

The Sierra EC70

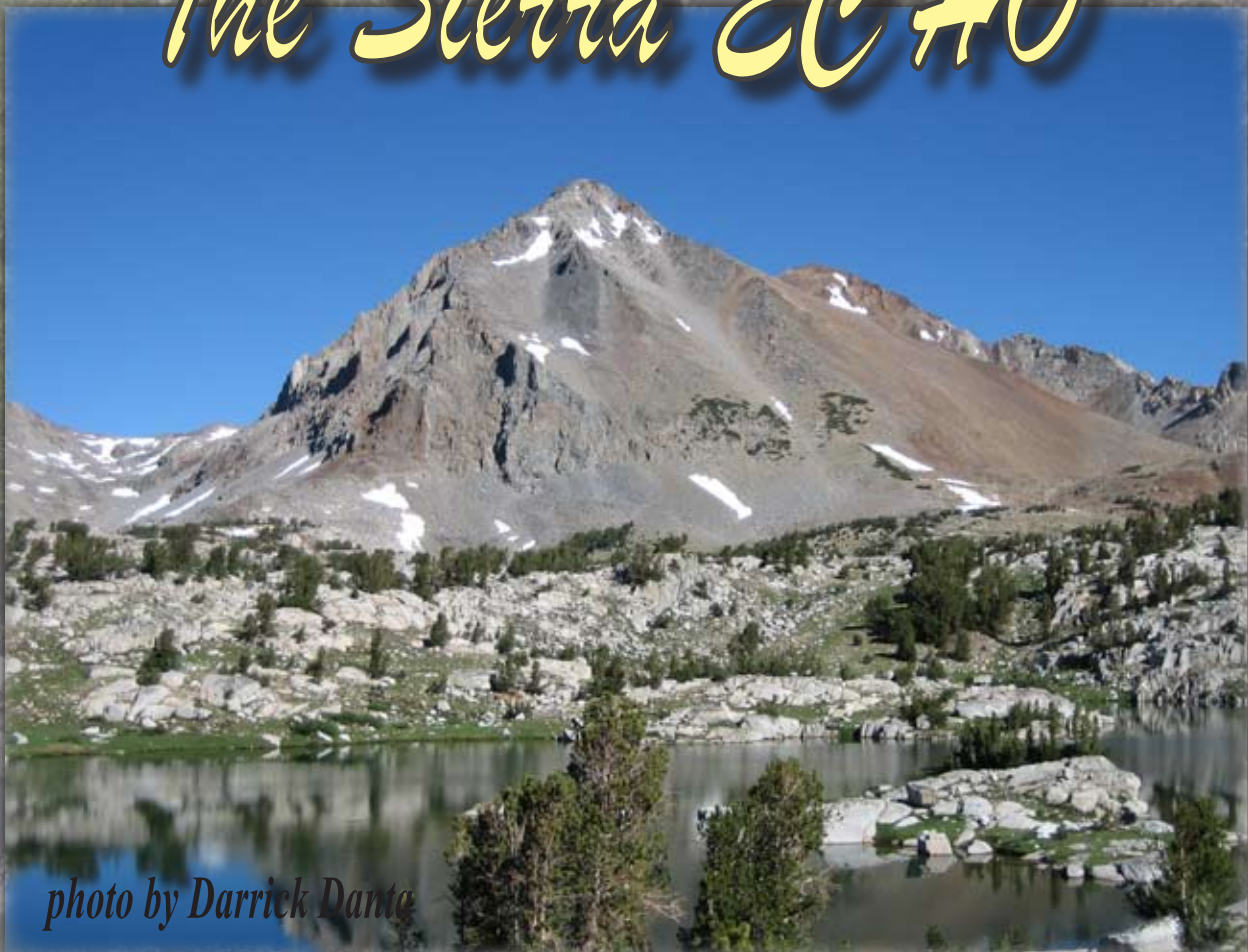


photo by Darrick Dante

*Mt. Wynne looking NW across unnamed
lake W of Mt Perkins*

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EC70S
from the Chair



photo on peak of Williamson

by **Kathy Rich**

It's been a great summer, with mostly blue skies, abundant wildflowers and not too many thunderstorms. We still have six SPS trips scheduled for September and Corinne Livingston's SPS List Finish celebration on October 16th on Mt Gould with a party afterwards in Independence. Contact the trip leaders, Tina Bowman and John Cheslick, if you would like to attend. In addition, Dan Richter and Pat McKusky will hold their second AMP (Advanced Mountaineering Program) from September 29-October 6.

One of the recent highlights of the summer was the 10th Sierra Challenge, held Friday August 6th through Sunday August 15th. For the 2010 event, a new list of 10 peaks was selected, but none from the SPS list. This didn't deter a number of SPSers from participating – including Ele-

na Sherman, Scott Sullivan, Matt Hengst, Paul Garry, Laura Molnar and Ron Hudson. Ron Hudson bettered all his previous efforts by climbing 7 straight peaks in 7 days. Only 5 individuals managed to climb all 10 peaks in 10 days, and one of them was Laura 'Moose' Molnar, a former WTC student from WLA. She became the first and only woman to achieve this feat – a fantastic achievement considering the overall tally was 150 miles and 55,000' gain. Congratulations, Laura!

