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The Sierra Echo



Climber peers into the bergschrund, Palisade Glacier, August, 1960

photo by Tom Ross

ECHOS

from the Chair

by Kathy Rich

It's been a great summer for Sierra trips this year! There's been some weather interfering with our plans, but the rains greened up the meadows and brought out the wildflowers. On July 25th, we had a list finish celebration for Daryn Dodge on Cirque Peak, with a party in Independence afterward (thanks to Corinne and Bill Livingston). About 25 climbers, many of whom were from the Bay area, were in attendance (see summit photo on the SPS website). Corinne is hoping to finish the list sometime next year....

A new list finish idea became a reality with the amazing accomplishment of Matthew Holliman, who on August 7th finished climbing all the peaks on the SPS list as day hikes. Matthew has been an active participant in the annual week-long Sierra Challenge, initiated in 2001 by Bob Burd (see article in this issue). Bob hopes to finish day hiking the SPS list himself next year.

We'd like to welcome new members Marlen Mertz, Lori Williams, Louise Wholey, Donna Elliot and Neil Jenkins. Eric Schumacher renewed his subscription to the Echo. I would like to suggest that leaders of our trips approach and encourage any trip participants that are not already SPS members to send in their membership application and Echo subscription as soon as they become qualified.

Thanks to Greg Mason (Outreach /5th member), a new email distribution list for sending out the electronic version of the Echo has been set up using Google Apps. It was becoming increasingly important to relieve our hard-working Editor of the Echo, Sara Danta, of this task. If you requested a paper copy of the Echo, you will still receive one in the mail as usual. Please don't be alarmed if you receive an electronic Echo as well. Also thanks to our webmaster Larry Hoak, for solving the List Serve problem and for adding new material and keeping the website up to date.

From conversations with a number of currently active SPS climbers, there is interest in revitalizing the Mountaineer's List. According to the SPS website, no updates



have been made since March, 2006. As permit sizes restrict the number of participants on trips, there may be less need than in the past for such a list. However, leaders can still benefit from assurance as to the competency of their trip applicants, plus it would provide incentives for the current batch of strong young climbers to extend their experience and skills in mountaineering.

If you haven't been already, I'd recommend a visit to the Eastern Sierra Museum in Independence. There are a number of interesting exhibits, including the special exhibit honoring Norman Clyde. The exhibit tells of Norman's life and times in the Sierra, which included many first ascents of the peaks we all strive to climb. Many of the materials were assembled through the efforts of Bill Oliver, our SPS historian. Bill also gave a presentation locally at Glen Dawson's retirement home in Pasadena that was very well attended. Glen is one of the original Sierra peaks climbers and is now 97 years old. Glen answered questions and chatted with the audience afterward.

Please make a note on your calendars that the SPS Banquet will take place on Saturday, January 30th at Taix Restaurant. Paul Garry, an active local SPS climber who's also involved in WTC, will be the featured speaker. Paul will tell us about his climb last year of Cho Oyu, an 8000 meter peak in the Himalayas.

The next MC meeting will most likely be held in November. All are welcome! Please contact me with any comments or suggestions you might have at: KathrynAR-ich@gmail.com.

Management Committee

Meeting Minutes

SIERRA PEAKS SECTION

Management Committee Meeting Minutes

Held Tuesday, May 19, 2009 at the home of Dan Richter

The meeting was called to order at 19:30.

In attendance were: Kathy Rich (Chairperson), Henry Arnebold (Treasurer) Doug Owens (Secretary), Greg Mason (Fifth Officer), and Dan Richter.

- 1.1 The minutes of the previous minutes were presented and approved.
- 1.2 Kathy announced that the LTC has decided that M-level leader candidates do not necessarily need to be evaluated by an assistant leader who has had an M or E rating for at least 2 years. Evaluators with sufficient experience who have attained their rating less than 2 years ago may be proposed to the LTC.

The next Echo newsletter deadline is 22 May, 2009.

