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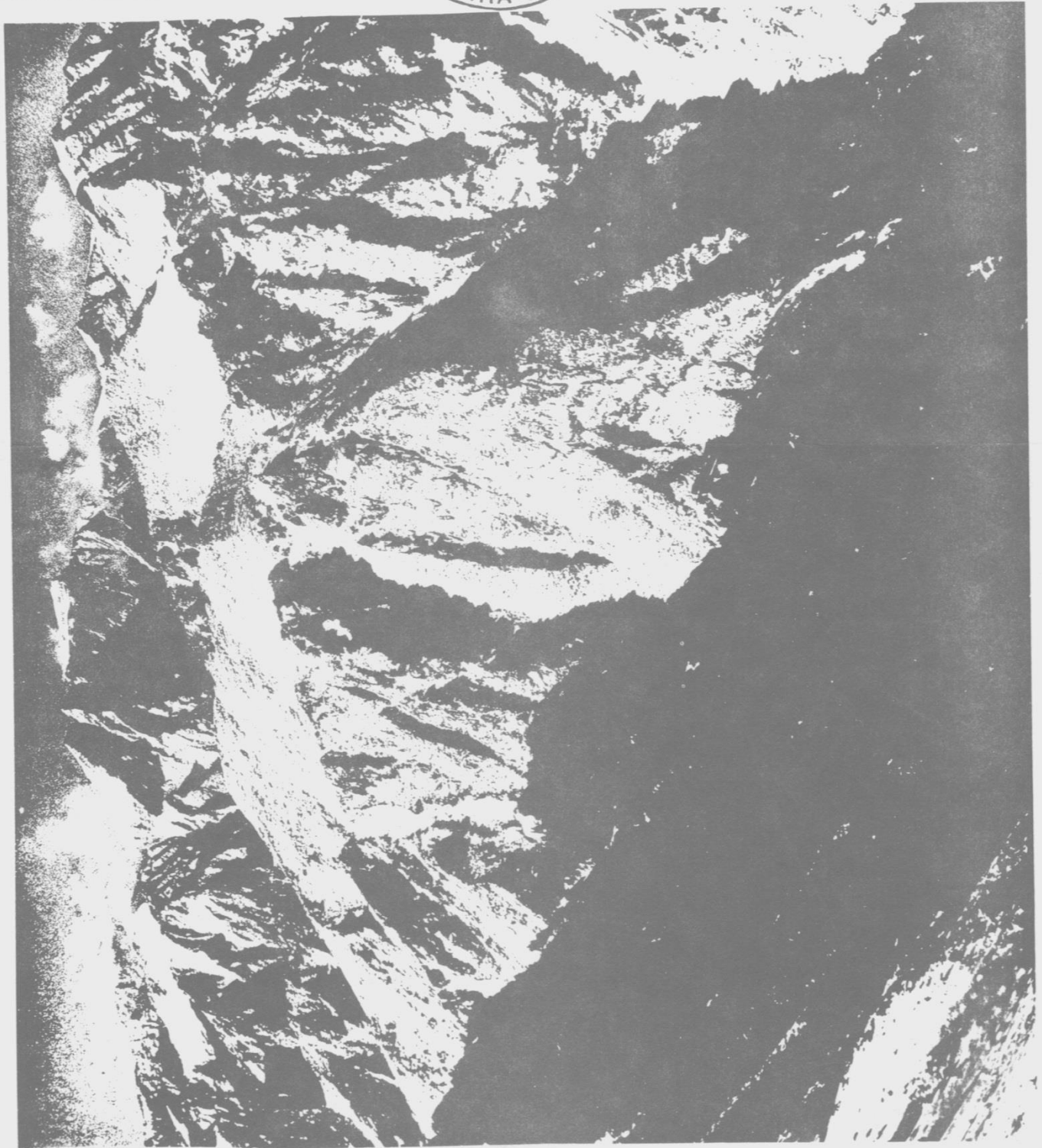
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FROM THE CHAIR