On a recent Sierra backpack trip, we got to talking about recruiting new members. Whenever there are 'new folks' on a SPS trip, I find myself asking them how far away they are from becoming 'eligible' to join SPS. This often becomes a lengthy discussion, sorting out what peaks were climbed with whom, and whether they will 'count' towards SPS membership. This can be frustrating for recent WTC graduates, for example, who find out that peaks they climbed with WTC don't count. Someone raised the question: why do the peaks have to be climbed exclusively with SPS to count towards membership, why not allow SPS-listed peaks climbed with other Sierra Club entities such as WTC, PCS, Wilderness Adventures, Mule Pack section etc?

We discussed this at our last Management Committee meeting and a motion to bring this issue to a vote by the membership was unanimously approved. It would involve a change to the Bylaws, Section 2, 1.4 which currently states: "Climb any six mountains on the Peaks List maintained by the Section. At least two of these peaks shall be climbed on trips scheduled by the Section". We will propose that this be amended to read "Climb any six mountains on the Peaks List maintained by the Section. At least two of these peaks shall be climbed on trips scheduled by a Sierra Club entity."

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It is worth noting that other sections, such as LDPS, have no such stipulation to climb a certain number of peaks on DPS-led trips in order to join the section. By having such a strict requirement in SPS, I feel that we are limiting our opportunities to recruit new members, particularly those coming out of WTC. Furthermore, the strict limits on participants due to small permit size has made it more difficult to get on SPS trips than when the Bylaws were originally written. I invite your comments and suggestions!

For those of you who remember the story about Conrad Anker finding the body of George Mallory

on Everest in 1999 - 75 years after he perished on the mountain - you can now watch a full-length documentary "Wildest Dream" produced by National Geographic at select local theatres. It's promised to be a worthwhile show illustrating the life of George Mallory, the pioneering adventurer who in 1924 dared to reach into the world's last great untouched wilderness.

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.

New Members and Accomplishments!

Iain Stobie - New Active Member
Joel Kilpatrick - New Active Member
Kathy Rich - Emblem Status
Nile Sorenson - Senior Emblem
Paul Garry - Senior Emblem &
Paul Garry - Geographical Emblem
Tina Bowman - Senior Emblem X3



Mary Jo Dungfelder
Secretary
Sierra Peaks Section

The Sierra Sampler List

Listed, by region, are the 100 peaks that comprise the Sierra Sampler. While no mountain in the Sierra can be climbed without time, effort, and risk, these peaks represent a sub-set of the full SPS List that are relatively easy to get to, pose less danger than others on the List, are fun to climb and/or hold other qualities, and are drawn from the main areas of the range. The Sampler, which has been approved by the SPS Management Committee, thus provides a good introduction to the Sierra for climbers of varying degrees of experience and ability. Enjoy! The Sierra Sampler List will be published in the next Echo. Meantime, follow this link!

<http://angeles.sierraclub.org/sps/The%20Sierra%20SamplerE.htm>

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.

Proposed Change to the SPS Bylaws (Section 1.4)

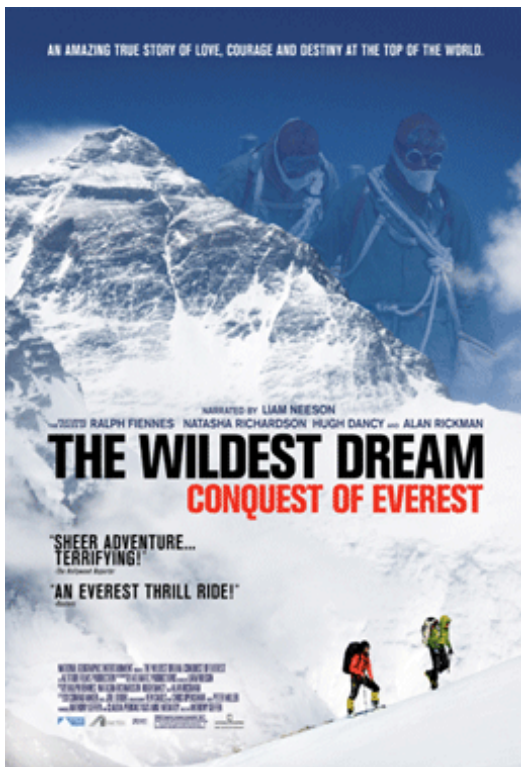
A note from Kathy:

A motion was proposed and seconded by **SPS Management Committee** to propose a change to Bylaw 1.4 (Membership). Currently, in order to become a regular member, an applicant must climb 6 Sierra peaks, with 2 of those peaks being on SPS-led trips. *The change proposed would be to allow the 2 Sierra peaks to be on a trip led by any Sierra Club entity (such as WTC, PCS, WA, Mule Pack Section, etc).*

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KathrynARich@gmail.com

New Movie of Interest



George Mallory was obsessed with becoming the first person to conquer the untouched Mount Everest. He was last seen 800 feet below the summit in 1924, before the clouds rolled in and he disappeared into legend. His death stunned the world.

