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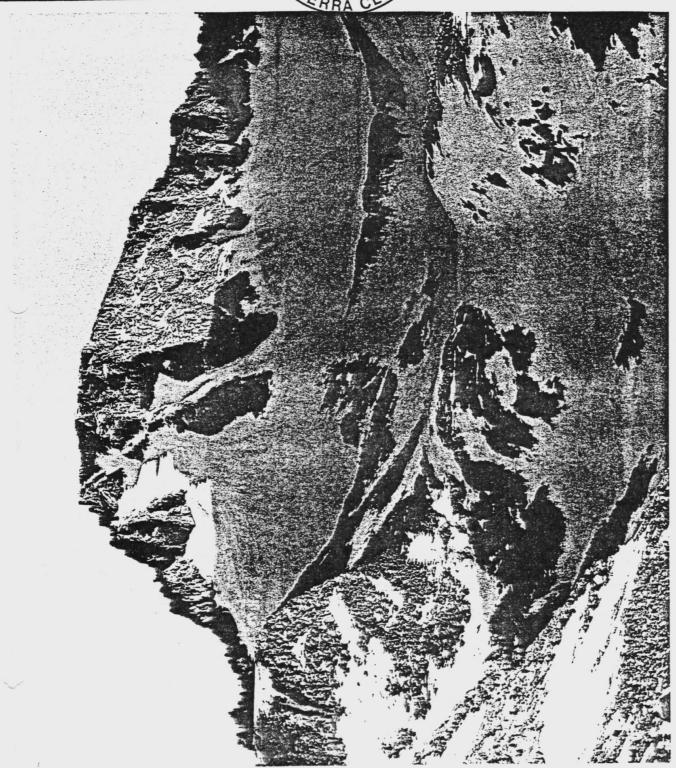
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FROM THE CHAIRMAN:

Last night I received a call from Cuno Ranschau reminding me that I should have something written up for the Echo by the 25th of the month. This brought to mind the thought that we sometimes take for granted, or are even unaware of some of the behind-the-scenes movers and shakers in the SPS. I want to use this opportunity to thank some of those for their contributions of time and effort, which results in a section in which we can all take pride. Cuno, for his continuing efforts in turning out our section newsletter. Carl Byington, who is just retiring after several years of computer record keeping of our membership. Duane McRuer, who has been instrumental in organizing courses for our leadership and practice sessions in the field for our members. Dick Akawie, who as schedule committee chairman has been very understanding and co-operative both at and after the schedule deadline. And, of course, all of our trip leaders whose contributions enable us to collectively enjoy the great snowy range.

We have a spring schedule of 22 trips lined up. To date this year we have had very little snow and if this trend continues, some of our usual snow trips may be dry. This will be disappointing to those of who enjoy snow trips, but may be a plus from a safety standpoint. One of the more hazardous aspects of our spring trips are stream crossings. This has been pointed out in the past but bears repeating.

Here's looking forward to a safe but exciting season in the SIERRA!

SIERRA	PEAKS	SECTION	1981	SPRING	ACTIVITIES
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	3 - 6		Russell, Erb

CCVER PHCTO: Anyone for an assault on this tempting, direct route of Mt. Darwin? Photo in June 1980 By Victor Copelan -- thanks.

SPS MOUNTAIN RECORDS

THE FOLLOWING IS THE MOST UP-TO-DATE INFO ABOUT PEAKS THAT REQUIRE A REGISTER CANISTER, A PEAK REGISTER, OR BOTH. PLEASE REFER TO THIS DATA WHEN YOU ARE PLANNING YOUR TRIPS - SPS OR PRIVATE.

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CLOUDS REST		X	HENRY	X		PILOT KNOB		X
COTTER	X	X	HERMIT	X	X	POLEMONIUM *	X	X
CROCKER *	X	X	HOGBACK *	X	X	RED & WHITE	X	
DANA	x	22	HUMPHERYS		X	REDSLATE		X
DIAMOND	X	Х	HUXLEY	Х	X	RITTER		X
DUNDERBERG	11	X	INDEPENDENCE]	X	ROSE MNTN		X
EISEN	х	X	IRVINE		Х	ROYCE	X	X
ELECTRA	x		KENNEDY	X		Sawtooth	X	
ELWELL		х	LONE PINE	X	X	STANF ORD	X	X
EMERALD	Х		MALLORY	X	X	TINKER KNOB	X	Х
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MOUNTAIN RECORDS CHAIRPERSON MICHAEL STEIN THANK YOU.

