of Electric Pk near Mosquito Flat. [More on this later!]

Until recently there were but two detailed accounts of this famous Sierra search. (1) “The Search for Walter A. Starr, Jr.” was authored by Francis Farquhar, editor of the Sierra Club Bulletin, and appeared in the June ’34 issue. (2) “The Quest for Walter A. Starr, Jr.” was penned by Norman Clyde but not published until its appearance as one of the essays in “Norman Clyde of the Sierra Nevada,” Scrimshaw Press, 1971.

Much later yet, 2001 marked the appearance of William Alsup’s “Missing in the Minarets,” Yosemite Association, 215 pp. [Forward by Glen Dawson.] The author, a Federal district judge in San Francisco, former prosecutor and avid mountaineer, was able to combine his investigative skills with his gift as a historical writer

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During the 1920-30s, under Francis Farquhar’s editor-ship, the Sierra Club Bulletin was one of the premier American mountaineering journals

to produce a fascinatingly detailed account of the events prior to, during and following the search. It answered many unresolved questions. Your author highly recommends it as an amazing and riveting tale. For brevity, most of what follows here is taken from the SCB account, with some of the quoted sections slightly edited.

Right away on August 14th Starr Sr contacted Francis Farquhar, then Sierra Club president, to enlist the Club's aid in the search for his son.

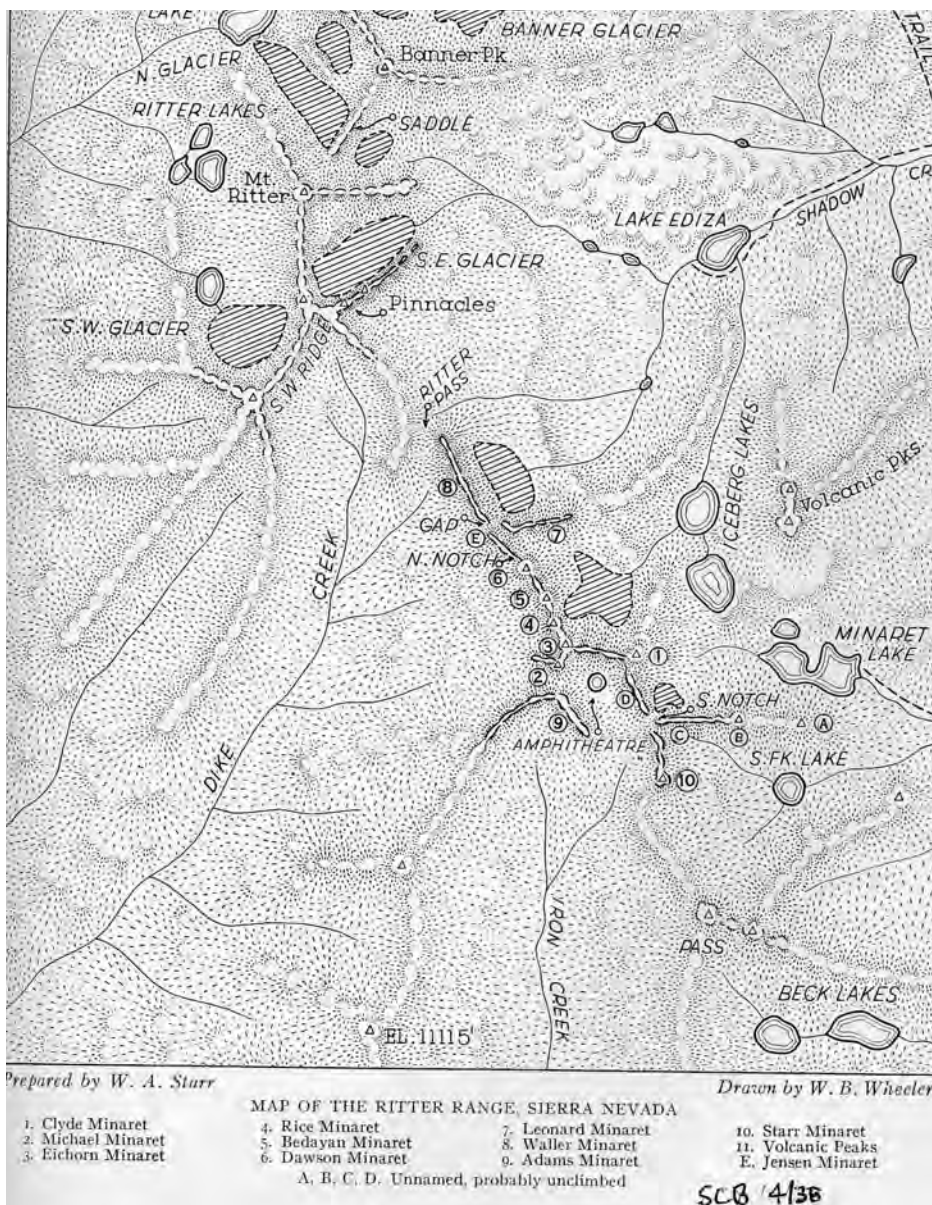
The explorer's intentions and itinerary were not clearly known. Later that day Pete's car was found at Agnew Meadows and his campsite near Lake Ediza. Glen Dawson, accompanied by Dick Jones, then departed immediately from LA, while Jules Eichorn exited San Francisco with the Starr family and friends. Driving through the night they all arrived at the Mammoth Ranger Station at about 7:00 am, August 15th.

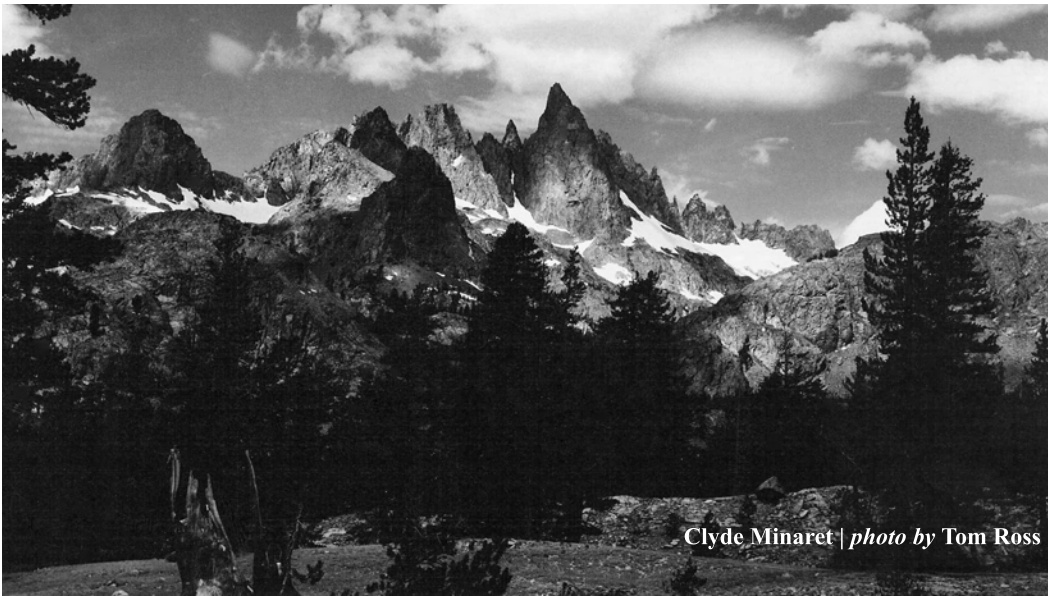
Later that afternoon Eichorn, Daw-

son, Jones, Allan Starr (Pete's younger brother) and Starr Sr arrived at Lake Ediza, meeting the Mammoth Rangers search party, who had set out the day before. That evening Norman Clyde and Oliver Kehrlein also arrived, having gotten the call at Glacier Lodge.

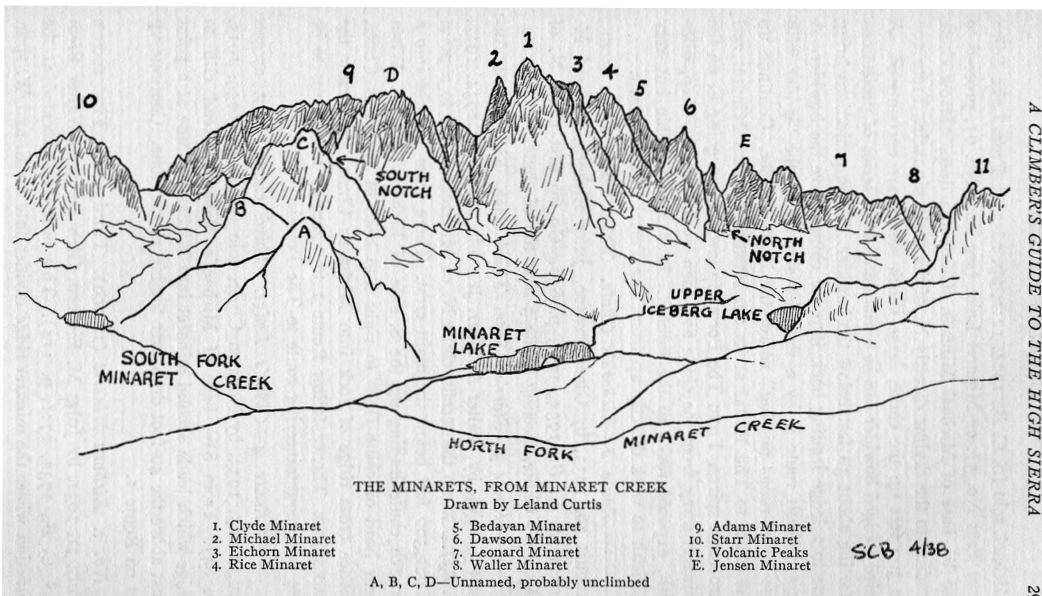
Quoting sections now from the SCB: *"Their arrival made it possible to form four climbing parties, and it was decided to reach the summits of Banner, Ritter, and the main Minarets on the first day for possible clues. Starr's camera was found in his abandoned camp and the exposed film was taken out and sent down to Mammoth for development. During the afternoon a plane carrying Farquhar as observer circled above the area several times, and again the next morning. It was hoped that if Starr were still alive a signal might be seen. [Francis sat in the open rear seat of the biplane.]*

"The climbers were off at 6:00 am the morning of the 16th. Two rangers climbed Ritter by a route up the east side of the mountain, pointed out to them as one known to have been taken before by Starr. They succeeded in reaching the summit and found that Starr had registered there on the 31st of July, saying that he had used crampons and ice-axe, having crossed the glacier. [Actually, as Alsup later discovered, the date of this ascent was the 30th.] As both items were in his camp, it was evident that he had returned safely from Ritter.





Clyde Minaret | photo by Tom Ross



A CLIMBER'S GUIDE TO THE HIGH SIERRA

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“Walter Starr, Sr and his son Allan Climbed Banner, going up the SE side by way of the saddle and down the W side, then circling the N and E sides. Pete had not registered on the summit. Norman Clyde and Oliver Kehrlein climbed up to the glacier on the NE side of Clyde Minaret, where they searched the crevasses and bergschrund. Proceeding to upper Iceberg Lake, they found what appeared to be a place where a climber had rested on the short grass, and picked up a piece of handkerchief, afterward identified as one of Starr’s. The pair followed a line of ducks which took them up a daring route on Clyde’s Minaret. One duck had been placed on grass which was still fresh underneath. Climbing to the summit they found no record, although Starr was known to have climbed this minaret before.”

Meanwhile Jules Eichorn, Dick Jones and Glen Dawson climbed together from the west side of the Minarets. Jules and Glen were obvious choices for this area as, two years earlier during the 1931 High Trip, they had climbed Michael M and then proceeded in the first traverse to Clyde M. Enroute they topped “Third

Minaret” – later named for Eichorn. Glen reported as follows in a letter to Farquhar:

“On the 16th, we crossed Michael’s Notch to the west side of the Minarets. We climbed a fine high pinnacle on the main crest of the Minarets [now Dawson Minaret!] under the impression we were climbing Leonard’s Minaret [topped the prior year by Dick Leonard]. We went down a different chute to the one we went up. We next went up the first chute north of Michael’s, finding evidence of a recent big slide. Near the top of the chute we came across a line of ducks and a half-smoked cigarette, of the brand that Starr was accustomed to smoke. We followed the ducks to a point below the two large spires north of Michael’s Minaret and draining into Michael’s chimney. Jules and I hurried up Michael’s Minaret, but found no evidence of anyone having been there since our previous climb in 1931. Heavy storms made further investigation inadvisable. We went down Michael’s chimney roping down over the ‘ladder with the lower rungs missing.’ We returned to camp over a big gap north of the notch and slid down a small glacier.

“On the 17th, Jules



Glen Dawson shot of Jules Eichorn belaying Walter Brem (all 19) on Michael Minaret during 1931 High Trip.

and I [without Dick, who explored elsewhere] went up the second chute north of Michael's chimney. We found the apparent beginning of the ducks. Some were very wobbly. None of them were down. The ducks were usually of three stones, although one at the head of the first chute north of Michael's chimney was quite large. We saw indistinct footprints in one place. These ducks connected with the ones we saw the day before. The line of ducks was made by an experienced route-finder. Jules and I both admired the excellence of the route. We climbed Third Minaret [Eichorn M.], but found no trace of Starr or of his ever having been there. We returned by a chute between Third and Fourth Minaret, the lower part of which was the same as we had come up.

"Jules and I went around Michael's Minaret over a ridge to a lake. ... We went down to a lake up another ridge from where we could have climbed Clyde's Minaret from the south in a short time and without any

great difficulty. We went down a chute, doing a 50-ft rope-down (the word rappel was not then in use) over a huge chockstone. We met Clyde and Kehrlein searching near Upper Iceberg Lake. We were stumped. As I write this I can't understand it. Lines of ducks led to near the summit of two major minarets, but no signatures on top; Starr usually wrote lengthy accounts in registers I have seen.