75 years later, climber Conrad Anker's life became intertwined with Mallory's after finding his frozen body with all his belongings intact. The only thing missing was a photograph of his wife, Ruth, which Mallory had promised to place on the summit. Haunted by Mallory's story, Conrad Anker returns to Everest with British climbing prodigy Leo Houlding to unravel the mysteries surrounding his disappearance.

This theatrical feature, directed by Anthony Geffen, was released in cinemas and giant screen theatres across the US by National Geographic Entertainment in August 2010.

REGARDING E-MAIL DISTRIBUTION OF THE ECHO

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

SPS Treasurer's Report 2nd Quarter June 30, 2010

Checking Account

Income

Echo-----635.00
T-shirts-----31.00
\$666.00

Expenditures

Postage-----228.08
Printing-----177.22
Patches & Pins-----499.68
Bank Fee-----35.00
\$939.98

Balance on 3/31/10-----4,320.61
Income-----666.00
\$4,986.61
Expenditures----- -939.98
\$4,046.63

Savings Account

Balance on 3/31/10-----4,984.50
April interest-----2.05
May interest-----2.12
June interest-----2.05
\$4,990.72

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

Passages

September 18, 1921

August 2, 2010

George Edward Toby

George served in the U.S. Navy during WWII and moved to Southern California in 1951. He was employed in the Aerospace industry for 35 years. He greatly enjoyed his activities with the Sierra Club and climbing in the Sierras. He was a member of Saint Mel Paris for several decades.

“George was a long-time HPSer, DPSer, and SPSer & completed SPS and DPS Lists. Sorry to hear about his passing. One of my first SPS trips was with him, he was well versed in techniques, and a considerate leader. Goodbye George”

David Underwood



“George and I started going on SPS trips in the 1960’s and as I recall we both took part in the Basic Mountaineering Classes. I earned my SPS emblem in 1968 and George in 1971. I do remember George was a strong competent member which I would have no problem having him as a rope-mate. Sorry to hear of his passing.”

Hal Browder

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.

SIERRA PEAKS SECTION

Management Committee

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 5th, 2010, at the home of Kathy Rich

Call to order: 7:30pm. Members present - Kathy Rich, Alexander Smirnoff, Greg Mason, Henry Arnebold, Mary Jo Dungfelder. Guests – Dan Richter (archivist).

March minutes were previously approved via email & posted in Vol 54 Issue #3 of the Echo.

1. Chair's report – Kathy reported that:
 - A letter was received from the Chairman/CEO of Sports Chalet offering a meeting room free of charge to any Sierra Club entity.
 - A letter was received from Doris Cerna, Angeles Chapter Treasurer, offering audit help on any treasurer's reports.
 - New member Iain Stobie should be acknowledged in the next Echo and on the SPS webpage
 - The SPS Banquet is scheduled for Jan 29, 2011 at Taix Restaurant. Discussion of possible speakers included Gerry Roach, author of several books, including the 'Colorado Fourteeners'. He lives in Colorado, but is an active member of the DPS and reputedly a good speaker.
 2. Treasurer's Report – Henry Arnebold submitted the 1st Quarter, 2010 report. Checking account balance: \$4,320.61; savings account balance: \$4,984.50.
 3. Sierra Echo Report – the next Echo deadline is August 23rd.
 4. Outings Report – Barbee and Larry are pleased with the recent P&P change allowing quick turn around approval for SPS trips.
 5. Mountain Records Report – Harry Langenbacher provided an updated register report to go online and in the next Echo.
 6. Archivist Report – Dan Richter reported that Historian Bob Cates is in the process of scanning archival material to make it available online. Interns are needed to help organize material at UCLA.
 7. New Business
 - A motion was proposed and seconded to propose a change to Bylaw 1.4 (Membership). Currently, in order to become a regular member, an applicant must climb 6 Sierra peaks, with 2 of those peaks being on SPS-led trips. The change proposed would be to allow the 2 Sierra peaks to be on a trip led by any Sierra Club entity (such as WTC, PCS, WA, Mule Pack Section, etc).
 - Barbee Tidball provided a Word document detailing the SPS banquet history from 1957 to 2003. A volunteer is needed to update the history to reflect 2003 to 2010.
 - Greg Mason announced that on January 11, 2011 he will talk to an Orange County Group about the SPS. He plans to prepare a video and/or slide presentation. Any interested volunteers in helping Greg put this together should contact him at outreach@sierrapeaks.org and offer their services.
 8. Old Business
 - Greg Mason demonstrated the SPS Committee Google site 'sierrapeaks.org'. There are many things that it can be used for besides email lists - including leader lists, discussion groups, blogs, storing of electronic documents and member database, branded email (ie xxx@sierrapeaks.org), a calendar, etc. This is a means to create a nice web presence for future Management Committees and others to access current information.
- Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Leadership **LTC** Committee release

July 5, 2010

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

Club will offer outdoor leadership training Oct. 2

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, Oct. 2, at the Costa Mesa Neighborhood Community Center.

