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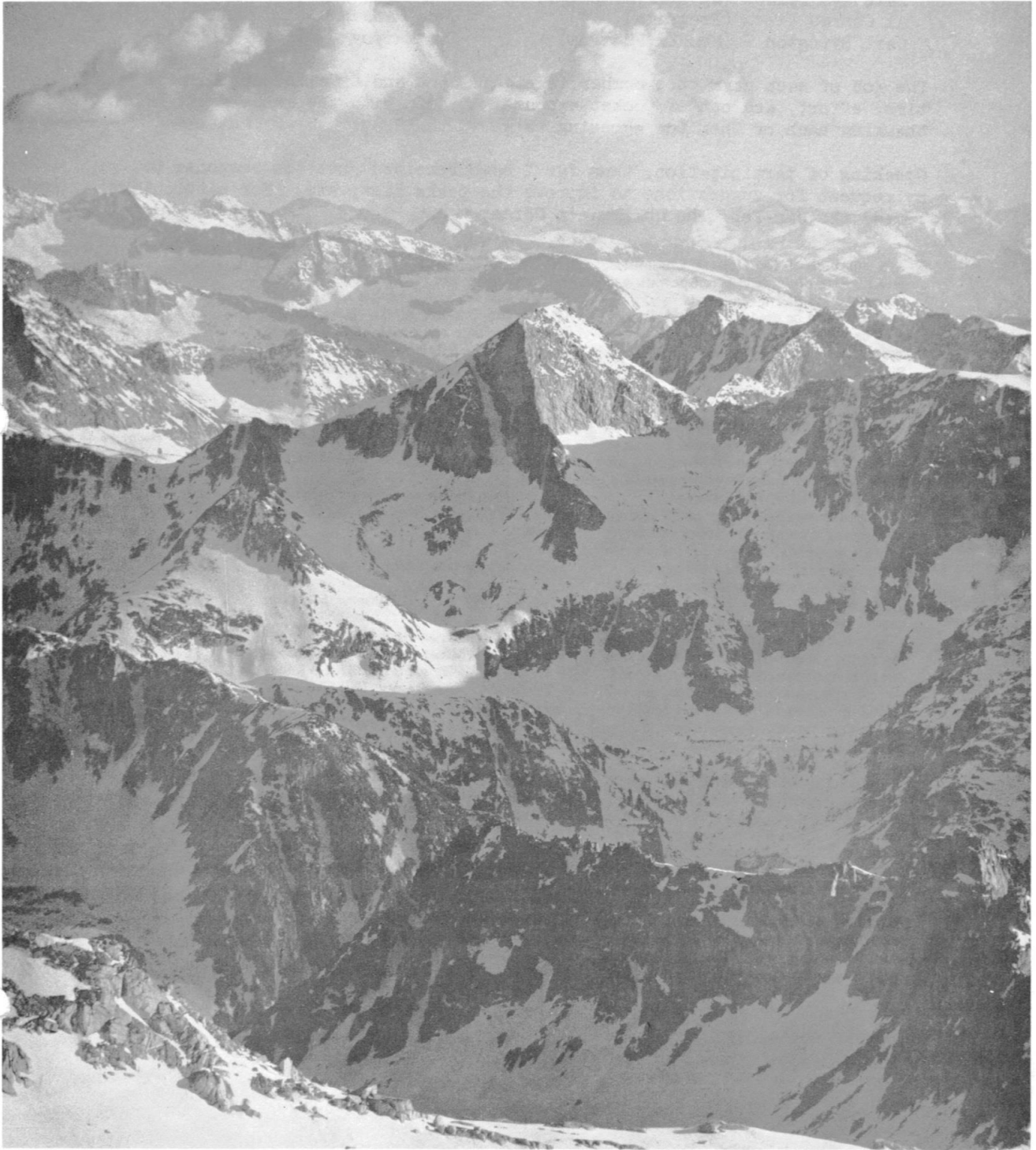
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CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

Your management committee is working diligently on the tasks before it. As chairman, I'm sure I speak for the entire committee in saying that we intend to continue the high level of performance the membership expects and deserves. You can help by supporting and participating in the various SPS activities.