- 2.1 The board voted to approve a list of trips submitted by Barbee and Larry Tidball.
- 2.2 Approved a motion authorizing Patty Kline to make a reservation for the next SPS banquet for 30 January, 2010 and to ask Paul Garry if he would like to give a presentation at the banquet.
- 2.3 Kathy said that Marlen Mertz suggested using meetup.com to promote SPS outings. The board agreed that a link on

meetup.com to the SPS outings page would be fine, but more information about the idea would be needed for additional board action.

- 2.4 The board discussed an idea from Virgil Popescu that the SPS start a newsletter exchange with the American Alpine Club. It was agreed that this was an excellent idea.

- 3.1 Kathy reported that Virgil Popescu told her that the Angeles Chapter approved the most recently proposed SPS by-law revisions. The board discussed the current by-law requirement of a 2/3 vote by the membership to approve such a change. The board thought that such a vote would be submitted with the SPS Banquet reservation forms and therefore tabled this item for the next meeting in August.

The meeting adjourned at 20:23

MEETING INFORMATION

The SPS Management Committee will hold meetings every quarter at a location to be determined. Please contact SPS Chair Kathy Rich at kathrynrich@gmail.com for meeting times, date and place.

SPS TEES



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

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The Sierra Peaks Section maintains a website at <http://angeles.sierraclub.org/sps>.

FROM THE EDITOR

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. Mailing address is 9741 Reseda Blvd., Unit 46, Northridge, CA 91324. The Echo will also be available as a PDF download at the SPS website and via a link to all SPS members opting for this method.

SPS List Serve

You can find the information you need as a subscriber by checking out our listserv support site. Go to this address to enroll for the SPS E-mail list service: <http://angeles.sierraclub.org/sps/listserver.htm>.

SPS Treasurer's Report 2nd Quarter 6/30/2009

Checking Account

Income

Echo-----655.00
Echo Add-----5.00
Peak List-----1.00
\$661.00

Expenditures

Printing-----207.87
Postage-----13.75
\$221.62

Balance on 3/31/2009-----3,719.94
Income-----661.00
\$4380.94
Expenditures-----221.62
\$4,159.32

Savings Account

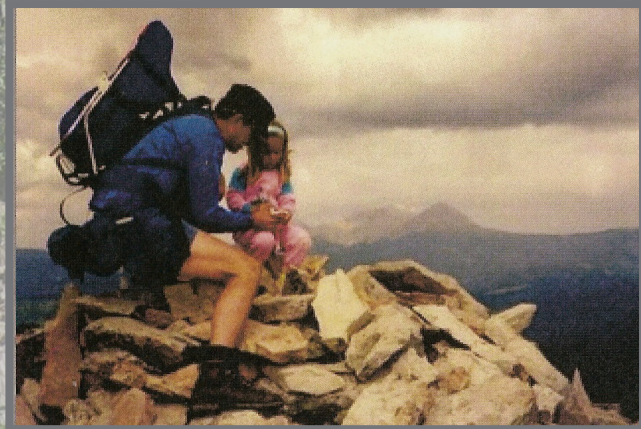
Balance on 3/31/2009-----4,960.23
April interest-----2.04
May interest-----2.11
June interest-----2.04
\$4,966.42

August 30, 1947

July 20, 2009

In Memory of Maynard Grant Brandsma

Durango resident Maynard Grant Brandsma died Monday, July 20, 2009 of cardiac complications on Long's Peak (elevation 14,255 ft.) in Rocky Mountain National Park. He and his daughter Natalie were approximately 200 feet from the summit. He had never before had an indication of heart-related problems. Maynard was sixty-one.



Natalie took this picture about an hour before Maynard died. Maynard had told Cheryle (his wife), that when he died he wanted to be in the mountains, he wanted to be healthy, and he wanted it to be sudden. He got his last wishes.

