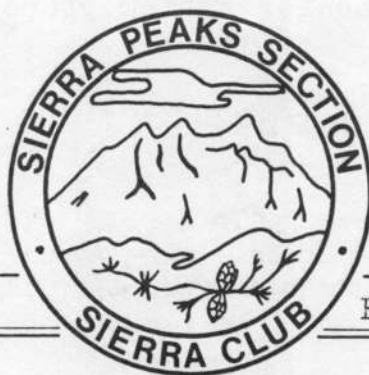


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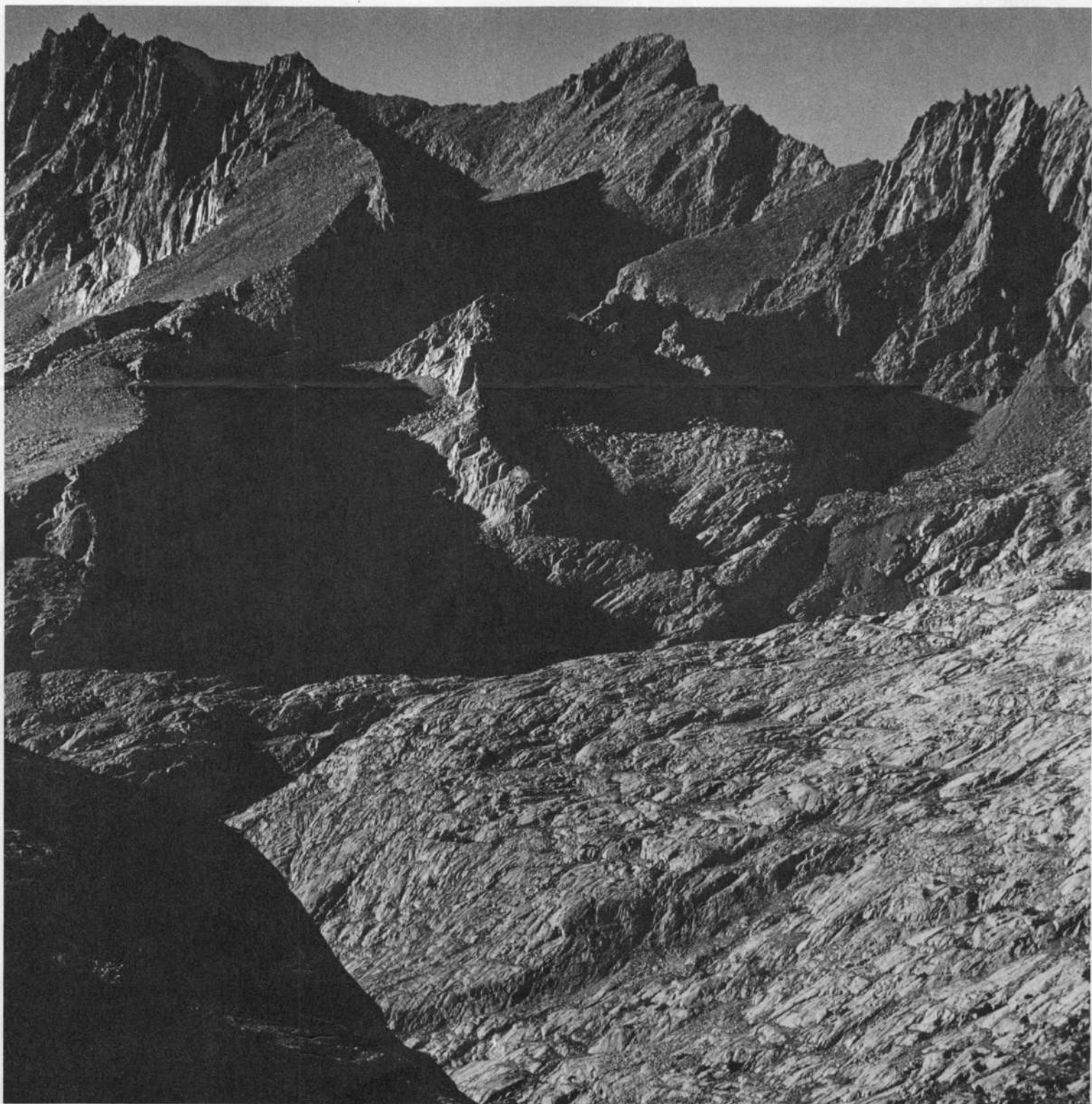
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In addition to electing the officers below, the section voted to pass the Senior Emblem proposal.

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Cover Photo - Selected as inspiration for all to THINK SNOW, and in tribute to the atypical winter season to date - The Palisades from Electric Peak at sunset, taken October, 1971, by Tom Ross

## CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

The 1976 SPS Management Committee has now settled into harness and is active on several fronts. Part of our current effort is devoted to preparation for the Sierra climbing season. This includes snow and rock climbing training activities, trip plans, first aid kit survey and replenishment, etc. We have also established procedures for the new List Completion and Senior Emblem categories. The requirements adopted by the membership for these are included as part of the new peaks list published in this Echo, which also reflects the geographical areas associated with the requirements for the Senior Emblem. Another article gives the procedures to be used by members to make their status official.