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

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

Applications and checks are due Sept. 18.

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



Leadership Training Committee 2010/11 Schedule of Activities

Leadership Training Program Seminar

Oct 2 Fall LTC Seminar - Costa Mesa

Steve Botan

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

Oct 29-31
Apr 15-17



Steve Schuster
Steve Schuster

Navigation Practices and Checkouts

Sep 26	I/M/E Grinnell Ridge Navigation Checkoff/Practice	Robert Myers
Oct 17	I/M Indian Cove Navigation Checkoff/Practice	Robert Myers
Nov 13	M Workshop & Nav Noodle on 3rd class rock	Robert Myers
Nov 13-14	I/M Indian Cove Navigation Checkoff/Practice	Robert Myers
Dec 11	I Beginning Navigation Clinic - not a Checkoff	Diane Dunbar
Dec 12	I/M/E Warren Pt. Navigaiton Checkoff/Practice	Robert Myers
Jan 8-9	I/M/E Warren Pt. Navigation Checkoff/Practice	Robert Myers
Apr 16-17	I/M Indian Cove Navigation Checkoff Practice	Robert Myers

Rock Practices and Checkouts

Nov 21 E/M Stoney Point Rock Workshop/Checkoff R. Hudson

Advanced Mountaineering Program (AMP) for practice only - not a check off

Sep 29	M/E AMP - Basic Safety Systems	D. Richter
Oct 2	M/E AMP - Belaying	D. Richter
Oct 9	M/E AMP - Rappelling	D. Richter
Oct 16-17	M/E AMP - Rock Climbing Techniques and Anchors	D. Richter

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 22	M/E Local Snow Practice	N. Sorenson
Feb 12	M/E Local Snow Practice	N. 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 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/>

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

FLOWERS OF THE SIERRA



photo by Augie Medina

Sunflowers along the Sawtooth Trail



photo by Michael Gosnell

*Piute Morning Glory (*Calystegia longipes*) found at lower elevations of the Baxter Pass Trail.*



photo by Barbee Tidball

Near Merriam & Royce

Larkspur near North Peak



photo by Ron Campbell



MOUNTAIN REGISTER REPORT

by Harry Langenbacher

I would like to get reports on the condition of summit registers and overfilled or missing summit registers/containers/pencils for any SPS (Sierra Peaks Section) listed summit, or other major summits in the Sierras. I have lots of various register books, and a few ammo boxes, and a couple of tin cans. Let me know if you need any of these supplies to help take care of the peaks on this list. There have been a few additions and deletions to this list since last year, but we still have register needs on almost a fifth of the peaks. Before you climb a Sierra Peak go to website <http://summitregister.org/> for additional summit needs. After you climb a Sierra Peak, please send in a report <http://climber.org/contact/SummitRegisters> on the condition of the summit register. I will keep track of them. I like “all OK” reports, too!