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The job of each committee member is significant and entails considerable time, effort, and out of pocket expense. I join with the membership in thanking each of them for agreeing to serve the SPS.

Speaking of participation, thus far I have received just one response to my request for suggestions to improve the peaks list, etc. For particulars reread the Jan-Feb Echo Chairman's Corner. Gene Mauk

A sub-unit of the Outings Committee, HIKERBUS provides bus transportation to the most-used Sierra roadheads.

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June 20-22: Same as June 6-8.

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August 8-10: Bishop Cr. Same as July 25-27 except Reserv: Lynne Goldstein

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August 11-24: Tuolumne Mdws. Same as August 1-3 except Reserv: Phil Clarke.

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Ed: Mt Brewer (13570'), North Guard (13327'): Backpack 8 mi, 5500' gain to Sphinx Lake from Kings Cyn. 3500' gain for Brewer and No. Guard (3rd class). Send 2 SASE, New phone, Carpool info, and recent climbing resume to reader: THOMAS DULCIA. Asst: MAUK GOEBEL.

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RENEWAL NOTICE

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for instructions.

KOIP PK, MT GIBBS (4-5 Aug 1979)

George Smith
Bill T. Russell

Sixteen people met at 7:00 a.m. Saturday at the Mono Pass Trailhead, 1½ mi. south of the Tioga Pass entrance station. We hiked up the Parker Pass Creek Trail almost to Spillway Lake and then proceeded cross-country to Parker Pass. The lower trail to Parker Pass does not appear to exist any longer; we were unable to find either end of it. Since camping is not permitted west of Parker Pass, we hiked about 1/4 mi. over the pass to a reasonable campsite, where we dropped our packs and had an early lunch. Then fifteen headed for the many switchbacks to Koip Peak Pass and on up the remaining 700' to Koip Peak; all arrived before 2:00 p.m. Five of the group climbed Parker Peak too.

Sunday, we proceeded down the trail to the Mono Pass Trail junction. We dropped our packs there and fourteen headed up to the south ridge of Gibbs and on to the top. No register was to be found. All were on top by 10:45 a.m. and back to the cars by 2:00 p.m.

The view from Koip of the Sierra Crest, Tuolumne Meadows and Mono Lake is spectacular. The weather was cooperative (a bit warm). A good time was had by all.

Aug. 24-26 Kennedy/Harrington

Leaders: The Petitjeans

Friday morning we met six people at the Deer Cove Trailhead (located 29.1 miles from the Park entrance station along Highway 180). An 8:00 start and a leisurely pace eventually got us to Frypan Meadow by 3:00. However, we did have some confusing trail junctions enroute. First of all, the two separate junctions located northeast of point 7,885 and east of Wildman Meadow were combined together as one, with one trail sign missing. One sign did point the way to Frypan Meadow, but would have first taken us toward Lewis Creek, so we chose the higher trail (middle fork) directing us to Grizzly Lakes. About 1/4 mile up this trail, an unmarked trail came in on the right which is the proper one leading to Frypan. Unfortunately, I chose to ignore it, thus causing us to climb too much and backtrack a little just west of Frypan.

Saturday we had another leisurely day by climbing Kennedy via Kennedy Pass. Clear views were had by all while we relaxed on the summit. We were back to camp again by 3:00 with time for myself to scout up and down the various trails for tomorrow's climb and eventual pack out. Meanwhile, who should show up in camp after climbing Kennedy solo, but Norm Rohn! That evening an enjoyable campfire was built with precision and exceptional care by George Davis.