January 1982

Judging from the length of the Spring Schedule, the coming year promises to be an active one for SPS. The enthusiastic 1982 Management Committee that will keep things running smoothly includes Jim Murphy as Vice-Chairman in charge of Outings, Nancy Gordon as Secretary, Ron Bartell as Treasurer, and Bob Emmerick who as Alternate Officer will be Program Chairman. In addition to keeping the books, Ron will also continue the important task of maintaining a current computer file of the membership records. Bill Bradley has graciously accepted the positions of both Council Rep and Safety Chairman. The ECHO will still be edited and enhanced by Cuno Rapschau, and Sherry Harsh will retain her position as ECHO Mailer. Informing us of critical environmental issues will be Anna Lou Pinson as Conservation Chairman. Ralph Johnson will supervise Mountain Records, and Ella Hoselton will oversee the SPS First Aid Kits. Already making preparations for the 1982 Banquet is Banquet Chairman, Mary Sue Miller. With such talented and capable SPS'ers in charge and our usual contingent of excellent Leaders planning trips, 1982 will be another great year!

Every winter the SPS Safety Chairman organizes training trips to give us the opportunity to sharpen our skills in the technical aspects of mountaineering. Active participation by SPS members and leaders in these winter training sessions contributes immensely to the success of SPS trips and your attendance is encouraged. The major goal of SPS every year is a successful and safe climbing season and 1982 should continue in that tradition!

Pat Holleman

WHITE MOUNTAIN RANGER DISTRICT, INYO NATIONAL FOREST, 798 NORTH MAIN, BISHOP, CA 93514

JAN, 1982

Dear Wilderness Friend

For reasons of economy, service to the public, and uniformity, changes have been made in wilderness permit issuance on the Inyo National Forest. Many of these changes are in response to suggestions made by you, the wilderness traveler. In order to increase efficiency and reduce confusion, all ranger districts will issue wilderness permits in the following manner:

Quotas Almost all trailheads beginning on the Inyo National Forest are subject to quota, meaning only a specified number of hikers may enter the wilderness each day. One-half of each daily trailhead quota will be available for advance reservation and the remainder will be issued on a first-come first-served basis on the day of the hike. This system will apply to all trailheads subject to quota, with only one exception. The Mt. Whitney trail will continue to have all spaces available for advance reservation.

COVER PHOTO: Every active SPSer will recognize Mt Williamson here displayed in its seasonal splendor. Photo thanks to Tom Ross.

Quota Period The quota period will essentially remain at June 15 through September 15, inclusive - but the quota period can start earlier or end later depending on snow conditions, demand, and special circumstances. For instance, extended quota periods apply to the Bighorn Sheep Zoological Area and to the Mt. Whitney Trail.

Mail Application Ranger Stations of the Inyo National Forest are no longer accepting telephone requests for wilderness permits. Applications will be accepted only by mail or in person. Allow about 2 weeks for applications to be processed. We ask that you list at least 3 alternate trailheads, and if possible, 3 alternate starting dates. This will reduce delay in processing your application should the quota be filled for your first choice.

Reservations March 1st will be the earliest date reservation requests will be accepted. Reservation applications received before March 1 will be returned to the sender. Past experience indicates that many February reservations are later changed or not used. Beginning the reservation period a month later should reduce this problem. It will be much fairer since few people are able to make vacation plans as early as February. A written confirmation of reservation will be mailed to all applicants. This reservation is not a wilderness permit. The permit must be picked up at the place indicated on the reservation.

Pick-up of Wilderness Permits Wilderness permits and the accompanying information will no longer be mailed during the restricted period. In order to reduce postage costs and better manage the "no-show" factor, hikers are now being asked to pick up their wilderness permits. Regarding "no show," studies during 1980 indicated that an average of 30% of those people issued wilderness permits during the quota period did not use them, nor was the ranger station contacted to cancel the permit so others could travel. To provide a more equitable system, permits must be picked up by 10 am at the place and date stated on the reservation. Those permits not picked up by 10 am will be re-issued on a first-come first-served basis. Hikers not able to arrive by 10 am must contact the issuing ranger station in order to have the reservation held longer. To provide for evening pick-up, permits for the following day will be placed in a permit box outside the ranger station at close of daily business.

Obtaining Permits Without a Reservation Hikers not able to obtain advance reservations for a trailhead can take advantage of the first-come first-served portion of the daily trailhead quota. In addition, more permits will usually be available after 10 am each day from those reservations not used.

Permit Requirements Although the quota period is in effect for the summer months, wilderness permits are required year-round, even for day hikes. They are available at all the ranger stations on the Inyo National Forest.