<u>Peak Name</u>	<u>Elev</u>	<u>Needs</u>
<u>Abbot Mt</u>	<u>13704</u>	<u>need book</u>
<u>Agassiz Mt</u>	<u>13893</u>	<u>need 30 caliber ammo box lid or container, has book</u>
<u>Banner Peak</u>	<u>12936</u>	<u>need book</u>
<u>Black Giant</u>	<u>13330</u>	<u>need pencil</u>
<u>Black Mtn</u>	<u>13291</u>	<u>need book</u>
<u>Cathedral Peak</u>	<u>10911</u>	<u>need container and book</u>
<u>Charybdis</u>	<u>13096</u>	<u>need container (rusty cans and spiral book there now)</u>
<u>Cloudripper</u>	<u>13525</u>	<u>need book</u>
<u>Dana Mt</u>	<u>13057</u>	<u>need book</u>
<u>Gabb Mt</u>	<u>13680+</u>	<u>need book</u>
<u>Gayley Mt</u>	<u>13510</u>	<u>need pencil</u>
<u>Gibbs Mt</u>	<u>12773</u>	<u>need container and book</u>
<u>Goethe Mt</u>	<u>13264</u>	<u>need container and book</u>
<u>Highland Peak</u>	<u>10935</u>	<u>need book and container</u>
<u>Joe Devel Peak</u>	<u>13327</u>	<u>need book</u>
<u>Julius Caesar</u>	<u>13200+</u>	<u>need container and pencil, better book</u>
<u>Koip Peak</u>	<u>12962</u>	<u>need book</u>
<u>Leavitt Peak</u>	<u>11569</u>	<u>need book and container</u>
<u>Lion Rock</u>	<u>12360+</u>	<u>need book</u>
<u>Mendel</u>	<u>Mt 13710</u>	<u>need register and container</u>
<u>Mokelumne Peak</u>	<u>9334</u>	<u>need book almost full</u>
<u>Morgan N Mt</u>	<u>13002</u>	<u>need ziplock bag, pencil, dry out book</u>
<u>Morgan S Mt</u>	<u>13748</u>	<u>need book</u>
<u>Morrison Mt</u>	<u>12277</u>	<u>need book and container</u>
<u>Pickering Mt</u>	<u>13474</u>	<u>need pencil</u>
<u>Recess Peak</u>	<u>12813</u>	<u>need Container and Book</u>
<u>Red And White</u>	<u>12816</u>	<u>need Container and Book</u>
<u>Rose Mt</u>	<u>10776</u>	<u>need book and container</u>
<u>Round Top</u>	<u>10381</u>	<u>need book and container</u>
<u>Russell Mt</u>	<u>14088</u>	<u>need book and container</u>
<u>San Joaquin Mtn</u>	<u>11598</u>	<u>need container and book</u>
<u>Sierra Buttes</u>	<u>8591</u>	<u>need register and container</u>
<u>Silver Peak</u>	<u>11878</u>	<u>need book and container</u>
<u>Smith Mtn</u>	<u>9533</u>	<u>need container, book, pencil</u>
<u>Stanislaus Peak</u>	<u>11233</u>	<u>need container, book, pencil</u>
<u>Starr King Mt</u>	<u>9092</u>	<u>need better container or plastic bags to stop water damage</u>
<u>Tehipite Dome</u>	<u>7708</u>	<u>need book and a good drying out</u>
<u>Temple Crag</u>	<u>12976</u>	<u>need pencil</u>
<u>Thunder Mtn</u>	<u>13517+</u>	<u>Extra container on the south summit needs to be retrieved - contact Harry.</u>
<u>Thunderbolt Pk</u>	<u>14003</u>	<u>need book and container - book in baggie is full, aluminum box was stolen!</u>
<u>Trojan Peak</u>	<u>13947</u>	<u>need Container</u>
<u>University Peak</u>	<u>13589</u>	<u>need 30 cal Ammo box lid, or new container, has book</u>
<u>Young Mt</u>	<u>13176</u>	<u>need permanent container (has temporary one, with book)</u>

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>.

Outings

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

Sep 5-6 | Sun-Mon **WTC, SPS**
I: Mount Stanford (North), (12,838'): Experience trip for WTC students and leaders. Sun backpack to western most Hilton Lake, 6 mi, 1400'. Mon climb Mount Stanford, 5 mi rt, then pack out. \$5 permit fee. Send e-mail with recent experience and conditioning, H&W phones, and ride share info to Ldr: JACKIE ZHU (jackiezhu@yahoo.com). Asst-Ldr: JACK KIEFFER (Jockorock42@yahoo.com).

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 welcoming 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.

Sept. 17- 19 | Fri-Sun **WTC, SPS, Long Beach**
I: Red Slate Mountain (13,123') Enjoy a late summer weekend in this colorful, high-elevation setting. Friday morning hike 7.5 miles 2500' gain up McGee Creek through aspens, pines and meadows to the beautiful red rock mountains of upper McGee Creek Canyon. We'll camp alongside Big McGee Lake at 10,500' elevation. Sat. morning hike to McGee Pass, climb Red Slate Mountain (Class 2, approx. 2700' gain, 6 miles roundtrip), and return to camp for happy hour. Sunday morning hike out. Total mileage approx. 25 miles roundtrip, 5200' gain, moderate pace. \$5 permit fee collected at trailhead. E-mail both leaders w/experience and conditioning. Ldrs: SHARON MOORE & PAT ARREDONDO

Sep 18-19 | Sat-Sun **SPS**
I: Mt Silliman (11,188'): Moderate mileage SPS trip in Sequoia National Park among world's biggest trees. Leave Sat. morning from Lodgepole Springs. 3.5 mi, 2000' gain, half off-trail, happy hour at meadow next to Silliman Creek. Early Sun. head up class 2 granite friction slabs, brunch on summit after 3.5 mi, 2400' gain. Back to camp and trailhead in timely fashion, w/optional stop by General Sherman tree on way out. Comfort with class 2 rock required. Send email and hiking/climbing resume to Ldr: JOEL KILPATRICK. Asst: ROBERT MYERS.

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 dayhike 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/HPS/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. Bring gloves, lots of water, lunch, safety glasses if you have them. Contact leader (email preferred) week before for destination, meeting time and location. 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

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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. 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. 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

Nov 13 | Sat **LTC, WTC**
MR: Navigation Workshop on 3rd Class Terrain: This navigation workshop is limited to individuals participating in the Indian Cove Navigation Noodle & is intended to explore special navigation issues that arise on 3rd class terrain. Class 3 rock travel experience required. Restricted to SC members. Helmets & medical forms required. Send email/sase, SC#, class 3 experience, conditioning, contact info to Ldr: ROBERT MYERS. Co-Ldr: JACK KIEFFER