An early start Sunday morning got all but two up for the climb of Harrington. Another clear day was again experienced as we climbed up the enjoyable Class 3 north ridge to the summit, where Bernie and I (Jon) finally attained our Senior Emblems with 110 and 141 peaks, respectively. Lu, unfortunately, was lacking Mt. Humphreys after being rained out the two previous weeks (she did get it the following week, however). Three bottles of bubbly and homemade cookies were gratefully appreciated by the eight of us, even though it was still morning. Thanks to Dick Akawie for allowing not a drop to be wasted from the bottles. Unfortunately, the party had to end and we had to descend. Because of the jovial mood, the descent began to look more like Devils Crags! Anyway, a fast lunch and descent got us back to the cars by 4:30 and on the winding road home.

J.P.

Huxley, Fiske, Evolution Valley Aug 9-12, 79 G.Toby & L.Machleder

A strong ^{group} of seven departed Lake Sabrina Thursday morn for a pleasant backpack to Echo Lake. The route goes high above the S shore to a large cirque and over the Sierra Crest. Echo Pass is the small notch in the black rocks on the right. A stout broomstick, visible from either side, is firmly planted in the notch you go thru. We descended open talus slopes to pick up the Muir Trail, then up the Muir to a rocky campsite near a stream just below Muir Pass. A long hard backpack, about 4800 gain and 12 mi, but a neat way to get to the Evolution area in one day.

Fri we left camp at 7:20 am (not early enough), checked out the Muir Hut (the lower part of the door has no hinges) and dropped down to Wanda Lake to be greeted by hordes of mosquitoes. We headed for Mt. Huxley. After one false try we found the entry into the chute that leads up just S of the summit. There is some class 3 at the lower and upper ends of this chute. We descended by another chute just N of the summit. A better route. It has a headwall near the summit but lots of handholds. One person departed to explore Evolution Valley and go out by Piute Pass. The remaining six circled around the N end of Huxley to a prominent saddle and climbed Fiske by the SW ridge. Huxley was the better climb but Fiske is higher and has a superb view. The entire Evolution Valley and over a dozen peaks on the list are clearly visible. Now time was a problem. People were getting weary and moving slowly. We oped to return down by way of Helen Lake. But darkness fell before we reached the lake. It got pitch black. No moon yet. Mel Johnson was pooped and elected to bivouac near the lake. The rest of us groped and stumbled over talus around Helen Lake. The moon came out just before we hit camp. A rough day.

Early Sat we were awakened by raindrops. Larry Machleder was busy setting up his tent; the rest of us went back to sleep. Mel strode into camp about 6:30 and promptly hit the sack. It rained harder and turned into wet snow. It rained for 7 hours, killing all chances of climbing Charybdis and Black Giant. Everything was covered with slippery wet snow. Fran Smith's tent began to look like a dragon with a broken back. It leaked badly and he was getting wet and cold; a good candidate for hypothermia. Three of us packed up and took off for the Muir Hut. What a surprise. There were 20 people and 20 backpacks in that little stone beehive. With all those warm bodies Fran dried off quickly. 10 people stayed the nite. It was fun. One gal from San Diego made a big pot of spaghetti for all hands. I ate that plus my regular dinner. Climbing makes me hungry.

Sun dawned with threatening clouds everywhere. Climbing looked too riskey. We left the hut at 6:45 am, picked up the other guys and headed out over Echo Pass. All hands back safely at Lake Sabrina at 3:30. This was a good mountaineering experience; we climbed when we could and survived when we had to.

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JORDAN-GENEVRA-ERICSSON-STANFORD-CAL TECH
AUGUST 17-21, 1979.....BILL T. RUSSELL, DUANE McRUER

Twelve people left the Shepherd Pass roadhead promptly at 0700 on Friday, August 17. By prearrangement another joined us at Anvil Camp at noon. We had lunch there and then proceeded over the pass and made camp about 1-1/2 mi. to the west. The weather threatened all day and a blowing snowstorm did come forth as we went through the pass area. This gave us a certain amount of anxiety but did not dent our determination.