Two of our fronts are defensive. The first is an attempt to minimize constraints on our outings which may be imposed by the Sierra Club Council's new Outings Policy. It is too early to say how successful this will be, but we have high hopes that we can continue our traditional activities without any additional restraints. The second defensive front is financial - mailing costs for the Echo. We are now operating under a third class permit which costs 7.7¢ per Echo, an enormous increase over the 1.7¢ cost of last year. The Management Committee has decided to hold the line on the cost of Echo subscriptions, with any slack to be taken up by reducing the total number of pages published during the year. It would be helpful, therefore, if the members presenting trip writeups and other material for the Echo would write as succinctly as they can.

- Duane McRuer

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### LIST FINISHER AND SENIOR EMBLEM STATUS

Under the recently changed bylaws the SPS created a new senior emblem category and also recognized officially those august and tireless people who have finished our list. The requirements for these two categories are given with the new peaks list, which appears in this issue of the Echo. The procedures to make them official are listed below.

#### SENIOR EMBLEM

See the Peaks List for Senior Emblem requirements. The geographical areas are those on the new peaks list approved by the Management Committee in December, 1975. The Secretary is now accepting lists from those members wishing to achieve Senior Emblem status. It is requested that the peaks be listed by areas. In making up the list of Senior Emblem holders, the order will be assigned according to the eligibility date given on the submitted list - this will be the date that the last required peak was climbed if the member had then been an emblem holder for one year. In order to provide sufficient time for those who have long since accomplished this feat, the first official Senior Emblem holder list will be prepared as one of the last functions of this year's Management Committee. Hopefully, everyone eligible will have notified the Secretary before November 30th. of this year so that the first list will reflect a proper precedence.

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LIST COMPLETION STATUS (Continued from previous page)

See the Peaks List for List Completion requirements. The first 8 places on this list are already known; no further action is required on the part of these celebrated individuals. It would be helpful, however, if they indicated to the Secretary the approximate date that they accomplished Senior Emblem and List Completion status, so that the Section records can be complete.

An ad hoc committee has been appointed to recommend the nature of the Senior Emblem and List Completion pins to the Management Committee. The membership's ideas are earnestly solicited. Please communicate with Bill Russell, the committee chairman, as soon as possible.

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SPS 1976 SPRING SCHEDULE

MAR 6-7	Rock Climb, LTC Leadership	Dennis Lantz
MAR 20-21	Diamond	Mantle, Goetz
MAR 27	Rubidoux, Rock Climb Practice	Lantz
APR 17-18	Smith, Crag	Mike, Suzie Wilkinson
MAY 1-2	Lamont, Morris, Aquila (SPS, HPS)	Vasilik, C. Jones
MAY 1-2	Olancha	Stephens, C. Stein
MAY 15-16	Johnson, Gilbert	Jim, Pat Butler
MAY 15-16	Thumb, Birch	Secor, Pinson
MAY 22-23	Trojan, Barnard	Hellman, Cervenka
MAY 22-23	Smith, Crag	Bradley, Toby
JUNE 5-6	Tyndall	Fletcher, Bruce
JUNE 5-6	Morrison, Bloody	Bill, Dave Russell
JUNE 12-13	Red & White, Red Slate	Toby, Murphy
JUNE 18-20	Newcomb, Pickering, Joe Devel	Keating, Fletcher
JUNE 19-20	Prater	Dee, Hicks
JUNE 19-21	North Palisade, Thunderbolt	Labrecque, Ranschau
JUNE 26-27	Brewer	Ramirez, Johnson
JULY 2-5	Triple Divide, Lion Rock, Stewart	Cervenka, Nilsson
JULY 3-5	Matterhorn, Whorl, Twin	Mike, Suzie Wilkinson

- G. Toby, 1975 Schedule Chairman

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**SIERRA PEAKS SECTION  
PEAKS LIST  
REVISED JANUARY 1976**

*Changes since January 1975:* Rearrangement only; no additions or deletions of peaks.

*Fifteen* emblem peaks are capitalized; *fifty* mountaineer's peaks are preceded by an asterisk. Elevation in feet. There are 246 peaks on the list. Maps listed in the right column are USGS 15' quadrangles.

The number following the elevation refers to the difficulty of the climb by the easiest route, *but the route most commonly used by the Section may not be the easiest route.* The classification system is:

- Class 1 – Hiking.
- Class 2 – Cross-country, with boulder hopping and use of hands for balance.
- Class 3 – Handholds and footholds are used, and some people may wish belays.
- Class 4 – Roped climbing with some use of belay anchors and protection points.
- Class 5 – Increasingly difficult protected climbing.

**Section membership is attained by:**

- 1 – Being a member of the Sierra Club.
- 2 – Climbing any six peaks on the qualifying list and submitting the list of peaks climbed with dates of ascent to the Section Secretary (two peaks must be on a scheduled SPS trip).
- 3 – Sending application form and three dollars to the Section Secretary.

**Emblem is attained by:**

- 1 – Being an SPS member for one year.
- 2 – Climbing 10 of the 15 emblem peaks plus any additional 15 peaks on the list.
- 3 – Submitting the list of peaks with dates of ascent to the Section Secretary. If emblem pin is desired, submit emblem pin cost to the Section Treasurer.

**Senior Emblem is attained by:**

- 1 – Being an emblem holder for one year.
- 2 – Climbing 100 peaks including all of the emblem peaks, 30 mountaineer's peaks and 2 peaks from each of the 24 geographical areas on the peak list.
- 3 – Submitting the list of peaks with dates of ascent to the Section Secretary.

**List completion status is attained by:**

- 1 – Being an SPS member for 2 years.
- 2 – Climbing all of the peaks on the list.
- 3 – Notifying the Section Secretary in writing of list completion.