Office Hours All permit issuing stations within the Inyo National Forest will be open 7 days a week during the quota period in order to serve the needs of the wilderness traveler.

"Climb the mountains and get their good tidings. Nature's peace will flow into you as sunshine flows into trees. The winds will blow their own freshness into you, and the storms their energy, while cares will drop off like autumn leaves." John Muir

Good Hiking to All,

M. Reinholdt

White Mountain Ranger Station
Telephone: 714-873-4207

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT - 1981
Sierra Peaks Section of Sierra Club

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|------------------------------|---------|
| Cash on hand on Jan 1, 1981 | 1264.88 |
| Income | 2919.13 |
| Expenditures | 1278.35 |
| | ----- |
| Cash on hand on Dec 31, 1981 | 2905.66 |

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| <u>Income</u> | |
| Echo Subscriptions | 1380.00 |
| Emblems, Patches, Lists | 189.25 |
| Banquet | 1080.00 |
| Equipment Fund | 114.00 |
| Calendar Sales | 74.88 |
| Overpayments | 16.00 |
| Savings Acct Interest | 57.50 |
| Cleared Uncashed Checks | 7.50 |
| | ----- |
| TOTAL | 2919.13 |

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| <u>Expenditures</u> | |
| Echo Printing | 557.97 |
| Postage | 346.25 |
| Emblem Pins | 221.92 |
| Banquet | 22.21 |
| Returned Check | 8.00 |
| Refunds | 22.00 |
| Friends of Angeles Chapter | 100.00 |
| | ----- |
| TOTAL | 1278.35 |

Note 1. The cash on hand on Dec 31, 1981 consists of:

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| General Fund | 2517.20 |
| Equipment Fund | 388.46 |
| TOTAL | ----- 2905.66 |

Note 2. The amount of cash on hand on Dec. 31, 1981 is deceptively large because the bills for the banquet have not arrived, leaving a surplus of cash in our treasury. When the banquet bills have been settled the amount of cash on hand should be a little less than \$1800.

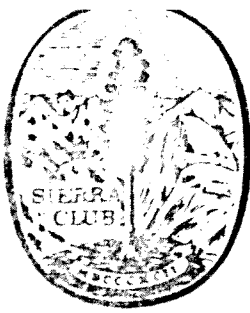
Submitted by Robert M. Emerick, SPS Treasurer - 1981

Robert M Emerick

 * NOTICE TO ALL LEADERS *
 * Please writeup your summer trips (July 6 to October 31) and send them *
 * to Jim Murphy NOW!!!! *

1982 SPS SPRING SCHEDULE

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|-----------|-----------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Mar 6-7 | Snow Travel, Ice Axe Practice | D. Vandervoet, R. Hartunian |
| Mar 12-14 | Winter Climb | R. Keenan, B. Boyles |
| Mar 19-21 | Alternate Winter Climb | R. Keenan, B. Boyles |
| Mar 20-21 | Ice Climbing, Lee Vining Cyn | D. Van Dalsem, V. Talbott |
| Mar 27 | Snow Travel, Ice Axe Practice | B. Bradley, W. Kabler |
| Apr 3-4 | Rock Climbing Practice, Fossil Falls | C. Ranschau, D. Mihaljevich |
| Apr 24-25 | Gilbert, Johnson | R. Jones, D. Van Dalsem |
| Apr 24-25 | Morgan | F. Camphausen, J. Murphy |
| May 8-9 | Black, Diamond | G. Holleman, J. Murphy |
| May 8-9 | Basin, Tom | M. Lorr, B. Preyer |
| May 15-16 | Spanish Needle, Pilot Knob #1 | G. Neuner, A. Hill |
| May 15-16 | Tom | D. Dykeman, N. Gordon |
| May 15-16 | Bradley | P. Holleman, G. Holleman |
| May 22-23 | Olancha | J. Keating, W. Whisman |
| May 28-31 | Williamson, Trojan, Barnard | D. Mihaljevich, L. Machleder |
| May 29-31 | Thunderbolt, Winchell | G. Toby, B. Hicks |
| May 29-31 | Half Dome, Clouds Rest, Cathedral | R. Jones, B. Bradley |
| Jun 5-6 | Moses, N. Maggie | D. Dykeman, N. Gordon |
| Jun 5-6 | Perkins | L. Machleder, D. Mihaljevich |
| Jun 12-13 | Wallace, Haeckel | G. Toby, D. Dykeman |
| Jun 12-13 | Thompson, Powell | B. Bradley, R. Jones |
| Jun 12-13 | Olancha | J. Degenkolb, A. Korbut-Weberg |
| Jun 18-20 | Eisen, Lippincott, Needham | D. Mantle, B. Hicks |
| Jun 25-27 | Guyot, Chamberlin, Newcomb | D. Mantle, D. Akawie |
| Jun 26-27 | Polemonium | J. Murphy, F. Camphausen |
| Jun 26-27 | Thompson, Powell | C. Ranschau, G. Mauk |
| Jul 2-5 | Pinchot, Wynne, Perkins, Colosseum | R. Bales, C. Stein |
| Jul 3-5 | Norman Clyde | D. Mihaljevich, D. Van Dalsem |
| Jul 3-5 | Thompson, Wedding Cake | F. Camphausen, W. Kabler |
| Jul 3-5 | Thor, Russell, Carillon, Tunnabora | D. Dykeman, N. Gordon |
| Jul 3-5 | Hooper, Senger, Seven Gables, Gemini | C. Ranschau, D. Sparks |
| Jul 3-5 | Lyell, Maclure | A. Blauvelt, M. McMannes |
| Jul 3-6 | State, Goat | B. Russell, B. Hicks |



