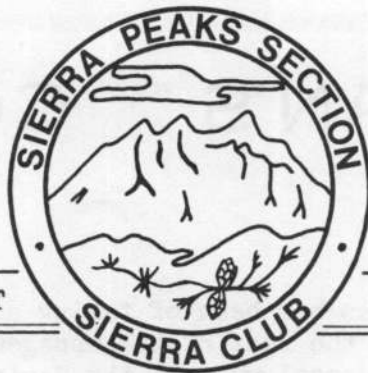


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CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

My primary caveat as Chairman has been of taking action merely for actions'sake. Nevertheless, Bill Russell and the rest of the management committee has my enthusiastic support for a ballot proposal we call the Senior Emblem.

In rough outline, the Senior Emblem could be attained by climbing 100 peaks from throughout the Sierras, with 30 being mountaineers' peaks.

The pros and cons are simple enough: added climbing incentive vs. why bother? My own feeling is that many of us savor the challenge of a difficult objective and that anyone finding the objective frivolous can simply not strive for it without denying others the opportunity. 100 Sierra peaks is something people can with difficulty attain, without the sheer insanity needed to finish the list. I can assure you further that climbing 100 peaks does not seem in the least frivolous to the climbers who have done it, nor need it detract from those sturdy enough to achieve the emblem. Besides, I need another pin for my desk. At any rate, at ballot time I hope members will join me in supporting the Senior Emblem.

On other fronts, Cuno Ranschau has become SPS Secretary, following Tom Cardina's resignation. The reason behind Tom's fall was the most disgraceful imaginable..encroaching employment obligations..

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It is always with deep regret that we report a fatal climbing accident, particularly when the loss occurs within our own circle of friends and associates.

While attempting a climb of the east face on the Swiss Matterhorn on July 24th, Paul Kellow fell to his death during a storm.

Paul's contributions among the various activities sections were many; his passing leaves an acute void and a strong sense of personal loss.

CALENDAR

NOV. 15-16.....	ROCK CLIMBING PRACTICE, JOSHUA TREE....	LANTZ
NOV. 22.....	ROCK CLIMBING PRACTICE, RUBIDOUX.....	LANTZ
NOV. 28-30.....	CARDINAL, STRIPED, GOODALE.....	AYRES/SECOR
DEC. 8.....	ANNUAL BANQUET, TAIX RESTAURANT.....	SECTION
JAN. 24-25.....	ROCK CLIMBING PRACTICE, JOSHUA TREE....	LANTZ
JAN. 31-FEB. 1.....	ICE AXE PRACTICE.....	ORY/MAUK
FEB. 7-8.....	WINTER PEAK CLIMB.....	BOYLES/KEENAN
FEB. 14.....	RESCUE SEMINAR.....	FRIED/LANTZ
FEB. 21-22.....	THE THUMB.....	DEE/ORY
FEB. 21-22.....	ICE AXE PRACTICE.....	MCRUER/RAMIREZ/ VANDERVOEF
MAR. 6-7.....	ROCK CLIMB LEADERSHIP SEMINAR.....	SYKES
MAR. 12-14.....	MT. GOODE.....	KEENAN/BOYLES
MAR. 27.....	ROCK CLIMBING PRACTICE.....	LANTZ

The stream flows quietly through peaceful meadows; above, the soaring giants Mendel and Darwin tend their realm.

Photo by Betty Dessert.

RECOVERED

From the summit of Black Kaweah on July 24, a Swiss army knife in very good condition. Identify to finder Betty Kabler's satisfaction (address in schedule) and it's yours again; otherwise she will keep it as she has lost three of her own.

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IT HAPPENS HERE-AS WELL AS RAINIER

The Boy Scouts have recently published a handbook on the various wilderness and park restrictions and regulations. Yosemite Park appears to have the most excessive and unreasonable--such as:

"Back country camping is limited to not more than a total of 30 days per calendar year, provided that from June 1 to September 15, inclusive, the limit is 14 days."

