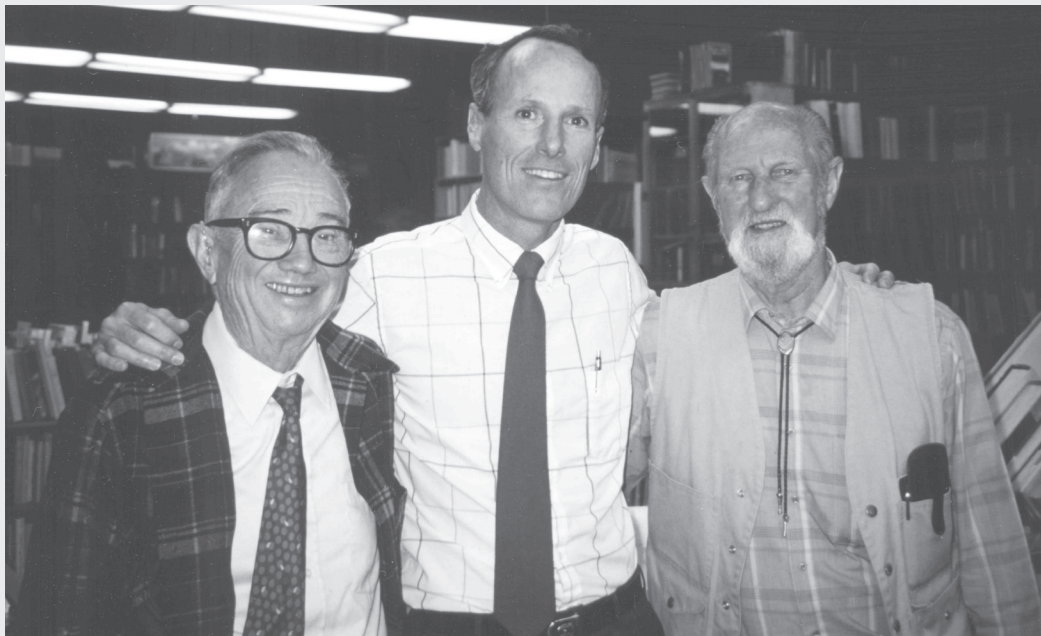


**A Tribute  
to the Honorary Members of the Sierra Peaks Section:  
Norman Clyde, Glen Dawson & Jules Eichorn - Part VI**

*by Bill Oliver  
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*Just back from the first ascent of the East Face of Whitney, 8/16/31. L-R: Jules Eichorn, Norman Clyde, Robert Underhill and Glen Dawson. By Francis Farquhar, Glen Dawson Collection, Angeles Chapter Archives.*



*At Dawson's Book Shop, 4/20/90. L-R: Glen Dawson, Bill Oliver and Jules Eichorn. Author's collection.*

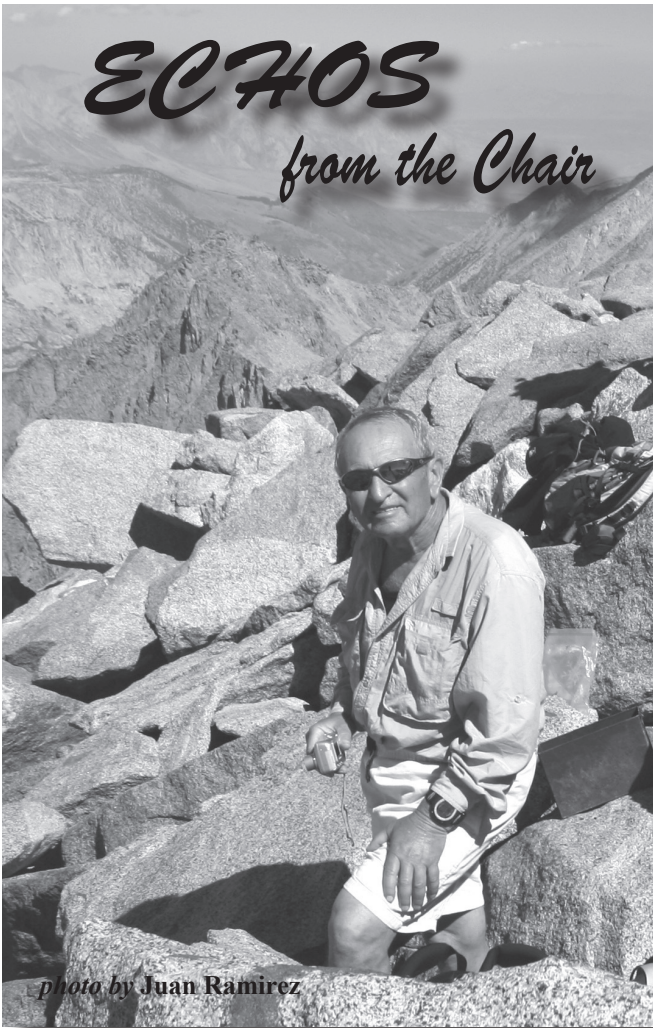


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# ECHOS

*from the Chair*



Hard to believe but I am the new Chair of SPS. It was just a final decision of our long discussions. Any of our new elected group could have been in this position. I have served as Chair in several other capacities namely HPS, a very complicated section.

A heartfelt thanks to those who served in 2007 (elected and appointed positions) for a very constructive and rewarding year. I have been told that the lower elevations of HPS peaks give time for HPS members to have vivid imaginations and to make multiple propositions. To reach our high Sierra peaks takes longer time with more perspiration, and subsequently reduce our imagination and proposition time. Not any more: The SPS sacred list has been affected by such imagination with the addition of Caltech peak. Moreover, the former Chair Darrick Danta deserves high grades for his new proposition of the "Sierra Sampler" and ending with his interesting professional presentation at

our 2008 Banquet "Mapping the Sierra". (Dr. Danta Darrick is a renowned professor at Cal State University Northridge). Henry Arnebold, the best for everything, marked his fifth year as a Treasurer. Stephanie Gylden served as Vice Chair, while Alex Amies took the Membership/Secretary position. Almost forgot, Bob Beach served as Alternate.

As Chair person I look forward to serving you along with Kathy Rich (Vice Chair), Darrick Danta (Past Chair/Membership/Secretary), Henry Arnebold (the life time Treasurer), and Dave Endres as the Alternate. I am happy to announce that all our 2007 appointed Committee Chairs have agreed to serve again as follows:

Larry Tidball / Outings  
Barbee Tidball / Outings / Conservation  
Doug Mantle. Saftey  
Larry Hoak / Webmaster safety  
Sara Danta / News  
Patty Kline / Merchandise  
Beth Epstein / Mailer  
Harry Langenbacher / Mtn. Register  
And of course our well known regional representatives.