The next morning, Saturday, we hiked to the small lake about 1/4 mi. south of Lk South America where we set up tents. We then climbed Jordan and Geneva and were back at camp by 1730. On Jordan we climbed the east face to the obvious notch in the summit ridge and then went up and south on the east side over class 2-3 rock to the summit block. Here at about 20 ft below the summit, we all made the step and lean across that is called a "delicate five foot leap" in the Climber's Guide. Most people accepted an upper belay for this move. To save time, they then signed in without untying, descended the block and stepped/leaned to the other side. There was some new snow on the rocks and light snow fell while we were belaying. This situation deterred much rhapsodizing on the scenery. Geneva was ascended from the west and descended on the east; no problems, 2nd class and the sun came out.

On Sunday we hiked to just below Harrison Pass and then climbed Ericsson up the east face by a prominent chute to the narrow notch in the middle of the northern part of the peak. There was perhaps 100 ft of easy 3rd class between the top of the chute and the notch. We passed through the notch, then moved north on the west side of the peak for perhaps 200 meters and climbed easy 3rd class to the summit. We then descended to Harrison Pass and climbed to Gregorys Monument. From here the route to Stanford starts almost immediately with a tricky step across and then proceeds on a ledge that dips up and down on the east side of the ridge and a hundred feet or so below the ridge crest. The ledge is amply wide, but with considerable exposure. At one spot, about midway over, people must move on their hands and knees to go under a low ceiling. Further on there is a 20 ft steep rock chute and beyond that 2nd class to the summit. The ridge route to Stanford is exciting and the view from Stanford to the west, north and east is outstanding. The register was a pleasure; it is an oldie and contains some notable names. We returned to Gregorys via the 20 ft step, the ledges and the step across (which is more difficult going south). We then had a late lunch, delayed because rain threatened on Stanford, and moved back to our camp.

On Monday we hiked to the Muir Trail and here the party split. Jim Erb, Gene Mauk and Dale VanDalsem departed to climb Junction and Tyndall, Don Palmer and Dan Mihaljevich to do Williamson, Dick Akawie to go directly to Anvil Camp, and Duane McRuer, Bob Hicks, Gerry Holleman, Pat Holleman, Lance Dixon, Ron Miller and myself to do Cal Tech Pk. We climbed past the lake which is a mile south of Cal Tech at UTM 759595 and thence over a 30 ft wall and up diagonally to the summit. The view to the east, south and west was magnificent, encompassing Forester Pass, Junction Pk, Williamson, Tyndall, Barnard, Russell, Whitney, the whole huge Kern River basin and canyon, a broadside look at all of the Kaweahs, Milestone, Midway, Table, Thunder, Mt Brewer and close by but lower, Mt Ericsson and Harrison Pass.

All of those present felt that Cal Tech Pk (13832') would be a worthy addition to the list. We then descended and hiked out to Anvil Camp where we joined Dick Akawie and where later we were joined by Jim, Gene, Dale, Dan and Lance (who climbed Tyndall after Cal Tech).

Tuesday had beautiful weather. In the morning, Bob Hicks, Gene Mauk and I climbed Keith and the others hiked to the roadhead. We ascended west up the sandy (ugh!) slopes from Anvil Camp to the bench at about 11800' and then over to, and up, the broad prominent chute on the west side of the south slopes of Mt Keith. It leads to a visible notch that is about 100 ft below and to the west of the summit. The chute is a great scree run on descent, we came down 2500 ft in 30 minutes to the lake (really a meadow) at 11200' which is west of the Pothole. This is a very nice camping spot. From here we followed the old Junction Pass trail to the Pothole and then went on down to the roadhead. We were followed in an hour by Don Palmer who had climbed Junction in the morning. The trip was good, the weather started ugly and ended beautiful and most participants bagged an extra peak. For mountain records, all the registers and containers were ok.