"Cross-country groups should be limited to not more than 7 persons. Chemical fuel stoves are required for off-trail camping."

"The policy of restricting wood fires to designated firesites concentrates human use at those points in the backcountry most resistant to degradation and where firewood is relatively abundant."

(Run that by again? Ed.)

YANK CLIMBING TEAM FAILS TO CONQUER K2

Islamabad, Pakistan (AP)....

An American mountaineering expedition has failed in its attempt to reach the summit of K2, the world's second highest mountain, according to a radio message received Monday.

The message said the 10 Americans, headed by Jim Whittaker of Seattle, Wash., had suffered serious delays because of strikes by the porters and bad weather.

WORKSHOP

The Camera Committee will hold a photography workshop in and around Bishop on the weekend of Oct. 11-12.

Instructors will be Bruce Barnbaum, Joe Feinblatt, Linda Fowler and Ray McSavaney. Cost will be \$18, which does not include lodging or food. Call for reservations:

Bruce Barnbaum	or	Linda Fowler
3476 Clarrington		3336 Tilden
Los Angeles, 90034		Los Angeles, 90034
838-5825		559-9144

TOO LATE TO SCHEDULE.....

Sept. 13-14... Mt. Lyell (M)

Sept. 27-28....Dragon Pk. (M)

Oct. 11-12....Starr King (M/E)

All of the above are being led by the Verdugo Hills Group. Contact leader: R. Labrecque

4957 Almar Ave.

La Canada, Calif. 91011

354-7871 (days)

WANTED...

Slide projector for 35mm slides, 500 watts, old fashioned single-slide-at-a-time, non-automatic. Contact Barbara Lilley, 8421 Lindley Ave., Northridge, Calif. 91324. Phone 213-886-4154 (eves); 883-2400, X2205 days.

Land use planning has been moving rapidly in Sequoia-Kings Canyon National Parks and Sequoia National Forest. In the latter there is an area which should be of concern to the SPS. This being the Kern Plateau Planning Unit of Sequoia Nat'l Forest. This Unit does not include the Golden Trout Creek area of Inyo Nat'l Forest .

The Sierra Club has two major wilderness concerns in the Unit. The Nine-mile Creek watershed including Casa Vieja Meadow east to Kingfisher Ridge is part of our Golden Trout wilderness Proposal. Several streams in the watershed contain Golden Trout. We believe it should be added to the Upper Kern Wilderness Study Area by the Forest Service. The Forest Service has not included the Casa Vieja Meadow area east to Kingfisher Ridge for wilderness study in any of its alternatives because a 4-wheel drive road goes to Casa Vieja Meadow. Senators Cranston and Tunney have introduced legislation to add this area to the Wilderness System.

Also the Sierra Club is working for addition of around 10,000 acres of the Trout Creek watershed to the Domelands Wilderness. This area, too, has Golden Trout and is adjacent to the Domelands on the north. The Domelands Wilderness as it presently exists has only one area that can accomodate more than a few people at a time for overnight camping. Addition of the Trout Creek watershed to the wilderness would greatly increase the number of people who could enjoy an overnight experience in the Dome lands as well as provide for Golden Trout. An added plus would be the addition of an entirely different type of ecosystem from that now found in the Domelands.

The Forest Service has proposed a choice of management alternatives. These alternatives are a mix of recommendations for wilderness study, off road vehicle use, and timber harvest. Two types of timber harvest are proposed. One being selective harvest and the other being intensive forestry which would be a harvesting technique for maximum yield. The Forest Service proposal for backcountry use includes developed campgrounds and access by off road vehicles.

Wilderness study is the most favorable viewpoint and should be supported. Letters are needed to support this position. If you are familiar with this area or have some knowledge of it, send your in depth views to : Forest Supervisor John Leasure, Sequoia National Forest, P.O. Box 391, Porterville, CA 93257. An informational booklet and map is available on this issue from the above address.