If the Management Committee is mostly in the forefront of our activities, the appointee group is generally ignored. For the next Echo edition I will try acknowledge such people.

Any suggestion and comments are always welcome. Contact me at [gillypope@ca.rr.com](mailto:gillypope@ca.rr.com) or (818) 951-3251, or 9751 Amanita Avenue, Tujunga, CA. 91042.

With the best regards,  
Virgil Popescu

## MEETING INFORMATION

The 2008 SPS Management Committee will hold meetings every other month at a location to be determined. Please contact SPS Chair Virgil Popescu at (818) 951-3251 or [gillypope@ca.rr.com](mailto:gillypope@ca.rr.com) for meeting times, date and place.

# welcome

# Cal Tech Peak!

# 248

SPS members had the opportunity to vote yes or no on a proposal to add **CAL TECH PEAK** to our already existing peak list of 247. The vote was 47 in favor of and 34 against. Tellers: Gary Schenk and Sara Danta

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## The New SPS Management Committee



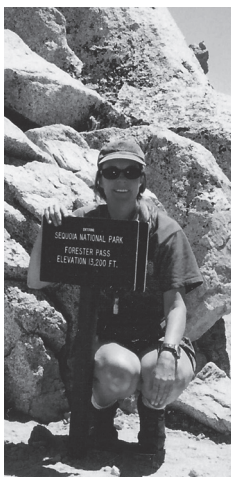
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Darrick Danta - Secretary



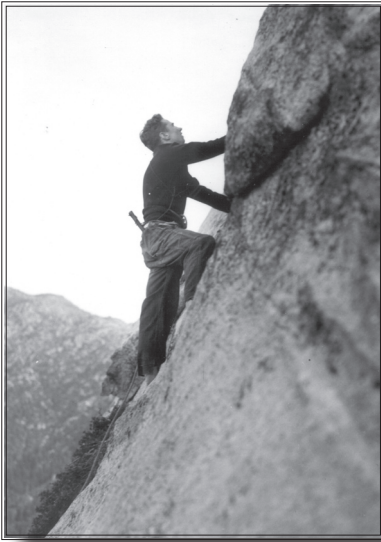
Henry Arnebold - Treasurer

Dave Endres - 5th Officer



### *Note from the Editor*

Oops, another blunder: In the last Echo edition, Volume 52 - Number 1, page 36, is a photo by Tom Ross of a peak identified as Mt. Clarence King. In actuality, the peak is of Mt. Brewer. Many of the photos used for the Echo, have been donated by Tom for such use. In this case, I mis-read the label which had faded over time. My appologies to him. Special thanks to Tom Ross, the author of The Border of the Sky, R.J. Secor, The High Sierra Peaks, Passes, and Trails, and Austin Post - USGS - Univ. of Alaska, for allowing us to use their very fine photos!



*Glen Dawson climbing at Tahquitz Rock, c. 1937. Glen Dawson Collection, Angeles Chapter Archives.*

**FRIENDS OF THE ANGELES CHAPTER HISTORY COMMITTEE:**

You are invited to the premier showing of “Golden Youth: The Adventures of Glen Dawson Growing Up In The Sierra Club”, a digital slide presentation that I will be presenting at the next meeting of the Ski Mountaineers Section, **March 18 (Tuesday)** at 7:30 p.m. at the Griffith Park Ranger Station Auditorium, 4730 Crystal Springs Drive, Los Angeles.

Featured will be photos and descriptions of early Dawson outings to local mountains and further afield, along with accounts of Glen’s many rock climbing and ski mountaineering exploits. Please join us in exploring the many facets of the Golden Age of Sierra Club outings.

An added attraction will be the presence of Glen Dawson, himself, now in his 95th year, and in Glen’s parlance, “still able to walk around the block.”

Bob Cates  
 Chair, Angeles Chapter History Committee  
 bobcates@ix.netcom.com

# LTC

## Leadership Training Committee release

February 3, 2008

Contact: Ron Campbell, LTC Vice Chair  
 714-962-8521  
 campbellr@verizon.net

***Club will offer outdoor leadership training April 12***

Interested in becoming an outings leader for the Club?

Angeles Chapter is home to one of the largest outings programs on the planet – thousands of trips ranging from beach barbecues to mountaineering expeditions.

Outdoor leadership training will be offered Saturday, April 12, at Griffith Park. The all-day seminar costs \$25. The application is on page 73 of the Angeles Chapter Schedule #306 and page 77 of Schedule #307. It’s also online at [angeles.sierraclub.org/ltc](http://angeles.sierraclub.org/ltc).

Mail the application and check, payable to Sierra Club, to Steve Botan, LTC Registrar, 18816 Thornwood Circle, Huntington Beach 92646. Applications and checks are due March 31.

### SPS Treasurer’s Report 4th Quarter 12/31/2007

**Checking Account**  
**Income**

Echo .....	40.00
Balance on 9/30/07.....	3,070.63
Income.....	40.00
	3,110.63
Expenditures.....	-1,137.59
	\$1,973.04

**Savings Account**

Balance on 9/30/07.....	4,923.20
October Interest.....	2.10
November Interest.....	2.02
December Interest.....	2.09
	\$4,929.41

**Expenditures**

Echo Printing.....	408.60
Copies & Folding.....	36.38
Supplies.....	83.07
Postage.....	609.54
	\$1,137.59

**RENEWAL DEADLINE  
APRIL 30th !**

To continue your ECHO subscription and renew your membership for 2008, make checks payable to SIERRA PEAKS SECTION. Mail renewal form provided in last Echo edition, and a check for \$10.00 or \$25.00 to the 2008 section Treasurer Henry Arnebold, 2459 Escalante, La Verne, CA 91750-1136. Renewal forms also available on our website.