SIERRA CLUB — ANGELES CHAPTER

2410 WEST BEVERLY BLVD., LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90057

(213) 387-4287

December 3, 1981

Dear Newsletter Chair,

As you may have noted in the December issue of the Southern Sierran (if you have received it yet), gathering signatures for the bottle bill initiative is now in high gear. The Massachusetts state legislature, by the way, recently overrode the governor's veto and now the Bay State has a returnable bottle law. The petition drive in California is proceeding on schedule but many more petition circulators and dollars are needed. That is where YOU come in.

We would be so appreciative if you would make mention of the bottle bill drive in your next newsletter. Please tell your readers that Californians Against Waste located at 2315 Westwood Blvd., L.A., phone number (213) 474-9920, needs many people to circulate petitions and/or make a donation (in any sum) to The Cause. People are asked to return completed petitions to C.A.W. promptly so that C.A.W. can have a clearer picture of where they stand in relation to the number of signatures still to be gathered.

I have included some petitions with this letter. More are available at the Angeles Chapter headquarters, at C.A.W. headquarters, and through Fritzi Bernstein, chair of the subcommittee on solid waste for the Conservation Committee.

In states where bottle bills have become law, the savings to the state and to the taxpayers have been substantial and the amount of roadside litter has been drastically reduced.

Thank you so much for your help.