Hal Browder

ECHOS FROM THE PAST

William T. Russell

A survey of the membership indicates that we have eight members in our most distinguished category, those who have climbed all the peaks on the SPS Peak List. Those who have done so are:

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|-------------------|------|-------------------|------|
| 1. Andy Smatko | 1964 | 5. Gordon MacLeod | 1973 |
| 2. Tom Ross | 1965 | 6. Dave King | 1974 |
| 3. Barbara Lilley | 1969 | 7. Arkel Erb | 1974 |
| 4. Jerry Keating | 1972 | 8. Doug Mantle | 1974 |

HAVE YOU NOTICED..?

A year-round resort planned north of Truckee would be a model for providing recreation while preserving the area's natural beauty, Walt Disney Productions promised.

The firm told the media that the development would be founded on Disney's life-long interest and love for the outdoors.

Disney officials promised to take every step to safeguard against environmental abuses and said that techniques developed at Disney World in Florida could be adapted to the Sierra Nevada.

The "destination resort" geared to family activities will be open by Thanksgiving 1978 if a tentative timetable is followed, officials said.

The resort would be built on nearly 10,000 acres of private land owned by the Southern Pacific Land Co. and the Sierra Water and Power Co., which have entered into a joint venture agreement with Disney.

Only about 10 per cent of the land would actually be used for the development, with the rest remaining in its natural state.

Consultants have already started work on detailed environmental studies which will take in all aspects of the planned project at the area 50 miles west of Reno. The statements should be finished by October.

"At this point, we have developed broad general concepts for the project," said Disney President Card Walker. "From here on, our planning and engineering departments will be working toward establishing specific designs and ultimate costs."

Among the highlights of the planned development outlined for about 300 persons who packed a high-school auditorium:

-A 275 room lodge-hotel and 375 condominium units.
-A walk-through village, with shops, recreational facilities and housing concentrated to minimize environmental impact.
-A nonpolluting transportation system, including an electric train, to eliminate the use of automobiles in the area.
-A 200 site campground for summer use, with 100 sites winterized for use by skiers with recreational vehicles.
-Underground parking facilities.
-Up to 10 ski lifts, with a wide variety of slopes for advanced, intermediate and beginning skiers.
-A mountaintop restaurant overlooking the 6,949 foot lake from 9,143' Mt. Lola.

Disney officials said the Independence Lake project would not be a substitute for the long-delayed Mineral King project in the central Sierra near Sequoia Nat'l Park.

Mineral King is "very much in dead water," a Disney spokesman said, and all of the firm's efforts are being concentrated on Independence Lake. Mineral King could be revived if legal snarls are cleared, he said.

Walker declined to put a price tag on the Independence Lake project, saying to do so would be "glib."



ASCENTS



UNIVERSITY, INDEPENDENCE.....May 17-18.....Jim Murphy

Seven of us met at 7:30 A.M. for the hike to Robinson Lake. The trail leading up the slope South of Onion Valley was almost entirely obliterated by snow, so we just headed up, not straying too far from the creek. After setting up camp, we scampered off for Independence. It was easy to dodge the snow and stay on rock. We kept below the crest of the ridge while traveling in an Easterly direction until the cairn on the summit could be seen. The route then goes to the right (over the crest) where there is a short exposed class 2 ledge leading to the final summit block in a not too late a time for lunch. There were a few class 3 spots to get over on the way. Three of the group were gourmets and prepared a dinner feast Saturday evening of such quantity that there was some available for all; a bag of marshmallows left outside mysteriously disappeared overnight. A light snow fell during the early evening hours.

Sunday morning was clear and a warm 34 degrees. The warm temperature negated the use of crampons. Just before going up University Pass, it was decided to climb the peak via the Southeast Face. It was early and there is an excellent snow chute to a point not far from the summit. We encountered climbing difficulty in excess of the guide book's description of this route which is class 3 over good rock. There were spots where a belay was needed and about 20 feet of 5.4. Everyone made it. The view from this summit is worth the effort to get there. Our descent went via a chute North of University Pass which was of good consistency and provided the group the opportunity to demonstrate 3rd class snow technique. We were at the cars by 5:30. The entire group sat at the same table which is a bit unusual for dinner in Independence.