**2008 ROSTER NEXT ISSUE**

Please inform the 2008 section Secretary Darrick Danta of address changes. [darrick.danta@csun.edu](mailto:darrick.danta@csun.edu)

**New Email Addresses**

Virgil Popescu	<a href="mailto:gillypope@ca.rr.com">gillypope@ca.rr.com</a>
Eric Lesser	<a href="mailto:e.lesser@att.net">e.lesser@att.net</a>
Lori Ives	<a href="mailto:ives@ivesico.net">ives@ivesico.net</a>
Dave Endres	<a href="mailto:dbendres@sbcglobal.net">dbendres@sbcglobal.net</a>
Larry Hoak	<a href="mailto:larryhoak@ca.rr.com">larryhoak@ca.rr.com</a>

**Last day for submission for next Echo: 05/23/08  
NO LATE SUBMISSIONS PLEASE!**

**MOUNTAINS RECORD REPORT  
NEXT ISSUE**

Report any canisters or sign-in booklets that are missing to Harry Langenbacher. [harryla@pacbell.net](mailto:harryla@pacbell.net)

# SPS TEES



Front: **NORTH PAL**

Back: **FULL SPS LIST** by geographic area with Mountaineer and Emblem Peak highlighted

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# SIERRA SAMPLER UPDATE

I've continued to receive comments and suggestions regarding the Sierra Sampler, and have tried to adjust the list accordingly. Following further review and Board approval, I'll publish the final version in the next Echo.

I am happy that this idea has generated its fair share of discussion and critique; much of it I can agree with, but some I cannot. For example, the suggestion has been made that rather than issue a set list of peaks, individuals be allowed to choose peaks on their own and that recognition be given to those completing, say, 25, 50, 100, etc. This is a perfectly good notion, but has nothing to do with what I'm proposing.

Again, my purpose in this exercise is to identify those peaks from the SPS List that score high on the "fun" and low on the "danger" scales. Those identified are relatively accessible, relatively fun to climb and/or offer some attraction, and are relatively safe. There are plenty of peaks on the List that are difficult to get to, are a bit of a pain to climb, and have taken lives. If you see no difference between Lamont, Sirretta, and Dana from Devils Crag, Thunderbolt, and Clarence King then the Sierra Sampler isn't for you. If, on the other hand, you're interested in some peaks to get started on and/or to simply enjoy climbing, then this list is FOR you.

I also received a suggestion that the Sierra Sampler not be made into any sort of Emblem; I agree. The big picture here is to enjoy climbing in the Sierra for its own sake. Yes it's fun to "keep score" with Emblems, Lists, etc., but at the end of the day it's the passes, peaks, and people I remember. The Sierra Sampler is just my attempt to provide a bit of incentive to those who may appreciate it, nothing more nor less.

Darrick

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As a relative newcomer to climbing SPS peaks (with only 22 under my belt after 3 summers), I have to say that something along the lines of Rob Langsdorf's suggestion of a '50 Peak Sampler Award' really appealed to me. However, I'd like to suggest that instead of just any peaks, that we incorporate Darrick's idea of peaks that are relatively safe and enjoyable as well as being easily reached. The '50 Peak Sierra Sampler Award' could consist of climbing one or more peaks in each of the 24 geographical areas along with 26 others of my choice (from Darrick's selected list).

Like Rob, very few of the 22 peaks I have climbed so far are on Darrick's list, so for me it seems like a daunting prospect to contemplate completing Darrick's entire list of 100 peaks. I don't often get to choose which peaks I get to climb as my significant other is trying to complete the list a 2nd time. So I really like the idea of an award that seems feasible in something short of a decade! In addition, I have only climbed one Emblem Peak so far, so that one will be a while in coming. I feel that having a '50 Peak Sierra Sampler Award' would be an attractive option for newer SPS members like myself, plus be valuable in attracting younger members who might only have the weekends free for climbing.

Kathy Rich

Thanks for putting these list together. I was thinking about what peaks should be on the list and then I read Rob's letter in the Echo. I really like his idea of having the climber decide what 50 peaks to climb with the one requirement that there be at least one peak from each area. This way the climber gets to sample the entire Sierra while at the same time lets the climber decide on the peaks. It make it easier for people to agree on.

John Cheslick

I fully endorse the philosophy and implementation of the Sierra Sampler. However, I think the Sampler should be used a tool to get new potential members into the Sierra Nevada and the Section. It should not become another list for the "Old Heads" to claim and to look for another "emblem" for their records.

I would strongly recommend the word "list" not be used in connection with the Sampler. It should be clearly understood by all that while climbing peaks in the Sampler will count toward existing awards and recognitions, climbs of the peaks in the Sampler will not result in the creation of any new award structure.

Larry Hoak

Submitted by Virgil Popescu and taken from a recent Southern Sierran issue.

## **To all Angeles Chapter leaders and Outings Chairs:**

The National Leader Standards Policy (implemented 7/1/04) indicates: “The leader of any Sierra Club Outing must.....Have First Aid certification equivalent to or higher than American Red Cross Basic.”

The Policy further states: “Currency – Every four years from the date a leader first met all requirements to lead an outing, regardless of level, OLT 101 must be refreshed and any lapsed first aid certifications must be renewed. Further, if a leader has not led a trip at a given level in the previous four years, then the leader must repeat the requirement to Provisionally Lead at that level or higher before leading an outing at the given level, or otherwise satisfy the Entity outing chair that the leader continues to possess the requisite skills.”

After extended discussion over the last several years, the Angeles Chapter Outings Management Committee (OMC) has decided on the following implementation of the above policy requirements in order to comply with the intent of the Policy and in order to be in sync with Club requirements throughout the country. Also considered in OMC discussions was a desire to avoid a repeat of the earlier problem of having all Chapter leaders need first aid re-certification at the same time at some point in the near future.

### **Effective 7/1/08: To lead an outing for the Angeles Chapter:**

1. First Aid Requirement (FAR) – A leader must have completed a qualifying first aid course within the four years prior to the outing. CPR does not satisfy the requirement. (A physician, nurse, or other currently practicing medical professional need not take a basic first aid course if he or she has first aid knowledge equivalent to or higher than American Red Cross Basic.)
2. Policy Update Requirement (PUR) – A leader must update their knowledge of Club and Chapter Policy through completion of OLT 101 (or equivalent) along with an Angeles Chapter Supplement.
  - a. There are several ways to satisfy this OLT 101 requirement: The materials can be studied individually or as part of a group.
    - i. Reading the OLT 101 Self Assessment available at <http://clubhouse.sierraclub.org/outings/training/intro/olt101/selfassessment.asp>.
    - ii. Completing the OLT 101 Web based training at <http://clubhouse.sierraclub.org/outings/training/intro/olt101/wbt/index.asp>.
    - iii. Group study is another mechanism to complete this requirement. Teaching plans, powerpoint charts, and role playing ideas are available at <http://clubhouse.sierraclub.org/outings/Training/intro/olt101/teachingmaterial/index.asp>.
    - iv. Reading the Outing Leader Handbook (OLM) (revised 10/20/07) which is available for download at <http://clubhouse.sierraclub.org/outings/common/handbook.asp>.
    - v. Finally, reading the first five chapters of the latest 16<sup>th</sup> edition of the Leader’s Reference Book or attendance at the Angeles Chapter Leadership Training Seminars will satisfy the Policy Update Requirements.
  - b. The Angeles Chapter Supplement will document differences between Angeles Chapter and National requirements and will cover material not in the OLH. It will be available at the LTC web site ([www.angeles.sierraclub.org/ltc](http://www.angeles.sierraclub.org/ltc)) by 1/1/08.
3. Leader records update – When a leader completes a first aid course or satisfies the Policy Update Requirement, the leader should notify their Outings Chair when they completed the requirement. Our tracking system requires knowledge of the type of first aid course taken (i.e., whether standard or wilderness first aid) and dates for FAR and PUR completion. Outings Chairs should collect all inputs and send a periodic update of changes to the Chapter database. Also, Outings Chairs should verify that the Chapter Leader List indicates leader compliance with the requirements at the time of any outing.