*Emblem Peaks done*  
 ① Olancha  
 ② Whitney  
 ③ Williamson  
 ④ Kaweah  
 ⑤ Brewer.  
 ⑥ Split  
 ⑦ Darwin  
 ⑧ Humphreys  
 ⑨ Ritter

**1. SOUTHERN AREA (10 Peaks)**

Pilot Knob #1	6,212	2	Onyx
Owens Peak	8,475	2	Inyokern
Spanish Needle Peak	7,879	3	Little Lake
Lamont Peak	7,430	2	Lamont Peak
Sawtooth Peak #1	7,970	2	Little Lake
Rockhouse Peak	8,383	2	Lamont Peak
Taylor Dome	8,774	2	Kernville
Sirretta Peak	9,977	1	Kernville
Crag Peak	9,455	3	Monache Mtn
Smith Mtn	9,515	2	Monache Mtn

**2. MINERAL KING AND KERN RIVER AREA (10 Peaks)**

Kern Peak	11,510	1	Kern Peak
Angora Mtn	10,202	2	Kern Peak
Coyote Peak	10,892	2	Kern Peak
North Maggie Mtn	10,235	1	Mineral King
Moses Mtn	9,331	3	Mineral King
Homers Nose	9,040	1	Mineral King

*Not done*  
 ① Clarence King  
 ② Goddard  
 ③ N. Palisade  
 ④ Abbot  
 ⑤ Ritter ⑦ Matterhorn  
 ⑧ Lyell

## 2. MINERAL KING AND KERN RIVER AREA (continued)

Vandever Mtn	11,947	1	Mineral King
Florence Peak	12,432	2	Mineral King
Sawtooth Peak #2	12,343	2	Mineral King
Needham Mtn	12,467	2	Mineral King

## 3. OLANCHA TO LANGLEY AND WEST (11 Peaks)

★OLANCHA PEAK	12,123	1	Olancha Peak
Cartago Peak	10,539	2 (S-3)	Olancha Peak
Mt Muah	11,016	2	Olancha Peak
Cirque Peak	12,900	1	Olancha Peak
Mt Langley	14,042	1	Lone Pine Peak
Mt Guyot	12,300	1	Mt Whitney
Joe Devel Peak	13,325	2	Mt Whitney
Mt Pickering	13,485	2	Mt Whitney
Mt Chamberlin	13,169	1	Mt Whitney
Mt Newcomb	13,410	1	Mt Whitney
Mt Hitchcock	13,184	1	Mt Whitney

## 4. CORCORAN TO WHITNEY (9 Peaks)

Mt Corcoran	13,760	3	Lone Pine Peak
★Mt Le Conte	13,960	3	Mt Whitney
Mt Mallory	13,850	2	Mt Whitney
Mt Irvine	13,770	2	Mt Whitney
★Mt McAdie	13,720	3	Mt Whitney
Mt Muir	14,015	3	Mt Whitney
★MT WHITNEY	14,495	1	Mt Whitney
Thor Peak	12,300	2	Mt Whitney
Lone Pine Peak	12,944	2	Lone Pine Peak

## 5. NORTH OF WHITNEY (9 Peaks)

Mt Young	13,172	1	Mt Whitney
Mt Hale	13,440+	1	Mt Whitney
★Mt Russell	14,086	3	Mt Whitney
Mt Carillon	13,552	2	Mt Whitney
Tunnabora	13,565	2	Mt Whitney
Mt Barnard	13,990	2	Mt Whitney
Trojan Peak	13,950	2	Mt Whitney
Mt Tyndall	14,018	2	Mt Whitney
★MT WILLIAMSON	14,375	2	Mt Whitney

## 6. KAWEAH REGION (12 Peaks)

Mt Eisen	12,160	2	Mineral King/Triple Divide Peak
Mt Lippincott	12,260	2	Triple Divide Peak
Eagle Scout Peak	12,040	2	Triple Divide Peak
Mt Stewart	12,205	2	Triple Divide Peak
Lion Rock	12,320+	2	Triple Divide Peak
★MT KAWEAH	13,802	2	Mt Whitney
Red Kaweah	13,760	2	Triple Divide Peak
★Black Kaweah	13,765	3	Triple Divide Peak
Picket Guard	12,302	2	Mt Whitney
Kern Point	12,789	2	Mt Whitney
Alta Peak	11,204	1	Triple Divide Peak
Mt Silliman	11,188	1	Triple Divide Peak

**7. GREAT WESTERN DIVIDE (10 Peaks)**

★Triple Divide Peak	12,634	2	Triple Divide Peak
Whaleback	11,726	3	Triple Divide Peak
Glacier Ridge	12,416	3 (S-4)	Triple Divide Peak
★Milestone Mtn ✓	13,641	3	Mt Whitney
Midway Mtn ✓	13,666	2	Mt Whitney
★Table Mtn ✓	13,630	3	Mt Whitney
★Thunder Mtn ✓	13,588	3	Mt Whitney
South Guard	13,224	2	Mt Whitney
★MT BREWER	13,570	2	Mt Whitney
North Guard	13,327	3	Mt Whitney