June 6-8.....Junction, Keith.....Doug Mantle

(After the form of an Italian sonnet; dubbed "El Greaso" by Tom Cardina)

15 climbers went
to Anvil Camp and
beyond Friday

Despite the odd schedule on Friday, 15
climbers did meet,
The ostensible objectives were Versteeg and
Junction and Keith,
We charged up-a-running, 2,000 an hour we hoofed
But by Anvil camp (lunch stop) the whole sagging
party was pooped.

After an interest-
ing trek up Junction,
hero Mantle did Tyn-
dall

The route up to Junction began with crampons
up the pass,
Over Diamond Mesa, two knife edges (ropes)
we submitted en masse,
Further climbing that day tendered more than
most of us could handle,
While the others returned, stumbling upward
I conquered Mt. Tyndall.

18 made Keith

Joined by three others up Keith we went; but
I confessed
That I had no crampons and others never had
made arrests,
So a rock route was chosen; after Lipsohn
we hurried non stop,
One belay up the south face and thereby we
were dragged to the top.

They ate in Lone
Pine to the dis-
favor of some

Placing things in perspective, we heard trip
sage Elton Fletcher say,
"Who was the _____ that selected the Mt. Whitney
Cafe?"

MT. McADIE, WOTAN'S THRONE.....JUNE 28-29.....CARL HELLER

Seven climbers enjoyed a relaxed weekend in the Whitney area. After hiking to Consultation Lake a few found a fourth class route on Wotan's Throne from which a great view of the faces from Russell to McAdie are visible. Those in camp identified several plants and animals including luesia pygmia (a small yellow flower) and a weasel.

Sunday the snow was great, allowing an easy climb to Arc Pass. Snow on the traverse to North McAdie was not so great, resulting in one member climbing central McAdie instead. Those who traversed the snow covered route felt so good that they climbed a fourth-class face route rather than the ducked class three "normal" route.

Participants were: Carl Heller, Chuck Youngblood, Don Hudson, Mike Mason, Bill Brooks and the Rockwells, Bob and Curt.

FORGOTTEN, JOHNSON, TRAIL PEAKS...July 4-6.....Jerry Keating

Seeking to avoid crowds that plague many other parts of the Sierra on holiday weekends, 13 persons selected a July 4-6 loop trip out of Horse-shoe Meadow that included four peaks, four passes and more than 45 miles of hiking.

Led by Jerry Keating and Gordon MacLeod, the group backpacked Friday over Cottonwood Pass, then followed the new Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) northward to Siberian Pass, where lunch was had. We next crossed Siberian Outpost, a vast meadow, then contoured cross-country at about 10,600' to Forgotten Canyon where camp was established in the trees at the highest lake. A cool breeze, which abated during the evening kept mosquitoes away.

On Saturday, everyone backpacked to the 11,000' saddle south of the lake. Gordon guided an eight-member party up Forgotten Peak, Jerry took a three-man group to Peak 11,535 and two other participants went to Funston Lake to check out the fishing (eight goldens up to 13 inches were caught). The name Forgotten Peak is used by Sequoia National Park rangers to denote the 12,064' summit north of the Boreal Plateau. The peak contains a solar-powered radio repeater that is part of the park's communication system, and the location is suitable since the sightline includes the Great Western Divide, the Kaweahs and the upper Kern River drainage--plus the entire Kern Plateau. (A description of one earlier SPS climb of the peak appeared in the July 1974 Echo, with a follow-up note in August 1974).

Johnson Peak (11,371') was climbed by seven participants at midday from a half mile below Johnson Lake. It too offered fine views and was an easy walk up. We left a register booklet on the summit but a better container is needed.