ATTENTION SPS LEADERS

PLAN YOUR SUMMER TRIPS FOR THE JULY - OCTOBER SCHEDULE NC.:

WRITE THEM UP AND SEND THEM TO PAT HOLLEMAN BY MARCH 1.

RENEWAL REMINDER
If you do not have an "81" on your Echo address label, this is the last issue you will receive unless you renew your subscription by March 31.

SIERRA PEAKS SECTION MEMBERSHIP REPORT DECEMBER, 1980 - JANUARY, 1981

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The 24th annual SPS banquet was again held at Cal Tech's Athenaeum on December 10. 130 members and guests were present. The evening began with an extended cocktail hour, during which old acquaintances were renewed, past and future trips discussed, and high spirits prevailed. Dinner followed, with top sirloin of beef.

Then, with chairman Gene Mauk as master of ceremonies, the program commenced with a review of some of the year's accomplishments and recognition of several members for their special achievements. Kevin and Sherry Sullivan were applauded for the considerable feat of hiking the entire length of the Pacific Crest Trail from Mexico to Canada. 1980 list finishers Bill Schuler and Greg Vernon were recognized, along with four members who obtained the Senior Emblem, Don Sparks, George Barnes, Jim Erb and Dale Van Dalsem.

Special recognition was given to three members who will be receiving Angeles Chapter awards for outstanding service to the Club at the February Awards Banquet. Bill T. Russell and Bob Thompson are slated to receive Outings Leadership Service Awards, and Joe McCosker will receive a Special Service Award.

Two SPS chairmen from the early days of the Section, Chuck Miller ('58) and Sid Davis ('67) were asked to stand. Gene Mauk expressed appreciation to all who served as officers or leaders during the year. Members of the 1981 Management Committee were introduced; the new officers will be: Bill Bradley, chairman; Pat Holleman, vice-chairman; Jim Murphy, secretary; Bob Emerick, treasurer; and Mary McMannes, alternate officer.

The drawing for the door prizes, emceed by Mike Stein, generated the usual suspense. The generous donors and the lucky winners were:

Donor	<u>Item</u>	<u>Winner</u>
Westridge Mountaineering " " " " "	Woolrich jacket Down booties 60-40 jacket Cascade parka Sleeping bag	Betsy Lutz Leroy Russell Mary Sue Miller Jones Barbara Lilley Ron Bartell
11	Books (3)	Ann Cavalieri, Don Sparks and Wendell Delano
REI	Frame pack	Joe Wankum
Sport Chalet	Hiking boots	John Mauk
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Wilderness Experience	Kletter sack	Mary McMannes
Holubar	Day pack	Betty McRuer
Mountain Air Sports	Fanny pack	Nickey Beverage
Pat's Ski and Sport	Swiss Army knife	Marianna Camphausen
Little Stone's W. Shoppe	\$10 rental credits (2) T-shirts (5)	Ron Delano, Steve Powell Rusty Russell
1 f	\$5 gift cert.	Virgil Talbott
Hostelhaus	\$15 gift cert.	Ron Hudson

The evening's speaker, Fred Becky, presented an excellent program entitled "Mountains of America". Mr. Becky showed many superb slides of spectacular peaks and ranges, mostly in the Pacific Northwest, Canada and Alaska, and gave an informative commentary on the varied aspects of climbing in those areas.

All in all, it seemed to be a very successful banquet, and a note of thanks is due to those who helped plan it, and especially to Rob Moy McDonald, banquet chairman.

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(The above dates generally reflect the date of emblem application or the date the application was approved - not the date the emblem peak was climbed.)

