



Two Photos of SPS founder Frank Sanborn in 1962-63 - submitted by John Robinson

The Sierra Echo



Frank on Mt. Goode holding SPS flag



Frank and John Robinson on Mt. Abbot. This was Frank's 10th emblem peak. Unbeknown to him, John carried his emblem to the peak and awarded it to him on the summit.

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from the Chair

I'm pleased to report that the newly revised SPS Bylaws were approved by the membership in the December ballot, by a vote of 50:1. Many thanks to my predecessor, Virgil Popescu, for his patience and persistence in pushing their revision through the many stages required. In addition, the Policies and Procedures were revised by the Board in November, 2009, and are now available on the SPS website.

We welcome two new SPS members - Bob Draney and Matt Hengst, who became members in November. Both Matt and Bob are very active Sierra peak climbers, so we are very glad to have them on board. The first Geographical Emblems have been awarded to (1) Dan Richter and (2) Shane Smith. Lastly, we'd like to congratulate Bob Suzuki on his SPS List Finish (Sept, 2006). Bob was an SPS member many years ago, but let his membership lapse. He recently rejoined, and has thus been awarded the status of List Finisher.

The annual SPS Banquet, held at Taix Restaurant on January 30th, was a great success. Paul Garry gave an excellent presentation of his climb of Cho Oyu. We had many new faces attending, including several tables of WTC instructors, most likely drawn by the opportunity to hear one of our own local fellow climbers talk about his adventures.

Spring and summer are on the way! Please put on your thinking caps and check your calendars and plan to lead some trips this summer. The deadline for the next main schedule is March 10th, but once approved, trips can be posted to the website at any time. Everyone is welcome to attend SPS management meetings, which will be held approx. every quarter. We will have our first meeting on Monday March 15th. All are welcome! I welcome and greatly appreciate any comments or suggestions you might have. Please email me at: KathrynARich@gmail.com.

by **Kathy Rich**

Best wishes to all for 2010! I am pleased to report that almost all of last year's Board members are back for another term, myself included. Alexander Smirnoff will continue as Vice Chair, Henry Arnebold as Treasurer, and Greg Mason as Outreach/5th member. We thank Doug Owens for his services as Secretary in 2009, and welcome Mary Jo Dungfelder as Secretary for 2010. We'd like to acknowledge Eric Scheidemantle and Bob Draney, who narrowly missed being elected, and hope that they might consider running again next year.

I'd also like to thank those who have Appointed Positions - including Sara Danta, who continues to do a wonderful job both with the design and editing of the Echo Newsletter, Beth Epstein for mailing Echos and ballots, and Patty Kline for assisting with programs. We also thank Larry and Barbee Tidball for doing a great job as Outings Chairs during the past year. We are grateful for the continued involvement of Dan Richter (SPS Archivist) who regularly attends the management meetings, thus providing continuity and perspective, and in addition bringing his creative ideas and boundless enthusiasm to the group. After a number of years of service as SPS Webmaster, Larry Hoak decided to step down. We thank Larry very much for all his efforts, and welcome Ron Hudson as the new Webmaster.

news

A bylaw change proposal was presented to our members who voted in favor of with a vote of 50 to 1.

The 2010 SPS Management Committee!



Alexander Smirnoff
Vice Chair



Kathy Rich
Chair



Mary Jo Dungfelder
Secretary



Henry Arnebold
Treasurer



Greg Mason
5th member/outreach

The 2010 Chester Versteeg has been awarded to long time SPS member and leader Ron Hudson.

Congratulations Ron!

The CHESTER VERSTEEG OUTINGS PLAQUE is the highest outings leadership award conferred by the Angeles Chapter. It is awarded to a Sierra Club member who has provided long-term and outstanding leadership in furthering the enjoyment and safety of the outings program.



SPS Treasurer's Report 4th Quarter 12/31/2010

Checking Account

Income

Echo-----220.00
 Pin-----15.00
\$235.00

Expenditures

Computer Program-----\$218.46

Balance on 9/30/09-----2,828.97
 Income-----235.00
\$3,063.97
 Expenditures----- -218.46
\$2,845.51

Savings Account

Balance on 9/30/09-----4,972.68
 October interest-----2.11
 November interest-----2.05
 December interest-----2.11
\$4,978.95
 Tax withheld----- -.59
\$4,978.36

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 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/listserv.htm>.

more news

News Affecting Half Dome Climbers:



Cables crowd - taken June 2008 by Mark Goebel

Submitted by Jerry Keating

Permits to hike to the top of Half Dome are now required on Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays, and federal holidays when the cables are up. This is an interim measure to increase safety along the cables while the park develops a long-term plan to manage use on the Half Dome Trail.

For more information go to www.recreation.gov and click on the link that leads you to the proper place in nps.gov and the announcement.

REGARDING E-MAIL DISTRIBUTION OF THE ECHO

Please contact this email address (newsletter@sierrapeaks.org) for any issues with hardcopy or email version distribution.

SIERRA PEAKS SECTION

Management Committee

Meeting Minutes

Held Monday, November 9, 2009, at the home of Kathy Rich

Call to order: 7:10pm. Members present - Kathy Rich, Henry Arnebold, Greg Mason, Alexander Smirnoff, Doug Owens. Guests – Virgil Popescu, Sara Danta, Darrick Danta, and Dan Richter.

1. Chair's report – Kathy reported that Larry Hoak wishes to step down as webmaster; Ron Hudson is interested in replacing him. Committee expressed support for this idea. SPS could purchase web software if needed.
2. Treasurer's Report – Henry Arnebold submitted the 3rd Quarter report. Henry said he received a letter from the Treasurer, Angeles Chapter, regarding our cash reserves. However, he assured the Committee that SPS is in compliance—we have ~\$5000 in savings and ~\$3000 in checking.
3. Echo Report – Sara Danta gave an update on the electronic Echo. Distribution system is now in place. Subscribers are sent a link to the electronic version of the Echo on the website. Also discussed the membership renewal form and making it simpler so people don't have to fill out so much information. A space for leader rating will be included on the form.
4. New Business:
Discussion regarding giving Bob Suzuki credit for finishing the SPS list. Although a member many years ago, Bob wasn't an SPS member at the time of his list finish, so he couldn't be recognized. However, Bob has since rejoined

SPS. A motion was unanimously approved to grant Bob credit for finishing the list.

Dan Richter and Shane Smith have requested credit for completing the Geographical Emblem. Discussion ensued about the order of recognition. The committee supported the idea that the credit goes to the individual based on the order of when the request was made. Since Dan put in his request first, he will be credited as the first one to complete the Geographical Emblem.

The Committee approved the newly revised Policies & Procedures (dated Nov 9, 2009) which include a description of the Geographical Emblem.

Ballot preparation for SPS Committee election was discussed– these will be mailed out in December with membership renewal form. Ballots must be on colored paper.

5. Old Business

Regarding the SPS Bylaws Revision – a decision was made to defer to the previous SPS Management Committee, who had decided in November, 2008 to present the bylaws to the SPS membership for a vote on the proposed changes. The current Committee decided that the revised Bylaws will be printed in the next Echo, and that a ballot will be sent out to the membership in December to vote on the changes.

6. Adjournment: 8:55pm

SPS TEES



Front: NORTH PAL

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

M, L & XL in Sand & Ash

\$12 + \$3.50 shipping

(\$4 shipping when ordering 2 or more shirts). Send your order to

Patty Kline, 20362 Callon Drive,

Topanga, Ca 90290 & make

check payable to SPS

CST 2087766-40

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.

LTC

Dec. 26, 2009

Leadership Training Committee release

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

Club will offer outdoor leadership training April 10.

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.

You can take the first step toward becoming a leader by attending a class offered by the chapter Leadership Training Committee on Saturday, April 10, at the Eaton Canyon Nature Center in Pasadena.

The class covers all the basics of leadership. Experienced leaders will tell you how to plan a trip, prevent problems on the trail and make sure that everyone – including you – has a great time. They'll also explain good conservation and safety practices. And they'll give you tips for getting your "O" rating quickly and then, if you choose, pursuing more advanced ratings.

The all-day class costs \$25. The application is online at angeles.sierraclub.org/ltc.

Mail the application and check, payable to Sierra Club, to Steve Botan, LTC Registrar, 18816 Thornwood Circle, Huntington Beach 92646. You also can reach Botan by phone (714-321-1296) or e-mail (lcregistrar@hundredpeaks.org).

Applications and checks are due March 27.

Scholarships are available for those in financial need. Apply to LTC Chair Tina Bowman (tina@bowmandesigngroup.com).