**8. KINGS KERN DIVIDE AND NORTH (11 Peaks)**

Mt Jordan ✓	13,344	3	Mt Whitney
Mt Geneva ✓	13,055	2	Mt Whitney
★Mt Ericsson ✓	13,608	2	Mt Whitney
★Deerhorn Mtn	13,265	3	Mt Whitney
Mt Stanford	13,963	3	Mt Whitney
★Junction Peak	13,888	3	Mt Whitney
Mt Keith	13,977	2	Mt Whitney
5-3-89 Mt Bradley	13,289	2	Mt Whitney
Center Peak	12,760	2	Mt Whitney
★East Vidette	12,350	3	Mt Whitney
West Vidette	12,560	2	Mt Whitney

**9. KEARSARGE PASS AREA (11 Peaks)**

★University Peak	13,632	2	Mt Whitney/Mt Pinchot
Independence Peak	11,744	3	Mt Pinchot
Kearsarge Peak	12,598	1	Mt Pinchot
Mt Gould	13,005	1 (S-3)	Mt Pinchot
Mt Rixford	12,890	2	Mt Pinchot
Mt Bago	11,868	1	Mt Pinchot
Dragon Peak	12,995	3	Mt Pinchot
Black Mtn	13,289	2	Mt Pinchot
★Mt Gardiner	12,907	4	Mt Pinchot
Mt Cotter	12,721	2	Mt Pinchot
★MT CLARENCE KING	12,905	4	Mt Pinchot

**10. BAXTER PASS TO TABOOSE PASS (11 Peaks)**

Diamond Peak	13,126	2	Mt Pinchot
Mt Baxter	13,125	2	Mt Pinchot
Colosseum Mtn	12,473	1	Mt Pinchot
Mt Perkins	12,591	2	Mt Pinchot
Mt Wynne	13,179	2	Mt Pinchot
Mt Pinchot	13,495	2	Mt Pinchot
Pyramid Peak	12,777	3	Mt Pinchot
★Arrow Peak	12,958	2	Mt Pinchot
Striped Mtn	13,189	1	Mt Pinchot
Goodale Mtn	12,790	2 (S-3)	Mt Pinchot
Cardinal Mtn	13,397	2	Mt Pinchot/Big Pine

**11. WESTERN MID-SIERRA (9 Peaks)**

*Mt Ruskin	12,920	3	Mt Pinchot
Marion Peak	12,719	2	Marion Peak
State Peak	12,620	2	Marion Peak
Goat Mtn	12,207	2	Marion Peak
Kennedy Mtn	11,433	1	Marion Peak
Mt Harrington	11,005	3	Marion Peak
*Tehipite Dome	7,708	3	Tehipite Dome
Spanish Mtn	10,051	1	Tehipite Dome
Three Sisters	10,619	1	Huntington Lake

**12. SOUTH PALISADES AREA (9 Peaks)**

*SPLIT MTN	14,058	1	Big Pine
Mt Tinemaha	12,561	2	Big Pine
Mt Prater	13,329	1	Big Pine
Mt Bolton-Brown	13,538	2	Big Pine
4-30-PY Birch Mtn	13,665	2	Big Pine
The Thumb	13,388	2	Big Pine
Disappointment Peak	13,917	3	Big Pine
*Middle Palisade	14,040	3	Big Pine
*Norman Clyde Peak	13,956	4	Big Pine

**13. MT GODDARD AND LE CONTE CANYON AREAS (12 Peaks)**

Observation Peak	12,322	2	Mt Goddard
Giraud Peak	12,585	2	Mt Goddard
*Devils Crags	12,600	4	Mt Goddard
Wheel Mtn	12,781	3	Mt Goddard
*Mt McDuffie	13,271	3	Mt Goddard
Black Giant	13,330	1	Mt Goddard
*Charybdis	13,091	3	Mt Goddard
Scylla	12,939	2	Mt Goddard
*MT GODDARD	13,568	2	Mt Goddard
Mt Reinstein	12,604	2	Mt Goddard
Finger Peak	12,404	2	Mt Goddard
Tunemah Peak	11,894	2	Marion Peak

**14. NORTH PALISADES AND NORTH (11 Peaks)**

Temple Crag	12,999	3	Big Pine
Mt Gayley	13,510	3	Big Pine/Mt Goddard
*Mt Sill	14,162	2	Mt Goddard/Big Pine
*NORTH PALISADE	14,242	4	Mt Goddard/Big Pine
*Thunderbolt Peak	14,040	3 (S-5)	Mt Goddard
Mt Winchell	13,768	3	Mt Goddard
Mt Agassiz	13,891	2	Mt Goddard
Inconsolable	13,501	2	Mt Goddard
Mt Goode	13,092	2	Mt Goddard
Mt Johnson	12,868	2	Mt Goddard
Mt Gilbert	13,103	2	Mt Goddard

**15. EVOLUTION AREA (13 Peaks)**

Mt Thompson	13,480	2	Mt Goddard
Mt Powell	13,400+	2	Mt Goddard
Mt Wallace	13,377	2 (S-3)	Mt Goddard
Mt Haeckel	13,435	3	Mt Goddard
Mt Fiske	13,524	2	Mt Goddard
Mt Huxley	13,117	3	Mt Goddard



15. EVOLUTION AREA (continued)

★MT DARWIN	13,830	3 (S-4)	Mt Goddard
Mt Mendel	13,691	3	Mt Goddard
Mt Lamarck	13,417	1	Mt Goddard
★The Hermit	12,360	2 (S-4)	Mt Goddard
Mt McGee	12,969	3	Mt Goddard
Emerald Peak	12,543	2	Blackcap Mtn
Mt Henry	12,196	2	Blackcap Mtn