The 3-section joint bus trip to Shasta & Lassen, scheduled for the Memorial Day weekend, was cancelled when the bus company sandbagged and an almost-full \$58 trip became an \$85+ trip. The phone lines buzzed and 8 of us were gathering at Roxford for the 600-mile trek (one-way) north in 2 vehicles. Jack Grams, Mario Gonzalez, & Elmer Martin iron-manned it all the way to the town of Mt. Shasta while Jim Murphy, Jon Lutz, Alba Hall, & Dale & Jackie Van D. stopped at the Stockton/Lodi KOA for 4 hrs or so (not recommended - next to very busy railroad track!). Saturday about noon we picked up map & advice at the USFS office in town, then drove up as far as the road was plowed, climbed the drifts, & set out for Lake Helen. The weather deteriorated fast. By the time we reached "Lake Helen" (a 50 yd X 20 yd bench) we were in a blizzard, with 30 knot winds, 50-ft visibility, and a very hypothermic Jack Grams. Somehow, we got most of our tents up, got Jack thawed out, & settled in for the night. The storm stopped about 2 A.M. & we awoke to a gorgeous morning, about 10°F.

By the time we found enough white snow & melted it (there were 100-150 people at Lake Helen - it looked $\overline{1ike}$ the ceiling at Sport Chalet, set down in a cattle feed 10t!!), it was about 7:30 A.M. We unleashed Alba & he probably made the 10t! to the summit in 2 hrs. Elmer turned back in the face of very uncertain weather, 4 others made the summit about noon, & Jackie & Mario turned back at about 13.8k' when a whiteout descended on us and visibility was down to 10t! Glissading down in a whiteout was fun, but hard on Goretex. The surprising summit block was picture-postcard pretty as it was spattered with wind-driven snow & ice. Sunday night, after two nights of little sleep, we all crashed in the Mission Motel (Suite of 2 rooms w/ queen bed, couch, & plenty of floor space for \$18 - recommended - as is the Italian restaurant next door, where Jack bought several bottles of bubbly & we celebrated his achievement of climbing 14 over 14 - all the Calif. pks over 14k').

Memorial Day, Monday, we just drove home, as the Lassen road had not been plowed out yet. Great peak! Let's charter a plane & do it again in '81! -D Van D.

There was a young miss named Jannie who had such a cute little fannie,
How she walked with a sway!
She swung this and that way!
When I saw who wasn't watching --there weren't any!

There was a young miss named Joanie
The question is-is she real or a
phoney?

She has such large boobs!
Are they blown up with tubes?
Or are they filled up with siliconey?

Heard about the guy who hated children who played in cement? He didn't mind them in the abstract, but not in the concrete.

Heard about the optomitrist who fell into the lense grinder and made a spectacle of himself?

Heard about the optomitrist living on the islands off Alaska? He was an optical Aleusian.

Kaweah Peakbaggers Special, Van Dalsem/Murphy, June 14-22, 1980 of Black Kaweah

Roper lies! His discription of Route 1, West-Northwest Ridge/(the only class 3 route, according to Roper) Reads: "Gain the ridge from the south and follow it, keeping to the right side, until just below the top. Enter a wide chute and follow it back to the ridge and scramble to the top".

Roper further states that the first ascent was by Hutchinson, Brown, & McDuffie, by this route, in 1920.

In fact, Hutchinson tried this route, gave up, dropped down to the Southwest Chute (Route 2), and made the peak. He writes in the 1921 Sierra Club Bulletin, vol XI, page 133: "we deposited a tobacco can containing the following memorandum: August 11, 1920.— Left camp one mile below Nine Lake Basin at 5:40 a.m. Attempted to climb along the N.W. ridge but impassable notches prevented. Then dropped down about 400 feet into the southern cirque and ascended the chimney which reaches the northwest ridge 100 feet N.W. of the summit. Arrived at summit at 1:45 P.M"

7 people showed up for this trip, which probably should have been postponed until August, as there was wall-to-wall snow above 9000. Jim Murphy had to count Unconscionable Profits for Big Oil, so came in late so R.J. Secor assisted. In addition, a rag-tag group of novices, McRuer, Hicks, & Sparks, came in on their own permit & joined most of our camps & climbs.