"We seemed to give up the search rather suddenly. However, I don't know how much more value further search would be. It is like trying to find a needle in a haystack. I urged Mr. Starr to let Clyde stay on, and I hope the mystery may some day be solved." Clyde alone did remain behind, and some details of his daily search activities are part of the SCB account. He was sure that Pete would have been climbing either Clyde or Michael Minaret. On August 25th he did finally spy Pete's body lying on a ledge on the northwest face of Michael's. It was a route Clyde was not comfortable leading solo, and he immediately returned to Mammoth and wired the news to Mr. Starr.

On August 30th Mr. Starr accompanied Jules and Norman as they climbed to the west side of Michael Minaret. Quoting from the SCB: *"Eichorn and Clyde were successful in climbing to the ledge where the body lay. Starr had met instantaneous death by a fall of some three hundred feet from near the top of Michael's Minaret. On a narrow ledge below lay his watch, badly damaged, with the hands standing at 4:30. On a narrow ledge above was evidence of a large rock having recently struck. This, with other evidence, pointed clearly to the fact that a large slab of rock must have broken away as Starr clung to it in climbing, and, hinging outward at the base, had thrown him clear of the face until he struck the ledge several hundred feet below. It was fitting that the body was entombed on the ledge where it fell. The earthly remains of this lover of the Sierra have become a part of the mountain."*

[Excellent photos and drawings of the Minarets may be found in *"The High Sierra: Peaks, Passes and Trails,"* R. J. Secor, 2nd edition, 1999; pp 359-368.]

Fifty-six years later, in 1989, Eichorn would reveal to this author that Clyde would not touch the body. Thus it fell to him alone to conduct the actual entomb-

ment. Glen was amazed to learn of the location of the body and was perplexed that he and Jules had somehow missed it in their earlier search of that area. Mr. Starr was exceedingly grateful to Jules and Norman. One expression of his gratitude was a lifelong annual stipend he paid to Clyde (no details available). He also paid most of the tuition and fees that would allow Jules to attend UC Berkeley, which he and his family had been unable to afford, related to the Great Depression.

Although neither would have imagined it then, it turns out that their climbing together in the Minarets on the occasion of the Starr search was the last time that Glen and Jules would ever share a rope. They never again participated in the same High Trip year, and Jules soon became deeply involved with the San Francisco Rock Climbing Section (RCS) and Glen with the soon-to-be Los Angeles RCS. On the several joint RCS trips to Yosemite that both attended, they were busy assisting their own groups. Of course, they remained dear lifelong friends, and they shared a considerable Sierra climbing legacy as very youthful mountaineers. [Jules passed away on Feb. 15, 2000, just shy of his 88th birthday. A multi-page memorial by this author appeared in the Mar-Apr 2000 Sierra Echo.]

San Francisco Bay Rock Climbing Section

As previously noted in Tribute II, the San Francisco Bay Chapter's Rock Climbing Section was chartered by the Sierra Club in November 1932. It had initially existed briefly as the Cragmount Climbing Club, under Dick Leonard (then 24 and a recent law school graduate). [Cragmount Rock was one of several practice sites in the Berkeley hills.] The new Committee on Rock Climbing consisted of Jules Eichorn, Lewis Clark, Kenneth May, Marjory Bridge and Leonard as chair. Quoting now from Leonard's article in the SCB (6/34): "Values to Be Derived from Local Rock Climbing."

"The local activities of the RCS differ from those of the other rock climbing groups of which I have knowledge in three important particulars, namely: the use of the upper belay; climbing upon problems considerably beyond the present capability of the climber; and the systematic practice of falls and belays. ... By means of such practice we are able to hold the five-foot falls with a standing hip

belay and up to ten feet with the sitting hip belay. ... We feel that with further practice we shall be able to hold falls up to twenty feet by means of the body belay." [Bear in mind, of course, that in that period climbers tied into rope at the waist (no seat harness), used static (not dynamic) ropes, wore tennis shoes and no helmets, and used the Dulfersitz body wrap for "roping down" (rappelling).]

[As detailed in Mountaineering Notes, SCB 6/34.] The "first annual" RCS trip to Yosemite Valley was scheduled for Labor Day weekend, 1933 – an event that would mark the inauguration of roped climbing in the Valley. [For Eichorn, this within a couple of days of his entombment of Pete Starr.] Summary of events by various members: (1) a traverse of Mt Starr King, (2) an ascent of Half Dome from Mirror Lake (found to be "disappointingly easy"), (3) "the first serious attempt" upon the Washington Column from below by Jules Eichorn, Bestor Robinson, Dick Leonard and Hervey Voge [they ran out of time, but gained a 1,000 ft to Lunch Ledge!], and (4) a prolonged attempt upon the Higher Cathedral Spire by Eichorn, Robinson and Leonard - "we were turned away by the sheer difficulty of the climbing." [In this first attempt, they were using 10-inch nails in lieu of pitons! The Cathedral Spires stand tall on the south side of Yosemite Valley, next to Cathedral Rocks and roughly across from El Capitan.]

This latter trio returned on November 4 – this time with a supply of pitons mail-ordered from Germany. They first attempted Lower Cathedral Spire – "hoping it might be easier, but were soon disillusioned." The next day they were back on the Higher: "By means of pitons as a direct aid, we were able to overcome two holdless, vertical, ten-foot pitches and carefully traverse out over the 800-foot overhang of the NW face. ... Darkness turned us back at 'Second Base' with our piton supply practically exhausted." ["First Base" was a prior broad ledge.] Leonard later wrote of "Jules' remarkable sense of balance and ability to stick to next to nothing" when he had surmounted an overhang on a traverse. This was the first instance of "direct aid" in the Valley – a climbing ethic not embraced by Robert Underhill and other "purists."

Los Angeles Rock Climbing Activity

Needless to say, Glen Dawson was not far behind in establishing a rock climbing presence in the Southern California (later Angeles) Chapter. This effort initially evolved as one of the activities of the new Junior Section. Their first scheduled rock climbing session was led by Glen on November 5, 1933 at Eagle Rock, assisted by Dick Jones and John Poindexter – John, but not yet Dick, also a High Tripper.

Late in the year the LA climbers ventured to the far south of the state for a climb of **Picacho Pk** (1,920') – twenty miles north of Yuma on the California side of the Colorado River. As written up by Glen Dawson in the Mountaineering Notes (SCB 6/34):



Approaching Picacho Pk from the north

“An impressive-looking peak, Picacho, rises high above a number of other fantastic buttes. Its base may be reached by an hour’s walk from the abandoned Picacho Mine. By going around to the left, a break in the cliffs, known as The Crevice, is found leading to the sky-line. From the top of The Crevice a view of the Colorado River is obtained – and there the real climb begins. The first difficulty is a short pitch to a ledge which leads down across a deep crack. A series of remarkable ledges, or shelves, leads almost to the summit. The last pitch requires a shoulder-stand. There is another way to the top without a shoulder-stand, but it is more difficult.



Climbing the Crack on Picacho Pk: Glen Dawson and John Poindexter at base; shot by Art Johnson, 12/1/33.

“The late afternoon of December 1, 1933, John Poindexter and I started up Picacho; but instead of crossing the crack down to the left, we climbed directly up, later getting into the upper part of the crack, which runs up the whole face. The final two pitches (one leading to a platform at the top of the crack and one from the platform up by a small cave to the summit ridge), because of the insecure rock and the vertical cliffs, require good balance and assurance. Both our route and the regular route lead to the low end of a long narrow summit. To reach the highest point to the south, it is necessary to climb up a rather difficult pitch and then rope down an overhang. It was getting dark as John and I came up the overhang, hand-over-hand, back from the highest point. We found a less difficult way down.

“The next day, led by Randall Henderson [future publisher/editor of Desert Magazine], who has made a number of climbs on Picacho, a small party [nine] of Sierra Club members reached the top – with Dick Jones, Glen Dawson, John Poindexter and Arthur Johnson attaining the highest point.” [Members of the Desert Peaks Section typically use a ladder at one segment of this gnarly climb. Although Picacho Pk is by far the lowest in elevation, it is the most technical peak on their list of 99. In May 2007, Glen does not recall any ladder being there 74 years ago!]

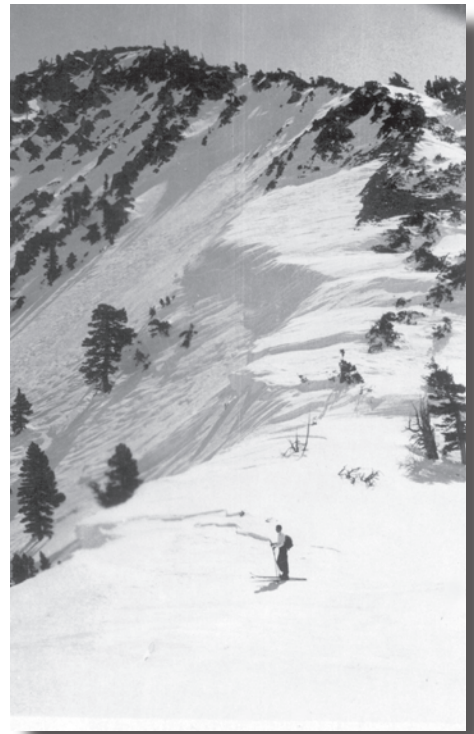
The following day, the latter four-some plus five other Club members climbed Castle Dome – “an outstanding peak in SW Arizona. ... The final ascent, a short rock climb up the NE side, is made by

going between the main peak and a prominent pinnacle. The west side has also been climbed by Randall Henderson and T. J. McKeeney.”

Mountaineering on Skis

To this point in the Tribute series, all the mountaineering activities have been on foot. We cannot further delay the matter of mountaineering on skis. Walter Mosauer provides an excellent introduction for us in “Ski Trips in So. California,” (SCB 6/34). [Originally from Austria with a new M.D. degree, Dr. Mosauer earned a Ph.D. from the Univ. of Michigan with a dissertation on the “Muscular System of Snakes.” He joined the UCLA Zoology Dept. in 1931, at age 26.]

“In 1932 I taught the principles of the Arlberg School, the low crouch and the stem christiana [christy], to several students



Louis Turner in foreground below Telegraph summit. He and Glen Dawson started from Harwood Lodge – and without benefit of a ski lift!

at Pomona College, who became my faithful followers. ... Then, during the winter of 1933, ski mountaineering in So. Calif. finally came into well-deserved popularity. ... At UCLA a ski team was developed [coached by Mosauer], and, to my great joy, the So. Calif. Chapter of the Sierra Club took a serious and energetic interest in skiing.”

Mosauer’s article goes on to detail skiing opportunities out of the Club’s Harwood Lodge and on nearby Mt. San Antonio (10,064’). *“After heavy snows, one can continue (from the summit) on down below Ice House Canyon, thus making a total descent of more than 5,000 feet. ... The crowning experience of the Southland’s skier, however, is a trip to the north side of Mt. San Gorgonio (11,485’). I spent two days there in early April 1933, with Mur-*



Glen Dawson adjusting bindings on first ski ascent of Telegraph Pk (8985’) in San Gabriel Mtns, 2/22/33. Shot by Louis Turner

ray Kirkwood, Glen Dawson, and Louis Turner – and what a time we had! ... [Having climbed to the ridge above Dollar Lake (9900'),] the descent was perfect. In fact, daring continuous runs on reliable granular snow through open woods, I led the wild chase, followed closely by my companions, whose technique and steadiness had improved rapidly. Sudden, swerving christies at high speed through narrow gaps between trees; long-drawn-out, rhythmical swings on the open slopes brought us, all too soon, back to the valley, thrilled, exhilarated, happy.

“Toward the end of April, Glen Dawson, Louis Turner, Dick Jones, and I drove up from Independence towards Onion Valley, which we reached the next day after a two hours’ climb. We then continued up to Kearsarge Pass (11,823’), and returned in a snow storm, the new snow marring the quality of the ski run. Nevertheless, we enjoyed it.”

Glen had picked up skiing well ahead of Mosauer’s arrival. While still a senior at Los Angeles High School, initially he and a few pals taught themselves. Joining the new (Jan 1932) Big Pines Ski Club, they also got expert lessons from Lester LaVelle.

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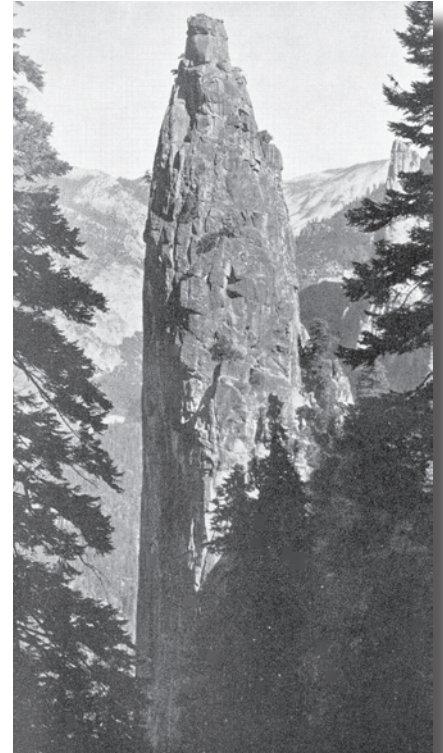
OK – we’ll kick off 1934 in February with a quick quote from Mosauer’s same article. “Our group [the four above], enlarged by four other UCLA students, spent several days in Bishop Creek in the company of Norman Clyde and William W. Dulle. With them, we skied to Bishop Pass (11,989’) through unforgettable high alpine scenery.”

The Cathedral Spires in Yosemite Valley



Spires from Valley floor, Higher on right. Scene shot during a LA/RCS climb in 1942.