The entire party, some members of whom explored the Rocky Basin Lakes during the afternoon, gathered that evening at a forested camp on the west side of Big Whitney Meadow (9800') to enjoy golden trout and other delicacies. A spring provided good drinking water.

On Sunday, everyone headed for Cottonwood Pass and five weary participants continued directly to the cars. The others, however, turned southward and followed the PCT to Trail Pass with a climb of Trail Peak (11,623') thrown in for good measure. Two of those at Trail Pass proceeded directly to the cars, while six others continued on another mile to Mulkey Pass before descending.

Completed only recently and now shown on our topo maps, the PCT between Siberian and Mulkey passes generally runs in forest, yet affords fine views on both sides of the crest. From Siberian Pass to Cottonwood Pass, the routing is on the west side and tops 11,500' in places. South of Cottonwood Pass, the trail stays on the west side to Poison Meadow, switches to the east until Trail Pass and thereafter returns to the west.

HOOBAY

Dennis Gomes of Lodi, admitted slayer of a California bighorn ram on a refuge in Siskiyou county, must make restitution of \$3,000 as a condition of three years probation for the offense, according to the Calif. Dep't. of Fish and Game. In addition, Gomes may neither hunt nor possess a hunting license or any firearm during the probation, and he must serve four consecutive weekends in jail.

MT. GODDARD..... July 19-20.....Dick Ramirez & Mel Johnson

Fellow SPSers, step aside - here comes John Fuhrman.

Our 2-day trip of Mt. Goddard saw 10 of us walk 21 miles and about 3000' up to Lake Martha. When I dragged in, I was hoping no one would be up to doing the peak on Sunday. I had climbed it before and the way I felt, I not only didn't wish to repeat, but was absolutely sure I was not physically able to. As the rest stumbled in, my hopes seemed assured.

S_t! Next morning at 5:30 a.m., 9 eager climbers and I departed for the 2500' gain to the summit. We were on the peak by 8. Nine of us reached the summit that holds the register, one remained on the other summit. It's easy to understand the controversy as to which summit is higher. The other summit did appear a couple of feet higher. John Fuhrman was a strong fourth onto this magnificent peak. With a long day ahead of us, we scurried down to Lake Martha. A 10:45 departure time saw us gingerly head toward Lake Florence.

Nine miles to the Muir trail, five more to Blaney Meadows trail, then seven more to Lake Florence. Nine, five and seven = 21 miles, then add about four more for the climb. And John Fuhrman was up in front. I brought up the rear, I saw John rarely. The last of our party hit the boat ramp at 8:00, 14 1/2 steady hours after we started. Lunch was grabbed during our short breaks during the day.

Now, who is this John Fuhrman I've mentioned above? Well, he back-packed 21 miles with full pack Saturday, climbed Goddard easily the second day and then breezed down to Lake Florence same afternoon. John Fuhrman is a handsome lad of age 10! Yes, 10 years of age! Never a frown or complaint during the entire trip--simply amazing is the only way I can describe this boy. Oh, John's brother, David, also completed the trip just as handily. But David's much, much older. He's all of 13 by a couple of months. These two young men are incredible.

Jack Fuhrman, the boy's dad, said Sunday, "Next time you two boys wish to do a grip as tough as Goddard in two days, you can leave me home!" That goes for the two of us, Jack.

Mel Johnson, thanks for stepping in and assisting me. One bit of advice to you as a potential leader. Don't expect such fine, strong people on any future trip. We've used up all our luck for the next year or two.

P.S. John and David were allowed to participate on this trip because two weeks earlier, they had climbed from Whitney Portal to Trail Pass with full packs. They ran over and got Whitney then dropped over to the west side above Guitar Lake--naturally in one day. Doug, Phil, Cuno, May, etc.--better keep peering over your shoulders, here come the Fuhrman boys.