Leadership Training Committee 2010 Schedule of Activities

Leadership Training Program Seminar

April 10	Spring LTC Seminar - Eaton Canyon Nature Center	Steve Botan
Oct 2	Fall LTC Seminar - Location TBD	Steve Botan

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

May 21-23		Steve Schuster
Oct 29-31		Steve Schuster

Navigation Practices and Checkouts

Apr 11	E/M Stoney Point Rock Checkoff/Practice	Ron Hudson
Apr 17-18	I/M Indian Cove Navigation Checkoff/Practice	Robert Myers
Apr 24-25	I Places We've Save Nav Noodle Mojave Preserve	Robert Myers
May 8	I Beginning Navigation Clinic Workshop	Diane Dunbar
Jun 5-6	I/M/E Grinnell Ridge Navigation Checkoff/Practice	Robert Myers
Aug 1	I/M/E Mt Pinos Navigation Checkoff/Practice	Robert Myers
Sep 26	I/M/E Grinnell Ridge Navigation Checkoff/Practice	Robert Myers

Rock Practices and Checkouts

Apr 11	M/E Stoney Point Rock Workshop/Checkoff	Ron Hudson
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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.)
<http://www.verticaladventures.com/>

Snow Practices and Checkouts

Apr 24-25	M/E Sierra Snow Checkoff/Practice	Nile Sorenson
May 8	MR/E/C Sierra Snow Training	Nile Sorenson
May 22-23	M/E Sierra Snow Checkoff/Practice	Tina Bowman

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

Mar 26-28	O Desert Ecology Workshop	Sharon Moore
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Explore important waterways on the borders of Mojave and Colorado Desert during spring wildflower season. Observe birds and other wildlife, flora, and human impact on the desert.

See page 12 of this edition of Echo for more!

Also, look at the Chapter's Schedule of Activities for outings sponsored by the Natural Science and check out the LTC website which has a calendar of events & info about training not offered by the Sierra Club: <http://angeles.sierraclub.org/ltc/>

MT. BALDY SNOW PRACTICE

February 13, 2010

Leaders Nile Sorenson & Doug Mantle



Upcoming Snow Training

Apr 24-25 M/E Sierra Snow Checkoff/Practice

May 8 MR/E/C Sierra Snow Training

May 22-23 M/E Sierra Snow Checkoff/Practice

More Training Opportunities



AMP2

Advanced Mountaineering Program

Rock climbing skills

2010 certificate course

Sep 29

Wed

LTC, SPS, DPS, WTC

Workshop: Advanced Mountaineering Program (AMP2) – Basic Safety System

First of 4 climbing workshops open to SC members with prior roped climbing experience. Today's indoor evening workshop of 4 hours reviewing ropes, knots, harnesses, helmets, and basic climbing gear will take place in Pasadena. Based on Ch. 9 of *Mountaineering: Freedom of the Hills*, 7th ed. As space is limited priority will be given to participants who commit to all four workshops. Send sase or e-mail with SC#, resume, phones to Ldr: Dan Richter (dan@danrichter.com). Asst: Pat McKusky

Oct 2

Sat

LTC, SPS, DPS, WTC

M/E R: Advanced Mountaineering Program (AMP2) – Belaying

2nd of 4 climbing workshops open to SC members with prior roped climbing experience. Today at Stoney Point in Chatsworth, focus is on belaying and principles of anchor building. Based on Ch. 10 of *Mountaineering: Freedom of the Hills*, 7th ed. As space is limited priority will be given to participants who commit to all four workshops. Send sase or e-mail with SC#, resume, phones to Ldr: Dan Richter (dan@danrichter.com). Asst: Pat McKusky

Oct 9

Sat

LTC, SPS, DPS, WTC

M/E R: Advanced Mountaineering Program (AMP2) – Rappelling

3rd of 4 climbing workshops open to SC members with prior roped climbing experience. Today at Stoney Point in Chatsworth, focus is on rappelling. Based on Ch. 11 of *Mountaineering: Freedom of the Hills*, 7th ed. As space is limited priority will be given to participants who commit to all four workshops. Send sase or e-mail with SC#, resume, phones to Ldr: Dan Richter (dan@danrichter.com). Asst: Pat McKusky

Oct 16-17

Sat - Sun

LTC, SPS, DPS, WTC

M/E R: Advanced Mountaineering Program (AMP2) – Rock Climbing Techniques and Anchors

4th of 4 climbing workshops open to SC members with prior roped climbing experience. This weekend completes the series of AMP workshops at Joshua Tree National Park and focuses on climbing and anchors. Based on Chaps. 12 & 13 of *Mountaineering: Freedom of the Hills*, 7th ed. As space is limited priority will be given to participants who commit to all four workshops. Send sase or e-mail with SC#, resume, phones to Ldr: Dan Richter (dan@danrichter.com). Asst: Pat McKusky

Natural Science Opportunities

Mar 19-21 Fri-Sun Natural Science

O: Winter Ecology Workshop at June Lake: Join us for two days of cross-country skiing, tracking, and naturalizing in the spectacular Mammoth-June Lake area. Intermediate ski touring ability required. This trip satisfies the Environmental Awareness requirement for the I-rating. Fee of \$75 includes naturalist instruction, breakfasts and trail lunches, and accommodation at local Sierra Club members' homes on Fri and Sat night. Reserve a place by Mar 1st, by sending sase and \$75 check payable to Sierra Club Natural Science Section to leaders Ginny and Jim Heringer. Naturalist Jean Dillingham.

Mar 21 Sun.

O: Fire Recovery Hike in the San Gabriels: Location to be determined by conditions and permissions. Visit an area of the San Gabriel Mountains that was burned in the Station or Morris Fires of September, 2009. We will look at resprouting of shrubs and trees, see what fire-following wildflowers show up, and look for the return of wildlife. This is a slow-paced nature hike with naturalists. Bring hand lens, field guides, binoculars and/or camera. Call leaders for time and place. Bring water, lugsoles, lunch. Ldrs/Naturalists: Cliff & Gabi McLean.

March 26-28 Fri-Sun Natural Sciences, LTC, Long Beach, WTC, DPS

O: Desert Ecology Workshop: Explore important waterways on the borders of Mojave and Colorado Desert during spring wildflower season. Observe birds and other wildlife, flora, and human impact on the desert. Car camp at Whitewater Preserve near Palm Springs, Ridge hike Fri, canyon hikes Sat/Sun, potluck Sat, LTC credit available. \$30 to SC Natural Sciences Section w/ SC#, \$35 w/o. Details via E-mail or SASE. Send payment, conditioning, contact, and carpool information to Ldr: Sharon Moore. Asst Ldr/ Naturalist Sherry Ross and Ginny Heringer, Asst Ldrs Mei Kwan and Margot Lowe.

Apr 11 Sun Natural Science Section

O: Plant ID Walk – Cucamonga Canyon: Slow paced 3-4 hour plant walk to identify plants and learn about the unique geology and geography of Cucamonga Canyon

with botanist Bob Muns and naturalists Liana Argento and. Take 210 fwy E to Upland, exit Campus Blvd, S to 19th Street, E on 19th to Sapphire, N on Sapphire to Almond, W on Almond to parking area where dirt road begins. Meet at 10:00 am in parking area. Bring water, lunch, hand lens, and binoculars. (Optional \$1 for plant list and \$1 for hand lens) Rain cancels. Leader: Liana Argento Co-Ldr: Michael Hecht.

Apr 24 Saturday Natural Science, Pasadena

O: Introductory Botany Walk: We hope to see signs of fire recovery and learn common plant families and flowers of the coastal sage scrub, chaparral, and riparian habitats. Hike with frequent stops about 3 miles on road and trail, 1000 ft gain. Bring hat, water, sturdy walking shoes, and any plant ID materials you may have. Optional lunch in the canyon after the hike. Meet at 9 am in the parking lot at Millard Canyon in Altadena: from the 210 Fwy in Pasadena, take the Fair Oaks exit and continue north 3.6 miles to the stop sign intersection at Loma Alta. Turn left and continue .3 mile to the flashing yellow signal at Chaney Trail Turn right and continue 1.7 miles up into the mountains and down into the parking lot. Forest Service pass required. Leader Ginny Heringer, assistant leader Marcia Reitmeyer.

May 2 Sun Natural Science Section

O: Plant ID Walk/Azusa River Wilderness Park: Slow paced, 3-4 hour walk along El Encanto Trail to identify spring wildflowers with botanist Bob Muns and naturalist Liana Argento. Meet 9:30 am in parking lot. From 210 E. Fwy exit on Azusa, continue N on Azusa Ave (Hwy 39) 3.5 miles. Turn R into parking lot. Bring water, binoculars, lunch, hand lens, (optional \$1 for plant list and \$1 for hand lens). Rain cancels. Ldr: Liana Argento, co-ldr: Michael Hecht.