Bill

Mt. Morrison - August 18-19, 1979 - Orange County Sierra Singles
Owen Maloy, Jim Murphy

This was probably the first M-level peak bag ever scheduled by Orange County Sierra Singles. But both leader and assistant were SPS members and two others came along. Two of the four SPSers were emblem holders; but it was the first listed peak for four people.

Since this was an introductory trip for the OCSS contingent, we did not day-hike the peak as is customary, but rather backpacked up the canyon to the east to the small tarn shown on the quad east of Morrison. Four then climbed Mt. Aggie, while others flaked out or studied the geology of the Morrison-Baldwin ridge.

The next day we left just after 7 and were on top by 10:40 (about half SPS speed!). But all 10 people made the peak, enjoyed the view and got down as planned, just in time to be hailed on briefly in camp rather than on the peak. Five hit the hot creek later. The assistant complained that he was hardly stiff and sore at all, but I'm sure that can be fixed on his next SPS climb.

The canyon route, although perhaps half a mile longer, is considerably less hassle than the route under the face of Morrison; there is no bouldering and no loose scree -- it is Class 1 all the way to the ridge. To avoid brush, follow the moraine ridge-top east of the small stream shown on the map; do not sidehill.

The leader would like to thank the SPS contingent for their participation, which helped make the trip. The OCSSers were able to observe at firsthand that while it is indeed true that SPS folk are orange with black stripes, they do not actually Eat People, as is reputed.

RENEWAL REMINDER

If you do not have an "80" on your Echo address label, this is the last issue you will receive unless you renew your subscription by May 15.

This trip was originally written up in the schedule to do only Tyndall as I was under the impression that since the summit of Williamson was within the California Bighorn Sheep Zoological Area it was off limits at this time of year. Once the light dawned that Williamson might be permissible from Shepherd Pass, and it was verified by the ranger station in Lone Pine that it was indeed permissible, all of the trip participants were contacted and with their concurrence the trip plan was changed to include "BIG WILLIE".

Accordingly, eight of us met at the Shepherd Pass trailhead at 6:00am Saturday, signed in and were underway by 6:15. The group consisted of Bobcat Thompson, Mark Thiel, Dave Heaney, Harvey Peterson, Hank Warzybok, Paul Parsons, and the leaders. We spent a pleasant 1½ hours for lunch at Anvil Camp after negotiating the long, hot 6 mi., 4000' from the trailhead. The only water between Symmes Creek and Anvil Camp was at an unnamed creek 1½ to 2 miles below Anvil Camp, so be sure you have plenty of water before leaving Symmes Creek if you are going to make this climb on a hot day as we did. We arrived at the high lake (12,000') just over and east of Shepherd Pass at 4:30pm where we made base camp. Everyone was pretty tired after the 8½mi., 6000' hike, so after an early dinner, all were in the sack by 7:30.

The next morning 6:00am found the entire group on their way to Williamson which we climbed by way of the large chute and chimney on the west side. The chute is not apparent until you get up to the black water stain which is described in the climbing guide at which point the route is obvious. Just below the top of the chute, the chimney comes into view on the right (south) side of the chute. This chimney involves 80-100 ft. of almost vertical climbing but is easy class 3 with solid foot and hand holds. From the top of the chimney it is only a short rock scramble to the summit which was reached at about 10:30am. After the usual picture taking, register signing, and lunch under a beautiful, clear blue sky, we reluctantly began our departure at 11:30. Six of the group rappelled down the chimney which can be easily down climbed in good conditions. Under adverse conditions it probably would be wise for everyone to have rappel gear as this could save some time. After spending another hour relaxing and soaking up the sun at one of the lakes in the basin between Williamson and Tyndall all arrived back at camp at 4:30pm.