The Policy requirement about having led during the last four years is still under discussion. Outings Chairs may be asked to report annually (to the OMC) the names of leaders and assistants who have lead a Level 1 Outing and who have led a Level 2 Outing during the previous year, using information from the Liability Waiver forms that leaders must submit to the Outings Chairs following each outing.



# Leadership Training Committee

## Schedule of Activities

### Leadership Training Program Seminar 2008

Apr 12	LTC Program Seminar	Steve Botan
Oct 4	LTC Program Seminar	Steve Botan



### Wilderness First Aid [www.wildernessfirstaidcourse.org](http://www.wildernessfirstaidcourse.org)

May 16 - 18 O/I/M/E	Wilderness First Aid Course	Steve Schuster
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### Navigation Practices and Checkouts 2008

Apr 5	Basic GPS Class, , Eaton Canyon Nature Center	Harry Freimanis
Apr 19-20	I/M P,C Indian Cove, Joshua Tree	Harry Freimanis
May 3	Beginning Navigation Clinic Mt. Lowe	Diane Dunbar
May 10-11	I/M/E Places We've Saved Navigation	Virgil Shields
May 18	I/M/E P,C Grinnell Ridge	Harry Freimanis
Sep 29	I/M/E P,C Grinnell Ridge	Harry Freimanis
Oct 19	I/M P,C Indian Cove, Joshua Tree	Robert Myers
Oct TBD	Beginning Navigation Clinic Mt. Lowe	Diane Dunbar
Nov 15-16	I/M Indian Cove, Joshua Tree	Harry Freimanis
Dec TBD	Basic GPS Class	Harry Freimanis
Dec TBD	Beginning Navigation Clinic Mt Lowe	Diane Dunbar
Dec 14	I/M/E P,C Warren Point	Harry Freimanis

### Rock Practices and Checkouts 2008

Mar 9	M/E, Stoney Point Rock Checkoff	Ron Hudson - Chair
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Various Dates M/E P Vertical Adventures  
(This is not a Sierra Club activity, but can prepare candidates for rock checkoffs.)  
[www.vertical.adventures.com](http://www.vertical.adventures.com)

### Snow Practices and Checkouts 2008

Apr 26-27	M/E LTC Sierra Snow Checkoff/Practice	Tina Bowman
May 17-18	M/E LTC Sierra Snow Practice/Check off	Nile Sorenson

### Environmental Awareness

Look at the Chapter's Schedule of Activities for outings sponsored by the Natural Science Section, such as the Hundred Peaks Section. Check also the LTC web site—see below—and [http://angeles.sierraclub.org/ltc/transfers/ltc\\_creditsinfo\\_0607\\_11.doc](http://angeles.sierraclub.org/ltc/transfers/ltc_creditsinfo_0607_11.doc)

The LTC website has a calendar of events & info about training not offered by the Sierra Club:  
[angeles.sierraclub.org/ltc/](http://angeles.sierraclub.org/ltc/)



# Outings

**Mar 9 | Sun** LTC, SPS, DPS, WTC

**E/M: Stoney Point Rock Workshop/Checkoff:**

This intermediate and advanced workshop is based on the rock requirements for M and E leadership. Checkoffs for M and E rock must be pre-arranged. It is a restricted trip; to participate you must be a member of the Sierra Club and have suitable rock climbing experience. Helmet, basic climbing gear, completed medical form required. Send sase/email, climbing resume, SC#, address, phones to Ldr: RON HUDSON. Co-Ldr: DAN RICHTER

**Mar 31 | Mon** LTC

**Deadline for Leadership Training Seminar:** Last day for receipt of application and payment by LTC Registrar for enrollment in April 12 seminar. Next seminar: Fall 2008. Registrar: STEVE BOTAN

**Apr 5 | Sat** LTC, WTC, HPS

**O: GPS Class: Introduction to Global Positioning System** at Eaton Canyon Nature Center, Pasadena. Apply early, no registration at door, start 9 am indoors. Focus on Garmin models includes features, selection, operation, use with maps (provided), hands-on field practice in afternoon. We have Loaner GPS. Send sase, phones, email, any GPS experience and model, \$20 (LTC no refund after Mar 31) to Ldr: HARRY FREIMANIS. Asst: PHIL WHEELER

**Apr 12 | Sat** LTC

**Leadership Training Seminar:** Become a qualified Sierra Club Leader. Deadline for receipt of application and payment is Mar 31. No registration after this date or at door. Next seminar: Fall 2008. Registrar: STEVE BOTAN

**April 12-13 | Sat-Sun** SPS, WTC

**I: Rockhouse Peak (8,360') Sirretta Peak (9,977')** Come climb these two peaks situated in the Southern Sierra with us. We will climb them via class 1 routes on 2 day hikes. On Saturday climb Rockhouse Peak via the north slope. On Sunday climb Sirretta. Experience with class 2 travel and good fitness required. Send email with conditioning, experience. Leader: ALEX AMIES, Asst: GREG MASON.

**Apr 19-20 | Sat-Sun** LTC, WTC, HPS

**I/M: 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: ROBERT MYERS

**April 27 | Sun** DPS

**Annual Awards Banquet:** The Reef Restaurant, 880 Harbor Scenic Dr, Long Beach (562) 435-8013. Social hour 5PM, dinner 6:30 PM. Outstanding presentation, "Wild Places of the Americas," by renown photographer & adventurer Rich Henke. Send \$36 per person (to DPS) by April 21 to DPS treasurer **Gloria Miladin**, 11946 Downey Ave, Downey 90242, email gm500@yahoo.com. Specify Prime Rib, Salmon or Vegetarian. Tickets will be held at the door. The Reef adds \$4 more for reservations made after Apr 21.