16. HUMPHREYS BASIN AND VICINITY (11 Peaks)

Mt Goethe	13,240	2	Mt Goddard
Mt Emerson	13,225	2	Mt Goddard
★MT HUMPHREYS	13,986	4	Mt Tom
Basin Mtn	13,240	2	Mt Tom
Four Gables	12,920	1	Mt Tom
Mt Tom	13,652	1	Mt Tom
Pilot Knob #2	12,245	2	Mt Abbot
Gemini	12,866	2	Mt Abbot
★Seven Gables	13,075	2	Mt Abbot
Mt Senger	12,271	2	Mt Abbot
Mt Hooper	12,349	2 (S-4)	Mt Abbot

17. BEAR CREEK SPIRE AREA (11 Peaks)

Merriam Peak	13,077	2	Mt Abbot
Royce Peak	13,253	2	Mt Abbot
Mt Julius Caesar	13,196	2	Mt Abbot
Mt Hilgard	13,361	2	Mt Abbot
Recess Peak	12,836	2	Mt Abbot
Mt Gabb	13,711	2	Mt Abbot
★Bear Creek Spire	13,713	3	Mt Abbot
Mt Dade	13,600	2	Mt Abbot
★MT ABBOT	13,715	3	Mt Abbot
Mt Mills	13,468	3	Mt Abbot
Mt Morgan #1	13,748	2	Mt Tom

18. MONO CREEK TO MAMMOTH (9 Peaks)

Silver Peak	11,878	2	Kaiser Peak
Mt Izaak Walton	12,099	2	Mt Abbot
Red & White Mtn	12,850	2	Mt Abbot
Mt Stanford	12,851	2	Mt Abbot
Mt Morgan #2	13,005	2	Mt Morrison
★Red Slate Mtn	13,163	1	Mt Morrison
Mt Baldwin	12,614	2	Mt Morrison
★Mt Morrison	12,268	2	Mt Morrison
Bloody Mtn	12,544	2	Mt Morrison

19. RITTER RANGE AND VICINITY (9 Peaks)

Iron Mtn	11,149	1	Devils Postpile
★Clyde Minaret	12,281	3	Devils Postpile
★MT RITTER	13,157	2	Devils Postpile
Banner Peak	12,945	2	Devils Postpile
Mt Davis	12,311	2	Devils Postpile
Rodgers Peak	12,978	2	Merced Peak
Electra Peak	12,442	2	Merced Peak
Foerster Peak	12,058	2	Merced Peak
San Joaquin Mtn	11,600	1	Devils Postpile

**20. CLARK RANGE TO CLOUDS REST (7 Peaks)**

Merced Peak	11,726	2	Merced Peak
Red Peak	11,699	2	Merced Peak
Gray Peak	11,574	2	Merced Peak
★Mt Clark	11,522	3	Merced Peak
★Mt Starr King	9,092	4	Yosemite
Half Dome	8,842	2	Yosemite
Clouds Rest	9,926	1	Tuolumne Meadows

**21. MT LYELL AND NORTH (8 Peaks)**

★Cathedral Peak	10,933	3 (S-4)	Tuolumne Meadows
Vogelsang Peak	11,516	2	Tuolumne Meadows
Mt Florence	12,561	2	Merced Peak
Mt Maclure	12,988	3	Merced Peak
★MT LYELL	13,114	3	Merced Peak
Koip Peak	12,979	1	Mono Craters
Mt Gibbs	12,764	1	Mono Craters
Mt Dana	13,053	1	Mono Craters

**22. TIOGA PASS TO BOND PASS (13 Peaks)**

Mt Warren	12,327	2	Mono Craters
Mt Conness	12,590	2	Tuolumne Meadows
North Peak	12,242	2	Tuolumne Meadows
Pettit Peak	10,788	2	Tuolumne Meadows
Excelsior Mtn	12,446	2	Matterhorn Peak
Dunderberg Peak	12,374	2	Matterhorn Peak
Virginia Peak	12,001	2	Matterhorn Peak
★Whorl Mtn	12,029	3	Matterhorn Peak
Twin Peaks	12,314	3	Matterhorn Peak
★MATTERHORN PK	12,264	2	Matterhorn Peak
Volunteer Peak	10,479	2	Matterhorn Peak
Piute Mtn	10,541	2	Tower Peak
★Tower Peak	11,755	3	Tower Peak

**23. BOND PASS TO LAKE TAHOE (11 Peaks)**

Black Hawk Mtn	10,348	2	Tower Peak
Leavitt Peak	11,570	1	Sonora Pass
Stanislaus Peak	11,220	1	Sonora Pass
Disaster Peak	10,047	2	Sonora Pass
Highland Peak	10,934	2	Markleville
Round Top	10,385	3	Markleville & Silver Lake
Mokelumne Peak	9,332	2	Silver Lake
Freel Peak	10,881	2	Freel Peak
Pyramid Peak	9,983	2	Fallen Leaf Lake
Dicks Peak	9,974	2	Fallen Leaf Lake
Mt Tallac	9,735	1	Fallen Leaf Lake

**24. NORTHERN SIERRA (9 Peaks)**

Granite Chief	9,006	2	Granite Chief
Tinker Knob	8,949	2	Granite Chief
Castle Peak	9,103	2 (S-3)	Norden (7-1/2')
Mt Rose	10,778	1	Mt Rose (Nev)
Mt Lola	9,143	1	Donner Pass
English Mtn	8,373	2	Emigrant Gap
Sierra Buttes	8,587	1	Sierra City
Mt Elwell	7,812	1	Sierra City
Adams Peak	8,197	2	Chilcoot