Sincerely,

Betsy Reifsnider
Conservation Coordinator

SIERRA PEAKS SECTION
SENIOR EMBLEMS AND LIST FINISHERS

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|-------------------------|----------|-------------|----------------------|----------|
| 1. Smatko, Andy | 8/11/70 | #1-10/25/64 | 58. Camphausen, Fred | 10/31/79 |
| 2. Ross, Tom | | #2-1965 | 59. Sparks, Don | 6/15/80 |
| 3. Lilley, Barbara | | #3-1969 | 60. Barnes, George | 6/17/80 |
| 4. Castel, John | 8/11/70 | | 61. Erb, Jim | 7/4/80 |
| 5. Jones, Ron | 8/20/71 | | 62. Van Dalsem, Dale | 9/20/80 |
| 6. Keating, Jerry | 9/11/71 | #4-8/19/72 | 63. Backus, John | 1981 |
| 7. MacLeod, Gordon | 7/27/72 | #5-9/3/73 | 64. Hicks, Bob | 7/81 |
| 8. Erb, Arkel | | #6-1974 | 65. McFadden, Harold | 7/17/81 |
| 9. Mantle, Doug | | #7-1974 | 66. Toby, George | 8/81 |
| 10. Treacy, Timothy | 7/5/74 | #12-8/5/79 | 67. McMannes, Mary | 8/81 |
| 11. Dee, Diana | 8/3/74 | | 68. Benson, Al | 8/81 |
| 12. Treacy, Ed | 8/3/74 | #8-8/13/76 | 69. Hammond, David | 9/81 |
| 13. Schuler, Bill | 9/28/74 | #15-6/15/80 | | |
| 14. Magnuson, Barbara | 11/27/74 | #11-9/29/78 | | |
| 15. Magnuson, Roy | 11/27/74 | #10-9/29/78 | | |
| 16. Ranschau, Cuno | 9/13/75 | #14-10/7/79 | | |
| 17. Cameron, Betty | 6/20/76 | | | |
| 18. Kabler, Walton | 6/20/76 | | | |
| 19. Gnagy, Rich | 8/14/76 | | | |
| 20. Riseley, Frank | 8/27/76 | | | |
| 21. Ward, Roy | 9/13/76 | | | |
| 22. Hoover, William | 10/24/76 | #20-1981 | | |
| 23. Schumacher, Eric | 10/20/76 | | | |
| 24. Hoover, Victoria | 5/1/77 | #19-1981 | | |
| 25. Campbell, David | 5/29/77 | | | |
| 26. Secor, R.J. | 6/13/77 | | | |
| 27. Meyers, Frank | 6/25/77 | | | |
| 28. Riseley, Mike | 6/26/77 | | | |
| 29. Hubbard, George | 7/3/77 | | | |
| 30. Fletcher, Elton | 7/18/77 | #9-7/19/77 | | |
| 31. Hoover, Nathan | 7/26/77 | #18-1981 | | |
| 32. Hellman, John | 8/7/77 | | | |
| 33. McRuer, Duane | 8/28/77 | | | |
| 34. Akawie, Richard | 9/18/77 | | | |
| 35. Reber, Barbara | 9/25/77 | | | |
| 36. Bartell, Ron | 11/1/77 | | | |
| 37. Riseley, Jonie | 6/15/78 | | | |
| 38. Grams, Jack | 7/12/78 | #17-1981 | | |
| 39. Vasilik, Joe | 8/12/78 | | | |
| 40. Russell, Bill T. | 9/26/78 | | | |
| 41. Vernon, Greg | 10/11/78 | #16-7/25/80 | | |
| 42. Jali, Dick | 10/17/78 | | | |
| 43. Lorr, Michael | 10/30/78 | | | |
| 44. Bihl, Mary | 7/1/79 | | | |
| 45. McDermott, John | 8/15/79 | | | |
| 46. Holleman, Deanna D. | 8/18/79 | | | |
| 47. Holleman, Gerald W. | 8/18/79 | | | |
| 48. Hoover, Frances | 8/19/79 | | | |
| 49. Petitjean, Jon | 8/26/79 | | | |
| 50. Petitjean, Bernie | 8/26/79 | | | |
| 51. Petitjean, Lu | 9/3/79 | | | |
| 52. Sanders, Bill | | #13-9/15/79 | | |
| 53. Amneus, Tom | 9/17/79 | | | |
| 54. Davis, Sid | 9/22/79 | | | |
| 55. Rohn, Norman F. | 9/23/79 | | | |
| 56. Machleder, Larry | 9/29/79 | | | |
| 57. Mauk, Gene | 10/15/79 | | | |

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

December 31, 1981

Mountaineers List

Jim Murphy

Address Change

Tom Casacky: TO
6214 Enfield Ave.
Reseda, CA 91335

Jane McMahon: TO
1821 Pacific Coast Hwy #44P
Hermosa Beach, CA 90254

New Members

Lorraine Bubar
708 Venice Blvd. #4
Venice, CA 90291

Sue Wyman
11339 Bolas Street
Los Angeles, CA 90049

"Miles from nowhere,
Guess I'll take my time,
Oh yeah, to reach there.
Look up at the mountain
I have to climb,
Oh yeah, to reach there.
Lord my body has been a
good friend,
But I won't need it
When I reach the end..."

Cat Stevens

This test does not measure your intelligence, your fluency with words, or certainly not your mathematical ability. It will, however, give some gauge of your mental flexibility and creativity. These numbers are familiar constants.* Instructions: Each equation below contains the initials of words that will make it correct. Find the missing words. For example: 0 = D.C. at which W.F. would be 0 = Degrees Celsius at which Water Freezes.