April now – and back to Yosemite Valley and Higher Cathedral Spire. Paraphrasing from Bestor Robinson’s “The First Ascent of Higher Cathedral Spire,” (SCB 6/34). With a new supply of pitons, on April 15 Leonard, Eichorn and Robinson at last achieved the ascent, cheered on from below by Marjory Bridge, Helen LeConte and Francis Farquhar (Sierra Club president). Their gear included two half-inch, 120-ft ropes; 200’ of roping-down line; 60’ of extra rope for slings; plus 55 pitons, 13 carabiners, two hammers and three piton step-slings, as well as two small cameras and one motion-picture camera. Starting on the uphill side of the huge monolith, they still had 400 feet to climb.

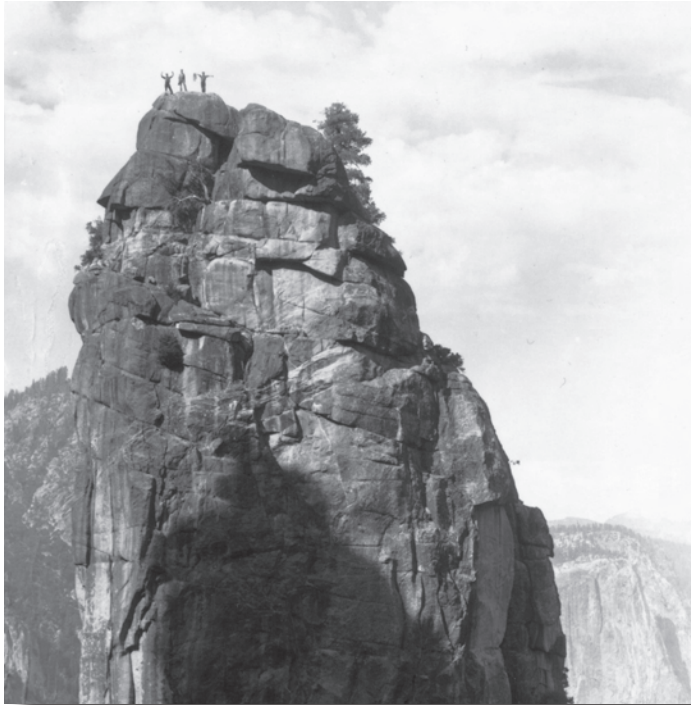


Higher Cathedral Spire, taken by Francis Farquhar; SCB 2/40.

Eichorn and Leonard alternated the “exhausting” leads, belayed by Robinson. Well beyond Second Base: “A clever ‘rope-traverse’ out of the chimney to the north by Leonard, a two-man stand, and we were up. Thirty feet of climbing had taken fifteen pitons and two and one-quarter hours. ... The summit block, however, was sheer; without any convenient one-eighth-inch cracks designed for receiving pitons. How exasperating to be forty feet below the top and no route in sight, especially with the sun setting! Hopefully we followed this ledge to the south to see what we could see. Since it continued under the overhang of the summit block, it was necessary to crawl, gazing down occasionally while wiggling across gaps where small sections of the ledge had dropped away.

“On the south face of the peak we found the crack we

had been hoping for. It was almost perpendicular, too small for handholds or footholds, but it would take pitons. Twelve pitons we drove into it and used them for the ascent without additional handholds or footholds. Then a ledge, a two-man stand, a little scrambling, and we were on the flat-topped summit.



First ascent of Higher Cathedral Spire, 4/15/34.

“The sun had already set. Hurriedly we sat a cairn, raised an American flag on a stumpy improvised flagpole, took pictures, and signed the register we had lugged to the top. The descent was sheer joy. Rop-



Atop Higher Cathedral Spire on first ascent. L-R: Bestor Robinson, Dick Leonard and Jules Eichorn.

ing off one-hundred feet at a stretch from ledge to ledge, never having to use tired fingers and toes, we had nothing to bother about except the temperature of our pants as the rope converted mechanical energy into heat. In forty-five minutes we descended, in ease, what had taken nearly nine hours of difficult climbing to ascend.

“Looking back upon the climb, we find our greatest satisfaction in having demonstrated, at least to ourselves, that by the proper application of climbing technique extremely difficult ascents can be made in safety. We had practiced belays and anchorages; we had tested pitons and ropes by direct falls; we had tried together the various maneuvers which we used on the peak, until three rock scramblers had been coordinated into a team.”

Some additional details of this climb (and subsequently the climb of Lower Cathedral Spire later in the year) are also related by Dick Leonard in [“Piton Technique on the Cathedral Spires,”](#) *Appalachia*, 12/34. Within this article Leonard points out that in a fall the belayer must consciously allow the rope to slide a little in order to lessen the jerk on both the belayer and the falling climber [dynamic belay]. He also mentions that during the climb, on-the-fly, they developed a “new double-rope technique” to cut down on the friction developed in clipping into many carabiners on a long pitch. [Note the rope was typically connected directly to the biner in the piton, without the benefit of slings as used by modern climbers.] The climber would lead off belayed by two ropes. However, he only clipped in with one rope. When the friction got too much, he would then start clipping in with the second rope, releasing the first. [Of course, we wouldn’t do that today; rather we’d use slings and generally alternate clipping into the two ropes.] Additionally, Leonard explains that “rope-traverse” meant climbing to a high point, being lowered off that piton, and then penduluming over to the next available crack system. Finally, it is noted that as Eichorn neared the summit block he was unavoidably confronted with a crack too wide for pitons but too narrow for fingers. The solution: he discovered that the pitons could be securely driven horizontally into the vertical crack. “Since we were using them as direct aids, handholds and foot-

holds, to the next ledge there would never be the likelihood of a severe strain upon them.” Truly, this was a seminal climb!

[Steve Roper, in “Climber’s Guide to Yosemite Valley” (1971), rated this Regular Route on the southwest side of the spire as 5.8 (5.9 by some). The first free ascent was made in 1944 by Chuck Wilts and Spencer Austin. Thirty-eight pitons were used in the first ascent.]

Rock Climbing in the South

Meanwhile, farther south, on May 5th Glen Dawson conducted the Junior Section’s second rock climbing practice. Quoting now from an article that appeared in the summer ’34 issue of Trails Magazine by Chair Dick Jones: “*Perhaps the most outstanding events of the Junior Section’s hikes and climbs since the first of the year are the climbs up and down the sheer northwest face of Eagle Rock, and the ‘rope downs’ over the northeast face of Bee Rock, which overlooks Griffith Park Zoo. Those of us – boys and girls of high school and college age – who have climbed or ‘roped down’ the sheer faces of these rocks know that such a stunt is not foolishness, for we have experienced keen fun and thrills with perfect safety. ... ‘Roping down’ the sixty-foot overhang at Bee Rock is somewhat similar to parachute jumping, the difference being that in ‘roping down’ one may stop in mid-air at one’s will.*” [Eagle and Bee Rocks were closed to climbing around the end of WWII.]

High Sierra Saunter

Let us note in passing that on May 18th Dave Brower (age 22) and Hervey Voge (age 24) set out on a ten-week High Sierra adventure – as detailed by Brower in “Far from the Madding Mules: A Knapsacker’s Retrospect,” (SCB 2/35). They had previously shipped provisions ahead and also set up numerous food caches. They began at Onion Valley and ended in Tuolumne Meadows. A few especially noteworthy items:

(1) “*Although much activity had been planned for our Kern sojourn, our desires were somewhat appeased by the first day’s effort – a moonlight ascent of Mt. Tyndall, breakfast after sunrise on Mt. Williamson, lunch on Mt. Barnard [then counted as a 14er], a second lunch at Wales Lake, and a ten-mile walk back to camp.*”

(2) Now at the base of the Devils Crag, our duo having connected a few days earlier with Norman Clyde: “*For the next three days there followed our most interesting mountaineering. We climbed ten of the low Crag and explored nine of the chutes. We climbed both roped and ropeless, and roped down in severe places. Norman spent long periods with his ice axe, cutting steps for the party. We basked in the sun and chilled in the wind. Hervey built enormous cairns, and we left little registers. When, at last, we had climbed all previously unclimbed Devils Crag [8], we moved camp to Dusy Basin.*”

(3) From a camp at Fifth Lake, up the N. Frk of Big Pine Creek, our trio departed at 8:00: “*We enjoyed the sunny walk up the trail and over the Palisade Glacier; and settled down to climbing in the chute [Underhill Couloir] leading to the notch between North Palisade and Thunderbolt Pk. Ropeless climbing took us to the summit block of Tbolt, a belayed shoulder stand to the top. Then, turning back, we kept to the ridge, traversing the two peaks of the North Palisade [the lower now named Starlight Peak], and continued southeast into the great notch [U-Notch]. The sun set as we returned to the glacier and the amber summer alpenglow tinged the peaks about us.*” [The hour of their arrival back at camp is not given.]

(4) The last week of July Dave and Hervey caught up with the Sierra Club High Trip in Matterhorn Cyn, although they did not formally join it. In the Sawtooths, they climbed The Doodad and the West Tooth – “about as difficult as any we had climbed. ... Our chef d’oeuvre would be the first ascent of Matterhorn Pk by the light of a partially-eclipsed moon.” This was their 63rd and last peak as they finally ended their ten-week Sierra saunter.

Over the July 4th weekend, Glen Dawson and Ted Waller were enroute to the Sierra Club High Trip forming in Tuolumne Meadows, when they diverted west out of Lone Pine. The East Face of Mt. Whitney was then climbed for only the second time – not since Glen, Jules Eichorn, Norman Clyde and Robert Underhill established the route on August 16, 1931. [However, over Labor Day Weekend of 1931, Glen did descend this route with Dick Jones and Walter Brem, roping down over what would later be called the Shaky Leg Crack.]

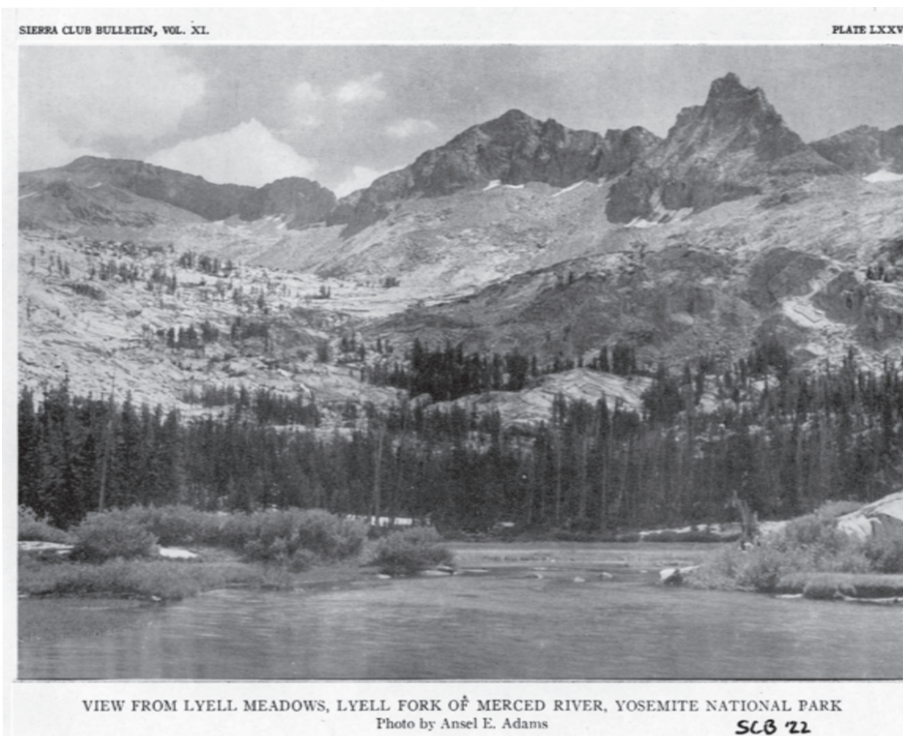
The 1934 High Trip

The primary narrative here is provided by Glen Dawson's mountaineering notes in the SCB, 2/35. "The climbing was largely in three centers – the Cathedral group, the Lyell Fork of the Merced group, and the Sawtooth group." The trip, July 6 – August 4, began and ended in Tuolumne Mdws. The technical leaders this year would be Glen, Ted Waller, Jack Riegelhuth, Marjory Bridge and Neil Ruge – Norman Clyde joining later in the month. [Jules Eichorn was not on the trip.] Glen and Jack made the second ascent of Eichorn Pinnacle (just below the summit of Cathedral Pk), first climbed by Glen and Jules on the '31 High Trip. Unicorn Pk, Cockscomb, Echo Ridge, Echo Peaks also fell to various parties, as did Lyell and Maclure.



Three members of the Polemonium Club at Lyell Fork High Trip camp, 7/13/34. L-R: Glen Dawson, Jack Riegelhuth and Ted Waller. [Glen could not recall, in 2005, why his thumb is bandaged.]

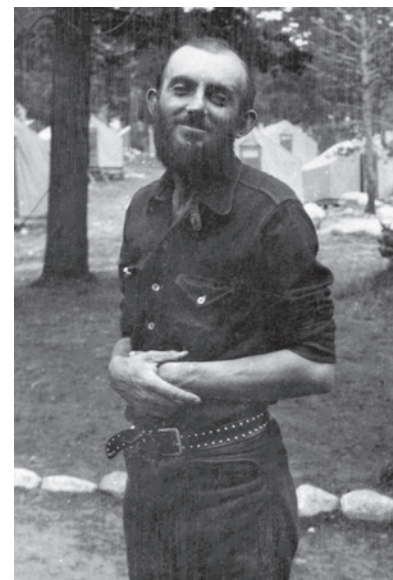
On July 11th, Glen, Jack and Neil "climbed a prominent peak (11,760') standing above the Club's camp on the Lyell Fork of the Merced and named it for Ansel Adams, in recognition of his services to the Club as an outing leader and as a photographer." Two days later dedication ceremonies were conducted



*VIEW FROM LYELL MEADOWS, LYELL FORK OF MERCED RIVER, YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK
Photo by Ansel E. Adams
SCB '22
Rogers Pk near center; Mt. Ansel Adams the gnarly one on the right (hiding Electra Pk).*

on the summit by a party of fifteen, including Ansel and Virginia Adams, Marjory Bridge, Francis Farquhar, Nathan Clark, Louise and Milton Hildebrand, and Helen LeConte. Marjory, Louise and Helen then "traversed from Mt. Ansel Adams to Foerster Peak, climbing enroute an unnamed peak, about 12,000 ft, presumably a first ascent."