Granite Frontiers: A Century of Yosemite Climbing

June 12–October 4, 2009

This great exhibit now at the Autry Museum (next to the Griffith Park Zoo): It includes early Sierra Club Rock Climbing Section climbs in the Valley. Lots of terrific videos too. Glen Dawson's voice is heard around "the campfire ring."

<http://www.autrynationalcenter.org/granitefrontiers/>

Bill Oliver and legendary mountaineer Glen Dawson with Norman Clyde, at the Eastern California Museum in Independence.



The museum is hosting a spectacular exhibit this summer and fall (through the end of the year)

Below are links to two photo galleries for Bill Oliver's (with Glen Dawson) recent presentations "Norman Clyde - Climbing & Guiding with the Sierra Club".

At ECM: http://gnarlybill.smugmug.com/gallery/9024901_yU56Z#603583299_P5PSi

At Pasadena: http://gnarlybill.smugmug.com/gallery/9030104_ABg35#603585586_5CkKr

CLASSIFIEDS

Submitted by Rick Jali

I have a box of Past Echos, dating from Volume 6, #5 (October 1962) to the present. There are some of the early issues missing. Before I send them all to the recycling bin, I would like to ask you if you have any use for them, possibly as an additional "library" someplace for local reference by SPS'ers who do not have this reference at present.

I will give you the box (about 17' by 9' by 8), but do not want to pay shipping on it. The best arrangement would probably be to have some SPS'ers pick it up when they are up here on a trip to the Sierra. I live in Mammoth Lakes full time and could provide directions to my place. Please let me know if there is interest in this.

Sierraly, Rick Jali - rikko@qnet.com

Submitted by Joe Wankum:

The USGS and the US Forest Service have recently (2008) published an atlas of topo maps covering most of the Sierra. I believe it is selling for \$36 (before tax) and contains around 117 of the 7-1/2' maps, reduced to fit on 8-1/2 x 11 paper. The map scale is 1:63,360 (or 1 inch = 1 mile) (which I believe is the same as the Alaska maps). A dozen of the maps have a contour interval of 60'; several dozen have 100'; the rest are 80'.

The result is a series of maps that cover the same land area as the 7-1/2' maps (1/4 of an older 15' map) but are otherwise similar to the older 15' maps. If you tape four of the new maps together, you end up with something that is comparable to a 15' map.

Similar atlases of the Angeles National Forest and the San Bernardino National Forests were published several years ago.

The USGS has now changed from 30' to 15' to 6' (1:24,000) to 7-1/2' (1:24,000) to 7-1/2' (1:63,350). What next?

FOR SALE

A set of Sierra Club Bulletins: 1907, 1909, 1910, 1914, 1923, and 1927-1950 complete less 1934 and 1948. Lots of Ansel Adams and first ascents. 27, all in nice condition.

\$200

Hardbound set of the first Bulletins, 1893-1905. In five volumes published by the Sierra Club in 1950, with a new preface by David Brower. Like new, \$250.

Jon Inskeep (818) 790-5461 or inskeepajs@yahoo.com

Daryn Dodge Celebrates

Completing the SPS List on Cirque Peak, July 25th, 2009

On Saturday morning, July 25th, about 25 eager climbers assembled at the Cottonwood Pass trailhead to accompany Daryn Dodge (from Davis, CA) for a celebratory hike to Cirque Peak. After many years of effort, Daryn had only this one last peak left to climb on the SPS list (which comprises 248 in all). Daypacks brimmed with champagne, cookies, fruit and other goodies for a traditional SPS list finish party on the summit.



Congratulations, Daryn!

Article on Daryn's accomplishment next issue!

Don't miss the SPS Annual Banquet: Saturday, January 30th 2010



PAUL GARRY, accomplished international mountaineer and SPS member, will give a presentation of his climb of Cho Oyu, summiting in October of 2008 from the

east (China Side). This is the sixth highest peak in the world at 26,906'. *See banquet flyer NEXT ISSUE and as always, on our website.*



MOUNTAIN REGISTER REPORT

by Harry Langenbacher

Before you climb a peak, please check out my web page at <http://summitregister.org> or Steve Eckert's at <http://climber.org/data/SierraPeaks/RegisterNeeds.html>.