**Apr 26-27 | Sat-Sun** LTC, SPS

**M/E: Sierra Snow Checkoff/Practice:** For M&E candidates wanting to check off leadership ratings or others who wish to practice new techniques. Restricted to SC members with some prior basic training with the ice axe. Send SC#, climbing resume, email/sase, phones to Ldrs: TINA BOWMAN, TOM MCDONNELL

**May 3 | Sat** LTC, WTC, HPS

**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

**May 3-4 | Sat – Sun** **SPS**  
**MR: Wynne (13,179') Pinchot (13,495')**. Saturday meet and consolidate cars to drive up 4 wheel drive rd and backpack to Armstrong Canyon (2 mi 1,900' gain). Sunday alpine start, climb Wynne via class 2 east ridge and Pinchot via class 3 traverse (6.5 mi 5,400' gain round trip). Return to camp and pack out. Strong physical fitness and ice axe and crampon experience required. Trip restricted to Sierra Club members only. Participants with 4x4 vehicles especially welcome! Send email with Sierra Club # , medical form and resume detailing experience, conditioning and rideshare info to: Ldr: ALEXANDER SMIRNOFF. Co-Ldr: BETH EPSTEIN

**May 3-5 | Fri-Mon** **SPS**  
**Rescheduled to May 10-12**  
**MR: Mt. Williamson (14,370)** Snow climb of California's second highest peak via Bairs Creek. Day 1 hike from TH (6,200') up Bairs Ck 2.5 mi to camp in snow at 10,200' (4,000' gain). Day 2 climb Williamson via cl 2 southeast ridge on snow with ice axe/crampons, 4 mi round trip, 4,200' gain. Day 3 hike out 2.5 mi. Total stats: 9 miles, 8,200'. Restricted to Sierra Club members. Send SASE / email with recent conditioning, experience on snow, SC#, completed Medical Form and \$5 permit fee to Ldr: DARRICK DANTA, Asst: TINA BOWMAN.

**May 10-11 | Sat-Sun** **LTC, WTC, DPS**  
**I: Places We've Saved Navigation Noodle** in the Mojave National Preserve: Join us for our fifth annual journey through this jewel of the Mojave now preserved, under the California Desert Protection Act, as a result of the efforts of Sierra Club activists and others. An intermediate xc navigation day-hike workshop will be conducted out of a carcamp in the pinyon and juniper forests of the Mid Hills. Potluck and social on Sat, and for those arriving early on Fri. Send email/sase to Ldr: HARRY FREIMANIS. Asst: VIRGIL SHIELDS

**May 16-18 | Fri-Sun** **LTC, Harwood, WTC**  
**C: Wilderness First Aid Course:** Runs from 8 am Fri to 5:30 pm Sun. Includes lodging, meals, practice first aid kit. CPR within previous 4 years required to enroll. \$190 with SC#/\$200 non-member. Full refund thru Apr 11. For application, contact Ldr: STEVE SCHUSTER

**May 17-18 | Sat -Sun** **LTC, SPS, DPS**  
**M/E: Sierra Snow Checkoff/Practice:** For M & E candidates wanting to check off leadership ratings or others who wish to practice new techniques. Restricted to SC mbrs with some prior basic training with the ice axe. Send SC#, climbing resume, email, H&W phones to Ldr: NILE SORENSON Co-ldr: DOUG MANTLE.

**May 18 | Sun** **LTC, WTC, HPS**  
**I/M/E:Warren Point Navigation: Navigation noodles at Joshua Tree National Park** for either checkout or practice to satisfy the Basic (I/M) or Advanced (E) level navigation requirements. To receive homework assignment, send navigation experience/training, any WTC, leader rating, rideshare, phones, email/sase to Ldr: HARRY FREIMANIS. Asst: ROBERT MYERS

**May 24-26 | Sat-Mon** **SPS**  
**MR: Mt Thompson (13,494) Point Powell (13,364)** Sat backpack at moderate pace from Lake Sabrina over trail and snow to Donkey Lake (approx. 6 mi, 2000' gain). Sun climb peaks Thompson (3.2 mi, 3000' gain) first and then Pt Powell (1.2 mi, 700' gain) via Thompson-Powell Col. Ice axe, helmet and crampons are required. Mon pack out. Restricted to Sierra club members. Completed medical form required. \$5 permit fee at trailhead. Send SC# and experience/conditioning resume via sase or email (preferred) to Leader: GREG MASON, Asst: ASHER WAXMAN

**MAY 29-31 | Thurs - Sun** **SPS**  
**MR: Caltech Pk (13,832'), Tyndall (14,014')**: Join friends of Mac and Bill dedicating out new addition to the Peak List. Send resume, including ice axe, crampon experience and medical form to Leaders: DOUG MANTLE, TINA BOWMAN.

**June 7-8 | Sat- Sun** **SPS**  
**MR: Emerson: (13,204')** Intro to SPS M-rated trips w/ ice axe & crampons. Sat hike 2 mi from North Lake (9360') backpacking to just past Loch Leven Lake at 10,743' Set-up camp. Afternoon ice axe practice to refresh skills. Sun up early, climb peak 2461' gain on snow and 3rd cl rock. Hike out to cars after peak climb. Send SASE w/ conditioning, climbing experience, H, cell & W phones, ride share info, SC#, completed Medical Form and \$5 permit

fee to Ldr: BARBEE TIDBALL, Asst: JOHN CHESLICK and LARRY TIDBALL.

**June 7-8 | Sat-Sun** **WTC, SPS**

**MR: Mt. Conness (12590'), (Mt. Dana (13,053)):** Visit the beautiful snowy reaches of upper Yosemite National Park. View Half Dome from the summit. Saturday hike 3.5 miles with possible snowshoe cross-country, 2470' gain to summit from Saddlebag Lake along East Ridge. Camp at Lake. Sunday drive to Tioga Pass, hike 3 miles crosscountry, 4000' gain to Mt. Dana. Participants must be Sierra Club members and be proficient with ice axe, crampons and moderate 3rd class rock. Send recent conditioning, experience, medical form and sase/ease to Ldr ERIC SCHEIDEMANTLE. Co-Ldr TINA BOWMAN.

**June 14-15 | Sat- Sun** **SPS**

**MR: Merriam Peak (13,103) Royce Peak (13,280'):** Sat backpack Pine Creek trailhead to Honeymoon Lk approx. 4 mi 3300' gain. Sun hike across Sierra Crest to climb both peaks, cl 2, 3700' total elev gain from camp with snow (ice axe and crampons). Return to camp, pack-up and hike out. Send SASE recent conditioning H, cell & W phones, ride share info, SC#, completed Medical Form and \$5 permit fee to Ldr: BARBEE TIDBALL, Asst: TINA BOWMAN.