Ansel Adams, who was young Jules Eichorn's piano teacher, helped run the Club's High Trips. Adams convinced Jules' parents to let the 15-year-old accompany him on the 1927 High Trip – forever changing the boy's life (and our Tribute Series). Adams served on the Club's Board of Directors for 37 years (1934-1971), was honored with its John Muir Award in 1963, and was presented with the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1980. Within a year of his death in 1984, the Ansel Adams Wilderness was designated. Formerly known as the Minarets Wilderness, it is located SE of Yosemite and north of the John Muir Wilderness. Mt Ansel Adams



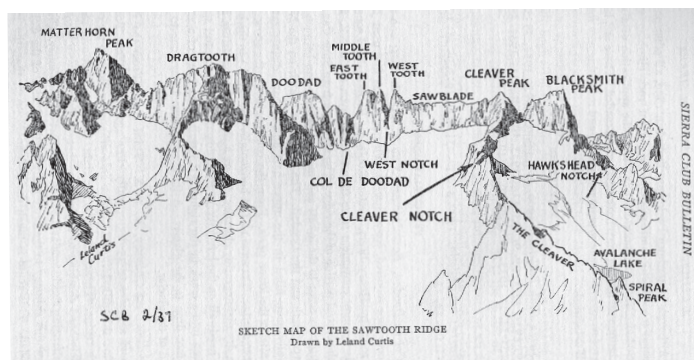
Taken at Tuolumne Lodge, 8/6/31, and identified as "Amiable Ansel Adams."

is on the boundary line of the AAW and Yosemite. On the anniversary of his death in 1985, his two children scattered Ansel's ashes from the peak, now officially bearing his name. This gnarly 3rd class peak is not on the SPS List! [Adams Minaret: first ascent 7/15/37 by Ansel Adams and Rondal Partridge; 3rd class route.]

The Thumb, near the summit of Mt. Hoffmann and first topped, solo, by Jules Eichorn on Oct. 15, 1932, was climbed by fifteen belayed climbers over two days. Muir Dawson, then 13 and Glen's younger brother by nine years, rather than following others up the back side, made the first ascent of the upper side of the pinnacle, belayed from the top.

With one night in Matterhorn Cyn, the High Trip then spent its last week at Benson Lake – from which bases the knapsacking climbers ranged all over Matterhorn Cyn and Sawtooth Ridge. “Near the Benson Lake camp a rock-walled amphitheater furnished excellent opportunities for practice climbs, instruction, and exhibitions, under supervision of the Mountaineering Committee.” Glen and Jack Riegelhuth completed the first east to west traverse of The Three Teeth (East, Middle and West). The pair also made the first ascent of Blacksmith Pk, with Ansel Adams in tow. [Refer to “The High Sierra: Peaks, Passes and Trails,” for excellent photos of the Sawtooth Ridge peaks.] Over three days The Doodad was topped by eighteen; while a total of 47 climbed Matterhorn Pk. Glen led a traverse with five from South Whorl to Whorl; the latter peak also led by Norman Clyde with seven the next day.

Post High Trip, Glen and Tony Chorlton, of the New Zealand Alpine Club, ventured farther north, Glen penning: “Rock Climbing in Oregon” (SCB 6/34).



Summitting Mt. Shasta on the way, they topped Mt. Thielsen (near Crater Lake), Three-Fingered Jack, and Mt. Washington, “which has been called the most difficult rock climb in Oregon.” They continued on to summit Mt. Rainier and then headed for the Canadian Rockies. The Canadian venture is not described in the SCB note. In May 2007, this author asked Glen what they did. In Banff National Park they climbed two fine peaks: Mt. Hungabee and Mt. Temple – the former a technical climb and the latter (11,624’) the highest peak in the Lake Louise area.



Glen Dawson belaying Jack Riegelhuth on first ascent of Blacksmith Pk, 7/26/34; shot by Ansel Adams.

Notably, the 1934 High Trip did not reunite our amazing duo: Glen Dawson and Jules Eichorn. The issue for Jules was certainly not lack of interest but rather lack of funds in the depths of the Great Depression. However, he would not be deterred from gnarly adventuring. Sharing expenses with fellow climbers Boynton Kaiser and Herb Blanks, the trio headed to the NW and climbed Mts Rainier and Shuksan. They followed up with a frenzy of climbs in the Tetons. According to Jules' mountain climbing log, they summited Tee-winot, Nez Perce, Middle Teton, and the Grand Teton by the East Ridge.

Back in California, on August 17, 1934, Jules with Marjory Farquhar made the third ascent of the East Face of Whitney - starting for the first time with the Tower Traverse, which is now part of the standard route.

Lower Cathedral Spire



Jules Eichorn “roping down” Lower Cathedral Spire after first ascent, 8/25/34.

A week later, August 25th, Jules was reunited with Bestor Robinson and Dick Leonard for another crack at Lower Cathedral Spire. Details of this first ascent are provided in Leonard’s Appalachia article cited earlier (as well as the SCB, 2/35). “As a whole the climb was far easier than that of the Higher Cathedral Spire.” Initially using their prior pitons as direct aids, the ascent went well until midway up. “The Flake was the most interesting and astonishing part of the climb.” Leonard led this pitch, doable after he first lassoed a horn. He then used his hammer to chip out two-inch nicks

along a narrow edge of the flake and mounted these steps for about 20 feet to its top. He noted that this pitch was “far more difficult” than anything on the higher spire. The team was next delayed an hour and a half by two 20-ft “Mummery Cracks,” passed with four pitons as direct aids. Beyond that “we had climbing so easy for the remaining 150 feet to the summit that we moved continuously, without intervening belays.” The climb took 6 ½ hrs, using only 14 pitons.

[Steve Roper rated the route 5.6 aided or 5.9 free. The now-standard route, which avoids the Flake Pitch, was established in 1948 by Roy Gorin, Paul Estes and Raffi Bedayn. The Mummery Crack was the crux move in Albert Mummery’s first ascent of the Aiguille du Grepion in the Alps in 1881.]

From their lower summit, Leonard, Eichorn and Robinson were able to look up and see their pals Boynton Kaiser, Herb Blanks and Elliot Sawyer topping out on the second ascent of Higher Cathedral Spire – a good day for the northern RCS! On Oct. 20th, this latter trio also made the second ascent of LCS.

The third ascent of HCS was accomplished on Oct. 27th by Marjory Bridge, Jack Riegelhuth and Ted Waller – also of the northern RCS. Leonard noted: “This climb, together with an ascent of the east face of Whitney with Eichorn on August 17th, places Marjory Bridge (now Mrs. Francis Farquhar) in the front rank of women climbers in America.” [Marjory was the first woman on both routes. She and Francis were wed in Yosemite Valley in mid-December.]

Birth of the Southern RCS

Well, the Junior Section of the So. Cal. Chapter may have been having “keen fun and thrills” on some of their events, but surely it was about time for the south to have a real Rock Climbing Section. Enter Art Johnson (age 27). Art was not a High Tripper, but he had joined the Club in 1930, had mountaineering experience in the High Sierra, and was an avid fan of the new sport of rock climbing. Mid-year of ’34, he encouraged Glen Dawson, the obvious choice, to take the lead in this gnarly initiative. Glen, however, would be entering his senior year at UCLA in the fall. The following summer he would be departing on a year-long around the world trip – so he encouraged Art to run with it. And Art became the ringleader.

The first part of September ‘34 Art Johnson went before the Chapter Executive Committee and secured authorization – and he was appointed chair of the “Rock Climbing Committee.” The original management committee also included Cecilia Carney (secretary), Glen Dawson, Mary Jane Edwards and Howard Koster. Art quickly wrote Dick Leonard, the Bay Area RCS chair, for assistance regarding their local methods. Dick eagerly and generously responded on Sept. 26 – promising to forward a cache of documents from their correspondence with Robert Underhill of the Appalachian Mtn. Club. His letter also noted that “to maintain active membership we require participation on at least

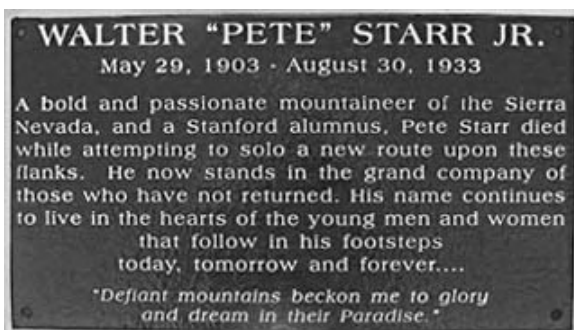
four trips a year.” The new RCS adopted most of the rules and procedures of their northern counterpart. The first official RCS trip ran on November 3, an Eagle Rock practice led by Howard Koster. ...

Gestation of the Ski Mountaineers Section

... Four days later on November 7, Walt Mosauer, the UCLA professor and ski coach, hosted a meeting at his home. Largely from the Bruin team, the thirteen included Glen Dawson, Leland Curtis, Frank “Tug” Richardson, Bob Frampton, Louis Turner, Dick Jones, Miles Werner and Wolfgang Lert. The group quickly drew up a constitution, designed a badge, and started plans for a ski hut – and they elected Mosauer president. They were the Ski Mountaineers of California – as yet, without any affiliation with the Sierra Club. [An excellent reference work includes a chapter on the SMS: “Pray for Snow – the History of Skiing in So. California.” by Ingrid P. Wicken, 2001.]

Walter A. Starr

Before we wrap up 1934, let it be noted that late that year marked the Sierra Club’s publication of the first edition of Walter A Starr, Jr.’s “Guide to the John Muir Trail and the High Sierra Region.” Pete’s work, almost wrapped up at his death, was completed by his father. Writing a review of the Guide in the SCB (2/35), J. N. LeConte noted: “In many places the author departs from the trails, and describes knapsack routes and cut-offs with even more zest and joy than the trails themselves. It is easy to see that the highest, wildest, and most rugged of the High Sierra lay near-



Memorial plaque bolted at base of Michael Minaret on 70th Anniversary of Pete Starr’s death.

est the heart of the writer.” [Forty-eight years later marked the latest edition of the Guide - the 12th Revised, 1982; edited by Douglas Robinson. Seventy years after The Search, in 2003, a memorial plaque was bolted near the site of Pete’s fall. More info here: <http://www.stanfordalumni.org/news/magazine/2003/novdec/features/plaque.html>. Story and photos by Bob Burd: http://www.snwburd.com/bob/trip_reports/michael_minaret_1.html.]

Walter Starr, Sr. soon became quite active in the Sierra Club. He served on the Board of Directors from 1937-48, was President for two terms (’41-43), earned the John Muir Award in ’64, and was Honorary President from ’64 until his death in ’69. Starr authored a 14-page article in the SCB (2/35): “From Yosemite to Kings River Canyon, 1896” – a gnarly summer adventure by 19-year-old Walter and Allen Chickering, his fellow undergrad chum at UC Berkeley. During much of their 500-mile mule pack, they were accompanied by Theodore Solomons. On July 31st the young duo made the first recorded ascent of Tehipite Dome, having finally “removed our shoes and socks in order to get traction on the granite.”

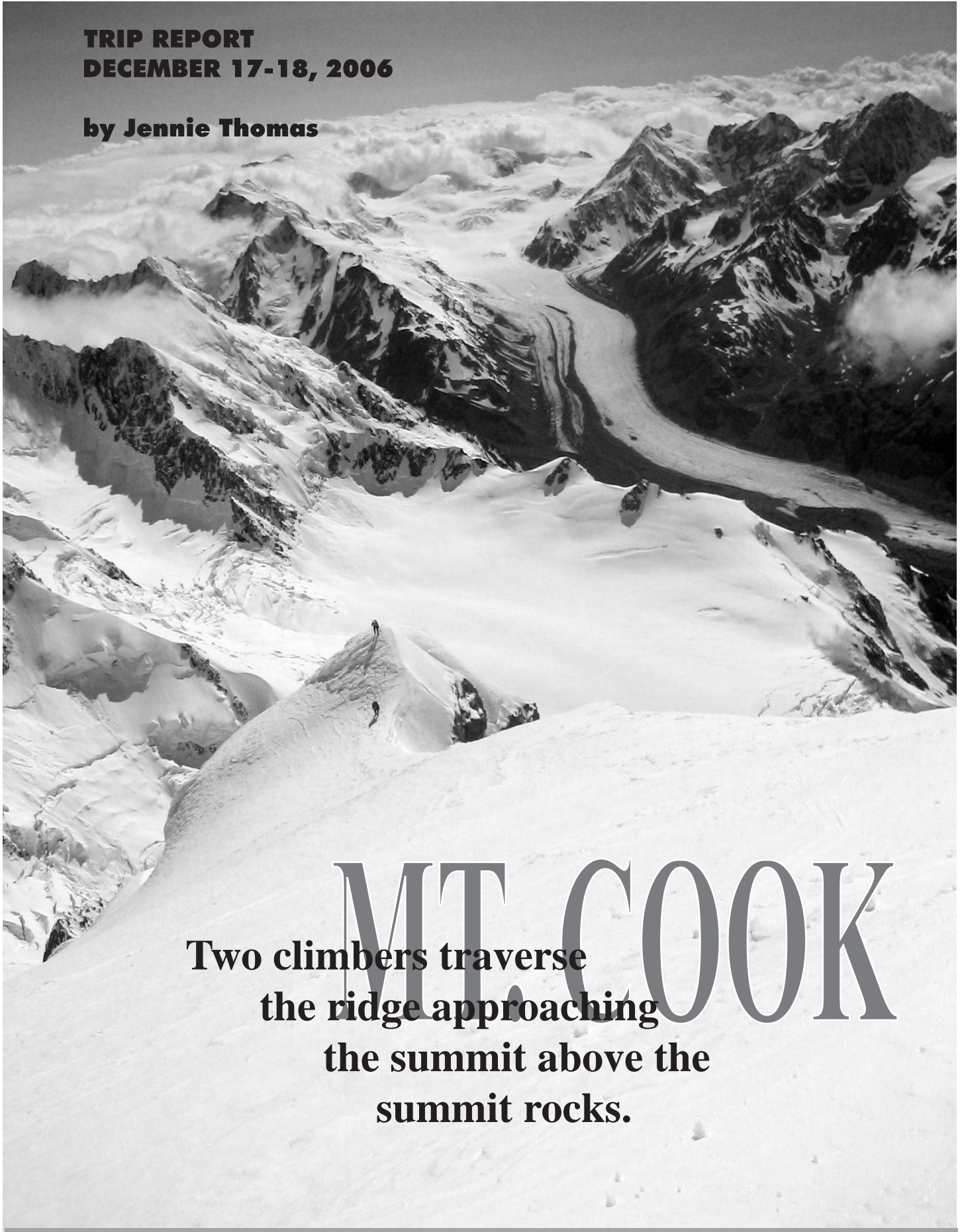
Earlier, on July 16th, the pair encountered a wild electric storm during the first ascent of Pk 12,835’ – and named it Electric Peak. It is located up Rock Creek above Mosquito Flat and across from Mt. Morgan. In 1936 the Club’s Board approved renaming this peak Mt. Starr in honor of Pete. The name became official in 1939. It is not on the SPS List. [Starr Minaret: first ascent 7/14/37 by Mr. Starr, Ansel Adams and Rondal Partridge; 2nd class route.]