May 8 Sat Natural Science

O: Fire Recovery Hike in the San Gabriels: Location to be determined by conditions and permissions. Visit an area of the San Gabriel Mountains that was burned in the Station or Morris Fires of September, 2009. We will look at resprouting of shrubs and trees, see what fire-following

Natural Science Continued

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June 6 Sun Natural Science Section

O: Plant ID Walk – Little Dalton Canyon: Join botanist Bob Muns & naturalist Liana Argento for a slow paced 3-4 plant walk to identify plants & talk about fire ecology in a fire recovered canyon. Meet 9:00 am at trailhead. From 210 E, exit Lone Hill Ave, N on S Lone Hill Ave, E on E Foothill Blvd, N on N Valley Center Ave. Take 1st left onto E Sierra Madre Ave, 1st right on to Glendora Mountain Road & take 3rd left to & park. Bring water, lunch, & hand lens. Rain cancels. Ldr: Liana Argento Co-ld : Michael Hecht.

June 11-13 Fri-Sun Natural Science Section

O: Nature Knowledge Workshop: Join the Natural Science Section for a weekend of discovery as we celebrate the 40th anniversary of this outdoor educational event. From our streamside camp accommodations in the San Bernardino Mtns. we'll explore our natural surroundings via easy-guided walks or moderate hikes led by our professional naturalists. They will also share their expertise in a variety of natural history topics such as reptile, bird, plant, mammal, insect, Native American and geology studies through hands on and special interest workshops which will be offered Saturday afternoon and evening. Fee includes 2 nights lodging in dormitory cabins (bring your own sleeping bag), six full-course meals and instruction. Tent or car camping is also available. All this and hot showers too! Reservation deadline June 1st. Send check made out to "Sierra Club/NSS" along with 2 SASE's (or Email address), H&W phones, names of all participants, \$138 with SC# / \$158 non-member to Reservationist Connie Hines. Participants must be 13 years or older (under 18 must be accompanied by adult). LTC credit available. Visit NSS website www.angeles.sierraclub.org/nss for reservation form. Leader: Liana Argento, lianaargento@hotmail.com Asst Leaders: Cliff & Gabi McLean.

Jun 2 Wed Local Hikes, HPS, Natural Science

O: Lookout Mountain (6812'): Slow, easy pace on a short, 4 mi rt, but steep, 2300' gain, hike to a scientifically significant peak with a lecture by one of the leaders. Meet 9am at Public Parking lot, corner of Mills Ave and Baldy Road in Claremont. Bring water, lunch, good footwear, suitable clothing. Ldrs: Gary Bickel. Dan Butler.

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](http://sierraclub.org/outings/national/participantforms/forms%20medical).

WILDERNESS PERMIT INFO

INYO NATIONAL FOREST

Website www.r5.fs.fed.us/inyo

Pick up permit closest to departure trailhead

Eastern Sierra InterAgency Visitor Center

Lone Pine, CA

(760) 876-6200

White Mountain Ranger Station

Bishop, CA 93514

(760) 873-2500

Mammoth Lakes Visitor Center

Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

(760) 924-5500

Mono Basin Scenic Area Visitor Center

Lee Vining, CA 93541

(760) 647-3044

SEQUOIA NATIONAL FOREST

Website: www.r5.fs.fed.us/sequoia

Cannell Meadow Ranger District

P.O. Box 6

Kernville, Ca 93238

Phone: 760/376-3781

Fax: 760/376-3795

Tule River Ranger District

River Ranger District

32588 Highway 190

Springville, CA 93265

Phone: (559) 539-2607

YOSEMITE NATIONAL FOREST

Website www.nps.gov/yose

Reservation requests for summer trips (mid-May through September) are accepted from 2 weeks to 24 weeks in advance online or by writing to:

Yosemite Association

PO Box 545, Yosemite, CA 95389.

By phone: reservations for summer trips are accepted by calling (209) 372-0740 (8:30 am to 4:30 am, M-F)

Obtain your free permit from the *Wilderness Permit Station nearest your departure trailhead*. Call (209) 372-0200 for permit station locations and hours

If entering park from Cherry Lake in the **Stanislaus National Forest** to Kibbie Lake and Lake Eleanor in Yosemite, you must get your permit from the Stanislaus National Forest Ranger Station on Highway 120 in Groveland. Call (209) 962-7825

If entering the park from Chiquito Pass in **Sierra National Forest**, permits for the whole trip must be obtained from the Forest Service in North Fork. Call (559) 877-2218

KINGS CANYON

Website: www.r5.fs.fed.us/sequoia

47050 Generals Highway

Three Rivers, CA 93271-9700

Phone (559) 565-3708 for permit location pick-up

Fax (559) 565-4239

SIERRA NATIONAL FOREST (WESTSIDE) ENTRY

Website: www.fs.fed.us/r5/sierra

Ansel Adams Wilderness – North

Bass Lake Ranger District

57003 Road 225

North Fork, CA 93643

Phone: (559) 887-2218

Ansel Adams Wilderness – South

John Muir, Kaiser and Kinkey Lakes Wildernesses

Pineridge/Kings River Ranger District

P.O. Box 559, Prather, CA 93651

(559) 855-5360

Outings

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Mar 27 | Sat **LTC**

Deadline for Leadership Training Seminar:

Last day for receipt of application and payment by LTC. Register for Apr 10 seminar. Ldr. STEVE BOTAN

Apr 10 | Sat **LTC**

Leadership Training Seminar:

Become a qualified Sierra Club leader. For info, see LTC p xxx. Deadline for receipt of application and payment is 3/27. No registration after this date or at door. Next seminar: Fall 2010.

Apr 11 | 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 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-Ldrs: GREG MASON, PAT MCKUSKY

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

Apr 17 | Sat **LTC, WTC**

MR: Navigation Workshop on 3rd Class Terrain:

This navigation workshop is limited to individuals participating in the Indian Cove Navigation Noodle and is intended to explore special navigation issues that arise on 3rd class terrain. Class 3 rock travel experience required. Restricted to Sierra Club members. Helmets and medical forms required/group size limited. Send email/sase, SC#, class 3 experience, conditioning, contact info to Ldr: ROBERT MYERS. Co-Ldr: DARRICK DANTA.

Apr 24-25 | 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 members 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

Apr 24-25 | Sat-Sun **LTC, WTC, DPS**
I: Places We've Saved Navigation Noodle in Mojave National Preserve: Join us for our eighth annual journey through this jewel of the Mojave; preserved under the California Desert Protection Act, as a result of the efforts of Sierra Club activists and others. A basic to intermediate xc navigation dayhike workshop will be conducted out of the Mid Hills area in the pinyon and juniper forests at 5500'. Potluck and social on Sat. Limited to 14 participants. Send email or sase, to Ldr: ROBERT MYERS. Co-Ldrs: VIRGIL SHIELDS, HARRY FREIMANIS

May 8 | Sat **LTC, WTC, HPS**
I: Beginning Navigation Clinic: Spend the day one-on-one with an instructor, learning/practicing map and compass in our local mountains. Beginners to rusty old-timers welcome, and practice is available at all skill levels. Not a checkout, but it will help you prepare. Many expert leaders will attend; many I-rated leaders started here in the past. 4 mi, 500' gain. Send sase, phones, \$25 deposit, refunded at trailhead (Sierra Club) to Ldr: DIANE DUNBAR. Co-Ldr: RICHARD BOARDMAN

May 8 | Sat **LTC, DPS**
MR/E/C: Sierra Snow Training: Sierra Snow Training: Come train for a day with an AMGA-certified guide in the Sierra near Bishop. Most of your fee will be subsidized by the Sierra Club. Training includes techniques of snow mountaineering and leading groups on snow climbs. Open to SC members who are M- or E-rated OR aspiring mountaineering leaders with appropriate experience. Space is limited; Send sase or e-mail with SC#, resume, check for \$25 made out to SMI (non-refundable deposit if a replacement for your spot isn't found), contact info. to reservationist: NILE SORENSON. Asst: TINA BOWMAN.

May 15-16 | Sat-Sun **SPS**
MR: Crag Peak (9480+) & Smith Mtn (9533)
Sat backpack from Hooker Meadows trailhead to Albanito Meadows (5mi, 1300') and set up camp. Head off west to Smith Mt (4mi RT, 1200'). If time allows, Jackass Peak too. Back to camp for happy hour. Morning start for Crag Peak (7mi RT,

1400') summit with class 3 knife ridge. Restricted trip. Sierra Club membership required. Med form required. Send experience resume via email to Ldr: GREG MASON, co-leader: VIRGIL TALBOTT.