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| 0 = D.C. at which W.F. _____ | 18 = H. on a G.C. _____ |
| 1 = H. on a U. _____ | 24 = H. in a D. _____ |
| 1 = W. on a U. _____ | 24 = K. in P.G. _____ |
| 2 = S. of a C. _____ | 26 = L. in the A. _____ |
| 3 = B.M.(S.H.T.R) _____ | 29 = D. in F. in a L.Y. _____ |
| 4 = Q. in a G. _____ | 32 = D.F. at which W.F. _____ |
| 5 = D. in a Z.C. _____ | 35 = M.P. on the L. _____ |
| 6 = F. on a C. _____ | 40 = D. and N. of the G.F. _____ |
| 6 = S. on a G. _____ | 50 = S. in the U. _____ |
| 6 = P. in a T.D. _____ | 54 = C. in a D.(with the J.) _____ |
| 7 = W. of the A.W. _____ | 57 = H.V. _____ |
| 8 = N. in an O. _____ | 64 = S. on a C.B. _____ |
| 8 = E. on a S.S. _____ | 88 = P.K. _____ |
| 9 = P. in the S.S. _____ | 90 = D. in a R.A. _____ |
| 9 = S. in T.T.T. _____ | 100 = Y. in a F.F. _____ |
| 10 = P. in a D. _____ | 246 = P. on the L. _____ |
| 11 = P. on a F.T. _____ | 360 = D. in a C. _____ |
| 12 = S. in the Z. _____ | 366 = D. in a L.Y. _____ |
| 13 = S. in the A.F. _____ | 1000 = W. that a P. is W. _____ |
| 15 = E.P. on the L. _____ | 1001 = A.N. _____ |

* some are of special interest to SPSErs. Answers next issue-hopefully.

Book Review by Ron Jones

WORLD CLIMBING, based on Mountain Magazine

Introduction by Terry King; Foreward by Chris Bonington 368 p
Published by Dark Peak Ltd, Sheffield England 1980; \$41.75.

This is a splendid history of mountaineering throughout the world from the pages of Mountain Magazine, Issue Number 1 in January 1969 through Issue Number 64 in December 1978, a ten year span. Each page is a duplicate of the information pages of Mountain Magazine, complete with occasional period advertisements.

Mountain Magazine came into being in 1969 filling a need for information on International Mountaineering. Its editor, Ker Wilson, saw that reports covered climbing activities in the Himalayas, the Alps, South America, the United States and Canada, Alaska, Britain and throughout the world. Correspondants have included Chris Jones, Chris Bonington, Alan Whillans, Doug Scott, Steve Roper, Reinhold Messner, Galen Rowell and many many others.

No other magazine or journal has been privy to so much inside information on world mountaineering. Everything of relevance is faithfully recorded from the large international expeditions to the smaller groups and rock enthusiasts also will find the achievements noted.

The book is illustrated with nearly 700 black and white photographs of routes and peaks and the index, prepared especially for this book, lists more than 7,000 entries assuring the easy access of information. This volume will be indispensable to the international climber and to climbing history buffs.

COLOSSEUM, PERKINS, WYNNE, PINCHOT
 JULY 3-5, 1981.....BILL T. RUSSELL, JIM ERB

Bill

Eleven of us started at the Division Creek roadhead at 0630 on a warm Friday morning. In my opinion, the hike up the hillside through the desert shrubbery is not as bad as its reputation. One can look down on the Owens Valley and the parking lot for a long time. Sawmill Canyon above 7200 ft, where the trail reaches the stream, is a very nice place and the trail itself is a very good trail. At Sawmill Meadow one man turned back with raw feet in new boots but the rest of us continued over Sawmill Pass and camped amongst the mosquitoes at the small lake at "BM 10829" on the topo.

On Saturday we started at 0615 with our packs and went north over grassy terrain to the saddle between Cedric Wright and Colosseum. We chugged up and down Coloss and then went over easy terrain to the north end of the lake that is southwest of Perl where we made camp. We then climbed Pinchot and Wynne and were back in camp at 1730. Our route was north to the small lake east of Wynne, up the slope to the north across a relatively flat area to the east ridge of Pinchot and then up the ridge to the summit. The view from the top of Pinchot was splendid, we could identify 10 emblem peaks. We ran the ridge from Pinchot to Wynne with Jim in the lead. He picked a route that was almost entirely on the ridge crest; it had some enjoyable 3rd class in places. We descended the southeast slope of Wynne and returned to camp.