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- to appear in the next Sierra Echo. Very special thanks to these members of the Angeles Chapter History Committee: Glen Dawson, Bob Cates and John Ripley, without whose encouragement and essential support this work would not have appeared. Many old photos were generously provided by Glen Dawson, Fern Dawson Schochat and Marjory Farquhar (passed away on 1/22/99 at 95). Sara Danta’s skillful and enthusiastic editorship is also greatly appreciated.

**TRIP REPORT
DECEMBER 17-18, 2006**

by Jennie Thomas



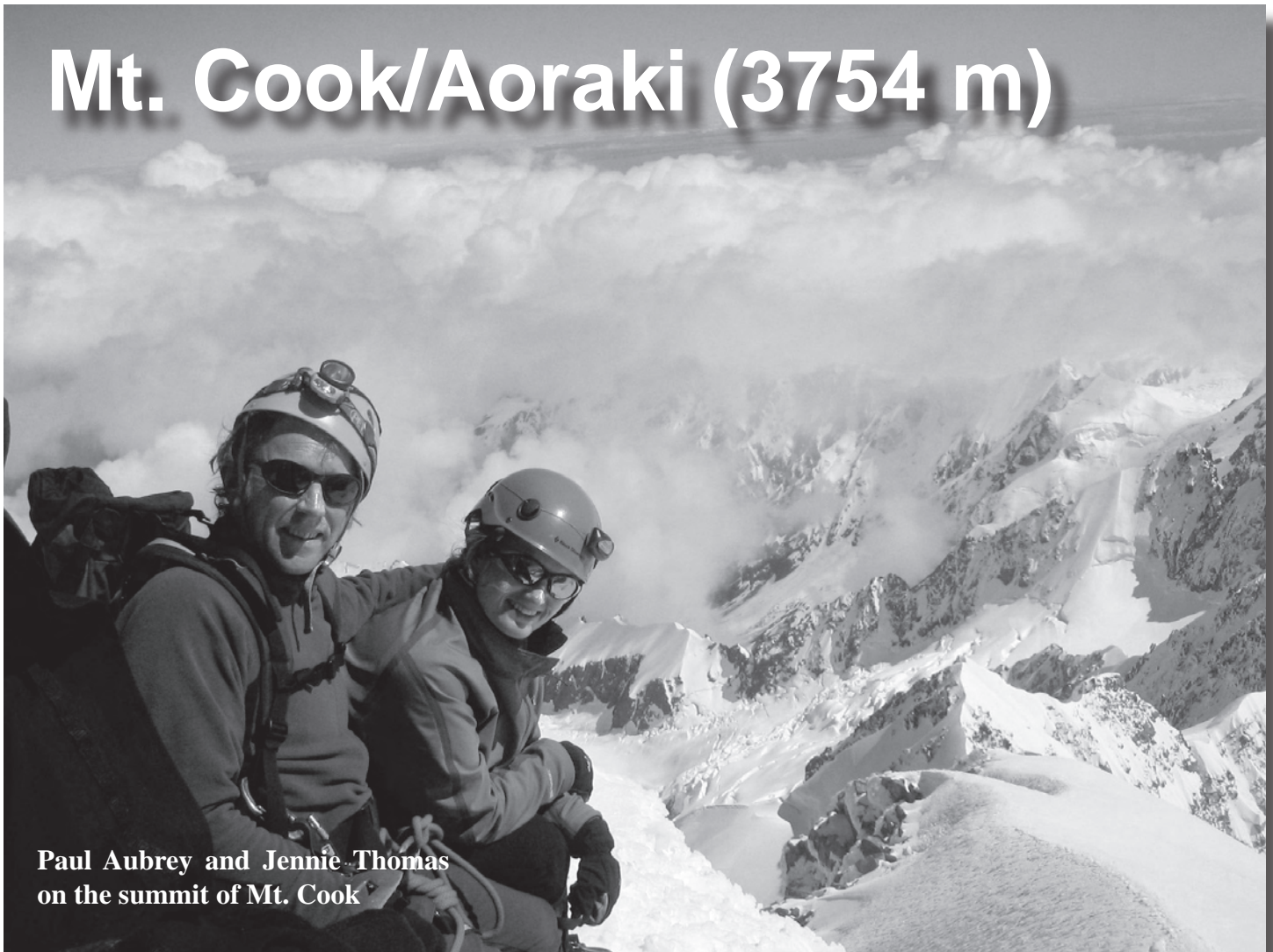
MT. COOK

**Two climbers traverse
the ridge approaching
the summit above the
summit rocks.**

Mountaineering in New Zealand's Southern Alps

The perfect day on . . .

Mt. Cook/Aoraki (3754 m)



**Paul Aubrey and Jennie Thomas
on the summit of Mt. Cook**

I was invited to a scientific meeting held in Christchurch, New Zealand in December of 2006. After getting the invitation, much to my research advisor's dismay, I started spending my days reading about mountaineering in New Zealand instead of making progress towards my PhD. I had just returned from climbing Mt. Rainier with Ed Cottone in August of 2006 when I got the invitation, so I was feeling quite confident that an attempt of Mt. Cook via the Linda Glacier would be within my abilities. However, the climb is no small undertaking. First, there is the weather in NZ, which is notorious for stranding climbers high on the mountain

far from shelter and a stove to make water. Second, there is the technical nature of the route. It's low 5th class rock combined with alpine ice climbing. Third, there is difficult route finding with small deviations putting you in the path of frequent ice fall avalanches and rock fall. With all of these factors taken into account, I took advice from the only person I know with experience on this mountain, Doug Mantle. Doug assisted me on an M trip to LeConte and Corcoran in the Fall and he suggested I contact Guy Cotter to arrange a guide for the climb. After many emails back and forth between Guy's company, Adventure Consultants, and

couple of phone conversations with Guy he offered me the services of his lead climbing guide, Paul Aubrey, for an ascent of Mt. Cook starting on December 17th 2006.

As my mother asks me, with all of these difficulties why attempt to climb this peak? As the day approached I started to ask myself the same question. I was training hard for the climb and did routes such as the Dana Couloir, an ice climb, in September to prepare. I also joined Barry Holchin for one of his famed trips to San Jacinto from the town of Palm Springs. In addition, I was working hard to prepare the scientific content for the meeting I had been invited to present at.

After keeping all of the balls in the air, I came down with a cold upon arriving in NZ. A friend from NZ also cheerily informed me that this had been the coldest December on record in Christchurch and that only recently has anyone found conditions acceptable for a climb of Mt. Cook. The first successful team had waited an entire month for a day of good weather, they were locals who jumped on a helicopter to the base of the climb and did the route in 24 hours round trip, much longer than the typical 16 hour day. They attributed the additional time to the condition of the route, which was more technical than in previous years due to high altitude rains followed by freezing which resulted in ice high on the route.

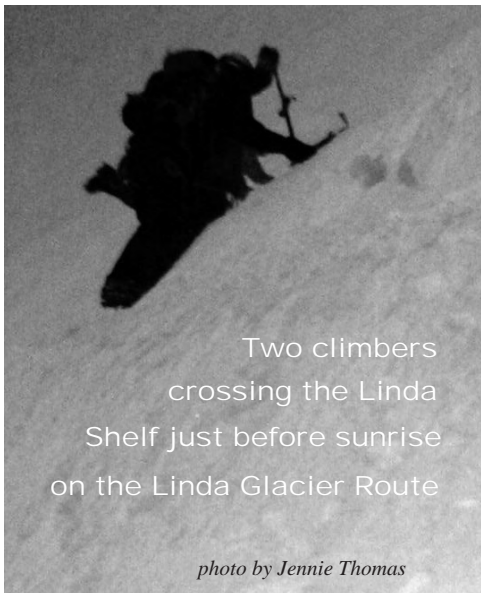
After conclusion of my science meeting and experiencing wind gusts that knocked me over in the city of Christchurch, I really started to think; what the heck am I doing attempting Mt. Cook? This country has crazy weather and I have a terrible cold, maybe this just isn't my year to climb in NZ.

Slightly discouraged from the condition of the weather I still arrived December 17th in Lake Wanaka, Adventure Consultants headquarters, to meet with my guide Paul. Paul was just back from a month guiding a trip on Vinson Massif and his face showed it, windblown and red from the days of Antarctic cold. Paul and I quickly sorted my gear, which was meticulously organized to be exactly what the gear list has suggested I bring. But,

it turns out it wasn't quite the right stuff: I didn't need any cooking or camping gear except for my sleeping bag. I needed more ice screws than I had brought (I have left four sitting at home in my closet because they weren't on the list) and I needed an additional picket, also at home. With everything sorted out Paul started to feel me out for my experience level. On Mt. Cook guides and clients travel as two person teams, so it's each of our responsibility to know crevasse rescue and glacier travel well. After a quick re-packing of my gear and arranging to leave lots of stuff behind at AC headquarters we were off to Mt. Cook village.

We arrived after noon at the Mt. Cook airport to see if helicopters were flying into the Plateau Hut that afternoon. We found the wind had died down and we could take a flight in about one hour. We hurried down to the NZ alpine club hut for a quick change into our climbing attire and about 10 minutes of glacier travel review (good thing I didn't need much). After making sure we were on the same page we jumped back in Paul's car to catch our flight. The flight into the hut was short, Paul the experienced guide with lots of friends in the business, gently asked the pilot for a quick recon flight over the entire route. Somehow I didn't have my camera out! A few minutes later we were at the Plateau Hut (2200 m) and started to get settled in. I had some tea to try and help my persistent cold and we started strategizing. Paul had looked at the weather report when we picked up our permits and was pretty sure the next day was going to be a good weather day. We decided to give it a go and agreed to talk while in route in case my cold really started to act up as we gained altitude.

We were off to bed after a quick dinner after packing our gear around 8 pm. We were missing a picket that we were sure was with us on the flight, after a bit of snooping Paul found it mysteriously relocated in another guide's pack. We finally had our full crevasse rescue gear ready to go for the next day. We awoke at 12:30 am after sleeping through both of our alarm clocks and had a quick breakfast. Three other teams set out for the summit with us around 1:20 am: two British climbers (unguided), two Japanese climbers (unguided), and an Aussie climber with two guides.



Location of the picture

Steep ice cliff below the picture

The climbers (guides Murray Ball, Johnny Davison, and client) are short roping the traverse of the 50 degree snow/ice slope that is one of the most dangerous sections of the route. Below the photo lies an abrupt ice cliff, however a running belay is not used because of the additional danger of an ice fall avalanche from above. Climbers move quickly and carefully through this section in order to get out of the “danger zone”.

The first five hours on the route were very dark, the teams inexperienced with the route had no idea how to navigate in the pitch dark. For a bit the British team jumped in front only to end up below a 1000 ft ice cliff, Paul yelled up, “to the right!” in order to try and get them out of the ice fall zone. Around 5 am we were at the base of the Linda Shelf, having just come up from below the Gunbarrel, so called for the frequent releases of ice and snow. Crossing the Linda Shelf is one of the most dangerous parts of the route due to the exposure, we crossed it quickly and then changed over to belayed climbing using two ice tools. A few pitches up we were in the Summit Rocks, the most technical part of the route with mixed ice and rock climbing. At the top of the Summit Rocks we encountered more icy conditions than usual and had to continue belaying each pitch (except for several hundred feet) all the way to the summit. At 11 am we were on top of Mt. Cook

on a beautiful, sunny day (December 18th, 2007). We shared the summit with the other guided party, the Japanese party was already descending and the British party had fallen quite a bit behind. The Aussie client took out his camera to snap a photo on the summit and fumbled his camera, which dropped off the 1500 ft face below us. I was happy to be on the summit, but not too happy because the descent typically takes as long as the climb and can be much more dangerous, as demonstrated by the two climbers who fell to their deaths in descending just a few weeks after my climb.