May 16 | Sun **DPS**
O: DPS Annual Banquet: Join us at the Proud Bird near LAX for this year's banquet. Socializing 5:30-7:00, dinner at 7:00, followed by awards and a program by Jeff Dhungana, "Cycling to Patagonia: A Million Dollar Trip on \$10 a Day." \$30 per ticket for DPS members; \$35 per ticket for non-members. For reservations, contact DPS Banquet Chair: ELAINE BALDWIN (DWBaldwin@aol.com 310-675-4120) or DPS Chair MARY MCMANNES (marymuir@earthlink.net).

May 21-23 | Fri-Sun **LTC, Harwood, 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 yrs required to enroll. \$205 with Sierra Club #/\$215 non-member (full refund through 4/16). For application contact Ldr: STEVE SCHUSTER

May 21-23 | Fri-Sun **SPS**
MR: Split Mt. (14,042) and Tinemaha Peak (12,520). Join us for this early season snow climb including a SPS emblem peak. Bkpcck 5mi 4000' gain 1st day to snow camp at Red Lake. Climb Tinemaha 1.5 mi 2000' gain. Next day climb Split Mtn. 2 mi, 3500' gain class 2 and return to camp. Sun pack-up and hike out. Participants should have snow camping experience and be proficient with ice axe, crampons and glissading. WTC students with snows skills seminar may apply. Send email or SASE w/ climb expr and recent conditioning, H and Cell phone, ride share info to Ldr: STEVE CURRY, Asst. Ldr Anne MARIE RICHARDSON.

May 21-23 | Fri-Sun **WTC, SPS**
MR: Mt Whitney (14,496): Climb Mt Whitney via the Mountaineer's Route, 8.5 mile rt, 6200' gain. Fri backpack up the North Fork drainage to camp. Sat climb snow and rock to summit and back to camp. Sun hike out. Restricted to Sierra Club members. Ice axe, crampons, helmet, harness

and possibly snowshoes required. \$15 permit fee at trailhead. Medical form required. Send SC#, climbing resume and conditioning via email to Ldr: REGGE BULMAN (r_bulman@fastmail.us). Asst: GERARD LEWIS.

May 22-23 | Sat -Sun LTC, SPS, DPS
M/E: Sierra Snow Checkoff/Practice: For M & E candidates wanting to check off leadership ratings or others wishing to practice. Restricted to SC members w/some prior basic training w/ice axe. Send SC#, climbing resume, email, H&W phones to Ldr: TINA BOWMAN Co-Ldr: TOM BOWMAN

May 22-23 | Sat-Sun SPS
MR: Dunderberg Pk (12,374') Excelsior Mtn (2,446') Sat. snow climb of Excelsior, 8 mi, 2700' gain. Car camp at Virginia Lakes trailhead Sat eve. Sun: snow climb Dunderberg, 4 mi, 2700' gain. Send sase or email with experience and conditioning, ice axe exp, H&W phones, rideshare info to Ldr: BARBEE TIDBALL. Co-Ldr: LARRY TIDBALL.

May 22-23 | Sat-Sun WTC, SPS, PVS
M: Sirretta Peak (9,977') and Taylor Dome (8,802'): Get some introductory M-level climbing in the Domeland Wilderness of the Southern Sierra. Sat backpack from Big Meadow to Sirretta Pass, 2.5 mi, 1700'. We'll pitch tents; then continue 1 mi, 500' gain to Sirretta Peak. Happy hour follows at camp. Sun pack out to cars, drive short distance to TD trailhead, then climb 5 mi rt and 1200' gain to Taylor Dome. Comfort on easy 3rd class required, WTC students welcome. Send esase (preferable – bholchin@cox.net) or 2 sase, recent experience and conditioning, carpool info to Ldr: BARRY HOLCHIN. Co Ldr: ERIC SCHEIDEMANTLE

Jun 5 | Sat LTC, WTC,HPS, DPS, SPS
I: Heart Bar Pk (8332'): Practice navigation for Sunday's checkoff on this 7 mi rt, 1400' gain hike. We will take a xc route to Heart Bar Pk and practice micro-navigation skills along the way. Send email or sase, recent conditioning, contact info to Ldr: ROBERT MYERS. Co-Ldr: JANE SIMPSON, ADRIENNE BENEDICT, ANN PEDRESCHI

Jun 6 | Sun LTC, WTC,HPS, DPS, SPS
I: Grinnell Ridge Navigation: Navigation noodle in San Bernardino National Forest for either check-out or practice to satisfy Basic (I/M) or Advanced (E) level navigation requirements. Send email or sase, navigation experience/training, contact info, any WTC, leader rating, rideshare to Ldr: ROBERT MYERS. Asst: HARRY FREIMANIS

June 5-6 | Sat-Sun SPS, WTC
MR: Mt. McAdie (13,799 ft.): An impressive & beautiful peak on the southern end of the Whitney zone, usually overlooked when heading to Mt. Whitney. Sat, hike up the main Mt. Whitney trail to camp at Consultation Lake (5 mi, 3700ft.). Sun, climb snow & 3rd class rock via Arc Pass & McAdie's east side (2 miles, 2000ft.), pack out. 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, & carpool info to Ldr: JOE SPEIGL Co-Ldr: ANNE MARIE RICHARDSON

Jun 4-6 | Fri-Sun WTC, SPS, PV-South Bay, Long Beach Group
I: Olancha Peak (11,923): Discover the beautiful & historic southern Sierra during this somewhat strenuous, late spring backpack of a Sierra Peaks Section emblem peak, geared toward energetic WTC students for experience trips. Total distance for the weekend about 22 mi, elevation gain/loss about 6000'. Permit limits group size, WTC students given priority. Send name, contact & conditioning information to leader SHERRY ROSS. Leaders: Sherry Ross, KENT SCHWITKIS.

Jun 26-28 | Sat-Mon SPS
I: Olancha Pk (12,123'): Relaxed and enjoyable pace for climb of SPS emblem PK in the S Sierra. SPS Intro trip geared to new SPS climbers and WTC students. Sat backpack 8 mi, 3900' gain from Sage Flat to base camp off PCT trail at approx. 9700'. Sun climb 2 class Olancha, trail and x-country in 7 mi rt, 2,400' gain. Mon backpack out 8 miles and 3900' loss. Total gain for weekend 6300' in 23 mi rt. Legendary community happy hour Sat and Sun eve.

Send sase H, W and Cell phones recent cond, altitude experience, ride share info to Ldr: PATTY KLINE
Asst: JIM FLEMING

Jul 31-Aug 2 | Sat-Mon **SPS**
M: Mt Keith (13,976'), Center Pk (12,762'), Mt Bradley (13,264'): Climb three peaks in Center Basin. Expect 18 miles and 11000 feet gain rt. Sat backpack over University Col and climb Center Pk. Sun climb Mt Keith. Mon climb Mt Bradley and pack out. Bear canisters required. Send detailed resume to leader. Ldr: DAN RICHTER Asst: ERIK SIERING

Aug 1 | Sun **LTC, WTC, HPS, DPS, SPS**
I: Mt Pinos Navigation: Navigation noodle in Los Padres National Forest for either checkout or practice to satisfy Basic (I/M) or Advanced (E) level navigation requirements. Send email or sase, navigation experience/training, contact info, any WTC, leader rating, rideshare to Ldr: ROBERT MYERS. Asst: KIM HOMAN

Aug 7-8 | Sat-Sun **WTC, SPS**
I: Matterhorn (12,279') Climb a beautiful SPS emblem peak in the eastern Sierra Nevada. From the trailhead at Twin Lakes, ascend about 2,500 ft. in 4 miles to camp and happy hour along Horse Creek. Sunday, hike cross country across Horse Pass and ascend the class 2 southeast face of Matterhorn Peak, then pack out. Total statistics are 4500 ft. gain and 16 miles RT. Send contact info and climbing resume to Ldr: JOE SPEIGL; Co-ldr: BOB DRANEY

Aug 14-21 | Sat – Sat **SPS**
MR: Evolution area peaks; McGee, Goddard, Huxley, Black Giant, Charybdis, Scylla, McDuffie, etc. Week long peak bagging in the Evolution region. Estimated trip statistics - 45 miles and about 15,000 feet of elevation gain. Approach may involve backpack over rough trail-less pass. Climbs include 3rd class. Send SASE, climbing resume, \$5 permit fee to Ldr: BARBEE TIDBALL Co-Ldr.: LARRY & TIDBALL

Aug 21-22 | Sat-Sun **SPS, WTC**
MR. Whorl Mtn (12,033'), Matterhorn Pk (12,264') Climb peaks in northern Yosemite - great views.