PRIVATE CLIMBS

MT. RANIER.....July 18-19.....Bill Bradley

Having secured a one night reservation for a permit to camp at the Muir Hut (these reservations are difficult to get) four climbing companions and myself arrived at Paradise Lodge (5400') hoping to get our first close up glimpse of this massive volcano. At the time it was obscured by fast moving clouds but later partial clearing allowed us glimpses of its snow and ice covered majesty.

We checked in with the Park Ranger at Paradise Station and were required to list all our equipment and previous experience on glaciated peaks. After spending the night at Cougar Rock Campground, ten miles below Paradise, we were up at 5:00 and shouldering our packs at 7:00. Most of the 4500' gain to the Muir Hut is on snow and during our ascent heavy fog limited visibility. We did get some intermittent views of the Nisqually Glacier, however. We broke through the clouds just below the hut and found only scattered high clouds above. There is a Ranger at Muir and a radio by which he had learned of our coming. You get the feeling that the Park Service keeps pretty close tabs on who is on the mountain and their whereabouts. Friday afternoon was spent setting up camp and scouting the Cowlitz and Ingraham Glaciers for crevasses which would have to be crossed in the darkness.

We retired at 8:00 pm and were up at midnight. It was perfectly clear above 8000' with some scattered clouds below. The temperature was 34°. We could see Mt. Adams to the south in the moonlight with the lights of Yakima showing in the distance. After melting water for breakfast and the climb, we roped up and headed out over the Cowlitz Glacier and up a scree slope to Cathedral Rocks. Occasionally we heard massive rockfall from Gibraltar Rock, which, at some time in the recent past had actually rolled across our route on the Cowlitz. Once on the Ingraham, we started to thread our way among the many crevasses, some up to 200' deep. The moon had set and we resorted to flashlights on some of the crossings. We were the first party out, but upon ascending the rotten rock of Disappointment Cleaver, we had to wait for the Guide Service-led party to reach our level so as not to dislodge rock upon their heads during our traverse. The remainder of the cleaver was a steep snow ascent requiring crampons. In fact, crampons were a must up until just below the summit crater where the slope becomes less steep. Sunrise disclosed nearby Emmons Glacier to be a broken jumble of massive seracs, huge blocks of ice, the size of which defy the imagination. We strated traversing the Emmons above Disappointment Cleaver and due to obstacles in the form of crevasses it was necessary to travel considerably further East than the usual route. We finally reversed our traverse just above Steamboat Prow and headed up the crater chute, arriving at Columbia Crest approximately nine hours after leaving Muir Hut.

An icy wind cut short our summit stay and we retraced our steps back down the mountain. Warmer weather below made mush of the snow and we removed our crampons. Recrossing the maze of crevasses in daylight, we marvelled at what hazards we had successfully circumvented in the dark. After resting an hour at Muir, we packed up and rapidly lost elevation on the snowfield, arriving at Paradise at 8:30 pm, a twenty hour day.

Everyone agreed that this was a memorable 14,400 footer, but it was also felt that except for those in excellent physical condition, it would be best to allow three days for the same trip.

It was Dick Akawie's article in the March Echo on Dick's Peak and Mt. Tallac that got me interested enough to order the Topos of the Northern Sierras which I did not have, in case I was ever in that area with time to spare. Then a hiking friend in the office had to put off our plans to go back packing over the July 4th weekend, so who not instead solo two or three of these Northern Peaks?

I hastily went to the Auto Club office to obtain their maps of the Feather River and Lake Tahoe regions, to get up to date information of the roads in that area. I 'discovered' roads that had been paved and two 'new' reservoirs, and marked my Topos accordingly.

I left the Thursday morning and car camped that night near Route 89 north of Truckee. Next morning I drove up the paved road to Jackson Meadows Reservoir (not on Emigrant Gap Topo) and proceeded round the west side of the reservoir to the start for English Mountain, a name which naturally attracted my attention. I could not find the dirt road to Jackson Lake at the foot of the mountain, so I started hiking in that direction. I soon discovered the dirt road had been closed off, and the area was now under the control of the English Mountain Reserve - no off road vehicles, hunters, fishermen, etc. Hikers were not mentioned so I pressed on, but kept clear of the lake itself. The climb of the peak is easy up the west side, bringing me up to the snow covered summit ridge. Here I climbed a false rocky summit before seeing the real one, which was quite an interesting class 2 rock scramble.