Leadership Training Committee 2009/10 Schedule of Activities



Leadership Training Program Seminar

Oct 3	Fall LTC Seminar	Steve Botan
April (TBD)	Spring LTC Seminar	Steve Botan

Wilderness First Aid <http://wildernessfirstaidcourse.org>

Oct 30-Nov 1	Wilderness First Aid Course, Harwood Lodge	S. Schuster
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Navigation Practices and Checkouts

Sept 27	I/M/E Grinnell Ridge Navigation	Robert Myers
Oct 10	Beginning Navigation Clinic	Diane Dunbar
Oct 18	I/M, Indian Cove, Joshua Tree	Robert Myers
Nov 14-15	I/M Indian Cove, Joshua Tree	Robert Myers
Dec 5	Mt. Lowe Beginning Navigation Clinic	Diane Dunbar
Dec 13	I/M/E Warren Pt Navigation	Robert Myers
Jan 9-10	I/M/E Warren Pt Navigation	Robert Myers
Apr 17-18	I'M Indian Cove Navigation	Robert Myers

Rock Practices and Checkouts

Sept 30	M/E R - Advanced Mountaineering Program 1st of 4	Dan Richter
Oct 3	M/E R - Advanced Mountaineering Program 2nd of 4	Dan Richter
Oct 10	M/E R - Advanced Mountaineering Program 3rd of 4	Dan Richter
Oct 17-18	M/E R - Advanced Mountaineering Program 4th of 4	Dan Richter
Nov 21	M/E Stoney Point Workshop/Checkoff	Ron Hudson

Various Dates M/E P Vertical Adventures
(This is not a Sierra Club activity, but can prepare candidates for rock checkoffs.)
<http://www.verticaladventures.com/>

Snow Practices and Checkouts

Jan 30	M/E Local Baldy Snow Practice	Nile Sorenson
Feb 13	M/E Local Baldy Snow Practice	Nile Sorenson

Snow travel, avalanche, and related training - Kurt Wedberg's Sierra Mountaineering International (This is not a Sierra Club activity, but can prepare candidates for snow checkoffs.) <http://sierramountaineering.com>

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

Outings

The Sierra Peaks Section maintains a website at <http://angeles.sierraclub.org/sps>.

Contact info for the leaders of these trips appears in the main Sierra Club Schedule or, if signing up via our website, click on leaders name and a link will take you to leaders email address. 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 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 http://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://sierraclub.org/outings/chapter/forms/>, or contact the Outings Department at (415) 977-5528 for a printed version.

Aug 28-30 | Fri-Sun **SPS**
MR: Gayley Peak (13,510'), Temple Crag (12,999')

Climb two fine peaks in the Palisades . Friday hike in from Glacier Lodge to Third Lake on trail (4.75 mi, 2,600' gain). Saturday ascend Contact Pass and traverse to Glacier Notch to climb Gayley via the Southwest Ridge "Yellow Brick Road" (5.5 mi rt and 3,400' of gain). On the return, we will ascend the southeast face of Temple Crag (0.6 mi rt and 1,100' of gain) and then return to camp. Sunday pack out to cars. These peaks require comfort on talus, scree, and third class terrain. Sierra Club membership, helmet, waiver and

medical questionnaire are required. Send email (preferred) or SASE with conditioning/experience to Ldr: PAUL GARRY. Asst: GREG MASON

Aug 28-31 | Fri-Mon **HPS/SPS**
I: Clouds Rest (9526') to Half Dome (8835')

Rerun of spectacular backpack last year: 17 mi, 3600' gain, 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 leader with H&W phones, recent conditioning to Ldr: DIANE DUNBAR, Asst: GARY BICKEL.

Aug 29 | 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: TINABOWMAN. Co-ldrs: TOM MCDONNELL, TOM BOWMAN.