**June 14-16 | Sat-Mon** **SPS**

**I: Kern Peak: (11,510')** SPS Introductory trip in the southern Sierra geared to prospective SPSers and WTC students. Moderate and enjoyable pace. Enjoy studying flora and fauna with naturalist Sherry Ross. Saturday backpack 9 mi, 1500' gain to camp at Redrock Meadows at 8600'. Sunday climb class 2 Kern Peak 8 mi rt, 3000' gain rt with considerable x-country. Legendary community happy hours Sat and Sun evenings. Monday backpack out 9 mi, 1800' gain (roadhead higher than camp). Send SASE recent conditioning H, cell & W phones, ride share info to Ldr: PATTY KLINE, Asst: SHERRY ROSS.

**June 21-22 Sat-Sun** **SPS**

**ER: North Palisade (14,242') Polemonium Peak (14,080'):** Climb these two rugged 14,000' peaks situated in the Palisades area of the Eastern Sierras with us via the U-Notch. This will be a strenuous

backpack and class 4 / 5th snow and rock climb. Saturday pack in from the Glacier Lodge trailhead to camp. Sunday climb the U-Notch to North Pal, make the traverse, attempt Polemonium, and descend the same way. Sunday pack out. Restricted to Sierra Club members with strong fitness and experience on class 4 / 5th snow and rock. Send email with conditioning, experience, SC#. Medical form required. \$5 permit fee required at trailhead. Leader: ALEX AMIES, Co-ldr: TOM MCDONNELL.

**July 11-13 | Fri-Sun** **WTC,SPS**

**MR: Mt. Ritter (13143'), Banner (12936'):** Climb a classic Sierra and SPS Emblem peak. Leave Agnew Meadows Fri, backpack 6 mi, 1100' gain to Lake Ediza. Sat hike 6 mi xc rt, 6000' gain from Lake Ediza up the SE glacier. Sun pack out. Participants must be Sierra Club members and be proficient with ice axe, crampons and high 3rd class rock. Send recent conditioning, experience, sase/ease to Ldr ERIC SCHEIDEMANTLE. CoLdr WILL MCWHINNEY.

**July 19-21 | SAT-MON** **SPS**

**I; Cirque Pk (12,900'):** SPS intro trip in eastern Sierra geared to prospective SPS'ers and WTC students. Relaxed and enjoyable pace. Sat. backpack from Horseshoe Meadow at 10,000' to Long Lake at 11,160' (6 mi, 1200' gain). Sun. climb peak, class 1 (5 mi rt, 1800' gain) and legndary community happy hour. Mon. hike out. Send SASE with \$5 permit fee, conditioning and high altitude experience, home, work, cell phones, ride share info to LDR: PATTY KLINE. Asst: KENT SCHWITKIS.

**June 28-29 | Sat-Sun** **SPS**

**MR: Mt Ritter (13,143'), Banner Pk (12,936'):** Restricted to Sierra Club members with ice axe, crampon, exposed class 3 experience. Saturday backpack from Agnew Meadow to Ediza Lake, 7.5 mi, 1230' gain. Possible climb on Banner Pk, 6 mi rt, 3660' gain. Sunday climb Mt. Ritter, 6mi rt, 3870' gain, and pack out. Medical form required. Send climbing resume, recent conditioning, sase/esase, H&W phones, SC#, \$6 permit fee to Ldr: ALEX AMIES. Asst: VIRGIL POPESCU.

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**July 18-20 | Fri-Sun** **SPS**  
MR: Mt. Sill (14,153') & Mt. Gayley (13,510') Ice axe crampons required. See SPS website, main schedule or contact leaders for more information. LDR BARBEE TIDBALL, Co-Ldr: LARRY TIDBALL

**July 26-27 | Sat-Sun** **WTC, SPS**  
**I: Cirque Peak (12,900')**: Gourmet Backpack! Join us for Decadent Wilderness Weekend VI. Sat backpack 4 mi, 1300' via Cottonwood Pass to Chicken Springs Lake for 5-star dining experience. Sun work off those calories with 2.5 mi, 1700' gain to Cirque. Send e-mail (preferred) or sase with H&W phones, recent conditioning and your most outrageous culinary ideas to Ldr: RON CAMPBELL. Assts: GEORGETTE RIECK, ED COTTONE.

**Aug. 1-3 | Fri-Sun** **WTC, SPS**  
**M: North Guard (13,327'), Mt. Brewer (13,570')**: Fri backpack from Cedar Grove to camp at Sphinx Lakes, 8.5 mi, 5500' gain. Sat climb North Guard, 3 mi, 4200' gain, and, if possible, Brewer, 1 mi, 650' gain. Sun hike out. Happy hour both nights. Class 3 experience, helmets, medical form required; restricted to Sierra Club members. Medical form and helmet required. Send e-mail (preferred) or sase with H&W phones, recent conditioning, climbing resume, rideshare info and \$5 permit fee to Ldr: RON CAMPBELL. Asst: TOM MCDONNELL.

**Aug 16-18 | Sat-Mon** **SPS**  
**I: Red Slate Mtn (13,123')**: SPS into trip geared to WTC students and prospective SPSers. Relaxed and enjoyable pace. Sat Backpack up McGee Creek to McGee Lakes at 11,040', 6.5 mi and 2900' gain. Sun climb class 1 peak 4 mi. rt. and 2,200' gain. Legendary community happy hour Sat and Sun. Mon. hike out. Send SASE with \$5 permit fee, conditioning and high altitude experience, home, work, cell phones, ride share info to Ldr: PATTY KLINE. Asst: JOE WANKUM.