Nov 13-14 | Sat-Sun **LTC, WTC, HPS, DPS, SPS**
I: Indian Cove Navigation: Navigation noodle at Joshua Tree NP to satisfy the Basic (I/M) level navigation requirements. Sat for practice, skills refresher, altimeter, homework. Sun checkout. Send email/sase, contact info, navigation experience/training, any WTC, leader rating, rideshare, to Ldr: ROBERT MYERS. Asst: PHIL WHEELER

Nov 21 | Sun **LTC, SPS, DPS, WTC**
E/M: Stoney Point Rock Workshop/Checkoff: This intermediate & advanced workshop is based on the rock requirements for M and E leadership. Checkoffs for M & E rock must be pre-arranged. To participate you must be a member of the SC & have suitable rock climbing experience. Helmet & 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 11 | 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. Not a checkout, but it will help you prepare. Many expert leaders will attend; many I-rated leaders started here. 4 mi, 500' gain. Send sase, phones, \$25 deposit (Sierra Club, refunded at trailhead) to Ldr: DIANE DUNBAR. Co-Ldr: RICHARD BOARDMAN

Dec 12 | 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. Send email/sase, contact info, navigation experience/training, any WTC, leader rating, rideshare, to Ldr: ROBERT MYERS. Asst: PHIL WHEELER

Jan 8 | 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 & juniper region of western Joshua Tree NP. We will take a x-country route to Warren Pt & 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 PEDRESCHI SHIELDS, JANE SIMPSON

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Jan 22 | 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, email address, phone to Ldr: NILE SORENSON. Co-ldr: TOM MCDONNELL

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Hal Browder writes that he has not seen this route repeated in the SPS archived SPS trip reports, so here it is and enjoy!

TRIP REPORT

A TRAVERSE OF UNIVERSITY PEAK 13,588'

July 19th 1965

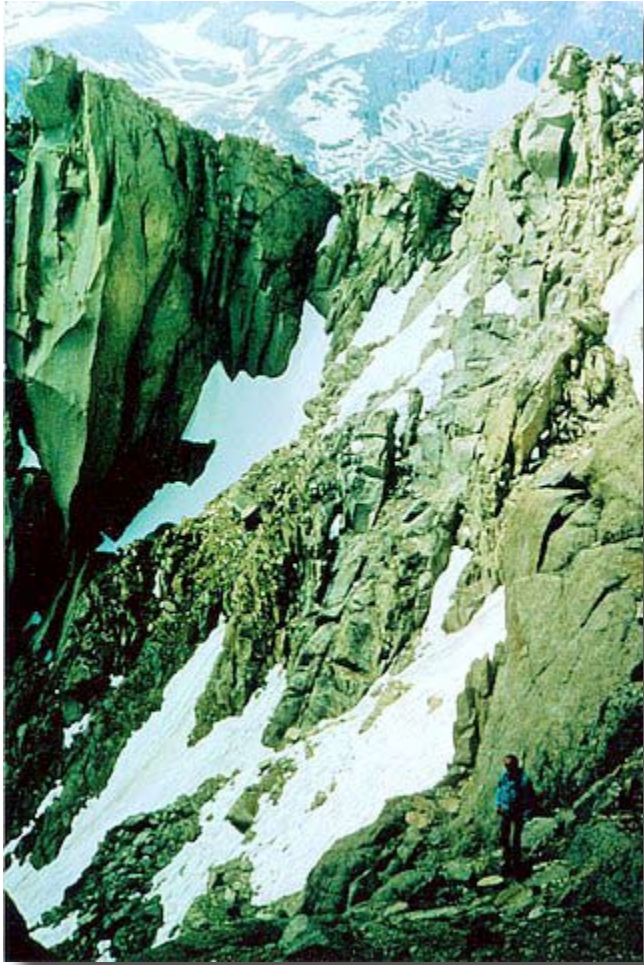
by Hal Browder



Climbing partner Warren Shelton approached me with a plan to climb the east face of University Peak by a new route and traverse over the summit and descend down the north side to join the Kearsarge Pass trail near Gilbert Lake. I joined Warren and Timo Piunen to attempt the climb. We drove up from Los Angeles to Onion Valley where we slept in the parking lot for the night. At first light we brewed up and loaded our day packs. We went to the east end of the campground and started up the Robinson Lake trail the 2.5 miles to the lake. We passed east side of the lake and headed on up the canyon toward University Pass. At about the 11,500' level where we left the pass route and ascended westerly a scree and talus slope to about 12,500' elevation. At this point, we started to ascend the ridge which led

directly toward the summit blocks. The ascent now involved picking our way through granite blocks and ledges in an upward direction that was parallel to the southeast ridge coming off the peak. Nearing the summit blocks we climbed up clean granite ledges aiming up toward the summit. There was some exposure which I would classify as 3rd class and the ledges were very clean. This brought us just north of the large summit blocks. A short jam crack was ascended to gain the top to the northeast ridge which was followed to the summit. We found the summit register and signed in. There were two registers, one an American Alpine Club metal tube and the other a more traditional can. I had only seen an AAC register one other time which had been placed on the summit of Mt. Winchell. Some

great familiar names were noted as we scanned the register. We had lunch and played our usual peak naming game and the surrounding view was spectacular. We now contemplated our descent route.