Negotiating the descent was difficult because there was limited room at the belays. Finally we teamed up with the other guided group and started rappelling together. Paul and I did a final counterbalance double rope rap-pel down 150 ft of ice that was great fun! We made it back across the Linda Shelf and out from below the

Gunbarrel and finally we took a rest. We stopped for some water and food we had left behind earlier in the day. We navigated back through the Linda Glacier with some pretty interesting crevasse crossings and we were the first team to arrive back at the hut around 5:30 pm.

I couldn't sleep due to the pain in my knees and a lot of worry about the British party who were not back at the hut yet, so I stayed up chatting with the guides and others who had successful climbs. At 10 pm when I finally went to bed there was still no word from the missing party, dimming sunlight allowed us to search the glacier for them with a set of binoculars and we found two tiny dots high on the route just before I turned in. The next morning we were up early at 8 am to a cold

and windy day. All the teams who had attempted the summit starting at midnight were just returning after 8 hours fighting with the wind. A quick call on the sat phone and Paul had news from the helicopter company; we would try to fly out that morning because several days of bad weather were forecasted starting immediately. I thought with the gusty wind there was no chance of flying out. On Mt. Cook you can get stranded in the hut for days waiting for a window of good weather to either hike or fly out. The helicopter came to get us about one hour later and by some miracle was able to land and take off in the wind. We flew back to the Mt. Cook village and caught a ride from one of Paul's friends to his car and then off to take a shower at the NZ Alpine Club hut.

LINDA GLACIER

viewed from the Plateau Hut
(only the lower part of the route is shown)



photo by Jennie Thomas

Back in Lake Wanaka a few days early, I met a nice girl at the hostel with a rental car and caught a ride with her back to Christchurch through the NZ countryside. Paul sent me off with a hug and a few words of encouragement. He asked for updates on my mountaineering pursuits and gave me a few tips on having successful teams and trips in the future.


My climbing experience in NZ reminded me of why I love the mountains. A successful trip filled with great climbing, great people, and great mountains – there really isn't anything better. Climbing had felt more like work in the months leading up to this trip, a feeling of anxiety had come over me on climbs partly due to the accidents in our community and partly because I had lost the connection to reasons why I became a mountaineer. Mt. Cook reminded me that I am a mountaineer because I love the mountains, the solitude, the feeling of making the perfect move, the challenge and pain of continuing on, the moment right before the sun comes up, and the wonderful feeling of knowing you just had a perfect day of climbing.

IN HIGH PLACES

STROMBOLI

ITALY

by Burton "Ker-Pow" Falk



Months before leaving for Italy, I discovered that my plan to climb Stromboli was in serious jeopardy.

Indeed, my travel agent, an Italian-American familiar with the area, informed me that, by law, a guide, who would set me back \$700 US, was required to make the ascent. That was the bad news. The good news was that, for the same price, I could take others with me on the ascent.

Well, since my wife, Jo, would be my only companion on the trip to the volcanic island, and because she wouldn't be able to climb due to a bad back, it meant the cost of the five-hour expedition would work out to be \$700 divided by—hmm—just one. Even so, the price seemed high.

Also, there were the ancillary costs involved to reach Stromboli, including the boat ride for two, \$152.50; two nights in a hotel in Milazzo, where we would need to stay in order to catch the 6 a.m. ferry (the only one leaving early enough so that I could bag Stromboli as a day-climb), \$650.00; and the cost of an additional day of car rental, even though the vehicle would stay parked in a garage in Milazzo during the climb, \$87.50.

So, let's see. That adds up to \$1,590.00, plus meals. Was Stromboli really worth all that time, effort and money?

Stromboli is the northernmost of the seven major Aeolian Islands, all of which lie a few miles off the north coast of Sicily in the Tyrrhenian Sea. The archipelago was named after the floating island of Aeolia, described in Homer's *Odyssey* as the home to Aeolus, the keeper of the winds. The name Stromboli, courtesy of Wikipedia, is a corruption of an ancient Greek name *Stongule*, an appellation probably derived from the island's round, swelling shape.

One of the world's most active volcanoes, 3,031' Stromboli is unusual in that it has been in continuous eruption for at least the last 2,000 years. In fact, the volcano maintains a soccer mom schedule, with short, mild to moderate explosions occurring at its three summit craters from every few minutes to every few hours. The material emitted during these outbursts is mostly incandescent ash and lava fragments, which,

when viewed at night, makes for a spectacular display. Larger eruptions can also occur—the last really big one taking place in 1930, when lava and flying volcanic bombs caused death and destruction, and which was the reason for many of the island’s 5,000 then permanent residents to immigrate to Australia.

Today, most of Stromboli’s 400 year-round residents dwell near sea level, along the north slopes of the volcano. During the summer, however, due to a huge influx of vacationers, the population swells greatly.

Perhaps the island’s single most noteworthy event occurred back in 1949, when the film *Stromboli*, starring Ingrid Bergman, was shot there on location. If you’re as old as I am, you may recall that Bergman and the director, Roberto Rossellini, became romantically-involved, a very juicy news item, indeed, considering that Rossellini was already married at the time. A plaque on a pinkish-red house on the island’s main thoroughfare now commemorates the historic tryst. Which leads one to wonder, how many brass plates on how many houses, apartments, studio offices, etc. would it take to memorialize Hollywood’s famous seductions? Also, would or should they be considered as California State Historical Monuments?

Well, Stromboli obviously needed to be visited, and so, following a week-long, counter-clockwise tour of Sicily (starting in Taormina—with a side trip up Mt. Etna—and proceeding through Palermo, Erice and Agrigento), Jo and I, on a warm mid-August afternoon, pulled into Milazzo, a moderately ugly harbor city, which serves as home base for many of the Aeolian Island ferries.

Our lodging for our two-night stay was to be the Petit Hotel, located on the waterfront, about 100 yards from the dock from which we would depart the next morning. And, in fact, the Petit was petite. A two story structure, with only a few guest rooms, the hotel is noteworthy for its use of tile—the lobby, the stairs, the halls and the rooms are decorated with sections of colorful Sicilian ceramics. Gaudy—perhaps; interesting—absolutely.

Conversing with the hotel manager later that evening, I

grumbled about the high price of having to hire a guide to climb Stromboli, and asked him if he knew whether it was truly a necessity. An accommodating kind of guy, he called a friend on the island and posed the same question. The answer he received was, “Yes, by law, an authorized guide is required to make a climb—and, by the way, most of the climbs are made at night, when the red hot ejecta is better visible. But, if an unguided climber were to be apprehended, and he (or she) had no passport to confiscate, there was no way he could be forced to appear in court in Palermo.” “Aha!” I thought, handing my passport to Jo.

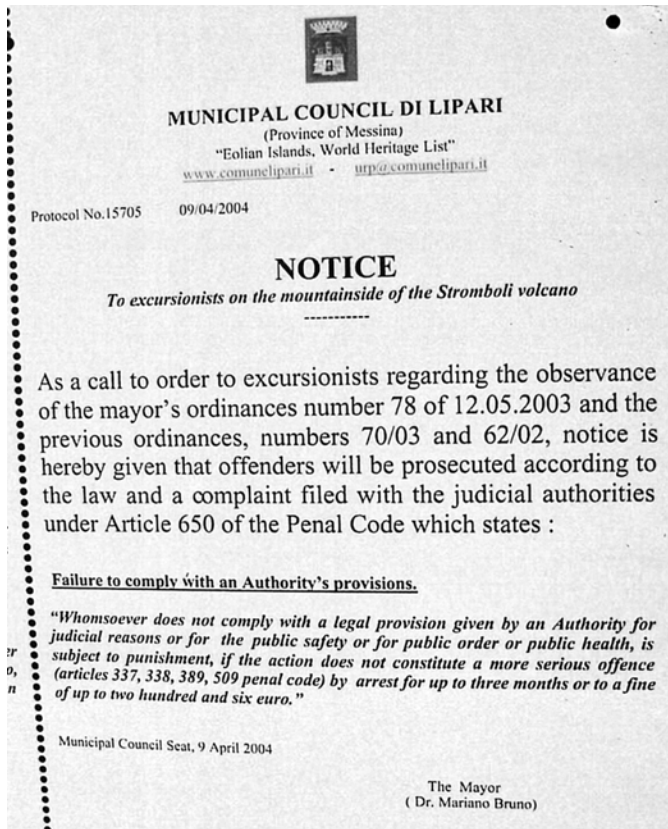
Next morning, promptly at 6 a.m., our boat—a hydrofoil—left Milazzo headed directly for Stromboli. The day was warm, the sea was smooth and sparkling, and the vistas were beautiful as Sicily receded in our wake to the south, while, on the horizon to the north, the symmetrical cone of Stromboli grew ever larger.

An hour later, stepping off the boat at Stromboli’s Porto Scari, we found only a few joggers up and about. Making inquiries, we determined that the center of island activities lay near the San Vincenzo Church plaza, and there, soon afterward, at a small, open-air café, we were enjoying delicious Italian coffee and pastry.

My original plan had been to rent a day room for Jo, so she could nap while I made the climb. Unfortunately, even with the help of an English-speaking former resident (who was visiting from Australia), we discovered that Stromboli was booked solid. So instead of a day room, we made a deal with the café owner, to wit: Jo could sit and read her book at a patio table around at the back of his establishment, where he would keep her supplied with coffee and, at the proper time, lunch. As they say in Stromboli, “Bellissimo!” Everything was beautiful.

About 10 a.m., I began walking west along the main street, Via Vittoria Emanuele, soon passing the Bergman/Rossellini house. Small businesses, homes and lush summer gardens lined the route for the first mile or so, and then, narrowing, the road took a turn to the south and started up the volcanic slopes. A half an hour later, 300-400 feet higher and well beyond the last residence, I came to a pizzeria/observatory overlooking

the Sciara del Fuoco (Trail of Fire), from which volcanic embers can be safely viewed as they roll down into the sea. I considered stopping for an early lunch, but, anxious to get to the crater, I kept on climbing. A bit later, I came to a sign, proclaiming in both Italian and English that, without a guide, it was against the town ordinance to proceed further. Duly noting that I might be the oldest (70) scofflaw in island history, I proceeded further.



Beyond the sign, the path turned into a deeply eroded use-trail, heading straight up the slope. It would be hard, if not impossible, to get lost on a route so obvious. Guide, indeed! Hmmpf! Emerging from the last vestiges of vegetation about 1 p.m., I found myself alone on a barren volcanic slope, with no place to hide should the carabinieri appear. Feeling uncomfortably exposed, I picked up my pace, and headed toward the crest above.

That's when it happened, and I was taken by complete surprise. KER-POW! The volcano let loose with one of its patented, canon-like eruptions.

Holy S*#t," I thought. My heart raced; I wondered if I'd soiled my shorts. I high-tailed it to the crater rim just in time to see a cascade of hot rocks rolling down Sciara del Fuoco, headed toward the deep blue sea below. Zowie! There I was on the rim of an erupting volcano. What a thrill.

Glancing around, I noticed many signs of usage—well-beaten trails, rock wind-barriers, candy wrappers, toilet paper, etc. Obviously, the local guides had corralled more than a few customers for their \$700 evening ascents. Fortunately, I didn't have to imagine how the scene would look after dark, because only a week earlier, Jo, our three grandkids and I had passed below the volcano on a small ship, heading from Messina to Anzio. On that dark and moonless night, the outline of the volcano was just barely visible to the starboard. Suddenly—POW!—a shower of orange embers flew high into the Aeolian sky. It was like a 4th of July fireworks display, only about a hundred times more magnificent. Our fellow passengers gasped and attempted—too late—to take photos. Fifteen minutes later, another eruption occurred, followed, twenty minutes later by a third. Unfortunately, the captain of the ship had to keep moving, and so we slowly sailed away from the incredible scene.

Back on the volcano, which had appeared perfectly conical during our approach from Milazzo to the south, it was apparent that on this, the opposite side, the mountain top had been shaved off on a bias, leaving the lopsided crater, Pizzo o Sopra. It was the low point of this crater—the beginning of the Sciara del Fuoco—through which the hot rocks tumbled into the sea. Observing bits of new pumice scattered about the rim on which I was standing, it seemed probable that during larger eruptions an onlooker would stand a reasonably good chance of being peppered by hot debris.

Continuing clockwise up and around the crater, I finally reached its highest point. To the southeast, perhaps a quarter mile across a saddle, lay another crater, I Van-cori, which, according to my map was 6 meters higher. Because the acrid, sulphurous fumes spewing up from Pizzo o Sopra were causing me to choke and my eyes to run, and also because I was hungry and thirsty, I opted not to continue on to the higher summit.

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I found the descent trail leading directly from the crater to Stromboli Town, and started down its steep slope. Although this trail does provide for a speedy return, it proceeds down an incline comprised of pumice and sand, and so, post-holing through the loose material, I was soon enveloped in a cloud of dust. By the time I reached the San Vincenzo Church, I was sweat-soaked, covered with grime, and had at least 10 pounds of gravel in each shoe (should you decide to follow this route, take a dust mask and gaiters).

I found Jo, who, during my absence, had been perfectly content to read her book and talk to fellow tourists, scarfed down a sandwich and a drink, and then headed for the nearest beach, where I engaged in a bit of self-conscious public bathing. Although I felt cleaner for

my effort, because the beach sand was black and clinging, I'm not sure I truly looked any better.

Later that afternoon, we caught the last ferry back to Milazzo, a local which made stops at four other Aeolian Islands: Panaea, population 320; Salina, population 2,400; Lipari, population 11,000, and Vulcano, population 800, all of which looked as if they would be interesting places to visit sometime in the future.

That evening, after re-showering at the Petit, Jo and I enjoyed an excellent meal of Sicilian-style pasta and local wine at one of the several open air restaurants along the Milazzo waterfront. The following morning, we rose early, drove to Palermo, and caught a plane, bound off on yet another "In High Places" adventure.