Meet Mono Village trailhead, backpack to camp at Horse Creek Pass, 3.5mi, 3500' gain. Sat pm climb cl2 Matterhorn Pk, 1.5mi rt, 1700' from camp. Sun climb cl3 Whorl Mtn (3.5mi rt, 1400'), return to camp, backpack out to cars and home. Restricted to SC members only. Comfort and exper on cl3 rock is required. Send email with SC #, medical form and resume detailing experience, conditioning, rideshare info to: Ldr KATHY RICH Asst: GARY SCHENK.

Aug 21-23 | Sat-Mon **SPS, WTC**
I: Red Slate Mtn. (13,123'): SPS Intro trip geared to WTC students and prospective SPSers. Relaxed, causal, and enjoyable. Sat backpack up McGee Creek to McGee Lakes at 11,040', 7 mi, 2900' gain. Sun climb class 1 mountaineers peak, 8 mi rt, 2,200' gain, considerable cross country. Mon hike out. Legendary community happy hour Sat and Sun eve. Send sase with \$5.00 permit fee, recent conditioning and high altitude experience, H, W and Cell phones, ride share info to Ldr: PATTY KLINE Asst: JOE WANKUM

Aug 27-29 | Fri-Mon Wilderness Adventures, SPS, PV South Bay
I: Mount Huntington: Enjoy the Sierra wilderness at its best on this high elevation backpack/peak climb in the beautiful John Muir Wilderness. Drive up on your own Thu. Aug 26 and camp on your own near Rock Creek. Meet early Fri. a.m. at the Rock Creek Trailhead and backpack 8 miles, 3000' gain to camp in Pioneer Basin. Sat . climb Mt. Huntington, 2 miles, 1800' gain. Sun. backpack out to trailhead and drive home. Limited to 6 participants. Send \$35 reservation fee (Wilderness Adventures: refundable at the trailhead) and separate check with \$10 permit fee (non-refundable) with address, phone, conditioning info, recent hiking experience, email and one SASE (2 SASEs if no email) to Ldr: KEITH MARTIN, co-ldr: MARK MITCHELL

Sep 10-12 | Fri-Sun **SPS**
I: Western Sierra Medley: Leisurely paced day hikes to 3 easy, unlisted peaks in Sierra Nat'l Forest. Car camp on shore of Shaver Lk. Old-timers series trip celebrating SPS's 55th anniversary - renewing acquaintances w/ longtime climbers and welcom-

ing newcomers. Extended happy hours. Camp Fri - Sat nights USFS's Dorabelle CG. Two separate climbs Sat above Huntington Lake. First, Chinese Pk (8709'), 6 mi rt on service road, use trails, 1300' gain. Then, for the ambitious, Bear Butte (8598'), up to 5 miles rt on logging road, far less with 4WD, then short 600' xc scramble up a semi-exploratory route. Sun, forest road start followed by very short exploratory scramble up Ely Mtn. (6886'), 800' max gain. Send sase w/ H&W phones, e-mail address (sase not needed if e-mail app) to Asst Ldr/Reservationist: JERRY KEATING. Ldr: MARY MCMANNES. Asst Ldrs: GORDON MACLEOD and BARBARA LILLEY.

Sep 22-24 | Wed-Fri **SPS**
I: Dicks Pk (9974'), Mt Tallac (9735), Freel Pk (10,881'): Join us Wednesday for an easy backpack (4 mi, 1600') to Gilmore Lk, set up camp, and climb Dicks Pk (5.5 mi rt, 1600'). Thursday climb Tallac (3.6 rt, 1400') and backpack out. We'll car camp at the Armstrong Pass trailhead before a day-hike on Friday to Freel via Armstrong Pass (10 mi rt, 2800'). Email or send sase to Ldr: TINA BOWMAN Co-ldr: MARY MCMANNES

Sep 25 | Sat **Forest Comm/Pasadena/Natural Science/Hundred Peaks/San Gabriel Mtns Trailbuilders**
O: Trails Restoration in the San Gabriel Mtns: Join the Forest Committee's San Gabriels Trail Crew to help restore and maintain over 200 miles of trails damaged by 2009 Station Fire. Meets every 2nd and 4th Sat of month to work with the San Gabriel Mountains Trailbuilders. Tools and instructions provided. Boots and long-sleeved shirts mandatory. Hiking distances vary. Events typically end by 3 pm. Bring gloves, lots of water, lunch, safety glasses if you have them, and enthusiasm to work as little or as much as you want. Contact leader (email preferred) week before for destination, meeting time and location (we need headcount to provide proper number of tools). Ldrs: MEI KWAN, BILL JACKSON.

Sep 26 | 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 or sase, navigation experience/training, contact info, any WTC, leader rating, rideshare to Ldr: ROBERT MYERS. Asst: HARRY FREIMANIS

Sep 29 | Wed **LTC, SPS, DPS, WTC**
Workshop: Advanced Mountaineering Program (AMP2) – Basic Safety System. First of 4 climbing workshops open to SC members with prior roped climbing experience. Today's indoor evening workshop of 4 hours reviewing ropes, knots, harnesses, helmets, and basic climbing gear will take place in Pasadena. Based on Ch. 9 of Mountaineering: Freedom of the Hills, 7th ed. As space is limited priority will be given to participants who commit to all four workshops. Send sase or e-mail with SC#, resume, phones to Ldr: DAN RICHTER (dan@danrichter.com). Asst: PAT MCKUSKY

Oct 2 | Sat **LTC, SPS, DPS, WTC**
M/E R: Advanced Mountaineering Program (AMP2) – Belaying. 2nd of 4 climbing workshops open to SC members w/prior roped climbing exp. Today at Stoney Point in Chatsworth, focus is on belaying & principles of anchor building. Based on Ch. 10 of Mountaineering: Freedom of the Hills. As space is limited priority will be given to participants who commit to all 4 workshops. Send sase or e-mail, SC#, resume, phones to Ldr: DAN RICHTER (dan@danrichter.com). Asst: PAT MCKUSKY

Oct 9 | Sat **LTC, SPS, DPS, WTC**
M/E R: Advanced Mountaineering Program (AMP2) – Rappelling. 3rd of 4 climbing workshops open to SC members with prior roped climbing experience. Today at Stoney Point in Chatsworth, focus is on rappelling. Based on Ch. 11 of Mountaineering: Freedom of the Hills, 7th ed. As space is limited priority will be given to participants who commit to all four workshops. Send sase or e-mail with SC#, resume, phones to Ldr: DAN RICHTER (dan@danrichter.com). Asst: PAT MCKUSKY

Oct 16-17 | Sat - Sun **LTC, SPS, DPS, WTC**
M/E R: Advanced Mountaineering Program (AMP2) – Rock Climbing Techniques and Anchors. 4th of 4 climbing workshops open to SC members with prior roped climbing experience. This weekend completes the series of AMP workshops at Joshua Tree National Park and focuses on climbing and anchors. Based on Chaps. 12 & 13 of *Mountaineering: Freedom of the Hills*, 7th ed. As space is limited priority will be given to participants who commit to all four workshops. Send sase or e-mail with SC#, resume, phones to Ldr: **DAN RICHTER** (dan@danrichter.com). Asst: **Pat McKusky**

Oct 16 | Sat **SPS**
M: Mt. Gould (13,005’): Join in the celebration of

Corrine Livingston’s SPS list finish with a climb of Gould from Keasarge Pass, or simply enjoy fall colors and a hike to the pass or the lakes below. Party to follow at Corrine’s home in Independence. Send your hike/climb preference to Ldr: **TINA BOWMAN** Co-ldr: **JOHN CHESLICK**

Oct 29–Oct 31 | 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**

Be Safe

SPS 2010

Banquet photos courtesy of:

Mary Mac

Ron Hudson

Kathy Rich

Eric Scheidemantle

BANQUET

Paul Garry, our guest speaker, gave a terrific program on his climb to Cho Oyu! At 8188 meters, Cho Oyu is the sixth highest mountain in the world. It is located on the border of Tibet (China) and Nepal about 20 km to the west of Mount Everest.

As usual, **Henry Arnebold**, aka, Two Buck Hank, proved to be a great banquet chair and entertaining emcee.