We left the summit and followed the northeast ridge on the west side of the northeast ridge passing just above the ever present snow field to a small notch. Past the notch we then headed down to a point where a long descending snow field could be accessed. We descended carefully down to Bench Lake. [note: no ice ax or rope] We descended on down to Matlock Lake to pick up the trail that led to the main trail to Onion Valley. We had traversed the peak in one of our more enjoyable mountain adventures. For those interested I would highly recommend this climb.



High Cuisine *in the* High Sierra

by Ron Campbell

August 7th - 8th, 2010

The prevailing ethos in mountaineering is to travel light, minimizing gear so you can hike far.

But a hardy band of rebels insists there is a better way. We do not travel with the comforts of home. No, we travel with the comforts of a well-stocked palace.

Ah, decadence.

On Saturday, Aug. 7, nine of us set out from Saddlebag Lake for Decadent Wilderness Weekend VIII, the Gourmet Backpack. We trudged three miles through the howling wilderness to a campsite overlooking Greenstone Lake.

Northwest ridge of North Peak

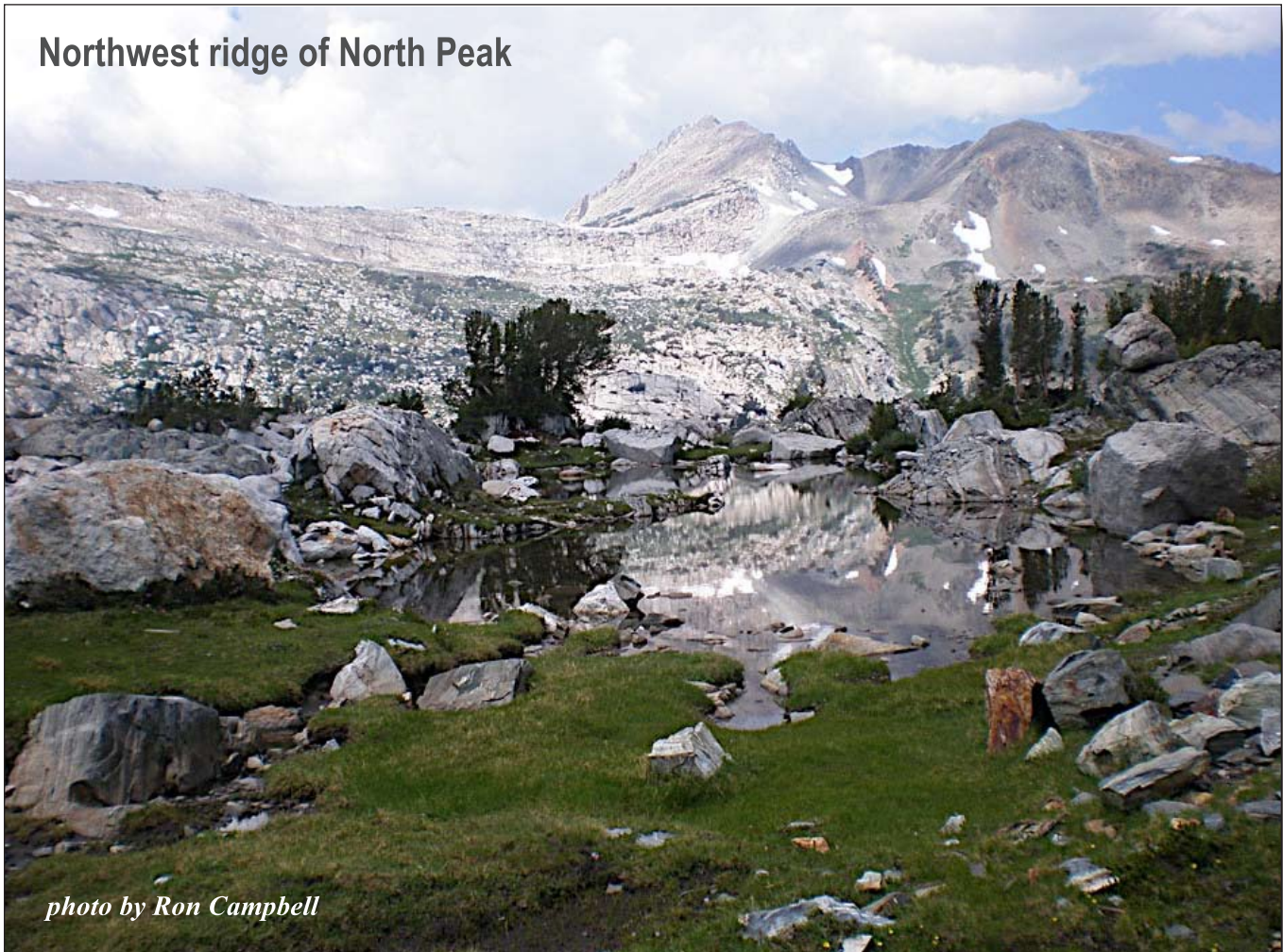


photo by Ron Campbell

North Peak dominates the skyline from Greenstone. It was the trip's secondary objective, second only to eating amazingly well. I had scheduled the peak climb for Sunday but moved it up to Saturday after reading weather forecasts warning of thunderstorms Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning.