Outings

Jun 16 | Sat **LTC, WTC, HPS**
O: GPS Class: Intro to Global Positioning System at Eaton Cyn Nature Center, Pasadena. Start 9AM indoors, no registration at door, apply early. Includes features, selection, operation, use with maps (provided) in field, hands-on field practice in afternoon. Bring a GPS, but we have loaners. Send sase, phones, email, GPS experience & model, \$15 (LTC-no refund later than 5 days prior) to Co-Ldrs: HARRY FREIMANIS, PHIL WHEELER

June 23-25 | Sat-Mon **SPS**
I: Kern Peak: (11,510')
SPS introductory trip in southern Sierra geared to prospective SPSers and WTC students. Moderate and enjoyable pace. Sat backpack 9 miles, 1500' of gain to camp at Redrock Meadows at 8600'. Sun climb class 2 Kern Pk in 8 miles, 3000' gain round trip, all x-country. Legendary community happy hours Sat and Sun evenings. Monday backpack out 9 miles, 800' gain (With ups and downs). Send sase, recent conditioning, H&W phones, ride share info to Leader: PATTY KLINE, Assistants: JOE WANKUM and GARY SCHENK.

June 28-30 | Thu-Sat **SPS, SMS**
M: Mt. Lyell (13,114') Mt. Maclure (12,880')
Join us on a challenging climb of these classic Sierra peaks as we ascend the second largest glacier in the Sierra. Emblem celebrations will no doubt ensue! Skis and

snowshoes welcome. Must have excellent conditioning, comfort on class 3 rock/steep snow, experience with ice-ax and crampons and travel on avalanche terrain, and a positive attitude. Be prepared for strenuous days: total 23+ mi, 6000' gain. Approach via Lyell Canyon. This is a restricted outing open to all Sierra Club members. Please send an email w/ recent experience and conditioning, SC#, and completed Medical Form to Ldr: JEFF DHUNGANA. Co-Ldr: REINER STENZEL.

Jun 30-Jul 1 | Sat-Sun **SPS, WTC**
I: Kern Peak (11,510')
Explore the meadows and creeks of the Southern Sierra and visit Jordan Hot Springs in this long loop backpack. Saturday hike from Blackrock to Jordan Hot Springs for lunch, 6 mi, 2400' loss, then 3.5 mi, 2300' gain to camp at Redrock Meadows. Potluck happy hour Saturday night. Sunday climb Kern Peak, 4.5 mi, 2800' gain. Return to camp and pack out, 8.5 miles, 1600' gain for a total of 13 mi, 4400' gain for the day. Send sase or email (preferred) with experience & conditioning, H&W phones, carpool info to Ldr: BETH EPSTEIN, Co-Ldr: KIM GIMENEZ

Jul 7-8 | Sat-Sun **SPS**
MR: Mt. Abbot (13,704'), Mt. Dade (13,600')
Join a fast-paced climb. Sat. hike from Rock Creek to camp at Treasure Lakes; climb Dade via The Hourglass

(7.5 mi, 3,750' gain). Sun. climb Abbot via Southeast Buttress, hike out (7.5 mi, 2,550' gain). SC members only. Medical forms, helmets, ice axe & crampons. Send e-mail or sase, conditioning, and experience to Ldr: DARRICK DANTA, Asst: TINA BOWMAN

cell & W phones, ride share info to Ldr: PATTY KLINE, Asst: GREG DE HOOGH

Jul 8-9 | Sat-Sun **SPS**
I: Mt. Langley (14,026')

Moderately strenuous backpack to bag the southernmost 14er in the United States. Saturday morning pack into Long Lake from Cottonwood Lakes trailhead, 7 mi. 1500' gain. Have a Happy Hour Sat. night. Summit on Sunday, 8 mi. rt with 3600' gain. Break camp and hike out. Send 2 sase or 1 sase & email with recent conditioning, recent experience & altitude experience to Ldr. MIKE DILLENBACK, Asst: ROD KIEFFER

June 22-24 | Fri-Sun **SPS, WTC**
MR: Mt. Lyell (13114')

Cross the Sierra's second largest glacier en route to Yosemite's highest point. Backpack 13 mi and 1600' up the beautiful Lyell Fork of the Tuolumne River on Friday. Sat climb 2900' and 5 mi xc rt over the Lyell Glacier and 3rd cls rock to summit and back. Pack out Sun. Participants must be Sierra Club members and be proficient with ice axe, crampons and high 3rd cls rock. Send recent conditioning, experience, sase/ease to Ldr: ERIC SCHEIDEMANTLE, Co-Ldr TINA BOWMAN

Jul 13-15 | Fri-Sun **SPS**
ER: North Palisade (14,242') & Starlight

Climb two 14,000' peaks in the Palisades. This will be a strenuous backpack and class 4/5th rock climb with the likelihood of some snow. Friday pack in from the South Lake trailhead over Bishop Pass to camp. Saturday climb the class 4 Southwest chute up North Pal, make the traverse, attempt to climb the 5th class Milk Bottle, descend Southwest chute. Sunday pack out. SC members with strong fitness and experience on snow and low class 5 rock. Send email OR sase with conditioning, experience, SC#. \$5 permit fee at trailhead. Ldr: ALEX AIMES Co-Ldr: RANDALL DANTA

Jul 27-29 | Fri-Sun **SPS, WTC**
M: Mt Ritter (13,143')

Climb a classic Sierra and SPS Emblem peak. Fri leave Agnew Meadows trailhead, backpack 7 mi, 1900' gain via Lower/River Trail to beautiful and picturesque 1000 Island Lake. Sat hike 4 mi xc, 2800' gain over N Glacier Pass to Lake Catherine. Climb up the NW glacier and ascend the peak via the classic Muir Route/North Face return to camp. Sun pack out to the trailhead via the High/PCT trail. Participants must be Sierra Club members and be proficient with ice axe, crampons and comfortable with high 3rd class rock. Medical form required. Send recent conditioning/experience, sase/email to Ldr: GERARD LEWIS, Asst: ASHER WAXMAN

Jul 21-22 | Sat-Sun **SPS, WTC**
I: Four Gables (12,720'), Pilot Knob #2 (12,245')

Sat backpack over Piute Pass to camp (7.5 mi 2565' gain), climb Four Gables (xc 2.7 mi 1314' gain via South slope). Sun climb Pilot Knob #2 (xc 3.3 mi 1184' gain via E saddle) and backpack out. \$5 permit fee Send email or SASE, recent conditioning / experience, H&W phones, and ride share info to Ldr: DOUG OWENS, Asst: ANNE MARIE RICHARDSON

Jul 28-29 | Sat-Sun **SPS, WTC**
I: Mt Goode (13,085')

A popular WTC destination. Sat backpack from South Lake to camp near Bishop Lake 4 miles, 1400' gain. Sun summit climb via south ridge, 2000' gain. Then pack out and return to cars. Send sase, or use email, with info on Sierra experience, WTC leaders name, and conditioning/carpool info to Ldr: ED MORENTE, Asst: JOHN CYRAN

Jul 21-22 | Sat-Sun **SPS, WTC**
I: Mt Goode (13,085'), Mt Johnson (12,871')

Sat backpack from South Lake to near Saddlerock Lake (5 mi, 1500' gain); climb Goode (4 mi rt, 2000' gain, class 2). Evening happy hour at camp. Sun climb Johnson (3 mi rt, 2500' gain, class 2), hike out 5 mi. Send email or 2 sase with phone #s, address, experience and current conditioning, carpool info, \$5 permit fee to Ldr: KATHY RICH, Co-Ldr: RON HUDSON

Aug 3-5 | Fri-Sun **SPS, WTC**
MR: Mt. Brewer (13,570'), North Guard (13,327')

Friday backpack over Kearsarge Pass to camp, 12 mi, 4000' gain. Saturday climb Brewer, North Guard, 7 mi, 4900' gain. Sunday out. Recent experience on class 3 rock required. Restricted to Sierra Club members. Medical form and helmet required. Send e-mail or sase with H&W phones, recent conditioning and climbing resume, rideshare info and \$5 permit fee to Ldr: RON CAMPBELL, Asst: TOM MCDONNELL

Jul 21-23 | Sat - Mon **SPS**
I: Cirque Peak (12,900')

SPS Introductory trip in the eastern Sierra for prospective SPSers and WTC students. Relaxed and enjoyable pace. Saturday backpack from Horseshoe Meadows to Long Lake at 11160' (6 mi, 1200' gain). Saturday legendary community happy hour. Sun climb class 1 Cirque peak (5 mi rt, 1800' gain). Sun legendary community happy hour. Monday hike out 6mi, 1200' loss. Send SASE with \$5.00 permit fee, conditioning and high altitude experience. H,

Aug 4-5 | Sat-Sun **SPS, WTC**
I: Silver Peak (11,878')

Backpack in the Western Sierra on Saturday from Lake Thomas Edison to Devil's Bathtub (4.75 mi, 1500' gain). Sunday climb class 2 Silver in 7-mile round-trip and 3,300' of gain, all cross-country, then pack out to cars. Send email (preferred) or SASE with conditioning/experience to Ldr: PAUL GARRY, Asst: EDD RUSKOWITZ

Aug 4-5 | Sat-Sun **SPS, WTC**
I: Mt. Langley (14,042')
Join us to climb the southern most 14,000' peak in the Sierras. Backpack to camp near the Cottonwood Lakes from Horseshoe Meadows on Sat (5 miles, 1000'). Sun alpine start, 2 mi, 3000' gain to summit via the southeast slope. Return to camp and hike out. Send email or sase, experience/conditioning to Ldr: SCOTT LEAVITT, Co-Ldr: HELEN QIAN.

Aug 4-6 | Sat-Mon **SPS**
I: Matterhorn Peak, (12,264'), Twin Peaks (12,323')
Sat. hike in approximately 4 miles, 3800 gain, and set up camp near Horse Creek Pass. Sunday climb the peaks, approx. 5 miles roundtrip, 3000 gain. Mon hike out 4 miles, 3600 loss. Send conditioning and experience e-mail or sase to: Leader: VIRGIL POPESCU, Co-leader: PAT ARREDONDO

Aug 11-12 | Sat – Sun **SPS, WTC**
I: San Joaquin Mtn (11,061'), Bloody Mtn (12,552)
Climb as day hikes class 2 peaks near Mammoth. Sat San Joaquin (3500' gain, 9 mi rt) via xc route from the east. Car camp Sat night in local forest. Sun climb Bloody via Laurel Ck (4000' gain, 9 mi rt) via trail and xc. Send email or 2 sase with phone #s, address, resume with experience and current conditioning, carpool info to Ldr: KATHY RICH, Co-L dr: RON HUDSON

Aug 11-12 | Sat-Sun **SPS, WTC**
I: Trail Peak (11,605'), Muah Mountain (11,016')
Gourmet backpack: Join us for Decadent Wilderness Weekend V. Sat backpack 7 mi, 1600' via Trail Peak to Diaz Meadow for 5-star dining experience. Sun work off those calories with 1 mi, 1200' gain to Muah. Send e-mail or sase with H&W phones, recent conditioning and your most outrageous culinary ideas to Ldr: RON CAMPBELL, Assts: GEORGETTE RIECK, ED COTTONE

Aug 11-12 | Sat-Sun **SPS, WTC**
M: Mt Russell (14,086')
Follow in the footsteps of Norman Clyde up one of California's fourteens. Hike in 3.5 mi w/ some xc and 2880' gain to Upper Boy Scout Lake. Sun climb 2 mi xc and 2841' gain to Russell's summit via east ridge knife edge. Return to camp and pack out. Participants must be Sierra Club members and comfortable on high 3rd class rock. Medical form required. Send recent conditioning, experience, sase/ease to Ldr: ERIC SCHEIDEMANTLE. Asst, ASHER WAXMAN. Provisional

Aug 17-19 | Fri-Sun **SPS, Wilderness Adventures**
I: Twin Peaks (12,323)
Opportunity to explore country at northeast edge of Yosemite. SPS Intro Trip suitable for WTC students. Friday, moderate 6.5 mile, 1,500 ft gain trail backpack from Virginia Lakes, passing Summit Lake and dropping to camp near Return Creek. Saturday, strenuous xc 6 mi, 3,000 ft climb of Twin Peaks with possible climb of nearby Virginia Peak. Sunday, return to cars. Must be comfortable with steep, off-trail hiking. Send \$10 permit fee, 2 SASE,

H&W phones, email, recent conditioning, experience, rideshare to Leader: MARK MITCHELL, Co-Ldr: KEITH MARTIN

Aug 17-19 | Fri-Sun **SPS, WTC**
I: Mt. Eisen (12,160'+), Lippincott Mtn. (12,265') & Sawtooth Peak (12,343')
Fri. backpack from Mineral King over Glacier Pass & Black Rock Pass xc & on trail to camp at Little Five Lakes (8.75 mi 5274' & 2670' loss). Sat. climb Mt. Eisen (1.4 mi 1600' gain via SE ridge), return to camp and continue to Lippincott (2.5 mi 1730' gain). Sun. climb Sawtooth Peak from Glacier Pass (1.25 mi and 1344' gain via NW ridge) and out. Strenuous. \$5 permit fee. Send email or SASE, recent conditioning / experience, H&W phones, ride share info. Ldr: DOUG OWENS, Asst: DARRICK DANTA

Aug 17-19 | Fri-Sun **SPS, WTC**
I: Mt Conness (12,590')
Climb Mt Conness from Young Lakes. Leaving Fri morning from Tuolumne Meadows, we'll hike 5 mi, gaining 1200' to Young Lakes. Sat will be spent climbing Mt Conness from its southern flank. We'll begin by climbing to the uppermost Young Lake, then heading north, then east to gain a gentle valley that leads due north to the summit plateau. The route involves cross-country and some class 2 scrambling. (7 mi rt, 3000' gain). Return to Young Lakes for happy hour and spending the night. Sun group will pack out. Send sase with conditioning/experience to Ldr: Bob Draney. Asst: Helen Qian.