The annual banquet was again held at the Taix Restaurant in Hollywood on Monday evening, December 8, 1975. An excellent \$7.50 steak dinner was accompanied by Les Stockton's (the MC) glib comments as the evening progressed. Betty Kabler was responsible for arranging this bash which drew a record 179 persons (180, if you count the LaBrecque baby-to-be). Barbara Magnuson arranged for and dispensed the door prizes, which were awarded as follows:

<u>Donor</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Recipient</u>
WESTRIDGE, W. Los Angeles	<u>The Ultimate Challenge</u>	Eric Schumacher, Lewis Cavalieri, & Dennis Lantz
	belt pack	Suzanne Duval
	Eiger pack	Delores Dautremont
	poster	Les Byington
MOLEHILL MOUNTAIN GUIDES	Doltpack day pack	Alice Ramirez
JOHN ROBINSON	<u>El Picacho del Diable</u>	Elizabeth Rhone, Mary Omberg
THE MOUNTAIN STORE, Tarzana	down booties	Bob Hicks, Margaret Cooper
HOLUBAR, Santa Ana	Holubar day pack	Dick Jali
WILDERNESS EXPERIENCE, Chatsworth	day pack	Dave Hammond
LITTLE STONES WILDERNESS SHOPPE, Northridge	<u>Mt. Ranier</u>	Dick Sykes
	<u>Trip and Trail</u>	Walter Fey
	<u>Puget Sound</u>	Chuck Stein
	wind breaker	
	gift certificate	Meridee Muell
TEX'S SPORTING GOODS, Santa Monica	\$10 gift certificate	George Hubbard
KELTY PACK, Glendale	day pack	Ted Maier
	Tioga back pack (the "Grand Prize")	Paul Lipsohn

The 1975 chairman, Doug Mantle, expressed his appreciation to all who served in the SPS in 1975. He was followed by the newly installed 1976 chairman, Duane McRuer, who introduced the other 1976 officers and appointees (see SPS 1976 Management Committee List, which appears elsewhere in the Echo).

The program consisted of slides and movie sketches of several climbs by Pete White and Peter Pilafian, which included the Lost Arrow, McKinley, the Karakorums, the Eiger, and Monument Valley. It was an outstanding program.

Thanks to everyone who made this a most successful event.



# In Remembrance

THEODORE CHARLES MAIER

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June 25, 1925, Massachusetts

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SERVICES

Memorial Services

Wednesday, Jan. 7, 1976, 2:00 p.m.

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Ted was a past SPS chairman (1963) and led many trips for the section. He was present at the annual banquet in December, having regained strength after being stricken several months earlier by a heart ailment. He collapsed and died at home January 3, 1976. Among survivors are his widow, Mary Jane, and their two children, Mark and Margo.

Another past SPS chairman, Miles Brubacher, joined the minister and two other friends of Ted in speaking at the service.

Ted was a major force in forming the SPS and was liked and respected by all his fellow climbers.

- Jerry Keating



## ECHOES FROM THE PAST 10 years ago in the SPS - Ron Jones

Trip writeups in the Echo for early 1966 were in short supply but among those listed was Owens Peak, an early March climb led by Ed Lane and Ron Jones. The approach was made via the Pinnacle Ridge and the small party was met on the summit by the almost traditional swarms of Lady Bird Beetles. On April 9-10 Tom Cosgrove led a group up Sawtooth and Spanish Needle. The SPS Chairman for 1966, Sid Davis, celebrated his birthday on Sawtooth and it was reported that a little Gallo port was drunk on the summit to celebrate the event. Later in April Dick Jali led an ice ax seminar on the slopes of San Gorgonio and Charlton Peaks. Dick reported very fine snow conditions for that April. Among the non-scheduled trip reports were several led by Carl Heller of China Lake. Excellent writeups in the Echo (Vol 10 No 2) give descriptions of the 4th and 5th class routes up the Lamont Pinnacles #1-#4. Carl typically understates the climbing by saying, "A traverse of the entire ridge would be a challenge".

Coming next issue: Some climbs by the SPS 20 years ago.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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LETTER TO THE DPS EDITOR & SPS EDITOR

In rebuttal to Barbara Lilley & Abe Siemens et al: It is sad to see that several of our prominent climber-hikers, such as Ms. Lilley & Mr. Siemens, fail to see the wisdom of the BMTC or MTC program. This same program, by the way, -or very similar ones- are being offered now in many colleges throughout the state. I, too, look with nostalgia back to the Sierra & the desert of the 1950's, when I joined the Club to find friends of similar interest. Of course, I am sure that Norman Clyde felt the Sierra was already quite crowded in the 1950's, compared to his earlier hiking days there! It's really all quite relative, you see! But, to come to my point: the wilderness (i.e., those areas not altered by the works of man, 'tho' perhaps by his visits!) needs all the friends it can get these days. Alpine (downhill) skiers, snowmobilers, trail bikers, & the myriad of other mechanized outdoorspeople are becoming increasingly well-organized, and are exerting more pressure on governmental officials to "save" some of the wilderness for their special uses. Thus, I am again pleased to see MTC enrollment near the 1000 mark this year. It is also gratifying to see hundreds, perhaps thousands, of students enrolling in wilderness recreation classes throughout the country. Let us hope that these students will be informed of the true purposes of the Sierra Club, and not be led astray by the many active opponents of the club who proudly display their abusive bumper-stickers as they drive down the freeways of our congested southern California. Move over, Barbara & Abe. Try to make room for your new wilderness friends, and why not share some of your expertise with them! They would appreciate it more than you know, and our wilderness areas will have just that much more chance to survive in a world which is going to be terribly crowded with users competing for that chance to return to a natural, limited (by permits) access wilderness area, even for just a short time each year. I urge all DPS & SPS members to voice their approval of the MTC program to our Executive Committee (chapter).