Aug 29-31 | Sat-Mon **WTC, SPS**
I: Four Gables (12,720'), Pilot Knob N (12,245') Saturday meet at North Lake trailhead and pack in 8 miles and 2,500 feet of gain over Piute Pass to camp at Desolation Lake. Sunday climb via xc Four Gables 3 miles, 1,300 feet gain, Pilot Knob 5.5 miles and 1,900 feet gain and return to Desolation Lake basecamp 3 miles. Monday pack out to trailhead. WTC or equivalent experience required. Send e-mail with WTC info and group, recent experience. to Ldr: CHARLES IRVING Co-Ldr: DANIEL KINZEK

Sept 5-7 | Sat-Mon, **SPS, WTC**
MR: East Vidette (12,356'), Enjoy Labor Day weekend in Sequoia National Park climbing a prominent landmark peak along the John Muir and the Pacific Crest Trails. Sat backpack from Onion Valley over Kearsage Pass to camp (7 miles, 2,600' gain, 2,200' loss). Sunday climb 3rd class ridge to summit (2.75 miles, 2,800' gain). Backpack out Monday with optional climb of Mt Bago or Mt Gould. Restricted to Sierra Club members with suitable 3rd class rock experience. Helmet and completed medical questionnaire required. Send email with experience and conditioning, \$5.00 permit

fee, Sierra Club number, day/evening phone and rideshare info to: Ldr: MARLEN MERTZ, Assistant: ASHER WAXMAN

Sept 11-13 | Fri-Sun **SPS**
I: Giant Sequoia Redux: Leisurely paced day hikes to four easy, unlisted peaks in Sequoia-Kings Canyon NP with car camping in Giant Sequoia Nat'l Mon. Part of an "old-timers" series, the trip will emphasize renewing acquaintances with longtime climbers and welcoming newcomers. Extended happy hours promised. Camp Fri and Sat nights at USFS's Stony Creek CG along Generals Highway. Separate trail climbs Sat of Little Baldy (8044') and Big Baldy (8209') with total hiking 7.6 miles and 1300' gain. Separate trail climbs Sun to Buena Vista Pk (7602') and Park Ridge LO (7540') with total hiking 9 miles and 1100' gain. Free time to ascend Buck Rock LO (8502') via its 172 steps. Send sase with H&W phones and e-mail address to Asst Ldr: JERRY KEATING. Ldr: GORDON MACLEOD. Asst Ldr: BARBARA LILLEY.

Sep 11-13 | Fri-Sun **SPS**
I: Marion Peak (12,719) Backpack over Tabouse Pass (6400' gain) to camp at Kings river. Climb class 2 Marion on day 2, day 3 backpack out. Send SASE, \$5 permit fee, recent experience and conditioning, carpool info and e-mail to Ldr: LARRY TIDBALL. Co-Ldr BARBEE TIDBALL.

Sept. 19-27 | Sat-Sun **SPS**
M: Evolution are peaks; McGee, Goddard, Huxley, Black Giant, Charybdis, Scylla, McDuffie, etc. Week long peak bagging in the Evolution region. Approach may involve

backpack over rough trailless pass. Climbs include 3rd class. Send SASE with resume w/ \$5 permit fee to leaders: BARBEE & LARRY TIDBALL

Sept 20 - Deadline for LTC Seminar application

Sep 27 | Sun LTC, WTC, HPS, DPS, SPS
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. Send email/sase, contact info, navigation experience/training, any WTC, leader rating, rideshare, to Ldr: ROBERT MYERS. Asst: HARRY FREIMANIS

Sep 27-28 | Sat-Sun SPS
MR: Mt. Winchell (13,775'): The Donut Peak ! Sat backpack to Sam Mack Meadow 6.5 mi, 3500' gain, Sun climb Winchell's East Arete via Thunderbolt Glacier 4 mi, 2500' gain rt. Then return to camp and pack out to cars. Trip restricted to Sierra Club members with experience on exposed third class rock at altitude. Helmets, ice axe, and crampons required. Send SASE/ESASE with experience, conditioning, climbing resume, medical form, phone and carpool info to Ldr: GARY SCHENK. Asst: JOHN CHESLICK