Sunday morning we climbed Perkins via the west slope, went southwest to the Mui Trail and then to Sawmill Pass which we reached at 1200. After lunch we made the long trip out and reached the cars at 1730. It was a fine, strenuous weekend with excellent weather and excellent people. Participants were:

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| Donn Dimichele | Rich Gnagy | Bong Kong | Ben Preyer | Theresa Rutherford |
| Jim Erb | Hirsh Kolp | Michael Lorr | Bill T. Russell | Nathan Wong |
| Register conditions are: | | <u>Container</u> | <u>Book</u> | |
| Colosseum | | ok-old S.C. brass tube | ok - 1972 | 50% full |
| Pinchot | | poor cardboard tube | ok - 1979 | 30% full |
| Wynne | | poor tin can | badly deteriorated | |
| Perkins | | poor tin can | ok - 1972 | 20% full |

Conness, Warren June 6-7, 1981 Bill Bradley, Barbara Reber

The Saddlebag Lake area was clear of snow when 15 climbers started out for Conness. We contoured south around an outcrop above the long valley which ends in a headwall along the south ridge of Conness. On snow we headed up to Alpine Lake and thence to the left of the glacier. A chute leading up to the southeast ridge was effectively blocked by a large chockstone, so we retreated to look for another route.

About this time a tremendous rockfall was witnessed coming down from the south ridge. Unlike many falls which are only heard, this one was plainly visible with many tons of rock and dust falling to the snow below.

Exploring a steep snow chute, one option was found to be blocked by a cornice. Another route on class 3 rock was found however, and we were soon on the broad plateau below the peak. The summit block was easily surmounted by 14 climbers, one having turned back below Alpine Lake. It was decided not to attempt North inasmuch as we were running short of time. The return route was down the south ridge headwall.

Saturday night we camped at the Mono County campground at Lower Lee Vining Creek. On Sunday a smaller group headed up the Warren Fork under a Sierra wave formation. By the time the false summit was reached, the wind had really picked up. On the summit it was estimated at 60 mph; temperature 42°. With no protection from the wind, about all one could do was lie flat on the ground until the whole group reached the top. This peak has a really fine view of the Mono Lake region.

This was a great climbing group, but a special thanks is due to SID DAVIS for his help and support.

Bill B.

KEARSARGE PINNICLES TRAVERSE 1 - 12 + 6

July 6, 1981

Dick Beach

Sheltered by surrounding majestic peaks, the seldom climbed Kearsarge Pinnacles have been given little attention by climbers since the 1930's. Although Glen Dawson and Hans Leachle pioneered outstanding rock routes on Pinnacle 8 the rest of these beautiful cregs fell back into obscurity.

Our climbing adventure began at an early 3:00 a.m. in Bishop. From there Dave King and I drove to Onion Valley. We left our car at 4:30 and climbed to Kearsarge Pass at a necessary under 2 hours. From here my plan was to descend to Pinnacle 12 just above Bull Frog Lake - then traverse to 1 - descend to the upper Kearsarge lakes basin - ascend to the col that would bring us into Slim Lake, just below University Peak and back to the Kearsarge Pass trail.

Pinnacles 12, 11, 10 are an easy scramble on good cathedral granite. From 10 a class 2 descent to notch between 9 and 10 is found. (See Climbers Guide for easy access routes between pinnacles) - 9 is also an easy scramble.

Pinnacle 8 stops the traffic! An impressive spire from all directions. Climber's Guide suggests approach from 7 and 8 notch. I recommend approach from 8 and 9 notch and rapell to 7 and 8 notch.

A beautiful crack system leads via 3 to 4 pitches of class 5 and one 30 foot 5.8 move - old hemp rope slings were found with other nylon (parachute cords woven together for repell slings both on ascent and descent routes of 8). From the top we realized our day had not yet begun!! Eight was the hardest and one should have a 150' rope 5-10 nuts and many slings. After a 75 foot repell - (free style of course) the notch of 7 and 8 is reached. It is at this point that it is very easy to loose count of which pinnacle is which - the only solution is to climb every blasted bump - which we did. The numbering of Kearsarge Pinnacles is not necessarily done by their prominence as seen from Kearsarge Pass. There are many more inbetween that are far more interesting and beautiful than the official 12. Only 2 or 3 had any type of resisters on top. All had cairns and no evidence that anyone had been on any of the more difficult pinnacles.