I also strongly agree with the DPS editor & urge all members to write the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors, voicing their disapproval of the new outings policy which attempts to control location & length of local outings. The DPS, SPS, local groups of the chapter, etc. should be able to schedule trips whenever and wherever they want for the benefit of their members. It makes far better sense to try to organize all trips at a local level first, so that fuel-energy costs can be minimized by bus and/or car pooling arrangements. If a chapter is not large enough to run its own trip, then it should coordinate with the national outings & urge its membership to support those. I am sure that many Angeles chapter members have participated in both national and local outings and have enjoyed both. But let only those outings survive which are supported by club members wherever they may live, and regardless of who is the sponsoring group. In other words, let the members decide & choose.

Jay Flaws

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SCHEDULED TRIPS

October 4-5

Siretta Pk.....Cannell Pt.....Taylor Dome.....Mike and Suzie  
Wilkinson

Great weather and one sick Volks greeted 13 eager climbers who made the toughest part of the trip Friday night, the drive in. After a great car camp breakfast (I had fresh ham and scrambled eggs) we set off at 7:30 a.m. in car pools to climb Cannell Pt., an HPS listed peak. I think there is a mapmaker's error on the topo since the peak is spelled "Cannel" even though the meadow is spelled with two "l's". The group made it up to the top and a fantastic view of Lake Isabella in 1 1/4 hrs. after the leader pondered the route up the summit block. The route in the HPS writeup is the only way without ropes. Easy class 3.

Next, back to camp for lunch at about noon and then on the trail to Siretta. It's only 2,000 feet of gain, but we had a strong group so the pace really gave the leader a workout. Another fine view with almost no clouds and only a light wind.

That night everyone got together for a cozy campfire and everyone's advice on how to and how not to cook E-Z pop popcorn over the fire. We came up with several wrong ways to pop the corn which seemed to produce more old maids than popcorn (a sexist remark? I'll call them elderly persons). Oh yes, maybe I didn't mention it---one or two of us did see fit to have a sip of beer or wine at this point.

Sunday the group pulled out of camp at 7:30 a.m. drive to the roadhead for Taylor Dome. This seldom climbed peak was a worthy climb which certainly isn't, as the writeup says, class 2. There is a moderately exposed class 3 pitch near the summit. Two of the climbers used a belay coming down. Everyone was back at the cars by 11:30 a.m.

I couldn't finish this writeup without saying that all of us were saddened that Paul Kellow couldn't have joined us on this trip he planned. He was missed.

Twentyone intrepid climbers met leaders Ron Jones and Roy Ward at the upper Deer Cove trailhead at Cedar Grove on Saturday morning in beautiful clear fall weather. As most climbers were out to bag Harrington it was decided to hold that peak until the next day and to do the 3,500 foot backpack and 3,650 foot knapsack to Kennedy on Saturday. The group divided naturally into two parties, some not wanting such a strenuous day and Ron Eckelmann volunteered to be the assistant for the slower party.

The backpack was accomplished without incident except at 6,500 feet one should make certain to take the easier easterly trail fork along the ridge rather than drop down to the East fork of Grizzly Creek. In passing through Wildman Meadow we talked to a hunter who boasted of killing a 375 pound she-bear and her cub nearby. Shortly afterwards we crossed a minor divide marking the National Park boundary and dropped to Frypan Meadow. After lunch 15 peak baggers set a fast pace to Kennedy Mtn. where champagne was served to celebrate George Hubbard's 100th SPS peak and George Corbett's 6th peak for Section membership. That night an evening of conviviality was enjoyed with refreshments and entertainment. Roy Ward managed to recall the "Cremation of Sam McGee" and other poems by Robert Service; Myron Rosenberg gave harmonica accompaniment to a songfest of music that must have been 30 to 50 years old while the Magnusons, Ombergs, Doug Mantle and others dusted off their campfire tales, all beneath a clear star-filled sky.

Sunday morning the first drops of rain came down at 6:30. By our departure to Harrington the clouds had settled in. We never found the trail to Grizzly Lakes. (A sign at Frypan Meadow marks the start at a nearby jumble of fallen timber; it leads to a nearby trail fork. Continue holding the same elevation for 50 yards toward the Wildman Meadow fork and the trail becomes pretty clear nearly to Grizzly Lakes) but above the Lakes is a well-ducked route over the pass east of Harrington which then drops into the Gorge of Despair. We were in total despair when after reaching the pass in a cold light snow and with visibility varying from 20 to 30 yards we couldn't find Harrington. We came close, probably within one-quarter mile and certainly to peak 10,900 to the north, but poor visibility and ice coated rocks turned the 19 climbers back at noon. After drying off for a while around a roaring campfire at Frypan we all beat a wet swift retreat to the cars. Later that night many of us met at the Basque Restaurant in Bakersfield to stoke up on calories. Around the table it was suggested that the Echo revive an annual critique from the past of current noteworthy ~~restaurants~~ on the driving route to our Sierra and Desert Peaks. On a scale of one to five stars and evaluating such points as quality and quantity of food, relaxed surroundings, service and price, we rated the Basque Cafe, 631 East 21st St., just off Hwy. 58, in Bakersfield as 4 stars (meals from \$3.50 to \$6.00). Among the desert eateries Rosita's Restaurant, Mexican Food, 513 E. Main St., in Barstow was perhaps 3 stars. I would support someone coordinating and compiling such a continuing list as a service to all Section members. Neko Colevins last compiled this list in 1965, and included restaurants in Flagstaff, Pear Blossom, Fresno and many others.