Aug 18-20 | Sat- Mon **SPS**
I: Bloody Mtn. (12,552')
SPS intro Trip geared to new and prospective SPSers and WTC students. Moderate backpack for class 2 peak south of Mammoth. Sat backpack 8 mi, 2600' gain to Dorothy Lake. Sunday climb Bloody in 8 mi rt, 2800' gain, some xc. Mon backpack out 8 mi, 2600' loss. Legendary community happy hours Sat and Sun evenings. Send \$5.00 for permit fee along with SASE or e-mail plus conditioning and high altitude experience, home, work, cell phones, ride share info to Ldr: PATTY KLINE, Asst. KENT SCHWITKIS

Aug 18-19 | Sat-Sun **SPS, WTC**
I: Mt. Morgan S. (13,748')
A great climb to spellbinding views. From Rock Creek Lake near Tom's Place, we'll pack in 4 mi. with 1200' to camp at Francis Lake. Climb peak 8 mi rt, 2900' gain, happy hour Sat evening then pack out Sun. Send experience, conditioning, phones, email, rideshare info via email or sase to Ldr: MELISSA KANE Asst: EDD RUSKOWITZ

Aug 25-26 | Sat-Sun **SPS, WTC**
I: Mt. Mallory (13,850'), Mt. Irvine (13,770')
Backpack from Whitney Portal 4 mi, 3500' to camp near Meysan Lake, followed by happy hour and sound sleep. Climb Mallory and Irvine Sun and pack out. Good conditioning a must. Send 2 sase or email, \$5 permit fee if confirmed, conditioning, experience (including WTC group information if applicable), H&W phones and rideshare info to Ldr: EDD RUSKOWITZ, Co-Ldr: RON CAMPBELL

Aug 25-26 | Sat-Sun **SPS**
I: Iron Mtn (11,149')
Moderately paced introductory trip geared to prospective SPSers and WTC students. Sat backpack from Devils Postpile to Anona Lk., 9100', 6 mi, 2100' gain. Sun climb 2 mi, 2400' gain, and backpack out, 6 mi, 500'. Send SASE, recent conditioning, rideshare info, phone, email, \$5.00 permit fee, payable to Ldr: ED LUBIN. Co-Ldrs: MARLEN MERTZ, WAYNE VOLLAIRE

Aug 25-26 | Sat-Sun **SPS**
I: Split (14,042), Prater(13,471), and Tinemaha (12,520): Strenuous, Sat bpkp to Red Lake, 5 mi, 4000'. Climb Tinemaha, 1.5 mi, 2000'. Sun climb Split class 2, 2 mi, 3500' gain, then Prater, 1.5 mi, 900'. 4WD may be req'd on trailhead road. Req'd comfort on class 2 rock, moderate to fast paced trip. SASE or preferred email SPS/peak climbing experience resume and conditioning details to Ldr: GREG MASON, Asst: TOM MCDONNELL

Aug 25-27 | Sat-Mon **SPS, WTC**
MR: Mt Lyell (13,114'), Mt Maclure (12,880')
Sat hike from Tuolumne Meadows on the John Muir Trail to camp below Donohue Pass (11 mi, 2000' gain). Sun climb the Lyell Glacier and ascend both summits from the Lyell-Maclure col and return to camp (7 mi rt, 4000' gain). Mon pack out (11 mi) to Tuolumne Meadows trailhead. Ice axe, crampons, class 3 rock experience needed. Restricted to Sierra Club members. Medical form required. Send recent conditioning, resume, rideshare info to Ldr: STEVE CURRY. Asst: PATRICK MCKUSKY

Aug 25-Sep 1 | Sun-Sat **SPS**
MR: Mt Kaweah (13,802'), Black Kaweah (13,720+'), Red Kaweah (13,720+'), and others. Join us for a week climbing the Kaweahs and other possible peaks, such as **Mt Eisen (12,160+'), Lippincott Mtn (12,265'), Kern Pt (12,730+')** and **Picket Guard (12,303')**. The trip starts and ends in Mineral King. Heavy packs, lots of gain to start. Open to SC members with appropriate experience and conditioning. Participants must submit a medical form. E-sase or sase to Ldr: TINA BOWMAN, Co-Ldrs: TOM BOWMAN, BARBEE TIDBALL, LARRY TIDBALL.

Aug 30 - Sep 3 | Thurs-Mon **SPS**
I: Mt Pinchot (13,494'), Mt Wynne (13,179'), Arrow Pk (12,959'), Pyramid Pk (12,779')
Backpack first day strenuous 6000' gain, 9 mi via trail over Taboose Pass. Hike to Marjorie Lake & climb Pinchot & Wynne (3700' gain, 7 mi for the 2). Move camp 4 mi to beautiful Bench Lake for Arrow and Pyramid (5000' gain, 7 mi for the two). Return to cars Mon. All peaks class 2. Send email or 2 sase with phone #s, address; include detailed resume of experience and current aerobic conditioning program. Ldrs: RON HUDSON, KATHY RICH

Sep 2-4 | Sat-Mon **SPS, WTC**
I: Mt Langley (14,026'), Cirque (12,900'): Relatively relaxed but moderately strenuous backpack to bag the southernmost 14er in the United States. Sat morning pack

in to Long Lake from Cottonwood Pass Trail, 7 mi, 1800' gain (1400' net). Summit on Sun, 8 mi rt with 3600' gain (2900' net), followed by celebratory happy hour. Relaxed hike out to reach TH early afternoon Mon. Send 2 sase/1 sase & email, conditioning, recent experience, & altitude exposure (WTC leader if applicable) to Ldrs: WAYNE VOLLAIRE and GARY BICKEL

Sep 7-9 | Fri-Sun **SPS**
I: The Needles et al. in Giant Sequoia Nat'l Monument: Leisurely paced ascents of several panoramic unlisted peaks with 2 nights of extended happy hours. Part of "old-timers" series, this outing will emphasize renewing acquaintances with longtime climbing friends & welcoming newcomers. Camp 2 nights at Quaking Aspen. Sat. climbs of **Jordan Pk (9115')** and **The Needles (8254')**. Sun a quick scamper up **Dome Rock (7221')**, then climb of **Mule Pk (8142')**. Mileage and gain depends on forest road conditions. Send sase with H&W phones and e-mail address to Asst Ldr: JERRY KEATING, Ldr: GORDON MACLEOD, Asst Ldr: BARBARA LILLEY.

Sep 8-9 | Sat- Sun **SPS, Long Beach**
I: Agassiz (13,893') & Goode (13,085')
Moderate trip. Sat backpack from South L./Bishop Pass trailhead at 9,800' to Bishop Lake, 4 mi, 1700' to camp. Climb Goode, 2 mi, 1600'. Sat happy hour. Sun climb Agassiz via Bishop pass, 2.5 mi, 2500' gain via class 2 and out. Moderate paced trip. SASE or preferred email climbing experience resume (WTC OK) and conditioning to Ldr: GREG MASON, Asst: ALEX AMIES

Sep 8-10 | Sat- Mon **SPS**
I: Mt. Baldwin (12,615')
SPS Intro Trip geared to new and prospective SPSer's and WTC students. Moderate backpack for class 2 peak south of Mammoth. Sat backpack 6 mi, 2500' gain to Mildred Lake at 10,000'. Sun climb Baldwin in 5 mi rt, 2600' gain. Monday backpack out 8 mi, 2500' loss. Legendary community happy hours Sat and Sun evenings. Send sase, \$5.00 permit fee per person, conditioning and high altitude experience, home, work, cell phones, ride share info to Ldr: PATTY KLINE, Asst: KEITH MARTIN

Sep 14-16 | Fri-Sun **SPS**
MR: Mt Fiske (13,508'), Mt Huxley (13,086')
Friday Backpack from Lake Sabrina to near Echo Lake (7 mi, 3000' gain). Class 3, ice ax & crampons may be needed) & climb the peaks (about 8 mi rt, 4000' gain, class 3). Mts Wallace and Haeckel may also be climbed. Sunday. Send email or 2 sase with phone #s, address, \$5 for permit fee, resume of experience and current conditioning, carpool info to Ldr: RON HUDSON, Co-Ldrs: BARBEE AND LARRY TIDBALL

Sep 15 | Sat **SPS**
M: Independence Pk (11,742')
Join **Randall Danta** on his LIST FINISHER dayhike/climb of this 3rd class summit. Meet at Onion Valley roadhead 8am. Ldr. RANDALL DANTA co-leaders: DOUG MANTLE, TINA BOWMAN, DARRICK DANTA.

Sep 21-28 | Fri - Fri **SPS**
MR: Tunemah Pk (11,894'), Finger Pk (12,404'), Black Crown Pk (12,323')
Climb remote SPS peaks, explore obscure canyons. Must have excellent conditioning, comfort on exposed class 3 rock (on Black Crown Pk), & a positive attitude. 2-day approach from Wishon Reservoir via Coyote Pass, camp at Blue Canyon. Climb peaks along the length of White Divide, return via N. Fork Kings River. Shuttle at Courtwright Reservoir. Prepared for 7 strenuous days: total 65+ mi, 21k'+ gain. Restricted to SC members. Send email w/ recent experience and conditioning, SC#, medical form to Ldr: JEFF DHUNGANA, Co-Ldr: DOUG MANTLE

Sep 22-23 | Sat-Sun **SPS**
I: Florence Pk (12,423'), Vandever Mtn (12,520+')
Join us for 2 day hikes in the Mineral King area. Sat 10+ mi, 4,500' gain. Sun 8+ mi, 4,100' gain. E-sase or sase to Ldr: TINA BOWMAN, Co-ldr: MARY MCMANNES.

Sep 22-23 | Sat-Sun **SPS, WTC**
I: University Pk (13,632')
The longer way via Kearsarge Pass. Sat backpack from Onion Valley, over Kearsarge Pass to camp at Kearsarge Lakes, 5.5 miles, 2600' gain. Sun steep xc climb to summit, 2 mi rt, 2500' gain. Then pack out and return to cars. Send sase, or use email, with info on Sierra experience, WTC leaders name, and conditioning info to Ldr: ED MORENTE, Asst: JOHN CYRAN

Sep 22-23 | Sat-Sun **SPS, WTC**
MR: Mt LeConte (13,680')
Restricted to Sierra Club Members with third class climbing experience; helmets required. Pack in 4 mi, 3500' gain to camp at Meysan Lake from Meysan Lake trailhead. Sun climb LeConte, 2 mi, 2600' gain and pack out. Medical form required. Send climbing resume, recent conditioning, sase/esase, H&W phones, \$6 permit fee to GAREN YEGPARIAN, Asst. VIRGIL SHIELDS. Provisional

Sept 30 | Sun **LTC, WTC, HPS**
I: 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 navigation experience/training, rideshare info, H&W phones, prefer by Email to Ldr: HARRY FREIMANIS. Asst: PHIL WHEELER

Oct 13 | Sat **LTC**
Leadership Training Seminar: Become a qualified Sierra Club leader. For info, see LTC section in front of Schedule. Deadline for receipt of application and payment is Sep 29. No registration after this date or at door. Next seminar: Spring 2008. Ldr: STEVE BOTAN

Oct 13 | Sat **LTC, WTC**
I: Mt Lowe (5603') Beginning Navigation Clinic: 5 mi, 500' gain. Spend the day one on one with an instructor, learning/practicing map & compass. Beginners to rusty old timers welcome. Not a check off. Many expert leaders will attend; many "I" rated leaders started here. Resent no-shows require a \$25 deposit, refunded at trailhead. Send large sase early with ck made out to Sierra Club, H&W phones to Ldr: DIANE DUNBAR. Co-Ldr: RICHARD BOARDMAN

Oct 21 | Sun **LTC, WTC, HPS**
I: Indian Cove Navigation: Navigation noodles at Joshua Tree NP for either checkout or practice to satisfy the Basic (I/M) level navigation requirements. To receive homework assignment, send navigation experience/training, any WTC, rideshare info, H&W phones, prefer by Email to Ldr: HARRY FREIMANIS. Asst: PHIL WHEELER

Nov 2 - 4 Fri-Sun **LTC, Harwood Lodge, WTC**
C: Wilderness First Aid Basics: Runs from 8 am Sat to 5:30 pm Sun with optional airway/breathing skills Fri eve. Fee includes lodging, meals and practice first aid kit. Airway/breathing skills (7:30-9:30 pm Fri) required for those without CPR during previous 4 years. Fee \$160 with SC#/\$170 non-member; airway breathing skills \$15 additional (full refund thru Sept 28). For application contact Ldr: STEVE SCHUSTER

Nov 17-18 | Sat-Sun **LTC, WTC, HPS**
I: Indian Cove Navigation: Navigation noodles at Joshua Tree NP to satisfy the Basic (I/M) level navigation requirements. Sat for practice, skills refresh, altimeter, campfire. Sun for checkout. To receive homework assignment, send navigation experience/training, any WTC, rideshare info, H&W phones, prefer by Email to Ldr: HARRY FREIMANIS. Asst: PHIL WHEELER

Dec 1 | Sat **LTC**
Basic GPS Class, Eaton Cyn Nature Center, contact PHIL WHEELER for details.

Outings Sign-up

Email contact info for ldrs of these trips appears on next page. To apply for an outing, send SASE (or email if requested), SC member #, experience resume, conditioning routine, home and work phone #'s, email address (if applicable), rideshare information &, **for restricted trips only**, the medical information form. All participants on Sierra Club outings are required to sign a standard liability waiver, available at www.sierraclub.org/outings/chapter/forms, or from the Outings Department at (415) 977-5528. All outings designated MR or ER are restricted trips open only to SC members with the appropriate rock or snow skills. Participants are required by the National Sierra Club to complete medical information form, available at [www.sierraclub.org/outings/national/participantforms/forms medical](http://www.sierraclub.org/outings/national/participantforms/forms%20medical).

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