Returning to the car by early afternoon, I decided to try for Mt. Lola, which was back down the road I came up. At first I could not find the trail of Lola until I realized the trail went from the old gravel road on the valley floor, whereas I was on the new paved road on the north side of the valley. Once on the old road, I found the trail near Cold Stream marked by a National Forest sign. The trail joined logging roads higher up, so at a switchback near the summit ridge, I headed up the snowy slopes to the top. This turned out to be the end of the ridge running north from the peak which was snow free and easy going. The top of Lola has two summits, both marked with Survey markers. The move southerly - one has a trail leading up to it as there was a look-out up there at one time. I had intended to come up this way so this was my route of descent which was easier to follow except when snow covered. Due to delays, I did not have dinner until dusk, but both these peaks can be climbed easily in a full day.

The next morning I drove to Chilcoot, then took the paved road towards Frenchman Reservoir (not on Chilcoot Topo) turning right up a dirt road which seems to switch back more than shown on the topo. I then came upon a five way junction, and I chose to go north-east which took me past Maryrose mine, which I presumed to be marked as 'Shaft' on the Topo. After the mine, the road got steeper, so I parked the car at the first suitable place and got on with the hiking, staying on the most used logging road. I was unable to see the mountain for the trees, so I climbed a small ridge, then up a long steep ridge which revealed a saddle with a summit on each side. From the saddle I could see the valley and road running northwards from Reno. I was on top of Adams!



MORE . . .

Again it was a double summit, the move westerly (away from the valley) having the marker and register. On the way down I took a slightly different route, ending up on another logging road, not on the Topo, so I had to make sure I got back on the correct road to get to the car. After three peaks on my own, a night in Reno. Why not?

This brings me to a few thoughts on solos, which I do not usually do in the Sierras unless previously made plans go astray. To my mind, it is most unwise to attempt anything more than Class I or easy Class II peaks. Telling friends where you are going is done always, but sometimes on the trip plans are changed or you may even start from the wrong place! So I always leave a note in the car which can easily be seen, giving the name of the peak and the date. As well as more of usual extra food and clothing, I take my ice axe unless it is a trail all the way to the top. The most likely misfortune is a twisted ankle, and I reckon I could hobble out slowly using the axe.

MT. COTTER Barbara Lilley

If vacation time is precious and all other listed peaks in the area have been climbed, the climb of Mt. Cotter via North Dragon Pass is a reasonable two-day weekend, providing of course that you can get a permit to go in on a Saturday (or go before July 1), At a moderate pace, travel time from the roadhead at Onion Valley to a campsite at a lake in Sixty Lakes Basin just below Mt. Cotter was six hours each way; the peak climb Sunday A.M. was 2 and one half hours round trip from camp. There are no fire or camping restrictions in 60-Lakes Basin. Worst portion is the return over North Dragon Pass, which is a real treadmill.

When crossing North Dragon Pass from Onion Valley, it is important that after the crest is reached, one continues along the ridge toward Black Mountain for approximately 1/2 mile to an obvious low point before descending westward to Dragon Lake. (The write-up in the Climber's Guide does not make this clear.)

NOTES ON ...

HILGARD PEAK

The southeast slope from the Lake Italy ends in a final 400 ft. of tedious scree that will certainly convert all but the most masochistic into Hilgard haters. The narrow chute, characterized by a thin finger of snow until late in the year and leading up to a prominent gendarme, that takes off to the left (southeast) of this slope provides moderate, entertaining third class climbing along its right-hand rib to the summit plateau.

- Ed Treacy

Talkeetna, June 21 to July 9 ^{Antarctic Policy}

Fired line up west but then
crevasse covered.
avalanche d the line.
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