Saturday we dropped over Glacier Col, immediately turned right & contoured to a col at same level as Glacier that provides low-level access to Columbine Lake, dropped down to Cyclamine Lake & angledrup over Hands & Knees Pass, then camped at one of the Lower Little Five Lakes. On the 15th we crossed Big Arroyo on a perfect log perhaps 1 or 1 mi downstream from the ranger cabin, and set up camp on high ground between melting snowdrifts, then went to bag Big Kaweah. Most of us left the High Sierra Trail at the pond in the SW corner of the Whitney topo. We had a super 2000 ft glissade coming down. Monday we bagged Red Kaweah (get into the cirque between Red & Black, then ascend it, sticking to the gulleys on right, then the rib on the right. a few ft of low 3, otherwise cl 2) Tuesday we attempted Black Kaweah by the East Ridge. At 2 PM, after we had moved about 200 yds in 12 hrs, I could see me'd never get off the peak by dark. Several tough cl 4 pitches, & we didn't start early enough. Abort. Wedstay we did Lippencott. Don't remember anything eventful. Thursday wedemake our second attempt on Black K. The group voted to try the West Rigge, Roper's Route 1. In defense, the leader voted to try the SW chute, Route 2. Hutchinson described it perfectly in 1920: "Finally, at a point perhaps a quarter of a mile from the summit and six hundred feet below it, we came upon the deepest notch of all, the one which had been visible from both north and south. It was not more than 50 feet deep, but its sides were almost verticle and perfectly smooth. For a time we worked at it, carefully doing down each side of the mountain until at the bottom of the notch, but with no way to get onto the knife-edge again beyond the cleft. The whole situation booked hopeless and desparate". Second abort. Meanwhile, or was it the day before, R.J. & Alba Hall were making a second try on the east ridge. Third abort. Novice group walked out in disgust, Murphy walked in. In true SPS (and Irish) tradition, Jim left his crampon protectors home to save an ounce or two, but brought in a GALLON of "Irish Wine", a lethal concoction which traces it's lineage far more to Russiam than to Ireland!!

Friday Jim Murphy, Dan Mihalovich, & Dale did Black Kaweah easily via the SW chute. Both chutes were severely iced up out of the snow fan so I picked a route just left of the left chute for 300 ft, then dropped back into the left chute. Didn't use a rope, but recommend taking rope and hard hats. Saturday everyone voted to walk out & drive to the Motel & Six in Porterville: Hot showers! Hot pizza in Three Rivers on the way! -Dale 7.5.: Chute 409, not 60°. P.P.S.: Don Sparks 30t his Sr Emblem on Big K.

DEERHORN, W. VIDETTE, E. VIDETTE, CENTER, BRADLEY JULY 3-7, 1980 BILL T. RUSSELL, JIM ERB, GENE MAUK

A group of 12 started from Onion Valley Thursday morning with the hope, but not the assurance, that we could find a crossing of Bubbs Creek. There was complete snow coverage in Kearsarge Pass but we moved well and were soon in Vidette Meadow. Jim Erb scouted downstream and Gene Mauk upstream and Gene found a good log that took us to an island in the creek and from there we waded to the other side. We hiked up Vidette Creek to the first small lake where we found enough dry patches to make camp off the snow.

On Friday, we donned crampons and hiked to the base of Deerhorn and then up the northeast couloir that leads to the notch between the two summits. There was a cornice in the notch and since the snow was getting soft, at about 300 ft below the summit, we moved over the left arete, the one that leads to the southeast or true summit. This was probably a mistake because the rock was loose and rotten; the climbing was high class 3 in spots and there was much rock fall danger. We should have gone over the cornice and into the notch on the route recommended by Keating in the August 72 ECHO. Everyone made the peak and we descended the way we came up. Jim Erb then led us up the east bowl of West Vidette and north along the summit ridge to the high point. This was his senior emblem peak and we were glad to congratulate him. We stayed in the same camp Friday night.