Two of the group decided against doing Tyndall on Monday so the other six, after breakfast again in the dark, were underway by 6:00am for their second 14'er in two days. We did Tyndall by the northwest ridge basically, with some minor diversions, which is an interesting class 3 route on sound rock for the most part. The summit was reached at 8:45am where, it should be noted, Mark Thiel completed his requirements for SPS membership. The weather was again warm with a clear, blue, beautiful sky. After again indulging in the usual formalities, we were on our way back to camp at 9:15. The route down was on the largest of three ribs on the north face which turned out to be a mixture of good friction slabs and loose rock. This would be a good ascent route also. Camp was reached again at 10:45 and, after packing our gear, our departure was at 11:15. The trip down was just as long and hot, and seemed just as grueling, as the one up but after a brief, refreshing stop at Anvil Camp for water, and another one at the unnamed stream, everyone was checked in at the cars by 4:15pm.

This was a pleasant, successful trip with an excellent group and I would like to express my appreciation to each of them. It is always a pleasure to successfully reach a worthy objective in company with such companions.

JAY

Kaweah Climber's Camp, 1-8 September 1979 "Campy" & Barbara Reber

Eleven peaks were climbed from Big Arroyo by 7 participants during this one-week trip. Our camp was at the patrol cabin most of the time. The weather was perfect. The climbers were: Campy and Barbara Reber (leaders), Jack Grams, Alan Tjeltveit, Jim Zeile, Mario Gonzales, and Jon Petitjean.

We met at the Mineral King guard station on Saturday and started up the trail to Glacier Pass. A second pass involving an hour's climb above Spring Lake has recently been renamed by Sequoia backcountry rangers from "Hands and Knees Pass" to "Bunny Ears Pass". Easiest ascent is up to the right. We overnighted at the lowest Little 5 Lake.

Our camp destination was the trail junction in Big Arroyo where the patrol cabin is. When we got there Sunday morning Mario, Jim, and Campy left to climb Mt Kaweah (13,802'). This endless trudge up boulders and sand started at a tarn S of the peak. Meanwhile, Jack and Jon climbed Red Kaweah (13,760'+). They had their own problems with loose ground and the climb took longer than expected.

Black Kaweah (13,765') was everybody's main objective. At 6 am, Jack stood in camp with his hands in his pockets waiting for the rest of us to wake up. We decided on the SW face route which is described in H. Voge's guide as Route 4 and in Roper's as Route 2. The stories we heard about loose rock everywhere were true. Most of the Cl. 3 was for just reaching across delicately perched rocks. The climb was fairly easy but we couldn't help but send some big loose ones cascading down the canyon. It's best to have only one climbing party on the mountain and keep together in a tight group. The current register was placed there in 1924 and has names of people who we all know, including Walter A. Starr who signed in blood, presumably his blood. Back in camp, Alan once again built the campfire. This was his task during the whole trip and he never figured out why. Leadership.

The next day Mario, Jon, and Allen left to climb Mt Lippincott (12,260') and to take a bath in a lake. Jack Grams departed for other climbing because he had finished the Kaweahs he needed. Barbara, Jim, and Campy took off for Red Kaweah. After dealing with more loose scree at the start, we finally got onto the ridge. This caused Barbara to remark "Down below I bitch about the boulders but up here they're kinda nice". We reached a sort of headwall in a canyon and then got so engrossed in climbing the thing that we missed the big fat ducks showing an easy exit. After entrusting our lives to some rickety holds, we finally got to the top and read in the book that others had made the same mistake. But we butched it twice by climbing down the same way. Leadership.

We broke camp on Wednesday for a move up the Arroyo. At some trees, we dropped our packs to climb Eagle Scout Pk (12,040'). Jon, Mario, and Alan climbed it while Barbara stayed behind to mend the seat of her pants. Campy did P12,022', 0.4 mi S of Eagle Scout, Cl. 2 via E ridge, and then did P11,600'+, "Post 90 Pk", Cl. 3 up its N ridge. A short friction pitch had to be climbed on this. We put our camp in 9-Lake Basin.