Sep 30 | Wed LTC, WTC
M/E R: First of 4 climbing workshops. Today's indoor evening workshop of 4 hours reviews ropes, knots, harnesses, helmets, and basic climbing gear in Pasadena. Based on book: "Mountaineering Freedom of the Hills, 7th edition"; today: Chapter 9. *Open to climbers who are SC members and have some climbing experience. As space is*

limited priority will be given to participants who commit to all four workshops. Send or e-mail SC#, resume, phones to Ldr: DAN RICHTER. Asst: PAT MCKUSKY

Oct 3 | Sat Leadership Training Seminar: Become a qualified Sierra Club Leader. Registrar: STEVE BOTAN

Oct 3 | Sat LTC, WTC
M/E R: Belaying - 2nd of 4 climbing workshops. Today, at Stoney Point focus on **belaying & principles of anchor building**. Based on Chapter 10 of the book: "Mountaineering Freedom of the Hills, 7th edition". See trip write-up for Sep 30.

Oct 10 | Sat LTC, WTC, HPS
I: Mt Lowe (5603') Beginning Navigation Clinic: 4 mi, 500' gain. Spend the day one-on-one with an instructor, learning/practicing map and compass. Beginners to rusty old-timers welcome. Not a checkout, but it will help you prepare. Many expert leaders will attend; many I-rated leaders started here in the past. Send sase, phones, \$25 deposit (Sierra Club, refunded at trailhead) to Ldr: DIANE DUNBAR. Co-Ldr: RICHARD BOARDMAN

Oct 9-12 | Fri - Mon SPS
M: Kern Pt. (12,730'), Picket Guard Pk. (12,303') Day 1 back pack over Shepherd Pass 10 mi 6600' gain. Day 2 descend to Kern River and then climb Picket Guard. Day 3 climb Kern Pt, and start backpack out. Day 4 over Shepherd Pass and out. Strenuous hike with well conditioned climbers, some 3rd class. Send SASE with resume w/ \$5 permit fee to leaders: LARRY & BARBEE TIDBALL

Oct 10 | Sat LTC, WTC
M/E R: Advanced Mountaineering Program – Rappelling. 3rd of 4 climbing workshops. Today, at Stoney Point in Chatsworth, focus is on rappelling. Based on Chapter 11 of the book: “Mountaineering Freedom of the Hills, 7th edition”. See trip write-up for Sep 30.

Oct 17-18 | Sat -Sun LTC, WTC
M/E R: Advanced Mountaineering Program – Rock Climbing Techniques and Anchors - Last of 4 climbing workshops. This weekend completes the series of AMP workshops, at Joshua Tree National Park and focuses on climbing and anchors. Based on Chapters 12 & 13 of the book: “Mountaineering Freedom of the Hills, 7th edition”. See trip write-up for Sep 30.

Oct 18 | Sun LTC, WTC, HPS, DPS, SPS
I: Indian Cove Navigation: Navigation noodle at Joshua Tree National Park to satisfy the Basic (I/M) level navigation requirements. Send email/sase, contact info, navigation experience/training, any WTC, leader rating, rideshare, to Ldr: Robert Myers. Asst: Phil Wheeler

Oct 25 | Sun HPS
I: San Guillermo Mountain (6602’): Join us for **DAN RICHTER’S LIST FINISH** on this lovely little peak in the Los Padres NF. After a leisurely climb (2 miles round trip, 800’ gain), we will repair to the campground to feast and celebrate. Meet 9 AM east of the gas pumps at Flying J truck stop, Frazier Park exit from I-5 about half an hour north of Santa Clarita. Leader: DAN RICHTER Assistants: ASHER WAXMAN, TINA BOWMAN, MARY McMANNES