From 7, Dave and I ended up with a tremendous amount of ups and downs. We figured a good 4500 foot loss in elevation gain by traversing the ridge properly. This was truly an adventure for each notch held its secret of success and stopage. We had some incredible luck-outs by finding there was only one 3 inch ledge saving us from a horrible 600 to 700 foot descent. Several times we even found tunnels similiar to the one on Clarence King.

We both wore shorts. Due to deterioration of granite at areas, I suggest long pants. We both looked like Indian Paint Brush at the end of the day.

Pinnacle 5 or 6 (or somewhere around that bunch) is an impressive knife blade leaning at 30° looking impossible to scale. The closer we got the most beautiful giant staircase revealed itself making the climb an enjoyable class 4.

Right when you think you've got this ridge in the bag another huge drop off is encountered. I haven't climbed anything with such a variety of good clean rock to incredible crud. One moment you're climbing with metel and rope and the next it is like climbing a sand dune (a little exagerated). Nevertheless, one encounters a great variety which truly makes the traverse great.

From Pinnacle 4 which is one of the larger ones on the eastern end, the view from where we had come from was unbelievable. Between Pinnacles 4 to 1 there are actually 5 or 6 major spires.

There are several chutes in which one can bail out to the Kearsarge Lakes through-out this traverse. Most chutes had snow in them where a welcome water refill was utilized. I carried a 2 piece ice axe and even though we did not use it I suggest having one from chute descent in any year except this one. (A long axe would hamper your climbing considerably).

The difference in this ridge from North to South is also something to be noted. North side (Kearsarge Pass) is steeper and less elevation gain to crest. The South side, in comparison, is deeper gullied and is longer, drier and extremely remote terrain. Our traverse spent the majority favoring the South side.

By 5:00 p.m. we had reached pinnacle 1. From here we descended chute between Pinnacle 1 and 2 (no better than any of the others). At this point the last thing we wanted to do was climb up and out of the Kearsarge Lakes basin via the col on University Peak which would drop us into Slim Lake. Once at the col we smoked it to the car arriving at cool 7:00 p.m.

If you have ever climbed Kearsarge Pass one cannot miss the beauty of the Kearsarge Pinnacles. When I was 12 I was inspired by the beauty - at 16 I was lucky to meet on the pass, Hans (Dutch) Leachle (who had his 2 grand-daughters with him). He told and encouraged me to climb them some day.

Even though the Climbers Guide makes no mention of Norman Clyde in early ascents, he told me he had climbed several of them in the early thirties.

Some parting thoughts - Our day was long and very strenuous. I strongly suggest a camera, for the views are spectacular. Due to the length of traverse and time spent with rope and hardware a party of 2 is best - 3 maximum. Dave King and I fully agreed on this closing thought "NEVER AGAIN!"

The Sierra Club Mountaineering Committee proposed a "youth exchange" program with the Munich-based German Alpine Club. According to Sierran chair Norman Kingsley, the exchange features reciprocal arrangements allowing Sierra Club youth (18-23) to spend time in the European Alps hiking and climbing with experienced members of the German Alpine Club. Meanwhile, German Alpine Club youth come to this country and enjoy the Sierra, etc. as guests of the Sierra Club.

Horst Gumpertz of the Munich "Oberland" section (GAC) is coordinating the program for the Germans.

This marks the first time the Sierra Club has entered into a reciprocal arrangement abroad. Kingsley and Gumpertz hope this initial exchange will become a continuing, yearly program.

From the U.S. point of view, the program will only work if American volunteers come forward to house the German young-people. Room and board will have to be provided, along with arrangements to transport them into mountains. There, they need to be integrated into trips led by the S.P.S. (hopefully). This means, the S.P.S. will be the group that can either make, or break the program.

From the reverside side, there's no problem, as the Germans have an infra-structure in place for handling groups from abroad and moving them from hut-to-hut in Austrian, Swiss or Italian Alps.

S.P.S.'ers capable of housing/guiding the visitors from the D.A.V. who'll probably arrive early next summer should contact the Clubs' mountaineering chair (Kingsley) at Box 262, La Canada CA 91011, enclosing a s.a.s.e.

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