RAFFLE WINNERS:

Rima Curry

Sridhar Gullapalli

Laura Stockton



Guest Speaker - Paul Garry



The three reigning Chairpersons: Mary Mac (DPS), Jim Fleming (HPS), & Kathy Rich (SPS)



L - R Barbara & Dave Sholle, Gerry & Pat Holleman, Mark & Joy Goebel



Gordon MacCleod & Rayne Motheral



Gordon MacCleod, Mary & Rayne Motheral, Rich Gnagy, Barbara Lilly and Ret Moore



Robert Gunn, Melody Anderson, Sridhar Gullapalli & Steve Berson



Don Crowley, Laura Stockton & Henry Arnebold



Scott Sullivan, Tom Bowman, Elena Sherman, Barbara Sholle



*Mary Mac and Doug Mantle
(well sort of)*



Mary Jo Dungfelder, Gary Schenk, Paul Garry, Shelly Holt, Kathy Rich & Alex Smirnoff



Steve & Rima Curry



Tom & Tina Bowman



Mary Mac, aka Baby Girl & Ret Moore

TRIP REPORT

Milestone Mountain, Table Mountain and Midway Mountain

August 30-September 2, 2009

by Greg Gerlach

Saturday, August 29 and Sunday, August 30. I picked up Bob Wyka around 1:30 p.m. on Saturday for the 250 mile drive to the trailhead. Smoke from the Station Fire was visible all the way into the Owens Valley. We managed to pick up our permit from the Inter-agency Visitors Center just before closing time, then drove up to the Shepherd Pass trailhead for the night. Sunday we started up towards the pass at 8:00, had lunch at Anvil Camp around 1:00, and then made our way over the pass and down the other side, finally making camp at 5:30 at the junction of the Muir Trail and Tyndall Creek.

Monday, August 31. Bob and I were hiking along the trail at 8:00 a.m. towards Milestone Basin. Once at the Kern River, we made camp at a lake, prepared daypacks and left for Milestone Basin at 11:00. At about 3,380 meters, Bob and I took the right or north hand branch of Milestone Creek and made our way toward and into the bowl just east of Milestone Mountain. From the top of the bowl, we worked our way up alongside the base of the summit tower, then up a third class chute to the notch just north of the mountain. The chockstone route mentioned in Secor's book did not appear to go easily, so we dropped down about 100' or so,

then climbed up the easy third class west ridge of the summit, arriving on top at 2:45 p.m. After spending a few minutes on top and signing the summit register, Bob and I down climbed the mountain back to the notch, descended from the notch to the bowl, then followed our ascent route back to camp, where we arrived around 5:30.

Tuesday, September 1. Bob and I left for Table at 7:45 and generally followed our route of the previous day into upper Milestone Basin. We made our way to the un-named lake located south and a little east of Table at 3620 meters in elevation. Bob and I studied the 8-10 route descriptions that we had, which basically said the same thing: the entry to the ledge system is the crux of the entire climb. We left the lake and climbed up a loose scree and sand filled chute located under a V notch until progress was blocked, then made a right turn and traversed over and then down onto the ledge system, encountering one awkward and hard third class move along the way. Bob and I followed the path of least resistance, generally moving up and down along the ledge system until we came to a broad chute just in front of an arête. We climbed up the left side of the chute, went through a keyhole, made our way up to the

southeast end of the broad summit plateau, than strolled to the top, which was marked by a six foot or so high cairn. The route along the ledges is class 2 and easy class 3 and class 1 on the summit plateau. Bob and I arrived on top at 1:00, reviewed and signed the summit register, where we noticed in the book that we were only the second group to climb this remote peak so far this year. We left the top at 1:30, made our way back down our ascent route, dropped down to about 3800 meters in elevation, then contoured over to Midway's east ridge. The class 1-2 route was slow, but went very well. Bob and I topped out on Midway at 4:45, quickly signed the register book, then made our way down into Milestone Basin. I was leading and somehow overshot the correct route and ended up in the southern branch of Milestone Creek. Big Mistake! The route along the creek has numerous obstacles, such as lakes (which are not shown on the map), cliffs and stream crossing. Bob patiently tagged along not saying a word. We finally arrived back in camp at 7:30 in complete darkness.

Wednesday, September 2. Bob and I left camp around 7:15, hit Shepherd Pass at 10:30, and the car at 3:10. The desert air was still filled with heavy smoke from the Station fire as we drove back home, but we were glad to get back a few days ahead of the Labor Day weekend.

Trip statistics: 52 miles and about 21,400 feet of elevation gain.

Silver Peak



Article by John Cheslick
photos by Mary Jo Dungfelder

Gary Schenk at the saddle with Silver Peak behind him

I had wanted to lead a trip in this area near Lake Edison and Florence Lake for awhile. The attractions are many, large lakes with ferry service, the challenge of the Kaiser Pass single lane road and most importantly, a cooked meal and a cold drink at the end of a hike. You also have the opportunity to take a hot shower at Vermilion Valley Resort (VVR) but more about that later.

This trip had a lot of interest with a full roster of eight along with a couple on the waiting list. However, my experience is that a lot can change before the trip begins. At the trailhead, it was only Gary Schenk as co-leader, Mary Jo Dungfelder, Gary Bowen, Chuck Ernest and I. (Advice for anyone

wanting to go on a trip that is full: Wait until a day before the trip and call the leader. There are almost always cancellations.)

I had scheduled a late start in case people wanted to drive the Kaiser Pass road during the day (I think it is easier at night when you can see the on-coming car headlights) and also if someone wanted to get a hot breakfast at VVR which was where we met. We got a later than planned start since we waited awhile for no-shows but we still had plenty of time to hike to Devil's Bathtub. The day was short; we started at 11 am and were at the lake by 2 pm. Some groups start early and climb the peak the first day but it makes for a long day.

We camped at the SE side of the lake which had some great campsites with fire rings and places to sit.

The next day, we left at 5:45 am so we could be back early both for the drive back to LA and also to get back to VVR for dinner. (The kitchen closes around 8 pm and last orders are taken at 7:45.) We went on the east side of the lake following a use trail to near the lake stream inlet. From there, we followed the stream up the valley until we came to the valley's end. I made a mistake here and should have cut back right to the correct saddle, instead we went too far west and had to do a bit more scrambling than needed. No harm, it just took a while longer.

A good landmark is a cascading stream coming down from a couple of lakes. You start up here but you need to bear right (a hard right) to get to the correct saddle. From this saddle, south of the

peak, you descend approximately 500 feet and then start heading up the peak. The views from the summit were great. We could see Mammoth, the Minarets, Seven Gables and beyond.

The way back was uneventful. We just made it back in time for dinner. It took us six hours up to the peak from our camp and 6 hours down to the cars, not including time for lunch or to pack up our camp.

VVR is a rustic place but the folks are friendly. Depending on the time of year you visit, it can be very busy with both thru hikers (JMT and PCT) and fisherman. Remember, they have cold beer and hot showers which are so nice to have after a great hike.

This is a great area with many fine peaks and I would encourage all to visit.



Summit photo

*Gary Schenk, Mary Jo Dungfelder, Chuck Ernest,
Gary Bowen and John Cheslick (left to right)*

Giant Sequoia Redux

TRIP REPORT

by Jerry Keating



Photo by Eugenia Hathaway

Remaining members of one group and arrivals of the other pose on Buena Vista Peak with Barbara Lilley atop the summit block. Among others shown with SPS connections are Ralph Wright (far left), Vicky Hoover (seated second from left), Delores Holladay (standing in background behind Hoover), Ret Moore (immediately right of center), Mary Sue Miller (next to Moore) and Gordon MacLeod (in sweater, standing next to last on far right) and Frank Bressel (farthest right and behind MacLeod). CEC leader Bruce Trotter is standing next to far left.

September 11-13, 2009

With 28 persons on hand – including three from the San Francisco Bay area – the 2009 version of the SPS “old-timers” series yielded ample climbing objectives as well as magnificent forest scenery and two nights of extended campfire camaraderie. Five named summits were reached, and the weather was ideal.

This annual event draws SPSers as well as Canyon Explorers Club members, many of whom belong to both organizations. Among those on



Photo by Eugenia Hathaway

Nancy Parker admires Stony Creek below Stony Creek Campground.

hand were three SPS founding members – Frank Bressel, Roger Gaefcke and Barbara Lilley – six list finishers – Rich Gnagy, Vicky Hoover, Lilley, Gordon MacLeod, Mary Motheral and Ret Moore – and past SPS chair Mary Sue Miller, who now lives in Patagonia, Ariz. Hoover is from San Francisco, while the two other Bay Area participants were SPSer Ralph Wright of Concord and guest Rich Sexton of Antioch.

Gathering point for the trip was Stony Creek Campground (6400') along the Generals Highway within the northern section of Giant Sequoia National Monument. Four of the peaks were in adjoining Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, which require that hiking parties be kept to 15 or fewer members.

Big Baldy (8209') and Little Baldy (8044') were climbed Saturday, while Buena Vista Peak (7602') and Park Ridge Lookout (7540') were done on Sunday. Each peak has a separate trail. Buck Rock LO (8502'), which is in the National Monument, was ascended Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday by different individuals or small groups, thus avoiding waits to reach this spectacular vantage point via its 0.2-mile trail and 172-step series of stairways. Participants who reached all of these points covered some 16 miles of terrain with more than 2,600 feet of gain.