Oct 30 – Nov 1 | Fri-Sun LTC, Harwood Lodge, WTC

C: Wilderness First Aid Course: Runs from 8 am Fri to 5:30 pm Sun. Fee includes lodging, meals and practice first aid kit. Proof of CPR within previous 4 years required to enroll. Fee \$205 with SC#/\$215 non-member (full refund through Sept 25). For application contact Ldr: STEVE SCHUSTER

Nov 21 | Sat 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 and climbing gear required. Email or send climbing resume, completed medical form (2 copies include SC# on form), address and phone to ldr: RON HUDSON. Co-ldr: GREG MASON

Dec 5 | Sat LTC, WTC, HPS
I: Mt Lowe (5603’) Beginning Navigation Clinic: 4 mi, 500’ gain. Spend the day one-on-one with an instructor, learning/practicing map and compass. Beginners to rusty old-timers welcome. Not a checkout, but it will help you prepare. Many expert leaders will attend; many I-rated leaders started here in the past. Send sase, phones, \$25 deposit (Sierra Club, refunded at trailhead) to Ldr: DIANE DUNBAR. Co-Ldr: RICHARD BOARDMAN

Dec 13 | Sun LTC, WTC, HPS, DPS, SPS
I: Warren Pt Navigation: Navigation noodle at Joshua Tree National Park for either checkout or practice to satisfy the Basic (I/

M) or Advanced (E) level navigation requirements. To participate, send email/sase, contact info, navigation experience/training, any WTC, leader rating, rideshare, to Ldr: ROBERT MYERS. Asst: HARRY FREIMANIS

Jan 9 | Sat LTC, WTC, HPS, DPS, SPS
I: Warren Pt (5103'): Practice navigation for Sunday's checkoff on this 6 mile rt, 1300' gain hike in the pinyon pine and juniper region of western Joshua Tree National Park. We will take a cross-country route to Warren Pt and practice micro-navigation skills along the way. Send email (preferred) or sase, with contact info & recent conditioning to Ldr: ROBERT MYERS. Co-Ldrs: ADRIENNE BENEDICT, ANN PEDRE-SCHI SHIELDS, JANE SIMPSON

Jan 10 | Sun LTC, WTC, HPS, DPS, SPS
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Jan 23 - Deadline to sign up for Banquet. See below:

Jan 30 | Sat SPS
Annual Banquet: Join your friends & make plans for a new year of climbing in the Sierra. PAUL GARRY, accomplished international mountaineer and SPS member, will give a presentation of his climb of Cho Oyu, summiting in October of 2008. Coordinator, HENRY ARNEBOLD.

Jan 30 | Sat LTC, SPS, DPS, HPS
M/E: Local Baldy Snow Practice: Come review snow climbing, rope travel, ice axe, and snow anchors. Practice your skills or brush up on new techniques. Especially for aspiring M & E leader candidates. Restricted to SC members with prior experience with the ice axe. Lack of snow may cancel. Send sase or email with SC#, climbing resume, phone # to Ldr: NILE SORENSON. Co-ldr: TINA BOWMAN

Feb 13 | Sat LTC, SPS, DPS, HPS
M/E: Local Baldy Snow Practice: Come review snow climbing, rope travel, ice axe, and snow anchors. Practice your skills or brush up on new techniques. Especially for aspiring M & E leader candidates. Restricted to SC members with prior experience with the ice axe. Lack of snow may cancel. Send sase or email with SC#, climbing resume, phone # to Ldr: NILE SORENSON. Co-ldr: DOUG MANTLE

Apr 17-18 | Sat-Sun LTC, WTC, HPS, DPS, SPS
I: Indian Cove Navigation: Navigation noodle at Joshua Tree National Park to satisfy the Basic (I/M) level navigation requirements. Sat for practice, skills refresher, altimeter, homework, campfire. Sun checkout. Send email/sase, contact info, navigation experience/training, any WTC, leader rating, rideshare, to Ldr: ROBERT MYERS. Asst: HARRY FREIMANIS

BE SAFE