Saturday we hiked on the south side of Bubbs Creek to a point east northeast of E. Vidette. From here we cramponed up a nice snow chute to the summit ridge and thence to the summit, which has a very old register. We had a good glissade down the chute and then Gene Mauk found a good log crossing of Bubbs Creek which put us on the Muir Trail. The log is about at the topo map boundary. Jim Erb and Theresa Rutherford said good-bye to us at that point and Gene Mauk agreed to be Deputy Leader. We hiked to the first lake

in Center Basin where we again found some dry land for camp.

On Sunday we climbed Center via the southeast slope. We then moved over to Bradley and climbed it via the prominent scree chute that is directly below the summit. (Thanks to Ron Bartell write-up in the Feb 77 ECHO) In climbing this cruddy chute, go straight ahead at about 12,300 ft through a reasonably narrow passage to a wall and then turn right and up a steep broad ledge system to a ridge crest. Do not turn right on a broad steep ledge at 12,300 ft. Upon reaching the top of the ledge, which is about 40 ft below the summit, Rob Mauk found a good mantle move that permitted him to go directly to the top and I kicked steps across a small snow chute and up sort of a chimney to the flat area immediately south of the top. We descended without incident and moved our camp to a large fine spot beside Bubbs Creek just south of Vidette Meadow.

On Monday we hiked past Bago and Rixford but only Mary McMannes was interested in climbing them. We reached Onion Valley at 12,:30 to end a very good outing. Participants

were:

Jim Erb Bruce Gubersky Don Hudson Walt Kabler Gene Mauk John Mauk Rob Mauk Mary McMannes Manny Molina

Bob Noreen Bill T. Russell Theresa Rutherford Bilo

ALTA PK, MT SILLIMAN, THREE SISTERS JUNE 14-15, 1980 BILL T. RUSSELL

The remains of the huge snowfall last winter still lay on much of the route to Alta Pk. The requirement to have ice axes and crampons reduced the group to five of us. On June 14 we started from the Wolverton parking lot and hiked over snow to Panther Gap, thence along the mostly dry trail to Mehrton Meadow and then, with crampons, up the southwest slope of Alta to the summit. The descent was uneventful but only one person wanted to do Silliman the next day so we returned to L.A.

On June 28, my two sons and I climbed Silliman via Silliman Creek, Silliman Lake and the south slope of the peak. It was a snow climb from about 9200 ft with no problems.

On June 29, we climbed Three Sisters. We started at the trailhead at the end of the road which goes north along the west side of Courtright Reservoir. There was enough snow so that we did not try to follow the trail. Instead we went cross country through the open forest to the broad low ridge that starts in the north part of section 27. We hiked up this ridge, going directly toward the peak, into the north part of section 20 and then climbed to the summit up the east slope. The view from Three Sisters of Mt Goddard and the High Sierra was outstanding. We returned by the same route and got in some practice on following a compass bearing through the timber.

Four of us started up the McGee Creek Trail on July 4, wondering what surprises the high runoff and heavy snow had in store for us. Our first surprise was a pleasant one, as we discovered a use trail that avoids the first stream crossing and can be followed to the beaver dam about one mile farther up McGee Creek. At this point it was possible to cross on the dam, but we decided not to, to avoid having to recross again later on. The use trail became indistinct, but we managed to wander upstream to the main trail near its recrossing of the creek. At this point, having found the trail, we got lost. After regaining the trail we proceeded upstream, and hit solid snow about a mile below Big McGee Lake.

Moving sluggishly after lunch, we discovered a new route to Little McGee Lake, at which point parts of the trail were again visible. Evidence of the Memorial Day earthquake was abundant in the canyon between the lake and McGee Pass. Huge boulders were laying on top of the snow, and in places whole scree slopes covered the snow. There were almost continual small rockfalls from the slopes NE of the canyon. Nearer the pass, there were remnants of small snow avalanches. Snow conditions were ideal, and we established camp on a bare spot at about 11,000° on the west side of the pass. There were frequent mini-earthquakes which we felt when standing still or lying down; they were too small to feel while walking around.