**Aug 22-24 | Fri-Sun** **SPS/Wild Ad/NSS/PVSB**  
**I: Royce Pk (12, 280), Merriam Pk (13, 103)**: SPS Intro Trip suitable for WTC students. Join leaders for moderately fast-paced 3-day backpack & climb

in the John Muir Wilderness Area/Kings Canyon National Park. Start Fri. by hiking up to Upper Pine Lake: 5 miles, 3000 feet of gain. Possible ascent of Julius Caesar (13200) 9 miles rt, 3,000 feet of gain if leaders feeling their cohones. Sat climb Royce and Merriam from Saddle between, 10 mi rt, 4000' gain. Sun backpack out and return to LA. While not for beginners, this trip is suitable for people who already have some other xc trips under their boots. Some naturalizing along the way as time permits. Send check for \$5 permit fee (payable to leader) and separate \$30 check returnable at trailhead (payable to Sierra Club), two 4x9 sase (or 1 sase & email), complete contact info, recent backpacking & climbing resume and rideshare info to Ldr: KEITH MARTIN. Asst: MARK MITCHELL

**Aug 23 | SAT** **SPS**  
**ER: Mt. Humphreys (13,986')**: Strenuous 17 mi, 5000' gain dayhike via Piute Pass for a fast, small, skilled group to climb cl 4 emblem pk. Restricted to SC members on Mnteers List or equiv. Must complete medical form. Send recent experience and conditioning, carpool info, SC#, and e-mail or 2 sases to Ldr: TINA BOWMAN. Co-Ldrs: ALEX AMIES, TOM BOWMAN.

**Aug 23-25 | Fri-Mon** **HPS, SPS**  
**I: Clouds Rest (9526') to Half Dome (8835')** 17 mi, 3600' gn, 4800' loss. Strenuous but comfortably paced, unrushed 4 day backpack. From Tenaya Lake to Yosemite Valley. Must be comfortable with steep exposed route holding cables. Email or send SASE with H&W phones, recent conditioning to Leaders: DIANE DUNBAR, GARY BICKEL.

**August 23-24 | Sat-Sun** **SPS, WTC**  
**I: Split (14,042') and Tinemaha (12,520')**: Come climb this 14-er and SPS Emblem peak. Sat backpack to Red Lake (5 mi, 4000' gain); climb Tinemaha (1.5 mi, 2000' gain, class 2). Sun climb Split (2 mi, 3500' gain, class 2), and pack out. 4-WD may be required on trailhead road. Send SASE or email (preferred) to leader with: contact information, carpool info, climbing resume with recent experience/conditioning. Ldr; KATHY RICH; Co-Ldr: RON HUDSON.

**Sept. 6-7 | Sat-Sun** **SPS**  
**I: Matterhorn Peak (12,264):**  
Climb this emblem peak in Northern Yosemite on a two-day trip and enjoy the spectacular vistas of the Sawtooth range. Total 10 miles roundtrip, approx. 5,300' gain. E-mail leaders with conditioning and experience. Ldr: VIRGIL POPESCU, Co-Ldr: PAT ARREDONDO

**Sept 6 | Sat** **SPS**  
**I: Clouds Rest (9,926'):**  
Scot Sullivan's List Finish Day hike of Clouds Rest in Yosemite National Park, near Tuolumne Meadows. 16 miles round trip and 2700' of elevation gain. Bring something to share for lunch on the summit. Hikers should have good conditioning. Party goes only also welcome for post hike celebration/ pot luck dinner. Send SASE to: Ldr: LARRY TIDBALL Co-Ldr: BARBEE TIDBALL

**Sep 12-13 | Fri-Sun** **SPS**  
**I: Giant Sequoia Nat'l Monument II:**  
Leisurely paced exploration of the most easterly sequoia grove in the Sierra, a look at another grove and climbs of two unlisted peaks coupled with two nights of extended happy hours. Part of an "old-timers" series, this outing will emphasize renewing acquaintances with longtime climbers and welcoming newcomers. Camp both Fri and Sat pm at Quaking Aspen off Cal 190 in Tulare County. Separate hikes Sat to two sequoia groves and a stroll up Dome Rock (7221'), total hiking 7.5 miles with 1500' gain. Separate climbs Sun of Baker Pt (7754') and Baker Pk. (7992'), total hiking 4.2 miles with less than 1000' gain and some Cl 2 on Baker Pk. Afterward, consider hiking up Sunday Pk, once SPS listed but now HPS listed, and departing a different way in this scenic part of the Sierra. Send sase with H&W phones and e-mail address to Asst Ldr: JERRY KEATING. Ldr: GORDON MACLEOD. Asst Ldr: BARBARA LILLEY.

**Sept 27 | Sat** **SPS**  
**I: Muah (11,016'), Trail Pk (11,673'):**  
End the SPS season with pleasant but long dayhike with the girls, Mary Mac and Tina. Moderately paced from Horseshoe Meadow, Muah is 12 mi. and 3,000' gain. Add Trail Pk, 3 mi. and 1800' gain. Join us for a

pizza party in Lone Pine on Saturday night. Send email/sase, phones, recent conditioning to Ldr: TINA BOWMAN Asst: MARY MCMANNES

**Sept 28 | Sun** **LTC, WTC, HPS**  
**I/M/E: 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: ROBERT MYERS.

**Oct 19 | Sun** **LTC, WTC, HPS**  
**I/M: 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: ROBERT MYERS. Asst: PHIL WHEELER.

**Oct | TBD** **LTC, WTC, HPS**  
**I: Mt Lowe (5603'):**  
Beginning Navigation Clinic: 5 mi, 500' gain. One on one with an instructor, learning/practicing map & compass. Beginners to rusty old timers welcome. Not a check off. 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 4 | Sat** **LTC**  
**Leadership Training Seminar:**  
Become a qualified Sierra Club Leader. Registrar: STEVE BOTAN

**Nov 15-16 | Sat-Sun** **LTC, WTC, HPS**  
**I/M: Indian Cove Navigation:**  
Nav noodles at Joshua Tree NP for either checkout or practice to satisfy (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: ROBERT MYERS

**LEADER CONTACT INFO NEXT PAGE**

## Outings Sign-up

Email contact info for the ldrs of these trips appears in this edition. To apply as a participant on an outing, send a SASE (or email if requested), SC member number, experience resume, conditioning routine, home and work phone numbers, email address (if applicable), rideshare information and, **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](http://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 Sierra Club members with the appropriate rock or snow skills. Participants are required by the National Sierra Club to complete the medical information form, available at [www.sierraclub.org/outings/national/participantforms/forms\\_medical](http://www.sierraclub.org/outings/national/participantforms/forms_medical). **For all trips, standard or restricted, all participants** on Sierra Club outings are required to sign a standard liability waiver. If you would like to read the Liability Waiver before you choose to participate on an outing, please go to: <http://www.sierraclub.org/outings/chapter/forms/>, or contact the Outings Department at (415) 977-5528 for a printed version.

## Other Info

The Sierra Echo is a quarterly publication of the Sierra Peaks Section of the Sierra Club's Angeles Chapter. For more information, see the back of this newsletter. All questions, copy and photo submissions should be directed to **Sara Danta, Editor, The Sierra Echo**, preferably via email at [s\\_wyrens@yahoo.com](mailto:s_wyrens@yahoo.com). Mailing address is 9741 Reseda Blvd., Unit 46, Northridge, CA 91324. The Echo will also be available (*with leader contact info omitted*) as a PDF download at the SPS website.