On Saturday, two groups were formed to climb in opposite order. MacLeod and Lilley led an 11-member SPS contingent that climbed Big Baldy and, with one less person, did Little Baldy. Among those doing both peaks were Bressel, Gnagy, Terry Flood, Delores Holladay, Moore and Wright. The other group consisted mainly of those who'd signed in as CECers and was led by Bruce Trotter. Among the CECers with that group were SPSers Bruno Geiger and Mary & Rayne Motheral.

On Sunday, both groups climbed Buena Vista first but with different starting times. For a brief

time some members of both groups were on the peak together, and cameras were kept busy. The peak has a class 3 outcrop and many of the participants posed on it.

Later Sunday after Buena Vista, MacLeod, Lilley, Holliday, Wright, Sexton and Terry Flood made the nine-mile round trip to Park Ridge LO. The first three added a short detour to climb the 7761-foot high point of Park Ridge. And also that day, Gnagy, Hoover, Miller and Moore were among those who found time to climb Buck Point LO. Flood, Lilley, MacLeod and Mary Motheral had ascended it earlier in the trip.

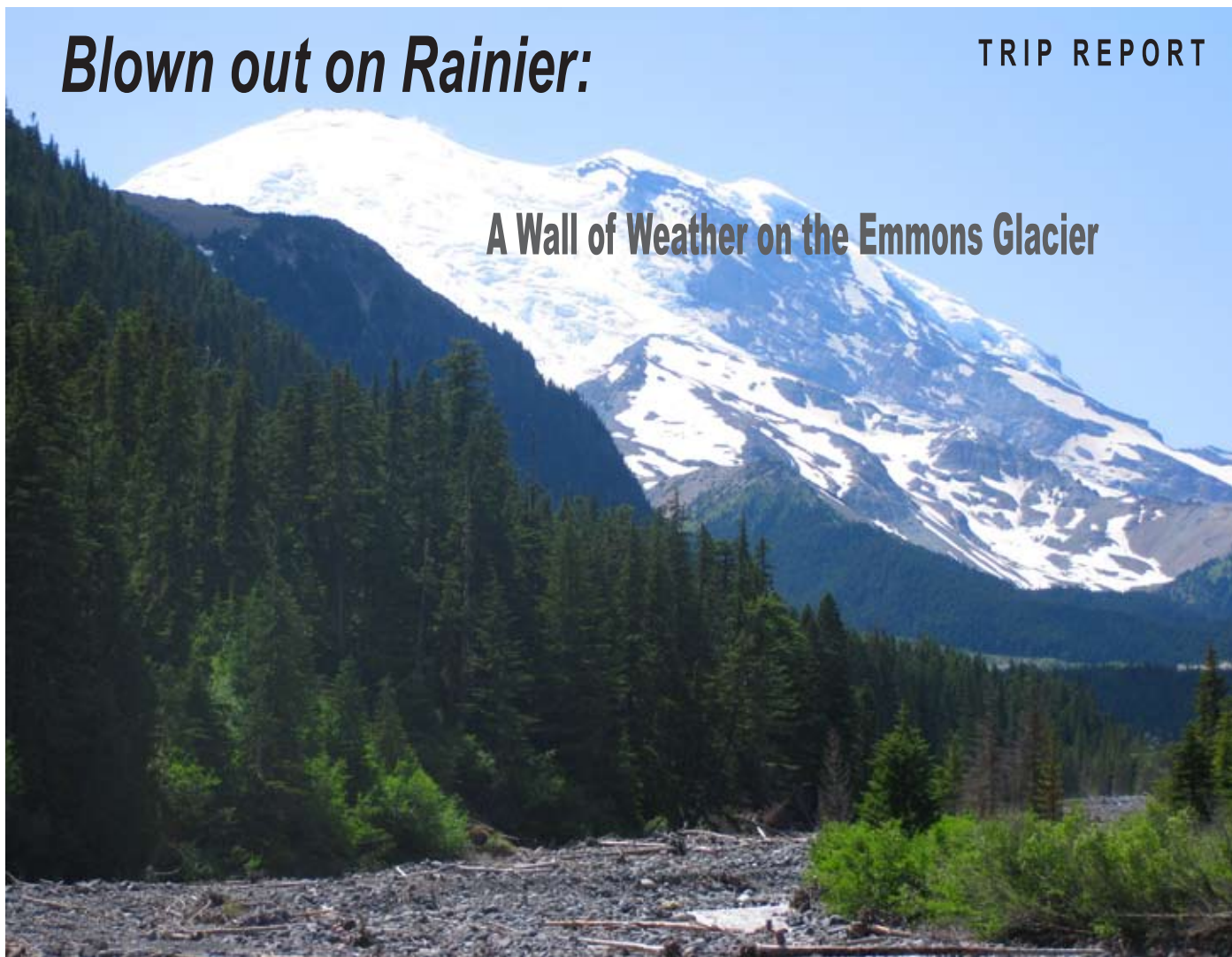
Other attractions of this late-summer trip included a beautiful, water-polished-granite section of Stony Creek just below camp, the majestic sequoias in the monument and national parks, and the displays at the Giant Forest visitor center.

Thanks to Berkeley-based SPSer Fred Johnson for scouting part of the trip last summer. And the author, listed as a leader but prevented by illness from appearing, thanks the various participants who provided information for this report.

Photo by Eugenia Hathaway



Five list finishers and one master emblem holder stand atop the summit block on Buena Vista Peak. Vicky Hoover, Rich Gnagy, Barbara Lilley, Gordon MacLeod and (on far right) Ret Moore. Terry Flood is next to Moore. Obscured man was a guest on the trip.



A Wall of Weather on the Emmons Glacier

Mt. Rainier from White River Campground

by Augie Medina

Jul 13, 2009

Monday, Monday

At 1:40 a.m., with more hope than encouragement, we set off from Camp Schurman for our summit bid. We knew that “a system” was predicted to continue over the area today, but we crossed our cold fingers that it would not unleash with enough force to prevent our two 4-person rope teams to get to Columbia Crest and down safely.

Things started out well enough. Our rope teams got into a good rhythm early on. It had been cold enough at the start to begin the climb with major insulation up top, but it took only a few minutes of moving along before it was time to shed a layer. The snow was not as packed as we would have liked, at least at lower elevation. Our headlamps pierced a dark morning. The light illuminated terrain having the texture of curdled cottage cheese, lending an eerie aspect to the scene. But despite a few prom-

ising hours on the ascent, no one would summit Rainier from this side of the mountain today.

Back to the Beginning

After months of planning, with member Joe White doing the heavy lifting, the California Mountaineering Club had put together a Cascades outing, the objectives being Mt. Rainier via the Emmons Glacier route and Mt. Shuksan via the Sulphide Glacier route. We had 8 members

Rope team that got to 13,000' on descent



photo by Ron Norton

on board, 2 of whom would have to head back home after Rainier. Tent mate and team gear assignments were made and a check list of individual gear items sent out.

In March, most of those on the trip spent a weekend at Rock Creek Canyon in the Eastern Sierra Nevada practicing roped snow travel and setting up Z and C pulley systems for crevasse rescue.

The plan was to meet at the White River Campground on Friday, July 10. Most of us flew to Seattle on the 9th, over-nighted, then car-pooled in rental vehicles to the campground. Joe and Ron had begun their Cascade adventure a couple of days earlier than the rest of us. They endured a long day to summit Mt. Adams the day before meeting us at White River.

White River Campground is a car campground with full facilities in a beautiful setting. I wandered across the river where you could

get a real good look at Rainier. As it turned out, the only time I would see its summit was from afar.

Intermediate Camp: Glacier Basin

The plan was to move from White River Campground (4,400') to Glacier Basin Camp on Saturday and then to Camp

Schurman on Sunday. The first leg was a relatively easy 3.3 mile ascent with 1,600' of gain to Glacier Basin Camp (6,000'). At this camp, we encountered an abrasive park volunteer who barked orders about camp rules that nobody had given any indication of breaking. The man plainly needed either a personality transplant or a new position.