The next morning, 3 of us started early for Izaak Walton. Asain, the snow was ideal, except for a 100' stretch which was steep enough to make crampons desirable - but only one of us had crampons... route went first to the 'K' in 'Tully Lake', then due S to the 11,200' saddle. From this saddle a contour W and an ascent S led to the saddle due S of the '99' in '12,099' where we dropped our axes for the short trip to the summit. It was a clear morning with fine views, but the cool breeze sent us quickly on our way. The route to Red & White was basically a ridge run along the Silver Divide. Our route returned to the 11,200' saddle, then over Point 11,486, then a traverse N to the high plateau N of Peak 12,238, and then a descent to the 11,600' saddle W of Red & White. From here, the ridge goes to the summit, with some exposed, loose class 3 near the western summit and the true summit. Some of the third class was pretty exciting since it involved moving along a knife-edge ridge with a strong wind blowing. The return to camp from the 11,600' saddle was via the W side of Red & White Lake.

Plans to do Red Slate on the way out were shelved due to high winds, general laziness, and the fact that two of us had done the peak already. So the third day was spent hiking out at a leisurely pace.

Even in the drought years, the Cascades are not the Sierra. And this year, especially after St. Helens blew her top and scattered it all over the Pacific Northwest and reduced herself from the 5th to the 30th highest peak in Washington, even the locals here in the Gore-tex Capital of the world were mumbling about the dews, damps, drizzles and deluges. I made a climb of Mt. Sloan, the "Matterhorn of the Cascades", but I never saw it. It was accomplished over a glacier and third class rock in a dense fog in conditions the locals regarded as "good", i.e., it did not actually rain at any time. A glacier travel and crevasse rescue practice at Mt. Rainier went on in spite of the layer of grey ash that soon covered everything like very gritty banana sherbet. But that was not a problem, since the mixed rain and snow soon washed it off!

One's first experience in a Gore-tex bivouac sack is a bit unnerving, as one hears and feels the raindrops pattering on his sleeping bag! But it does work, as do Gore-tex rain suits and Gore-tex tents. Boots and other gear must be dried and waterproofed after every trip, or the mildew sets in. One goes through pounds of Sno-seal, Weltseal, Inner-seal, Bi-well, Raindri, and

myriad other substances rarely seen on SPS trips.

Undeterred, however, and even encouraged by hints of "summer", i.e., occasional breaks in the drizzle, I joined the Mountaineers for a weekend climb of the 248th and Northernmost Peak in the SPS List, Mt. Baker. The Friday evening before, after a sail on the Sound and a pleasant dinner, I packed the humungous pack one needs in this area. Saturday morning, I enjoyed a leisurely breakfast and enjoyed the view of the Olympics from my balcony while waiting for my ride. After all, there's no hurry; even a "long" drive to a roadhead rarely exceeds two hours!

We got to the roadhead in time for a noontime start. "Summer" seemed to be holding! The first part of the trail was easy; 2 miles and 1000' gain to the Kulshan Cabin. Thenext part was harder; a long, steep ridge from the cabin to the Coleman Glacier, rising another 1000' in ½ mile! Then, we roped up and climbed along the glacier to a high camp just below the Black Buttes at

7000'.

It was foggy and cold, and there had been occasional drizzles, but now it seemed to be clearing, so it was agreed to get up at 2 A.M. for a 3 A.M. start! In the SPS this would start a revolution, but in the Mountaineers this is considered normal or even a bit late. So, by headlamps we set out. After all, it would be light shortly after 4.

After some fumbling in the fog, we found the "cattle path" or well-beaten route and followed it up the glacier. We popped out of the clouds at 9000', continued on up the ridge and the Roman Wall on hard snow, and were soon on

the summit at 8:15.

It was clear, nearly calm, and even warm. There were some inquiries about the unfamiliar bright object up in the sky, which was now a strange and unnatural blue color. But everyone enjoyed the views of Glacier Peak and Mt. Rainier while eating lunch?/breakfast? on the summit.

Then, down. A warm, uneventful walk back to the camp, and then on to the cars. After a stop for "refreshments" we were back at my place by 5 P.M. It is nice to get back in time to clean up, have dinner and get a good nights

sleep!

The next day it rained. It rained for 3 days. I'll end with a quote attributed to Mark Twain: "The mildest winter I ever experienced was the summer I spent on Puget Sound".

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