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SUGARLOAF ROCK - BALL DOME EXPLORATORY ..... Paul Lipsohn, Barbara Lilley  
October 18-19

After waiting 20 minutes, only the leaders and 2 participants out of the 14 that had signed up left the Kings Canyon Pack Station - Sunset Meadows trailhead for the 3 hour, approx. 8 mile backpack to camp at Comanche Meadows for lunch. It was later learned that all 10 "no-shows", most of whom were BMTC students desperately looking for an "experience climb", showed up at the Horse Corral parking area instead, in spite of the leader's careful instructions to turn off onto the Pack Station road; some even drove via Giant Forest, also in spite of the leader's directions.



Sugarloaf Rock (8002') was climbed Saturday afternoon. The 2 leaders followed the "secret passage" route in the west chimney, while 2 latecomers, who had back-packed in the hard way from Horse Corral, managed to find a class 3 route on the south face just to the right of the west chimney. This latter route is probably better, both for huskier types and because it does avoid the strenuous class 4 pitch (nicely led by Paul) to get out of the last cave.

Clouds which had threatened much of the day cleared off in the early evening, and the warming campfire was most welcome; temperatures dipped to 26° by Sunday morning - not conducive to an early start. After a 2 mile hike, packs were left at the Silliman Pass trail junction and the 6 headed for Ball Dome. However, time lost in a vain search for a class 3 route prevented an attempt by the easiest class 4 route (southwest buttress) so this summit was left unclimbed. The group returned to their packs for lunch and completed the remaining 6+ mile backpack out to the car by 4:30 p.m.

With abundant snow covering the high Sierra, the scheduling of this low-altitude trip was quite timely. Below 8500', only patches of snow remained from the recent storms. Although there are no listed peaks to be climbed, this area is a good place to "explore and enjoy" in the late fall, and the main road (to Horse Corral Meadow) is now paved.

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SIRRETTA, TAYLOR DOME, ROCKHOUSE ... RANSCHAU, WARD  
November 1 and 2

The morning sun slowly reinfused life into what appeared to be, at first sight, oversized cocoons but were, in fact, humans in a semidormant state. As we left Horse Meadows CG, still others came to join us and we continued to the Sirretta road head where we were informed that still others were having problems with ice on the road (several inches of snow fell Thursday), but wanted to join us. Roy went on a brief reconnaissance mission, yielding nothing, so the train left without them. Hiking at a moderate pace, we were soon overtaken by the strongest of the missing party, and, shortly thereafter, we were a total of 24, including nine year old Lisa Shuler (12 others had shown a strong interest in participating). The right hand trail (not on topo) which leads to a saddle east of the peak is the easy way to the top. The warm sun of the shallow snow added a new feature to the landscape, and we were soon on top with views all around. Down the western slope over rocks and some brush to the other trail and back to the cars for lunch.

In caravan formation we went to the far southern end of Big Meadow. Hiking up to a ridge soon brought Taylor Dome into view. The summit was climbed three different ways with the easiest being from the south of the peak. From the saddle south of the summit go left (north) on a ledge which narrows at the base of a chute which goes up to the right about 15 ft, and then the wall on the left has excellent hand holds for a few easy moves to the summit area. This should be rated class 3. A fun class 3 route begins at the extreme north end of the base of the rock comprising the summit area. The route up the deep crack between the two rock massifs looks like four - especially with snow. Twenty-three came out on top and viewed other impressive domes to the east. The sun was sinking, and we hurried to the cars and Horse Meadows campground for the night where car camp cooking brought out food and drink that surpassed even freeze-dried dinners.

After discounting those who opted out of the Sunday climb, Roy counted twelve for the trek to Rockhouse. The irony of this climb is that it was almost as much gain coming back as going to the mountain, 2000' up and 1600' back. All made it to the peak by 12:30 - the rock was clean - and out to the cars by 5:30. The climb of Rockhouse from the east is easier, but the road is nasty for cars.

Thanks to the fine cooperation of all the participants and my special thanks to Roy for leading the Sunday trip and for his taking charge of our Labor day trip.

The Angeles Chapter LTC has scheduled its next First Aid sequence for the following dates: 1-2 May, 15-16 May and 18 May. Attendance is required at both weekend sessions for Basic LTC plus the Mountaineering Medicine session for ALTC. The course will be conducted at the South Gate Chapter Red Cross facility. The recently proposed outing leader requirements included the need for the leader to have held a Red Cross First Aid card. Some of our leaders who qualified under the grandfather clause may not meet this requirement. The SPS Management committee urges these leaders to attend the up coming classes. Priority will be given to present leaders. Contact Gene Olsen for details and reservations. Class will be limited to 50 attendees.