Lion Rock (12,320'+) was everybody's choice on Thursday. Jon, Jim, and Alan made it via a NE side rock route near a snow-filled chute. Meanwhile, Campy made the dull trip to Kaweah Queen (13,360'+). Its register had few names in it and none were of famous people. After Lion Rock the rest moved over to climb Mt Stewart (12,205').

Barbara needed Mt Eisen (12,160') for her list. Climbing it from Black Rock Pass is a mistake I didn't need to make twice so we approached the mountain from Long Lake. It went, but not the way any guide describes it. In H. Voge's edition, delete the Route 1 description since it is obviously mixed up. In Smatko's and Roper's editions, change "easy" for the SE ridge route to "hard". Add the following to all 3 guides: "From Little 5 Lakes, climb broken rock to the ridge directly above a small tarn shown on the map E of Mt Eisen. Follow the ridge on the W side to the summit."

This was a great week. Some old timers got to know some young and enterprising new SPS climbers. Jim climbed everything except Lippincott and will have to return to Mineral King from UC Berkeley for this one peak. Mario, the Cuban, has been away from Cuba so long he actually "liked" one of Campy's old dried-out cigars! Other leaders should take note of Alan's skills with making campfires. Jack said he will never have to drive to Mineral King again. Next year's camp (Labor Day week) will be in the Milestone area. SASE (2) to Campy for info on this.

It looked like a weekend of Tennessee weather for Eastern California. Thunderstorms and complete overcast had cast a dismal spell since Wednesday and a steady downpour Friday seemed certain to last through the weekend. To the wild-eyed peakbagger neither snow, rain, sleet, or gas shortages can delay the scheduled arrival on the summit of a peak. Plastic garbage bags were distributed at the trailhead so that sleeping gear and clothing would remain dry.

The group consisted of the leaders (Greggy-boy and Sparky), Cuno (the backseat driver), some poor, innocent creature that Cuno enticed into coming, Rich Gnagy (all the way from Sacramento), a Cal-Tech student who had wondered too far North, and a couple of indefatigable looking kids. There were obviously no peakbaggers in the group so their presence at the trailhead indicated that they were natives of Seattle or Eastern Tennessee, were on the dodge, or looked to this weekend as an opportunity to give their raingear a good workout.

There were no notable happenings on the way up to camp except for one or two people who fell into creeks. If you're going to get wet, might as well do it right. Camp was reached about 1:00 at 11,000' in Granite Park at a sandy, fairly dry area. The rest of the place was swampy. Soon, everyone had disappeared into the confines of their tent. At 2:00 a sense of restlessness invaded the camp. The participants had lean and hungry looks on their faces. Soon, they gathered into a group. They looked toward the mountains, their eyes piercing the fog like daggers. Into the teeth of the storm went the ambitious band goaded by the obsession to do-in Caesar. The trip leader, not wanting any part of this evil conspiracy, ascended into a cloud and explored the Royce Lakes Basin for the best approach on Royce and Marriam. While all of this was happening Cuno stayed in his tent (with aforementioned innocent creature) and fiddled. (Noting this unusual lack of activity, he was later asked how he felt. "With my hands", was his reply.)

By 6:30 everyone was back in camp. Victory had been achieved by Sparks and his legion. Soon, wine flowed and feasting began. Everyone told their usual lies about glorious conquests of the past after which the group went to sleep amidst the howling of the wind and the patter of rain on the tents.

Sunday morning began in gloom. The clouds had lifted somewhat but still hugged the peaks. The group hiked up to Royce Lakes as the weather continually improved. A fine route was taken up the North snow chute to the saddle between Royce and Marriam. Royce was climbed first. There are two summits- the western one being a fun scramble. By some sorcerer's magic, Royce and Marriam were free of clouds while surrounding peaks remained socked-in (a trick used many times by Wendell and his magic green gym shorts). From Royce, Marriam was climbed in about an hour. It was remarked that Marriam was a pretty "cheap" peak, but nobody wanted to throw it back. The group returned to camp by 2:00 and packed out. Three stayed and went over Italy Pass to grab Gabb.

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