I figured with a little speed we could summit and be in our tents before the Saturday storm hit. I was half-right.

This being the Gourmet Backpack, the climb got off to a leisurely start at 11:30 a.m. I made a beeline for the east ridge on route to the class 3 Southeast Face. This was a mistake. My route took us across three or four boulder-filled gullies and then through an obstacle course of talus and brush. I could have saved a half-hour by taking a trail around the east ridge, then climbing the slabs on its north side.



photo by Ron Campbell

Erratic near North Peak

Chez Greenstone

APPETIZERS & SALADS

Baby red potatoes with cream cheese, fresh dill and smoked salmon
Roasted red pepper soup with crab and feta
Cucumbers w/mint, dill & organic apple cider vinegar
Baguettes w/lavender goat cheese & blueberry chutney
Baguettes w/lavender goat cheese, salmon, capers & dill
Quesadillas w/mushrooms, herbs and four cheeses

ENTREES

Crab cakes with spicy remoulade
Crab and clams on a bed of couscous
Raclette

DESSERTS

Triple-threat chocolate cake
Raspberry tartlettes with marzipan,
Chambord and whipped cream

WINE & BEVERAGES

Cantaloupe wine smoothies
Castoro Cellars 2004 Merlot
Navarro Vineyards 2004 Cabernet
Menage a Trois

By 12:30 p.m., thunderheads were building. By 1:15 p.m., when we were directly below the cliff that marks the East Face, we could feel the air changing. We retreated to camp.

In a break with custom, we enjoyed early pre-appetizers. Kay Fransson whipped up an appetizer of baby red potatoes, topped with cream cheese, salmon and fresh dill. Tonyce Bates produced two beverages: a wonderfully refreshing watermelon limeade and a sweet cantaloupe-wine smoothie.

We had only a half-hour to enjoy these pleasures before the storm hit.

We had only a half-hour to enjoy these pleasures before the storm hit. We spent the next 90 minutes in our tents, waiting out hail, rain and thunder.

As the sky cleared we began preparations for an epicurean night. Co-leader Lisa Buckley spread a linen tablecloth on the ground, adding linen napkins, plastic plates that looked like fine china and plastic knives and forks that looked like aluminum flatware.

I added the customary brass candlesticks and candles and carefully placed the customary four inflatable pink flamingoes at each corner. The table was set.



Kay, potato-salmon appetizers

First came an abundance of appetizers. Co-leader Georgette Rieck made mushroom quesadillas with herbs and four kinds of cheese. Pamela Rowe offered cucumbers, marinated in organic cider vinegar with mint and dill. Tonyce, aided by her able assistant and husband Phil, outdid herself with roasted red pepper soup and two baguette appetizers: one with lavender goat cheese and raspberry chutney, the other with lavender goat cheese, smoked salmon, capers and dill.

And Lisa prepared escargot in classic style, sautéing the monopods in garlic and butter, then stuffing them in shells that she somehow brought to camp intact.

Georgette's entrée was crab cakes with a spicy remoulade. Lisa borrowed from classic Swiss Alps cuisine, presenting a raclette of potatoes with cheese, pickles and baby corn. And I managed to bring together all three Official Ingredients of Decadent Wilderness Weekend VIII – garlic, butter and crab – with clams, milk, sherry and parsley, served on a bed of couscous.

We washed this all down with three different varieties of red wine, tastefully repackaged in Nalgene and Platypus bottles.

For dessert, Tonyce made a chocolate layer cake with a very rich chocolate frosting. Lisa made raspberry tartlettes, highlighted with a dash of the raspberry liqueur, Chambord.

Afterward came one of those perfect Sierra evenings as a vivid red sunset gave way to stars. In the night several claimed to hear a meteor breaking up overhead.

In the morning Gwen Sharp served her banana bread, made from six bananas picked from Virgil Talbott's garden. I made Hangtown Fry, a rich concoction of bacon, oysters and eggs that has become a Gourmet Backpack staple. And Lisa made some incredible macadamia pancakes topped with coconut syrup.

continued



**Georgette,
Kay &
Flamingo**



Ron

**Flamingo
cookies**



Hangtown Fry



**Lisa preparing
the table**

At Gwen's urging, we returned via the east shore of Saddlebag Lake, a longer and far more scenic route than the west shore trail we had taken in. She guided us to an indescribable riot of wildflowers beside a small stream. We spent a half-hour luxuriating in the colors before finally, reluctantly going to our cars.

By this time it had been three interminable hours since we had eaten great food. There was only one thing to do. Last stop: the famous Mobil Station in Lee Vining. The lobster taquitos were wonderful, thank you.

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Sunset over Conness

Sunset North Peak



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