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# The Book Corner

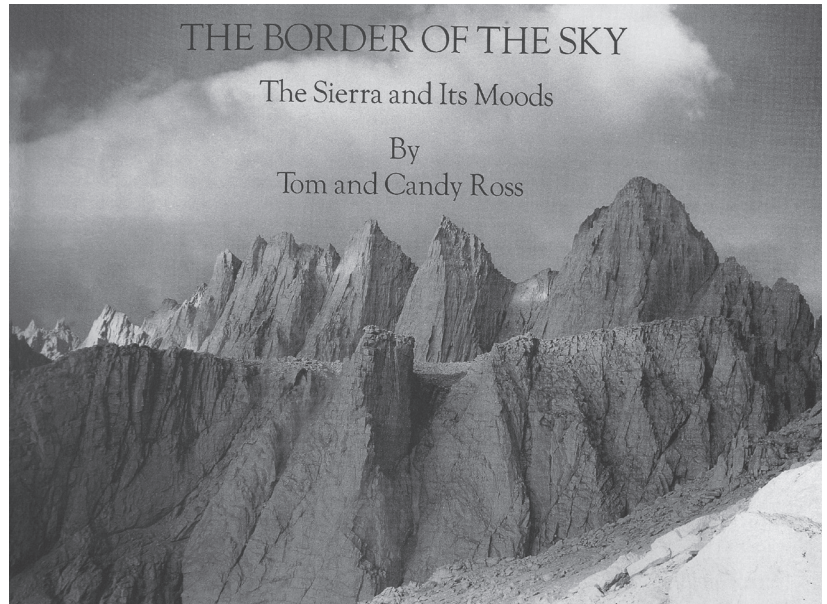
“Far beyond, like clouds upon the *border of the sky*, towered minarets of white, where the Sierra’s eternal snows flashed austerely the blazes of the sun. . .”

- Jack London -

THE BORDER OF THE SKY  
The Sierra and Its Moods

By Tom and Candy Ross  
Second Printing - Revised, 2001  
Western Book/Journal Press

by Sara Danta



The Boarder of the Sky... begins with a Preface and Foreword as most books do. Tom Ross himself wrote the 2 page Foreword which gives us a glimpse into his personal journey of how his love of the Sierra and photography came together. Most of Tom’s early exploration of the Sierra was done in the late 1950s either hiking or on skis, and done solely with his St. Bernard Dog “Inyo”. Inyo later died as a result of a bear attack.

The real meat of the book consists of over 60 full pages of exquisite photography taken from the 1950s through the 1980s. As an extra bonus, many of these photos are side by side corresponding pages of inspiring quotes from the likes of Kahlil Gibran, Mary Austin and Emerson. The depth and detail of these shots is phenomenal and it’s hard to say which is my favorite. The photo of a sculptured granite face taken of an unnamed peak on page 56 would certainly be among my top ten favorites, and perhaps the photo of the snow banners on Williamson on page 3. The scene of the clearing storm at sunset on Eagle Scout peak on page 27 is to me almost spiritual. If I had to chose though, I think the photo that attracts me the most, is on page 69 where reads

the caption “Climber peering into the bergschrund, Palisade Glacier, August 1960”. I’ve never been that close to the Palisade bergschrund myself but seeing Tom’s photo is the next best thing. The detail on the icicles is remarkable.

This book can be purchased directly from the author, who is a long time SPS member.....really long. Tom joined the section in 1955.

I give this book a thumbs up. Tom’s long time friend Andrew J. Smakko, M.D., sums it up very well when he writes in the Preface:

“The only regret I feel is that this superb album could not comprise a thousand black and white photographs to showcase his versatility with the camera. Long after Tom has gone, his name will live alongside his photographic accomplishments. This is his reward. . .”

# INTERESTING PHOTO



*Picture of a mountain lion  
taken Wednesday 1/16/08  
from the bridge at the east  
entrance to JPL.*

*Taken by JPL employee  
Submitted by Steve Curry*

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## *Atop Mount Baldwin*



*Keith Martin, Dan Richter, Ron Eckelmann and Mike Zimmerman, Sept. 9, 2007.*



# SPS 2008

# BANQUET

The Master of Ceremony was the illustrious Henry Arnebold who introduced our speaker for the evening, our very own Darrick Danta, professor of geography, who presented “Mapping the Sierra”. This illustrated talk reviewed early mapping surveys of the Sierra, the cartographic history of the range and modern techniques of terrain representation. The talk included an animated fly-over of the mountains we love to climb.



*Darrick presenting Gary Schenk (2006 Chair) with Chain's pin*



*The engaging Henry Arnebold our Master of Ceremony for the evening*



*Barbara Sholle, Tom & Tina Bowman*

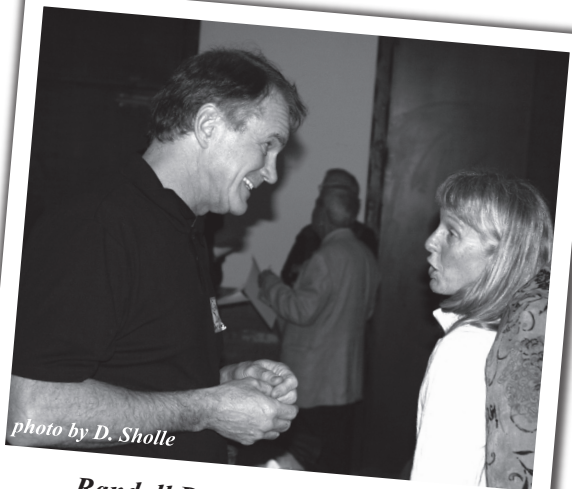
# SPS 2008 Banquet Photos

photo by D. Sholle



*Virgil Popescu (2008 Chair) receiving Chair's pin from  
2007 Chair Darrick Danta*

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*Randall Danta & Tina Bowman*

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*Pat holleman, Betty McRuer & Mary Mac*

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*Ret Moore*

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*Patty Kline presenting Steve Curry with  
\$60 raffle gift card from REI*

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*Brian Smith and Audrey Goodman*



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*Kathy Rich and Reiner Stenzel*

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*Tom Bowman, Rich Gnagy & Eric Lessor*

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*Darrick presenting brother Randall with list finish pin.*

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*Pat Holleman, Barbara Sholle & Mary Motheral*