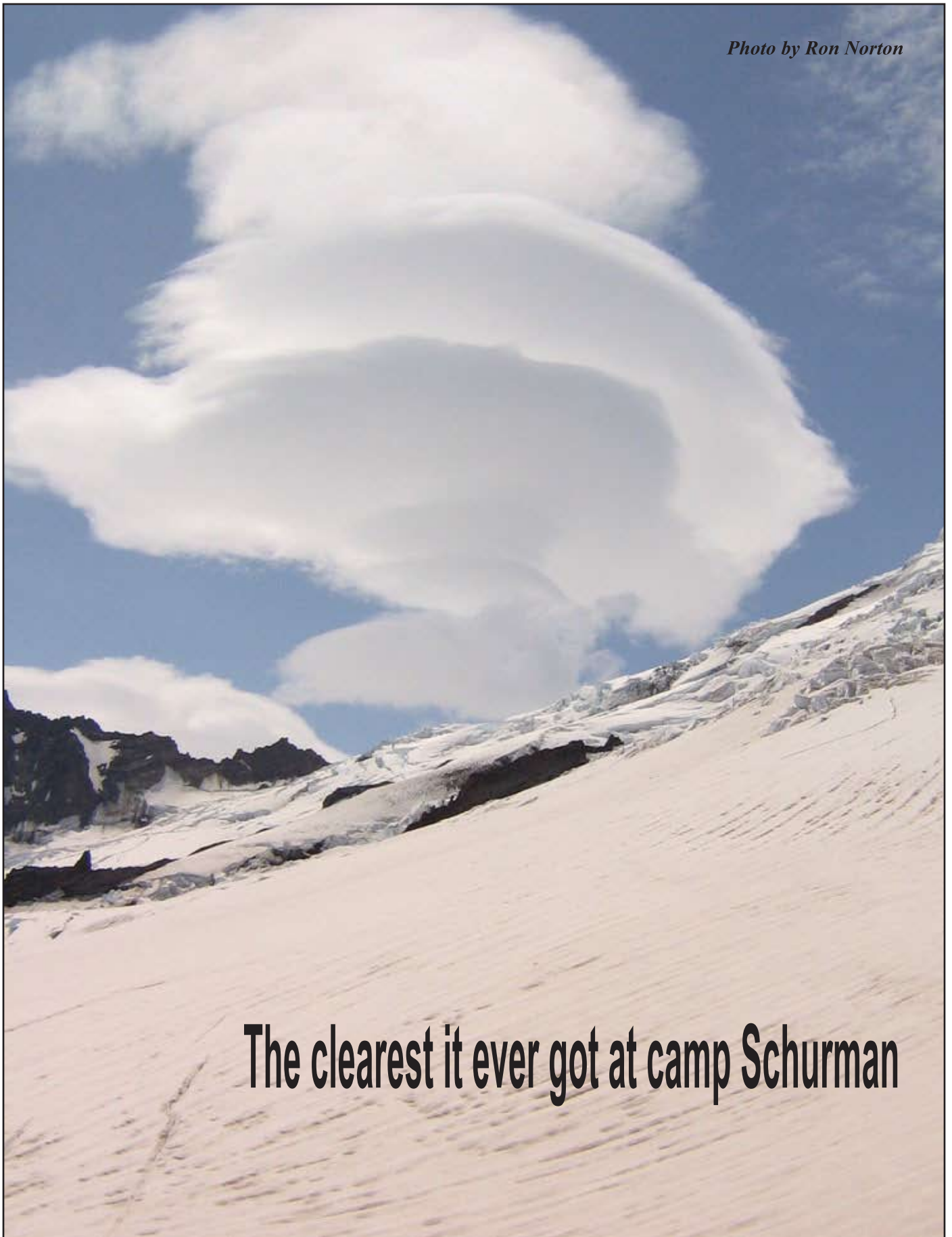
Much friendlier was a bear cub apparently separated from his mother who kept approaching our campsite looking for the obvious. We immediately ran our food bags up the metal hanging poles provided for that purpose and eventually the little bruin retreated. In the late afternoon, we had a session to go over C pulley construction again. All the while, crowds of buffed Cascades mosquitos honed in on exposed skin and bit through clothing to get their blood repast. Those who had brought headnets found that carrying the extra weight had been worthwhile!



Photo by Ben Pitzer

Little bruin at Glacier Basin Camp

Photo by Ron Norton



The clearest it ever got at camp Schurman

High Camp: Schurman

The next morning we hoisted, with audible sighs, our hefty packs, for the long trek to Camp Schurman (9,460') on the NE side of Rainier. From Glacier Basin, there is a climber's path up the right side of the creek that leads to the snout of what is called the Inter Glacier (6,800'). At the top of this small glacier we headed left toward the once popular Camp Curtis and then descended onto the massive Emmons Glacier, traveling in two 4-person rope teams. The views upon reaching the glacier helped to compensate for the weight of our packs.

As we marched into Camp Schurman, a massive ranger greeted us courteously. We indicated to our power ranger that we figured to pitch our camp low rather than high in the area figuring that would minimize exposure to the wind. His comment was that, for now, "low" was where the least wind was, but it could change any moment. And that turned out to be the case.

We set up camp, paying special attention to anchoring the tents securely. Regretful is the climber who has never been to Camp Schurman and fails to bring a camera. That day, we got to see Rainier's summit rim only briefly before the clouds enveloped it. The best views of the area were right outside the ranger's cabin and outhouse above the main camp area. Speaking of outhouses, the usual stench was masked by an ammonia treatment that made your eyes

water. A nice touch was the hand cleansing gel dispenser in this john.

We found a good glacial run-off water source and so didn't need to waste time and fuel melting snow. We had an early dinner since wake-up tomorrow would be midnight with a 1 a.m. start. The ropes were set in position to tie into in the morning and everyone worked a little on his summit pack. My down parka would be coming with me, I knew that. Tomorrow promised to be pretty damned frigid.

The only damper to my excitement was a nasty stomach ailment that had started bothering me on the way up to high camp. It increased in severity during the few hours spent inside the tent trying to sleep before the midnight wake-up.

That it stays daylight until about 9 p.m. at this latitude never helps

in trying to get to sleep early. Plus, the intermittent sounds of a big glacier doing its moaning and crackling can also be a distraction from sleep. This is all topped off by the constant "pop, pop, pop" of the energized nocturnal wind banging against the tent fabric. I realized that if my tent mate Ben, had been a snorer - which he wasn't - it wouldn't have mattered one bit.

The Mountain Turns Down All Comers

When I rolled out of the tent in the morning, I felt really crappy. But who hasn't known the feeling before of running at less than 100% on summit day and yet managing to pull through. I've always figured I'd rather turn back on the ascent than make a decision at base camp to not even try.

Weather conditions didn't help my physical state. It was frigid



The Stars and Stripes at Camp Schurman



Climbers near crevasse below Camp Schurman

with limited visibility. We got off at 1:40 a.m. hoping against hope that the weather would not intensify. Our hopes were buoyed for a few hours. We were making steady progress even though the weather kept picking up little by little. Then my time came. We were only at 11,500 feet and what later turned out to be a stomach virus caused me to work through in my mind the probability of climbing 3,000 feet further and then descending in increasingly severe weather. I put the odds against myself and told the rope leader I should turn around. As it turned out, another member of our party had been experiencing light-headedness and it was decided he should turn around as well.

In the short time it took for both rope teams to huddle about our

options at that point, we all started frosting over, then commenced transitioning to icicles. Two of our team members, Brian and John, who had summited Rainier before (Brian on this very route),

graciously volunteered to return to camp with me and Justin. The four of us tied in to one rope and started back down. The other four continued up.



Paul and Ron on Emmons glacier route, 7.13.09
photo by Joe White

On the descent, we came upon an ascending party that had a member who was not feeling well. We invited her to tie into our rope and thus her group was able to continue.

Our descent was uneventful. Before we reached camp, daylight broke and we were able to see for the first time the terrain we had ascended. Especially intriguing to see was that icy blue hue coloring the interior walls of the massive crevasses on the route.

Back at camp, the wind picked up big time easily gusting to 60 mph. Everyone who was in camp jumped into his tent and stayed there. I managed to rest a bit although my virus would stay with me for the next few days. Given conditions down at this elevation, it didn't surprise when I heard our second rope team coming back into camp. They had gotten to about 13,000' and realized that continuing was not consistent with a healthy lifestyle. But they had given it more than a good try

The Rest of It

Fortunately, the wind moderated to sub-gale force in the late morning and we were able to



Line of crevasses below Camp Schurman



Ben tries to keep warm as we break camp

to the trail head. I was last to arrive at White River Campground, still feeling mightily the effects of my stomach virus.

We made the drive back to Seattle and eagerly rushed for the showers in our motel rooms and later a much anticipated non freeze-dried meal. The next day would be a rest day in Seattle (REI time at the magnificent parent store and some sightseeing in this beautiful city) and then we would drive north to North Cascades National Park to attempt that glorious pyramid-shaped peak, Mount Shuksan.

start breaking camp. Once packed, we got into our rope teams and began the steady plodding back to Glacier Basin Camp and on to White River Campground. The tedium of roped travel was nicely interrupted by being able to glissade a portion of the descent starting at a point where crevasses were not an issue. One team unroped and its members glissaded individually, while my team stayed tied in and we glissaded as a group.

We took a break at Glacier Basin Camp and collected approach shoes and other items that it hadn't been necessary to take to Camp Schurman. Then it was time once again to heave the packs for the final push

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